



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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February 2009

A Note from President Zimmerman:

Fellow Sertomans,

The ground hog saw his shadow in Punxsutawney, PA, so we should only have about 3 weeks left of “winter” weather according to those that believe in ground hog predictions. Not sure that is of much help here in Kansas. I do know that we have been fortunate to have some spring-like weather throughout the month. It certainly puts many of us in the mood to get outdoors to work in the yards, start gardens, make some house repairs, or just play. With the advent of the Boat Show, Lawn & Garden Show, and now the Home Show, how can you avoid the tendency to follow those paths. Whatever your desire, follow through with that urge, as it will help to dispel the cabin fever and lift your spirits.

Yours in SERvice TO MAnkind,
Deb Zimmerman

Meeting Summaries:

January 6

- Terry Beck provided an update on the Sertoma Annual Fund (formerly known as the Sertoma Foundation), sharing information on where the monies collected are distributed. Many requests are received for grants from non-profit organizations, scholarships and assistance is provided to students pursuing education in the speech and hearing health industry, as well as support to the SafeEars and S.H.A.R.P. programs. Terry also made an appeal to all members to make a contribution towards the Annual Fund. The levels of membership are: \$25 – member, \$100 – fellow, \$500 – benefactor, \$1000 – sponsor. Our club pays for each of us to be a member annually, with the expectation that we reimburse the club for this contribution. This charge shows up on our 1st quarterly dues statement. Those that donate \$100, become a fellow member and receive a pin in recognition for this contribution. There is still time to make a donation to the Annual Fund, and contributions may be made direct on-line at www.Sertoma.org or by contacting Terry Beck
- Eric Claspill (from the Heartland Club) gave us an overview of the Duck Race activities. The Duck Race this year will be held on Saturday, September 5. There are several committees that could use assistance over the next several months to make this event successful. The sponsorships and sales committees are working hard to obtain commitments from businesses and non-profit organizations throughout our community. This is a tri-club effort, and your participation is encouraged. All members are invited to attend the Duck Race Meeting on March 11, 12:00-1:00, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Feel free to contact Eric at eric.claspill@umb.com to obtain more information on the Duck Race; or contact Lisa McPherson at lmcperson@scfr.com to assist the sales committee. More information will be distributed periodically on the Duck Race preparations throughout the coming months.
- Recruitment pins were distributed to six members in recognition of recruiting new members into our club. The members receiving pins were: Terry Beck, Terry Cuthbertson, Dan Hejtmanek, Tracy McDanel, Norm Stahl, and Deb Zimmerman. The Recruitment Committee is planning for

another membership drive dinner in April. All members are encouraged to provide names of persons you would like invited to this dinner, as well as follow up with any you invited previously, but were unable to attend due to other commitments.

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- Presentation was made by Charlie Lord on the YMCA and the many programs offered for the benefit of infants to seniors throughout Shawnee County. Services are offered at many locations other than property owned by the YMCA, such as churches, schools, and other non-profit agencies, supporting their mission to provide for the "development of spirit, mind, and body" to all age groups. There are three facilities within the county making easy access for its patrons. For additional information on programs and services, please visit the web site at www.ymcatopeka.org

Evening Sertoma Club Officers and Directors 2008/2009:

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| Chairman of the Board: | Travis Oller | Bd Members – 1 yr term: | Terry Beck |
| President: | Deb Zimmerman | | Vern Knobelauch |
| President Elect: | Jim Sanderson | | Dennis Handke |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Celia Cuthbertson | | |
| 1 st Vice President: | Vacant | Bd Members – 2 yr term: | Dan Hejtmanek |
| 2 nd Vice President: | Tracy McDanel | | Bill Riphahn |
| Sergeant at Arms: | Debbie Escobar | | Terry Cuthbertson |

Evening Sertoma Club Committee Assignments 2008/2009:

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| Attendance – Bernice Hejtmanek | Programs – Jenalea Randall |
| Audit – Bill Riphahn | Publicity/Parade – Jenalea Randall |
| BANC/Serteen Club - Deb Zimmerman | SafeEars Program – James Sanderson |
| Awards/Incentives – Dan Hejtmanek | S.H.A.R.P. – Norm Stahl |
| Duck Race – Evening Club (2009-2010) – Dan Hejtmanek | |
| Socials/Banquets – Tracy McDanel | |
| Historian – Terry Beck | Sponsorships – Celia Cuthbertson |
| Membership Recruitment – Terry Beck | Sertoman of the Year – Bill Riphahn |
| Membership Retention – Brian Casebeer | Service to Mankind – Debbie Escobar |
| Newsletter – Debbie Escobar | |

If you are not on a committee and would like to sign up for one, please contact the committee chair or Deb Zimmerman. Your active participation on committees ensures good coordination of activities and events.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 3:** 5:45p – Evening Club Meeting
- Program – Go Topeka Business & Economic Development
- Speaker, Dan Schemm
- Mar. 17:** 5:45p – Program TBD
- Board Meeting – to follow regular meeting
- Mar. 31:** 6:00p – Tri-Club Awards Banquet, Shawnee Country Club

Bernice will call for your RSVP one week before meetings. Please return her call if you are not available or contact Deb Zimmerman.

** If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please contact Jenalea Randall at Jenalea@hotmail.com.*

Happy, Happy Birthday!:

Happy, happy birthday to you! The following Topeka Evening Sertomans are celebrating birthdays in March are: None

Happy Anniversary!:

Almost as important as your birthday is the date that you joined the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club! Happy anniversary to those who joined in March:

Robert Beavers (2003), Craig Blumreich (2008), Mark Braun (2008), Debbie Escobar (2006), Glen and Marjorie Odell (2008), Travis Oller (2005), Tony Randall (2008)

If any information is found to be reported incorrectly, please identify discrepancy to Debbie Escobar at descobar@capper.easterseals.com or Deb Zimmerman at deb_zim@msn.com. Newsletters will be emailed to members of the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club unless otherwise requested, and mailed to those without email. Please forward any special announcements you would like included in our newsletter.

More information regarding Sertoma may be found by going to the website at: www.sertoma.org and www.topekasertomaclubs.org

Quote of the Day:

“The body is a marvelous machine...a chemical laboratory, a power-house. Every movement, voluntary or involuntary, full of secrets and marvels!”

Theodor Herzl

Austrian (Hungarian-born) Zionist leader (1860 - 1904)

Sertoma Evening Club of Topeka
Meetings held 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month
At Jayhawk Tower, Senate Room
700 Jackson St., Topeka