



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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A Note from President Riphahn:

Fellow Sertomans,

It's hard to believe that is almost March, but it's not too late to sign up for the Heart of America Regional Convention. This years meeting will be April 12th – 14th in Springfield, Missouri, "Home of Cashew Chicken". The Sertoma International Convention will be August 2nd - 4th, 2007 in Norfolk, Virginia. Room may be getting tight for the Norfolk convention, so doesn't dilly dally around.

Meanwhile back in Topeka we have the Sertoma Duck Race to gear up for, anyone wanting to get involved please don't hesitate to contact me, and tell me what area you are interested in helping. The next Duck Sales meeting will be at noon, in the Parks and Rec. Conference Room 620 SE Madison St. and the next Duck Race Committee Meeting will be in the Langston Hughes Room at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library March 21st noon. Every one is welcome.

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up." Mark Twain

Yours in SERvice TO MAkind,
Bill Riphahn

What's Happening at Sertoma?:

- March 6:** Jennie Miller, Resource Development Director for Meals on Wheels of Shawnee and Jefferson Counties, Inc.
March 20: MAJ Anthony Randall with the Kansas Army National Guard
April 3: Information Pending...Stay tuned!!!
April 17: Tom Luedke

** If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please contact Deb Zimmerman at 228-3287 or by e-mail, deb.zimmerman@bartwest.com.*

Happy, Happy Birthday!:

Happy, happy birthday to you! The following Topeka Evening Sertomans are celebrating birthdays in January and February!

There are no birthday's this month! Let's recruit some new members who were born in March!!!

Happy Anniversary!:

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

Jim Deines March 1974
Dustin Hardison & Travis Oller March 2005

Robert Beaver March 2003
Debbie Escobar March 2006

Bowl for Kids Sake!:

Bowl for Kids sake is a community-wide effort to get children off the Big Brothers Big Sisters waiting list. Currently there are more than 150 children



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Topeka

on the waiting list for community-based or school based mentoring. We are looking for individuals who are willing to be team captains or a member of a bowling team.

Team captains commit to enlisting 5 bowlers who will each raise (or give) at least \$125 each toward the goal of getting a child off the waiting list.

It costs Big Brothers Big Sisters more than \$1,000 per year to professionally supervise a community-based match and almost \$400 per year to supervise a school-based (Everybody Wins!) match. Supervision is the component that assures a child is in a safe, healthy match.

At the end of this community fund raising campaign, we will have a bowling party and those who reached their fund-raising goals will bowl and enjoy food and fun. The College Bowl event is April 12 @ 9:30 pm and the Community bowling events are at 1:00 and 4:30 pm on Saturday, April 14.

Thanks Laird Noller Ford!:

If you haven't already, stop by Laird Noller Ford dealership (22nd & S. Topeka) - our grand prize for this year's duck race is in the show room, a very cool black Mustang convertible (vintage). Please email GM Joe Moshiri who worked extremely hard to get us this car - at no cost to us!!

Joe's email is: JMoshiri@aol.com

Please thank Joe for their generous donation, and then stop by and tell him in person. Tell your friends and neighbors -we want Noller Ford to know that they are involved in the best charity event in Topeka, and that LOTS of folks are appreciative of their efforts!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!:

Toss on your favorite green outfit and head out to the annual St. Patrick's Day parade to help with the Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race float! A number of people are needed to walk along side the float, carry the banner and wear the duck costumes! The parade will be Saturday, March 17 at noon. Floats will begin lining up at 10 a.m. at 6th and Harrison.

Please sign-up to help with this very fun and very Topeka event! Kids are welcome! They can walk with you or ride in the back of the truck. Call or e-mail Jenalea if you would like to help and with any questions at 213-2515 or Jenalea@treasurer.state.ks.us.

New Words for 2007:

BLAMESTORMING: Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

SEAGULL MANAGER: A manager, who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.

ASSMOSIS: The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing up to the boss rather than working hard.

SALMON DAY: The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die in the end.

CUBE FARM: An office filled with cubicles.

PRAIRIE DOGGING: When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's

heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.

MOUSE POTATO: The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

SITC OMs: Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What yuppies get into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.

STRESS PUPPY: A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.

SWIPEOUT: An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.

XEROX SUBSIDY: Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.

IRRITAINMENT: Entertainment and media spectacles that are annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them.

PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE: The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.

ADMINISPHERE: The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.

404: Someone who's clueless. >From the World Wide Web error Message "404 Not Found," meaning that the requested site could not be located.

GENERICA: Features of the American landscape that are exactly the same no matter where one is, such as fast food joints, strip malls, and subdivisions.

OHNOSECOND: That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake. (Like after hitting send on an email by mistake).

WOOFS: Well-Off Older Folks.

CROP DUSTING: Surreptitiously passing gas while passing through a Cube Farm.