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**Shawn Jurgensen**

August. As we celebrate National Back to School Month this year, each of us should look to one of the many great universities that surround Topeka for activities that will keep us young at heart, and fresh of mind. At Washburn this month, the Mulvane Art Gallery is hosting two month-long events. First, the Crafts National looks to contemporary crafts while Inside Peanuts: the Life and Art of Charles Schulz explores the man behind Snoopy. Oh, good grief. The Ichabods host their first football game on the 30th at 6 p.m. At KU, the Lied Center will host Red Molly, a ladies trio who sing Americana, folk, and bluegrass on the 23rd, or you could take in the Natural History Museum or the Spencer Museum of Art. Finally, at K-State, the Beach Museum of Art is hosting Quiet Symmetry: the Ceramic Art of Yoshiro Ikdea. Wildcat fans are also encouraged to attend a basketball practice session August 4 at 2 p.m. However, if you were more of the “spring break” type during college, you can simply make your way to Sturgis, South Dakota this month, where the annual motorcycle rally is held the first full week of August each year.

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## WHAT ARE OTHER CLUBS DOING?

### BRAINERD AREA SERTOMA CLUB



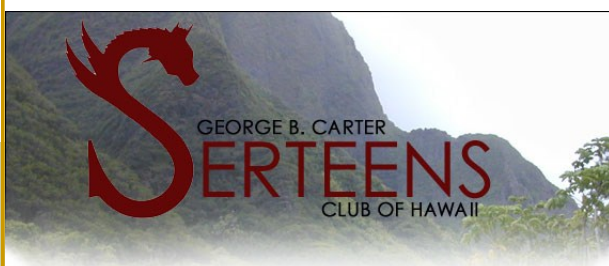
The Sunrise Sertomans invite you to go “green” and recycle your non-working Christmas lights and extension cords. Bring your non-functioning lights and extension cords to participating businesses throughout Crow Wing County.



With the help of Crow Wing County Land Services and MPCA, The Sunrise Sertoma Club of Brainerd will recycle the lights and cords through Kenwood Enterprises with 100% of the funds raised going back into the community.

Brainerd, MN.

## HONOLULU, HAWAII



### Service Projects

Community service projects are planned by the Vice President of Sponsorship. Past service projects have included: support for the annual State Advisory Council for the Gifted and Talented (SACGT) Conference, The Contemporary Museum’s ARTSPREE, beach cleanup projects at Magic Island and Keehi Lagoon, collecting donations for the Hawaii Food Bank, and cleaning exhibits at the Zoo. At some projects, socials are conducted afterwards.

### Leadership Training

The Vice President of Leadership Development is responsible for the planning of the two annual camps. Leadership Camp is a 3-day camp normally held in July at Camp H.R. Erdman on the North Shore. The Knights Motivational Camp, the highlight of the year, is a 5-day camp normally held at Kilauea Military Camp in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park of the Big Island of Hawaii in February.

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SHAWN JERGENSEN, President

It is my intention that we get to know each other better over the next twelve months, so I am introducing a new section of the newsletter to highlight a Sertoman, or two, every month. It is my hope that if we get to know each other a little better, growing our club will become even easier and more successful. To begin, I will introduce myself.

I was born to Gary and Jo Jurgensen on Sunday, June 27, 1982, in Joplin, Missouri. Even though I was born one month early, I was a healthy six pounds, nine ounces. Despite having “The State of Missouri” on my birth certificate, I am a Kansan to the core. Attending elementary and middle school in Humboldt, Kansas, I annually made the trek back to my grandmother’s farm in McCune, Kansas every summer. As the adage goes, nothing beats farm life in the summer.

Before my freshman year in high school, my parents took new jobs in southwest Missouri and I was “forcibly removed” from Humboldt to follow along. I graduated from high school in Purdy, Missouri, which has the claim to fame of being the school after which the movie *Footloose* was fashioned. Purdy has an interesting history. The ground upon which the school was built was donated by an orthodox Southern Baptist woman. In agreeing to deed the property to the school district, she outlined that the school district would never have to pay for the ground so long as it did not allow students to dance on its grounds. Dancing, recall, is counter to a core tenet of orthodox Southern Baptists. Naturally, to a free-loving Jayhawk, this restriction did not sit well. I viewed the prescription as a violation of my civil liberties and routinely informed my parents of such. My parents, to nobody’s surprise, told me to stop being precocious and finish my math homework.

Following high school, I received a full scholarship to Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. Wanting to matriculate to Lawrence, but without an equivalent financial offer, left me torn, but the money was in Springfield so the decision was made for me. I majored in history and acquired my bachelor’s degree in—an unheard of now—four years. Thirty-six hours after graduation, my U-Haul arrived in Lawrence so I could re-acquire my Kansas residency to attend law school. I finished my law degree at Washburn in the spring of 2008 and have been practicing in Topeka ever since.

In 2010, I met my wife Laura. I had volunteered to guest judge a moot court practice and Laura was also on my panel. I vividly recall sitting there listening to her question the participants in the practice thinking, ‘who is this girl?’ Falling for her, I finally mustered the courage to ask her out several months later (what can I say, KU was in basketball season so I had a lot going on). We married in October 2011 and make our home just east of Collins Park.

For recreation, Laura and I love traveling to small towns in Kansas to view the eccentric details those little towns always offer. We also try to make our way to a National Park or National Historic Site so I can collect more stamps in my National Parks Passport Book. We are avid followers of Kansas Athletics and I try to stay up on my Sherlock Holmes and Harry Potter. My patronus is a Jayhawk, what’s yours?

By Shawn Jergensen

**DUCK RACE**

The duck race website is now accepting online adoptions. Please invite all your friends to go online and adopt a duck.

