



# Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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## **A Note from President Zimmerman:**

Fellow Sertomans,

A New Year has dawned and many are working on meeting their New Year's resolution goals. Hopefully, they are achievable. We have a new President of the United States and are looking forward to seeing how his plans for achieving change will shake out. I find that I am as busy now with getting this year going for 2009, as I was for closing out 2008 and all the holiday activities. Our Sertoma fiscal year is half over and there are a number of goals we are still working on to complete by the end of June. I want to thank all of you for your help thus far. Please review information below to identify where your participation is needed to help our club accomplish those goals.

Yours in SERvice TO MAnkind,  
Deb Zimmerman

## **Meeting Summaries:**

January 6

- Deb Zimmerman presented an outline of the goals and needs for the remainder of this fiscal year (to June 2009). The need for committee chairs and members was identified and volunteers stepped up to fill many of the openings. Committee assignments can be found below. Also note that the President's Goals and the Governor's Goals are included below.
- New members George Laliberte and Steve Lachowski were inducted. Welcome George & Steve!
- Fellow Sertoman, MAJ Anthony Randall is stationed near Tallili, Iraq with the 287<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade. Tony's battalion has adopted a grade school in Tallili and has appealed to the Evening Club to help supply the school with educational materials. During the Jan. 6 meeting the club agreed to participate. Since that time, grade school students at the Williams Magnet School in Topeka have agreed to write letters to the Iraqi children to accompany the supplies. Please see the attached document outlining the supplies needed and the deadline.

January 20

- Presentation by Janice Watkins and Kerri Lonard from the CARC program (Children's Advocacy Resource Center) – a grant-funded project provided with assistance from the Office of Judicial Administration, designed to help promote permanency for children involved in Child-In-Need-of-Care (CINC) cases. This project has been in existence for over ten years and serves all counties in Kansas. CARC provides free legal representation and advice to a variety of individuals, including those, seeking permanent custodianship of foster children, Interested Parties in CINC cases, grandparents, relative providers, and to foster children. In addition, we provide representation and advise regarding items, including, but not limited to, adoptions, emancipations, and name changes. The project also provides a Guardian ad Litem Support Center, designed to assist, educate and train Guardian ad Litem working across the state, as well as a Foster Care Hotline, designed to assist all parties involved in the foster care system, including free GAL and CLE trainings across the state of Kansas each year. There are currently

three full-time staff members dedicated to the project: Kellie Hogan, Project Director, Kerrie Lonard, Staff Attorney and Janice Watkins, Paralegal and Outreach Coordinator. In 2008, CARC assisted over 380 individuals in court representation and hotline advice and assistance.

- We received the Traveling Scroll from the Jackson County Sertoma Club. The scroll was then passed to the Golden City Sertoma Club on Wednesday, January 28.



- New member Carol Hamilton was inducted by Terry Beck. Welcome Carol!!

**Evening Sertoma Club Officers and Directors 2008/2009:**

Chairman of the Board:	Travis Oller	Bd Members – 1 yr term:	Terry Beck
President:	Deb Zimmerman		Vern Knobelauch
President Elect:	Jim Sanderson		Dennis Handke
Secretary/Treasurer:	Celia Cuthbertson		
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Vacant	Bd Members – 2 yr term:	Dan Hejtmanek
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Tracy McDanel		Bill Riphahn
Sergeant at Arms:	Debbie Escobar		Terry Cuthbertson

**Evening Sertoma Club Committee Assignments 2008/2009:**

Attendance – Bernice Hejtmanek	Programs – Jenalea Randall
Audit – Bill Riphahn	Publicity/Parade – Jenalea Randall
BANC/Serteen Club - Deb Zimmerman	SafeEars Program – James Sanderson
Awards/Incentives – Dan Hejtmanek	S.H.A.R.P. – Norm Stahl
Duck Race – Evening Club (2009-2010) – Dan Hejtmanek	
Socials/Banquets – Tracy McDanel	
Historian – Terry Beck	Sponsorships – Celia Cuthbertson
Membership Recruitment – Terry Beck	Sertoman of the Year – Bill Riphahn
Membership Retention – Brian Casebeer	Service to Mankind – Debbie Escobar
Newsletter – Debbie Escobar	

If you are not on a committee and would like to sign up for one, please contact the committee chair or Deb Zimmerman. Your active participation on committees ensures good coordination of activities and events.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- Mar. 3:** 5:45p – Evening Club Meeting
  - Program – Go Topeka Business & Economic Development
  - Speaker, Dan Schemm
- Mar. 17:** 5:45p – Program TBD
  - Board Meeting – to follow regular meeting
- Mar. 31:** 6:00p – Tri-Club Awards Banquet, Shawnee Country Club

Bernice will call for your RSVP one week before meetings. Please return her call if you are not available or contact Deb Zimmerman.

*\* If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please contact Jenalea Randall at Jenalea@hotmail.com.*

**Happy, Happy Birthday!:**

Happy, happy birthday to you! The following Topeka Evening Sertomans are celebrating birthdays in February are: Randy Becker, Brian Casebeer, Terry Cutherbertson, Carol Hamilton, George Laliberte, Cecilia Mariani, and Rob Richey

**Happy Anniversary!:**

Almost as important as your birthday is the date that you joined the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club! Happy anniversary to those who joined in February:  
Terry Beck (1976), Deb Zimmerman (2006)

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*If any information is found to be reported incorrectly, please identify discrepancy to Debbie Escobar at [descobar@capper.easterseals.com](mailto:descobar@capper.easterseals.com) or Deb Zimmerman at [deb\\_zim@msn.com](mailto:deb_zim@msn.com). Newsletters will be emailed to members of the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club unless otherwise requested, and mailed to those without email. Please forward any special announcements you would like included in our newsletter.*

