

# TOPEKA EVENING SERTOMA CLUB

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Shawn Jurgensen

September. September is National Preparedness Month, and no wonder. With the start of football season, professional and collegiate alike, many of us end up spending our Friday or Saturday nights making sure our tailgating equipment and food is ready to go for the next day's football-ing activities. From washers and ladder-golf to packing the easy-up tent and stocking the cooler, we each undergo the same ritual. And while the beers are chilling and the kabobs marinating, there are not many things—save for Late Night in the Phog or Christmas morning—as the building anticipation for another go on the gridiron, even if your team of choice isn't the long-term favorite. And every game is started with the national anthem, how appropriate that Francis Scott Key penned the Star Spangled Banner on September 14.

September also brings, hopefully, a change of weather, wherein the evenings get ever cooler and possibly a tree changes its color here or there. Just remember that as excited as we are for the weather to break, it only leads to us getting out the rakes. Finally, on the autumnal equinox late this month I challenge each of you to stand an egg on its end. Please take a picture of it should you be successful though, it is the stuff legends are made of.

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## OUR LAST TWO MEETINGS?

Here's a summary for those who missed it:

1st Meeting in August:

Mike Manns from 107.7 visited with us. The Cumulus Broadcasting station has 6 stations and been around for 33 years. Mike enjoys sports broadcasting. The station announced its 5,000th boys/girls basketball game just recently.

The station proudly announces for football, baseball, soccer and basketball. He loves it all, but there are a couple of favorites.

He loves sports broadcasting, especially basketball

because you are in the middle of the crowd and the atmosphere is electric. Football is next on his list of enjoyment because, as an announcer, you can see the game from his vantage point and he has time to announce the plays.

Mike shared a few more anecdotes about himself: he went to college to party; he was in sonar in the Navy; he first became an announcer at KIWI here in Topeka working with Jan Hamilton and Doc Holliday.

Mike went on to give us

tips on high school football this season. You had to be there to get this information!

2nd August meeting:

Laura Jurgensen shared some Legislative highlights with us. She is a Kansas Legislative Research Fellow, serving all parties in the legislature and creates publications.

She brought the 2012 newsletter, outlining bills that were passed in the recent legislature organized by subject. There was Abortion, Arts, Children's Issues, Commerce and Labor, Education, Elections, Health, Judiciary, Local Government, and our favorite: State Government and Finances, which included the redistricting issue. It was fascinating that a law suit caused the Supreme Court to define the districts since the legislature couldn't come up with a solution. Later, she showed us a

pie chart that showed the following approved budget for FY 2013 (in millions):

Education	\$3,862.7
Human Services	\$1,655.8
Public Safety	\$ 379.6
General Gov't	\$ 238.0
Agriculture	\$ 18.8
Transportation	\$ 16.2

Laura shared with us the tax reform bill that "... collapses the current three-bracket structure for individual income taxes into a two-bracket system using rates of 3.0 and 4.0 percent . . ."

It was a informative summary.

Thanks Laura!

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Dara Montclare, Newsletter Editor

It is Shawn's intention that we get to know each other better over the next twelve months, so he introduced this new section of the newsletter to highlight a Sertoman every month. It is his hope that if we get to know each other a little better, growing our club will become even easier and more successful. I volunteered myself this month, so here goes.

I was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1948 and don't remember it very much. I do remember growing up in Tucson, Arizona where the weather agreed with me much more. To go from a one building school, to a myriad of buildings spread throughout the grounds was such a treat. I remember waiting for a bus in Chicago, freezing in the snow or rain up to the top of my boots (I was ALWAYS short), then going to Tucson with outdoor weather bearable year round. Well, as you can imagine, I took up golf. (Did you think it would be badmitton?)

Playing golf with my grandparents year-round felt phenomenal. Yeah, get jealous all you golfers out there. We had green grass year round. The ground squirrels even took our golf balls for a ride occasionally. Then I found a gentleman on the Air Force Base there and got married and moved to San Bernardino, California. I have lived in 8 states following my career, not my husband.

I worked in so many industries, I can't even keep track. My favorites were a sales manager for Frontier Airlines in Denver, CO. Then there was the owner of California Carts, where I ran a cart business in major shopping centers in Southern California for 7 years, selling sterling silver jewelry and hating all the employee theft but loving to watch developing young and older people gain self confidence by meeting goals and getting rewards. Oh, so fun!

Then it became time to evolve and do some-

thing I always wanted to do. A little background first—In my thirties, I thought about law school. I interviewed a few female attorneys, but that was in the late 70s and females weren't having so much fun in that industry yet. So, instead of getting a law degree I ended up in the airline and sales industry. Years later, I'm in my 50s and decided that law school is really what I wanted to do, so I went after it without asking anyone anything. I sold my business and off I went. Oh yeah, friends scoffed, family scoffed even louder, but I just knew it was right for me.

There was this little stumbling block though. I didn't have an undergraduate degree, and that's required for law school, and I'm 50 years of age. To make things more interesting, I was scared to death. My first attempt at college in the 60s was dismal, at best. As hard as I tried, I had no self confidence then and couldn't even pass a basic English course. So, with a love of reading and all the confidence I could muster, I enrolled at the University of Phoenix. With straight As after a year, I applied at Arizona State University so that I could get that 4 year undergraduate degree at a school that might better prepare me for law school.

