



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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A Note from President Cuthbertson:

Dear Topeka Evening Sertoma Club,

As we begin planning for the 2006 Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race, let us be mindful that large tasks become small when divided among many people. If you haven't yet volunteered to help, and would like to get involved, please contact any member of the steering committee or myself.

We have selected a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for our next Sertoma year starting July 2006. If you would like to take a leadership position next year, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee: Celia Cuthbertson, Terry Beck, Norman Stahl or myself.

Our International Regional Director, Julie Hejtmanek, is encouraging all of us to attend this year's regional convention. Make plans now to plan to attend the First Annual *Heart of America* Regional Convention. Mark your calendars! **April 20-22, 2006, Lafayette, Louisiana.** Please note: *Early-bird registration is BEFORE April 7th. AFTER April 7th, registration fees increase, so..... be sure to get yours turned in early!* This will be an outstanding convention! Our "First Annual"! Things to know about the convention:

- The Theme is: "Let the Good Times Roll" !! And roll they will!!
- Golf Tournament is at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 20th. Great course! Great fellowship & fun! Great price! And, of course, Great golf!!! . . . at least we hope so!
- Beautiful hotel – Lafayette Hilton – next to the river & newly renovated.
- Big & gorgeous joint hospitality suite for all!!
- There are lots of things to see & do in Lafayette. A list of tours, sights & things to do, as well as other visitor information will be available next month.

Finally, I would like to ask all club members to **welcome our newest member Barb Zimmerman** from Bartlett & West Engineering and to challenge the membership to bring a potential new member to our up coming meetings. **Welcome Barb!**

Yours in SERVICE TO MAnkind,
Terry Cuthbertson

What's Happening at Sertoma?:

- February 7 –** We are pleased to have as our speaker, Doug Kinsinger, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce. Be sure to attend this very informative meeting and bring a guest or two!
- February 21 –** Drs. Sue & Carroll Ohlde from the Department of Veteran Affairs, to discuss Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This will be an interesting and timely meeting to attend
- March 15 –** Mark your calendars for the Tri-Club Awards Banquet at the Jayhawk at 6 p.m. with social time beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Remember, Sheri Cafer, Vice President of Programs, welcomes suggestions for speakers. Contact her at (785) 295-2437 or e-mail: sheri_cafer@payless.com*

Happy, Happy Birthday!:

Happy, happy birthday to you! The following Topeka Evening Sertomans are celebrating birthdays this month!

Terry Cuthbertson – Feb. 7 Cec Marini – Feb. 10
David Nelson – Feb. 19 Randy Becker – Feb. 28

Happy Anniversary!:

Almost as important as your birthday is the date that you joined the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club! Happy anniversary to the following!

Terry Beck joined in Feb. 1976!!!
John Martin joined the club in 1999!!!
Tam Vincent became a Sertoman in 2005!!!

86th Annual Sertoma International Conference:

The conference is so close it's almost a crime if we DON'T go! It is being held July 13 – 15, 2006 in Omaha, NE. Attached you'll find the registration form or at the following link:

<http://www.sertoma.org/International%20Convention/Omaha/Omaha.htm>

Katrina Hurricane Fund Update:

\$102,000 DONATED SO FAR!

The Trustees have made the first round of distributions from the fund; they are working on the second round. Please watch for the article in the next Sertoman about the fund. Approximately \$55,000 was distributed in the first round. The list includes Sertoma individuals, club sponsorships for clubs in the Port Arthur area and Hattiesburg, the Capland Center (sponsorship of the Port Arthur Sertoma Club) and the DuBard School for Language Disorders (Sponsorship of the Hattiesburg Sertoma Club).

Applications are still being accepted. Please have applicants submit their request in writing, including what the money is for, amount and who or what it is going to be used for. Please have them email (hwalls@sertoma.org), fax (816)333-4320, or mail (1912 E. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64132), Attention: Holly. The Executive Board for the Foundation will be reviewing each and every request. We will keep you informed as to where the money goes as it is released.

Please help! One hundred percent of your gift will be going to help Sertoma victims of Katrina. If you have any questions regarding the fund, please contact Holly Walls at hwalls@sertoma.org or (816) 333-8300.

Send your tax-deductible gifts to:

Sertoma Foundation
Attention: Katrina Hurricane Fund
1912 East Meyer Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64132

What's Happening in the Kansas Sertoma District?:

Playing Around in Emporia:

Thanks to the Emporia club there will be plenty of playing to be done at the Peter Pan Play Ground. The club is buying two new pieces of equipment! Additionally the club is helping a local Boy Scout Troop replace equipment and buy uniforms.

Miami County Hosts Class for 1st Responders:

The Miami County Club recently hosted two sign language classes for emergency personnel in Miami County. The course was a big hit with the local police, ambulance and even parks departments. Did you know that someone who is deaf has a white background on their driver's license? Well neither did local law enforcement until this class. If you'd like more information about the program, give the Miami County Club President, Jon Hammond a call at (913) 294-2321.

Manhattan Evening Club:

Attend the Manhattan Evening Club's Pancake Fundraiser on Feb. 4! Call Don Bice for details and tickets! 785/313-2098

Take me to your Leader!:

Do you have some good news you'd like to share or have a question about Sertoma? Here's who to contact in addition to the Evening Club Leadership. . .

District Leadership

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Take the Capitol Quiz:

From the Wichita Eagle Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006

The 2006 legislative session began January 9, but how much do you know about the Legislature? Try this quiz (and don't feel bad if you miss a lot).

1. How many lawmakers are in the Kansas House?
2. How many lawmakers are in the Kansas Senate?
3. How many Republicans versus Democrats in the Legislature?
4. Who is the speaker of the House?
5. Who is the president of the Senate?
6. What is the total of the state's current year general-fund budget?
7. What percentage of that budget is spent on K-12 and postsecondary education?
8. How many days are scheduled for a legislative session?

ANSWERS: (1) 125; (2) 40; (3) 113 Republicans (83 House, 30 Senate) versus 52 Democrats (42 House, 10 Senate); (4) Rep. Doug Mays, R-Topeka; (5) Sen. Steve Morris, R-Hugoton; (6) \$5.1 billion; (7) 65 percent; (8) 90 days.

America's Most Unusual Jobs:

By Rosemary Haefner, Senior Career Adviser for CareerBuilder.com

What's the most unusual job you ever held? Peanut inspector? Horse wrangler? How about a backup dancer for a female impersonator? In its annual survey, CareerBuilder.com asked more than 2,450 workers to share the most interesting or unconventional jobs they held during their careers. The following are this year's top picks:

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| 1. Actor for haunted house | 15. Ocean scuba guide |
| 2. Bingo announcer | 16. Phone psychic |
| 3. Clown for rodeos | 17. Quiz writer for competitions |
| 4. Drawbridge tender | 18. Rescue squad for pets |
| 5. Eye glass buffer | 19. Stand-in bridesmaid (for weddings where the bride didn't know enough people) |
| 6. Fingerprint analyzer | 20. Telemarketer for a cemetery |
| 7. Glass sculptor | 21. Urinalysis observer |
| 8. Hot rod builder | 22. Voice-over specialist for movies |
| 9. Interpreter for government agency | 23. Window washer for skyscrapers |
| 10. Jelly doughnut filler | 24. X-mas tree decorator |
| 11. Karate instructor | 25. Youth boot camp instructor for juvenile offenders |
| 12. Lifeguard at nude beach | 26. Zoo artificial inseminator |
| 13. Military role player (played Iraqi citizen for military sensitivity training) | |
| 14. Note taker for college students | |