More information regarding Sertoma may be found by going to the website at: [www.sertoma.org](http://www.sertoma.org) and [www.topekasertomaclubs.org](http://www.topekasertomaclubs.org)

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**Quote of the Day:**

*“Perseverance is the key. The bad guys can’t win forever. A new door always opens, a new path begins, and darkness always recedes. Our job is to maintain hope and stamina to create change in ourselves, our lives, our world”  
~Mina Parker*

**Sertoma Evening Club of Topeka**  
*Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month  
At Jayhawk Tower, Senate Room  
700 Jackson St., Topeka*

## Evening Club Committees 2008-2009

<b>Attendance</b> <b>Monthly calling activity</b> Debbie Escobar Deb Zimmerman	<b>Bernice Hejtmanek</b>	<b>Programs</b> <b>Speakers planning/coordination</b> Norm Stahl Deb Zimmerman	<b>Jenalea Randall</b>
<b>Audit</b> <b>Twice a year</b> Terry Beck Celia Cuthbertson Deb Zimmerman	<b>Bill Riphahn</b>	<b>Publicity/Parade</b> <b>Special events</b> Vern Knobelauch Steve Lachowsky	<b>Jenalea Randall</b>
<b>BANC/Serteen Club</b> <b>Proposed new club</b> Terry Beck Vern Knobelauch	<b>Deb Zimmerman</b>	<b>SafeEars Program</b> <b>Continuous promotion</b> Rob Richey George Laliberte	<b>James Sanderson</b>
<b>Awards/Incentives</b> <b>Continuous promotion</b> Celia Cuthbertson Steve Lachowsky George Laliberte	<b>Dan Hejtmanek</b>	<b>S.H.A.R.P. Program</b> <b>Continuous Promotion</b>	<b>Norm Stahl</b>
<b>Duck Race - (2009-2010)</b> <b>Identify Chair/Co-Chair</b> Bill Riphahn Terry Cuthbertson	<b>Dan Hejtmanek</b>	<b>Socials/Banquets</b> <b>Special events</b> Vern Knobelauch	<b>Tracy McDaneld</b>

<b>Historian</b> Continuous Deb Zimmerman	<b>Terry Beck</b>	<b>Sponsorships/Scholarships</b> August-October - distribution after Duck Race January-April - High School Scholarships Dan Hejtmanek Mary Lenz Terry Beck	<b>Celia Cuthbertson</b>
<b>Membership Recruitment</b> Fall & Spring Programs Celia Cuthbertson Mary Lenz Deb Zimmerman	<b>Terry Beck</b>	<b>Sertoma of the Year</b> Fall planning - due Dec. 1 Terry Cuthbertson Vern Knobelauch	<b>Bill Riphahn</b>
<b>Membership Retention</b> Continuous Promotion Dan Hejtmanek Steve Lachowsky	<b>Brian Casebeer</b>	<b>Service to Mankind</b> Fall planning - due Dec. 1 Brian Casebeer Travis Oller	<b>Debbie Escobar</b>
<b>Newsletter</b> Monthly Preparation Deb Zimmerman	<b>Debbie Escobar</b>	<b>Election Committee</b> Spring Planning - Slate of Officers due April 1 Dan Hejtmanek Tracy McDanel Deb Zimmerman	<b>James Sanderson</b>

**Topeka Evening Sertoma Club**  
**2008-09 President's Goals**  
**(Time Frame: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009)**

1. Meet the “2008-09 Kansas District Governor’s Goals” – see attached
2. Develop Club Manual by December 2008
3. Build a Serteen Club
4. Have a net gain of 5 members by June 30, 2009

With your active participation and support, we will accomplish these Goals.

Thank you,

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## 2008-09 Kansas District Governor's Goals



(Time period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

1. Every club will have completed a club audit in July and send to Governor by August 15, 2008.
2. Every club earns the Networking Award.
3. Every club has a net gain of 3 members by June 30, 2009.
4. Every club supports our national charity, The Sertoma Foundation.
5. Increase the participation of members who are members of our national charity, or be at 100%. (The annual Sertoma Foundation gift of \$25 per member per year)
6. Each club participates in SAFEEARS!
7. Each club participates in the SHARP program.
8. Each club participates in the Sertoma of the Year Award.
9. Each club participates in the Service To Mankind Award.
10. Build at least one new Sertoma club or REBOC at least one club.
11. All clubs will be in good standing.
12. All clubs will submit a 990 or 990EZ form to the IRS by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month of the fiscal year (November).

Thank You,

Terry Cuthbertson, Sertoma Kansas District Governor  
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*"Listening to the Future and Making Life Worthwhile Through **SERVICE TO MANKIND**"*

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## **Iraqi School Adoption**

**By the 287<sup>th</sup> Special Troops Battalion, Topeka Evening Sertoma Club &  
USD 501's Williams Magnet School**

### **Situation:**

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### **Deadline:**

Supplies and letters will be mailed Feb. 27 and will need to be to Jenalea by the **Feb. 17** meeting or can be dropped off at her home, 2900 SW 33<sup>rd</sup> St. by Feb. 23.

### **Supplies Requested:**

1. Development of an English language library. Any English language books would be very helpful, especially children's books. Keep in mind they would have to be non-religious in nature. English instruction books and posters such as A, B, C's.
2. Art supplies are in demand. The children take art classes but they do not have much equipment. Colored chalk, colored pencils, tubes of paint, paint brushes, sketch paper or books etc...
3. Science equipment such as microscopes, magnifying glasses,
4. Math manipulative and math games such as building blocks, shapes, etc... Calculators are also requested.