



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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April-May 2010

A Note from President Dowd:

Fellow Sertomans,

As we enter the last quarter of our 2009-2010 fiscal year, I would like to take a moment to discuss Membership/Retention. We have had reasonably good meeting participation, and would like to see this increased. We have signed up several new members, however the loss of several has kept our membership around 40. It is important that we continue to bring in new members to grow our Club. Guests are always welcome, and I encourage you to bring new prospective to our next meeting. Programs have been excellent, thanks to Mark Braun for coordinating our speakers.

Yours in SERVICE TO MAnkind,
Matt Dowd

Meeting Summaries:

April 20

- Randy Luebbe, Shawnee County Parks and Recreation – Provided an update of the various improvements and developments at Lake Shawnee, including the new baseball-softball complex, which will give us both state and national exposure, and Ensley Gardens. Also, Randy spoke briefly about the new larger box made by staff to house the ducks for use at the next Great Topeka Duck Race in September. For more information regarding activities and facility services, go to the web site at www.shawneeparksandrecreation.org.

April 23-24

- Sertoma Heart of America (HOS) Regional Convention – was held in Kansas City at the Holiday Inn across from the Kaufman Stadium, and was hosted by the Lenexa Club. There were several great training programs and entertainment events. The golf game suffered from the weather, though Terry Beck and Matt Dowd tried to play. The Water Park and Royals game activities went off as scheduled. A new national program, “Hearing Charities of America,” was introduced at the Convention. More information regarding this program and Sertoma National’s affiliation may be learned by going to the Sertoma web site at www.sertoma.org. Members in attendance at the Convention were: President, Matt Dowd, Terry and Celia Cuthbertson, George and Veronica Laliberte, Terry Beck, and Deb Zimmerman. Participation at the convention is a great experience to learn more about Sertoman, as well as the opportunity to network with other clubs on their programs and fundraising activities. Of course, there is time built in for having fun both formal and informal. Next year’s HOA Regional Convention will be hosted by the Springfield Clubs in Springfield, MO, in April 2011. Start planning now to attend next year. It will be a great learning and fun-filled experience.

May 4

- Rev. Barry Feaker, Topeka Rescue Mission – Provided history of how the Rescue Mission came into existence some 100 years ago in New York. He shared stories of various people that have relied on the Rescue Mission for support to bring them up from the lows in their lives. In 2009, services were provided to 1,922 individuals, with an average nightly stay of 207 persons. More information on the Rescue Mission may be found on the web site at www.trmonline.org.



Deb Zimmerman, George and Veronica Laliberte, Terry and Celia Cuthbertson at the Regional Director's Banquet



HOA Director, John Cassida and his wife, Rita



Kansas Governor, Michelle Wilson and Lover Chancellor, Golden City Club

Important Dates to Remember:

- May 14:** 12:00 noon – Duck Race meeting, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
- May 18:** 5:45p – Program – SafeEars. Speakers from Heartland Sertoma Club and 501 School District.
– Board Meeting to follow regular meeting
- Jun 1:** 5:45p – Program – Marian Clinic
- Jun 15:** 5:45p – Family Picnic at Gage Park, Westlake Shelter House, across from the zoo. Food and refreshments to be provided.
Installation of Officers
- Jun 19:** 8:30-3:00 – District Leadership Conference, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (more information to be distributed soon)

Bernice will email and call for your RSVP one week before meetings. Please respond to her with your RSVP, so that an accurate head count for meals may be made.

If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please contact Mark Braun at mbraun@shawneecourt.org.

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Lee Dodson, a long-time member of the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club was honored on Friday, May 7, at the Hummer Sports Park with the naming of the baseball field after him. Several members were able to attend the brief ceremony held prior to the game between Topeka High and Hayden High. Lee is an alumnus of Topeka High where he developed his passion for baseball. The Topeka Sertoma Clubs made contributions to the Topeka School Fund Foundation to help cover the cost for the Lee Dodson Field sign installed at the ball field.

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Evening Sertoma Club Officers and Directors 2009/2010:

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| President: | Matt Dowd | Bd Members – 1 yr term: | Terry Cuthbertson |
| President Elect: | George Laliberte | | Dan Hejtmanek |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Celia Cuthbertson | | Bill Riphahn |
| 1 st Vice President: | Jim Sanderson | | |
| 2 nd Vice President: | Mark Braun | Bd Members – 2 yr term: | Terry Beck |
| Sergeant at Arms: | Brian Casebeer | | Debbie Escobar |
| Chairman of the Board: | Deb Zimmerman | | Tracy McDanel |

Roster of New Officers and Directors for 2010/2011:

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| President: | George Laliberte | Bd Members – 1 yr term: | Terry Beck |
| President Elect: | Mark Braun | | Debbie Escobar |
| Secretary: | Deb Zimmerman | | Tracy McDanel |
| Treasurer: | Celia Cuthbertson | | |
| 1 st Vice President: | Dave Howater | | |
| 2 nd Vice President: | Rob Richie | Bd Members – 2 yr term: | Jay Bachman |
| Sergeant at Arms: | Vern Knobelauch | | Mary Lenz |
| Chairman of the Board: | Matt Dowd | | Dennis Handke |

George Laliberte, our incoming Club President effective July 1, will be looking to build new committee leadership. The Club Leadership Development meeting will take place either July or August. You are encouraged to participate and sign up for any committees that are of interest. Your active participation on committees ensures good coordination of activities and events.

Happy, Happy Birthday!:

Happy, happy birthday to you! The following Topeka Evening Sertomans are celebrating birthdays in April are: Lee Dodson, Don Hamilton, Anthony Randall. In May: Debbie Escobar, David Howarter.

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 April: Celia and Terry Cutherbertson (2000), Matt Spurgin (2008). In May: Brian Casebeer (2008).

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If any information is found to be reported incorrectly, please identify discrepancy to Deb Zimmerman at deb.zimmerman@bartwest.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 and www.topekasertomaclubs.org

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Thought for the day:

“It’s never too late to be what you might have been,” George Eliot

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