



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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A Note from President Cuthbertson:

Dear Topeka Evening Sertoma Club,

The Regional Conference held in Lafayette, LA, April 20-22 was a lot of fun and the Topeka Evening club took home three awards: District Sertoman of the Year, Vern Knoblauch, Convention Attendance Award Kansas District and the District National Heritage Award. **Way to go Evening Club!!!**

Cynthia Lunceford, the keynote speaker, was exceptional! Born with congenital nerve deafness, Cynthia was dependent on lip reading from the age of two and had learned to adapt in remarkable ways. Then later in her life, she lost most of her eyesight.

This burden, however, became a blessing. Seeking eye surgery to help her see and read lips better, she applied to the TV program, Extreme Makeover.

She was surprised to be selected and received eye surgery and most importantly, the first person in the world to receive a breakthrough digital hearing device, the Widex Senso Power Diva hearing aid. The result was seeing and especially hearing her life in a whole new way.

Her quality of life has changed in significant ways and Cynthia now puts the energy she wasted on struggling to hear into enjoying people and life.

Cynthia is giving back to others by promoting hearing awareness internationally. She has told her story to millions in numerous national talk shows, radio interviews, newspaper articles and in a documentary that will be used by Widex in 90 countries. She gave us an inside look at her experience and EVERYONE was touched by her inspiring message!

We had a great time in Lafayette! The food was great, the people were fantastic! I am so proud of the Evening Club for attending and for winning the three awards!

Yours in SERvice TO MAnkind,
Terry Cuthbertson

May is Better Hearing Month:

We are looking at purchasing a Safe Ears kit from Sertoma International.

What's Happening at Sertoma?:

May 16: Eric Miller with Make-A-Wish Foundation
June 6: Susanna Coxe, TARC
June 20: Sertoman Bill Kersten with the Liberty Sertoma Club

FYI: Did you know that if you miss a regular meeting you can maintain a perfect attendance record by attending a board meeting?!?!

**Kevin Oneslager has taken over the VP of Programming position through June 2006. If you have a suggestion or recommendation for a speaker, please contact him at 234-1572 or by e-mail, kevin@prometheusinc.net.*

Happy, Happy Birthday!:

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

Tanya Dorf – May 17
Debbie Escobar – May 24

Happy Anniversary!:

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

Sheri Cafer – 2004
Tanya Dorf – 2005

Duck Race Meeting:

Please plan to volunteer to help out with this year's race. Our next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11 at the Topeka & Shawnee County Library at 5:15 p.m.

Being a Big Brother or Siser to Sertomans:

The Topeka Evening Club has been asked to sponsor a new Sertoma Club in Leavenworth Kansas. We need 25 charter members, so if you know of anyone who lives in the Leavenworth area that would like to join the new Sertoma Club, Contact Terry Cuthbertson. The Leavenworth club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Pullman Restaurant, 230 Cherokee in downtown Leavenworth.

Plan to Attend! 86 Annual Sertoma International Conference:

Plan to attend the 86th Annual Sertoma International Convention in Omaha July 13 to 15. Plan to visit the national landmark, Girls and Boys Town, where you can get an interactive, audio-visual lesson on the visionary Father Flanagan and his leadership in the treatment and care of troubled children.

Going back to 1804, you can explore Omaha's riverfront on the original site of the Lewis and Clark landing. Omaha's past also comes alive with a trip to its many wonderful historical museums.

Yet, Omaha isn't just about pioneers and history. It has always been known as a vibrant arts community and boasts more than 89 performing arts venues, theaters, and art galleries. Ever had a TV dinner? Raisin Bran? A Reuben sandwich perhaps? Ever eaten a cake made from mix? Used a bobby pin or center-pivot irrigation? All of these items were invented in Omaha.

You can also expect a progressive and dynamic Convention, where Sertomans will embrace our future and our past. This is the perfect opportunity for establishing new friendships and enjoying and renewing memorable ones.

There will be outstanding seminars in the areas of club leadership, as well as personal growth and development. You will have the opportunity to learn more about our national charity, our Sertoma Foundation. This is also the venue for presenting Sertoma's highest honors – the International Sertoman of the Year, Service to Mankind, and Serteen Awards.

Please make sure that our 86th Annual Convention is part of your plans. Make Your Mark on Omaha!

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

BEWARE! A Dangerous Virus is being Passed Around!:

This virus is called Worm-Overload-Recreational-Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from any of your colleagues, your boss or anyone else via any means, DO NOT TOUCH IT. This virus will

wipe out your private life completely.

If you should come into contact with WORK, put your jacket on and take two good friends to the nearest pub. Purchase the antidotes known as Best-Equivalent-Extractor-Remedy (BEER) or Work-Isolator-Neutralizer-Extractor (WINE). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

E-mail or Snail Mail?:

Would you like to receive your monthly Evening Club newsletter via e-mail instead of through post office mail? If so, please send Jenalea an e-mail at Jenalea@treasurer.state.ks.us.

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. . .

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