<http://www.topekaduckrace.org/>

See more on the Duck Race, page 8

**TOPEKA EVENING SERTOMA CLUB****CLUB NUMBER: 10456**    [www.TopekaSertomaClubs.org](http://www.TopekaSertomaClubs.org)**YOUR TOPEKA EVENING CLUB COMMITTEES:**

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<b>DUCK RACE COMMITTEE</b> Marc Linton and Donna Linton, Co-Chairpersons	<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b> Terry Beck, Chairperson Celia Cuthbertson, Norm Stahl Steve Lachowsky
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<b>SERVICE TO MANKIND COMMITTEE</b> Bill Riphahn, Chairperson Celia Cuthbertson	<b>SHARP COMMITTEE</b> Deb Zimmerman, Chairperson Debbie Escobar
<b>SOCIAL/BANQUETS COMMITTEE</b> George Laliberte, Chairperson Celia Cuthbertson Veronica Laliberte	<b>SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE</b> Dan Hejtmanek, Chairperson Celia Cuthbertson

All committees remain open for additional members. If interested, please contact Shawn Jurgensen at [shawn@williamson-law.com](mailto:shawn@williamson-law.com).

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**(MORE AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO FOLLOW SHORTLY)**

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## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Aug 8 Tim Liesmann

Aug 14 Donna Linton



### ANNIVERSARIES in SERTOMA:

No August anniversaries.  
Let's get some new members!



## SERTOMA CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:	Now to Sept 8	Duck Race material distribution
	Sept 8	Duck Race
	Oct 25–27	Heart of America Regional Convention

## PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

## HEART OF AMERICA REGIONAL CONVENTION



October 25-27, 2012  
Western Hills Guest Ranch  
Sequoyah State Park  
Wagoner, OK

**Make the Scene With Halloween**

### THURSDAY, OCT. 25 -

Golf Tournament - time to be announced  
Registration - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Hospitality Suite Open - 4:00 p.m.  
Karaoke during the evening

### FRIDAY, OCT 26 -

Registration - 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Opening Session - 8:30 a.m.  
District Meetings  
Lunch  
Service to Mankind Presentation  
Professional Development Seminars (3 sessions)  
Theme Party & Entertainment - 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCT 27

District Meetings - 8:30 a.m.  
General Session - 9:45 a.m.  
Sertean of the Year Presentation  
Sertean Club of the Year Presentation  
Sertean Advisor of the Year Presentation  
Orientation & Mini-Training for Governors & Director  
Free Afternoon  
Director's Banquet - 7:00 p.m.  
Sertoman of the Year & Other Awards

Room Rates - tax will be added to all rates

King Bed, pool view - \$70  
King Bed, lake view - \$65  
Queen Bed, poolside - \$70  
2 Double Beds, lake view - \$65

There are also 6 cabana rooms near the lodge that sleep 4, with a king bed & pull-out couch. They are \$90 per night & have a mini-fridge & microwave.

#### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Call **1-800-368-1486**

Be sure to mention that you are with Sertoma.

We have a block of rooms that will be held until September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We plan to have registration forms out before the end of July. Registration will be \$140, & includes all business sessions & seminars, Friday lunch, Friday dinner & theme party, Saturday banquet, & one other meal - either Thursday evening in the hospitality suite or Saturday noon. The extra meal will be determined before registration forms are sent out.

**NOTE:** The agenda information is very preliminary. We will send out more information as the agenda is developed

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## Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

(Talking Points when delivering certificates and posters,  
for internal Sertoma use only)

### Communication to Merchants & Employees

Please place the Official Adoption Certificates and poster in a visible location at your business. (Sertomans, take tape & thumb tacks with you and offer to put up poster) Employers: Encourage customers to support this worthwhile fundraising event, as much as possible, as your company is a sponsor of this event! The net proceeds from this event benefit Sertoma sponsorships, and Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Topeka. These certificates have NO VALUE if unused. Please help us make this event successful by placing them in a high traffic area for customers to pick up.

**The Adoption Certificate is a self-mailer that customers may pick up at your business, take it home and mail it back with their donation. Completed certificates will be accepted until September 5, 2012. The Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race is Saturday, September 8, 2012, at Lake Shawnee in Topeka.**

Details and rules are on the Adoption Certificate. For any further questions, information, or if you run out of certificates, call Duck Central at (785) 23-DUCKS [233-8257]. Thank you for making the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race the best ever!!

Attached to this newsletter is the 2012 Adoption Certificate & Poster Distribution List. The sponsors are ready and waiting for their chance to help by displaying the materials. All that is necessary is for you to pick up the materials from Duck Central and distribute them to the sponsors. Duck Race yard signs are also available at Duck Central for you to display in your yard.

Please notify Julie at Duck Central or Donna or Marc Linton of the locations to which you will be taking the materials, so we don't double up. Let's get quacking....er I mean cracking and make those adoption forms available!

Written by      Donna & Marc Linton



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**REMINDER - Dinner meetings are held the first and third Tuesday evenings of every month at Jayhawk Towers in the Senate Room at 5:30pm**

### MEMBER NEWS

**Jeff Jones** inform us that he has been busy with his kids on Tuesday nights. They went on a trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota about four weeks ago taking in the usual sights. Jeff, Kyle age 17, and Stephanie age 15 took in a Royals game versus the Twins and were thrilled that the Royals won that game. Probably because they were there!

**Joe Cox** is leaving for a trip in August to see Maine, No-

va Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. Be sure to tell us how it went Joe, when you get back.

**Terry Beck** is on the Third Judicial District nominating commission for a four year term expiring March 2016.



Please share your news by emailing information to Dara at [daramontclare@yahoo.com](mailto:daramontclare@yahoo.com) for the next newsletter!!!!