Of all the things, I majored in English, thinking lawyers pretty much write and read, so what better major? Eesh. I did it though, graduated in 2003, summa cum laude, and after applying to 9 law schools, got accepted immediately at Washburn.

I didn't know a soul in Kansas, but that never bothered me before in my many moves.

I graduated from law school in 2006, passed the bar the same year, and am now an attorney representing businesses in bankruptcy and collection law.

I'm also proud to be a Sertoman!

**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>AUDITING COMMITTEE</b> Dennis Handke, Chairperson Pat Riordan	<b>CLUB HISTORIAN</b> Terry Beck
<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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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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**2012—2013 OFFICERS**

**FISCAL TERM: JULY 2, 2012—JUNE 30, 2013**

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

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## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Sep 12 Richard Rausch  
Sep 27 Terry Beck



### ANNIVERSARIES in SERTOMA:

Sep 2 Bernice Hejtmanek  
Sep 99 Richard Rausch  
Sep 72 Vern Knobelauch



## SERTOMA CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:

Now to Sept 8  
Sept 8  
Oct 25–27

Duck Race material distribution  
Duck Race  
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.  
Serteen of the Year Presentation  
Serteen Club of the Year Presentation  
Serteen 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

**Note that the Topeka Evening Club is awarding registration scholarships for the first ones that sign up!!**

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## A LITTLE SOLDIER AWARENESS BY Matt Dowd

According to a recent edition of TIME Magazine, one U.S. soldier a day commits suicide. This is a startling statistic, one we should all be concerned about.

Time magazine says:

“The stresses layered on by war—the frequent deployments- the often brutal choices - the loss of comrades- the family separation— play a role. So do battle injuries and posttraumatic stress syndrome (PSD).”

As a Retired Army Reserve officer and a dad with two sons who have been involved in multiple deployments, I was gratified to learn of the Army’s Yellow-Ribbon program. The Army sends soldiers returned from deployment on three, all expense paid weekends at thirty, sixty and ninety days after returning. Spouses

and parents accompany the soldier. Topics such as dating, depression, suicide, re-integration to civilian life, humor, etc. are discussed.

The sessions are very professional and well done. Most are interactive and appeared to be well received and helpful. If you have a returning soldier in your life be supportive of this and any other program that aims to help. If you see soldiers comes and go shake their hand and say “thank you for your service.” Don’t ask them “Have you killed anyone?”

Matt Dowd  
LTC Army Reserve Retired

## What are other clubs doing? Norfolk, Virginia

### Have Some Fun and Help Others at the Same Time!

The annual Norfolk Sertoma **Spring Fever** is the premier spring celebration that allows our community to gather in a festive atmosphere while contributing directly to Norfolk Sertoma sponsorship projects.

Many party-goers simply refer to this day of fun and good company as “the great barn party.” This AYCEDD (all-you-can-eat, drink, and dance) event features popular bands. Tickets include beer, top-shelf spirits, and excellent food prepared and served by club members—favorites like beef tenderloin, pork barbecue, potato salad, coleslaw, hush puppies, fried trout and clam chowder.

Any Norfolk Sertoman will be glad to put your name on the ticket list, or you can purchase them online. Get tickets early, though, they go fast! It truly is a spring tradition not to be missed.

Live music from [Butter](#) and [Spider Love](#)

- Top-Shelf Adult Beverages
- Slow Smoked Beef Sirloin
- Pork BBQ, Clam Chowder
- Fried Fish, Hush Puppies
- No one Under 21 allowed, Sorry





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## What are other clubs doing? CAMP SERTOMA CLUB OF NC/VA/MD



**Y**ou're Invited to Fun Weekend at Camp Sertoma celebrating 31 years of partnership with N.C. 4-H September 14-16, 2012 at Sertoma 4-H Educational Center – Westfield, NC. Come and enjoy the relaxing environment and the fellowship with other Sertomans and friends as we observe the 30th anniversary year of our association with 4-H. Share your pictures of camps from way back and view the new improvements to the camp, including the newly renovated kitchen and ADA-compliant dining hall, and the new cabins.

Bring the family (but leave the pets behind; sorry, pets are not allowed on state property.) And maybe think about bringing a club member from your hometown who hasn't been exposed to Camp Sertoma yet or bring a prospective member. Here's some activities to choose from depending upon the weather and river conditions:

Canoeing

Ropes Course

Hiking

Food, fun and games, and fellowship

Porch sitting (our favorite activity at Camp)

Bring your own towels, bed linens, snacks, sodas, and adult beverages. We'll provide the meals starting with dinner on Friday and ending with breakfast on Sunday. We will have silent auctions, raffles, and games to raise money for camper scholarships and other needs. Bring an item to raffle or auction.

<http://campsertomaclub.org/>

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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.

No meeting Sept 4 as we get ready for the Duck Race

## MEMBER NEWS

**Dara Montclare** is moving to a new office this month. Valentine, Zimmerman & Zimmerman will now be at 9th and Quincy. Same phone number, same email.

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

**The Duck Race** is the news this month. Hope you're all getting involved in the flash mob dance, duck tagging, parties and the race itself.

