



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

Club Number: 10456

2010
July

Note from the President



As we start a new year, I'm humbled and excited by the opportunity to serve you as your president. Our Evening Club is a tremendous asset to our community fueled by your dedication to helping others in need. We have an outstanding group, but as with all things in life, there are opportunities for improvement. In an effort to identify those opportunities and focus our collective efforts, our meeting on August 17 will be dedicated to establish our vision for the coming year and organizing our membership to achieve the goals we set—our Club Leadership Conference in “Sertoma-speak”. It should be fun.

Until then, let's get to selling those duck adoption certificates and hitting up businesses for small door prizes! Thank you for all you do...

Yours in SERvice TO Mankind,
George Laliberte

Meeting Summaries:

July 6 -

Speaker Dr. Jerry Farley, WU—Provided us information of how higher education impacts our lives, enriching our professional life, our society, and its overall significance to our communities. There are 33k higher education facilities within our country. He compared how the US is able to support higher education needs, whereas countries such as China and India are able to support only about 5%. Thus, the demand for foreign students to attend our institutions. Dr. Farley reviewed the history of programs that helped to grow higher education, such as the need for research universities, GI Bill, Sputnik, resulting in the boost for math and science education. He noted that online course study and full degree programs is decreasing, students finding it actually more difficult and prefer classroom participation.

July 20 -

Speaker JoLana Pinon, Dir. of Florence Crittenden Girls Home—Started in the early 1900's, and primarily known for providing services for young, pregnant girls. During the 1970s, it transformed to a residential psychiatric treatment center. The Florence Crittenden Girls Home is 1 of 16 facilities in the state of Kansas, and treats only girls. Located at 29th and Arrowhead, it services up to 26 girls, and houses 19 girls.

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2009/2010 Club

Officers and Directors:

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

Meeting Summaries cont.:

The average stay is 109 days, average age of 15, 10% are wards of the state, 20% SRS, balance are with families. Funding is 70% Federal/Medicaid, 30% State and United Way. The 2nd annual fundraiser will be held on September 18, 5K run/walk at Lake Shawnee Shelter House 1. More information about the facility services or the fundraiser may be obtained at the website: www.flocritkansas.org or call 785/233-0516.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Jul 29-31:** Sertoma International Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX (Registration Form attached.) Additional information may be obtained at: www.sertoma.org
- Aug 3:** 5:45p - Program TBD
- Aug 17:** 5:45p – Program: Club Leadership Conference, Presenter—George Laliberte; Board meeting to follow.
- Sep 7:** Cancelled/Substituted by Duck Tagging Party
- Sep 8:** Duck Tagging Party, Shawnee Lake Maintenance Building
- Sep 10:** Huff & Puff—Opportunity for selling duck adoption certificates
- Sep 11:** Duck Rack Day

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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Sertoma International Annual Convention

The Annual Convention will be held this year in San Antonio, TX, at the Hyatt Regency on the River Walk. Members from our club attending are: Terry Beck, Terry and Celia Cuthbertson, Dennis Handke, Dan Hejtmanek, and George Laliberte. Dan will represent the club for voting purposes, and all will have individual voting privileges for Sertoma officer elections and resolutions submitted to change Sertoma By-Laws. Election results will be posted on the Sertoma website: www.sertoma.org. They will have the opportunity to participate in multiple training workshops identified in the SERTOMAN Spring magazine and online, as well as have some free time to participate in local tours.

DUCK RACE UPDATE



Duck Race 2009

The Duck Race Steering Committee is on the fastrack to finalize preparations for Race Day, which is September 11 at Shawnee Lake. Adoption Certificates and Posters will be available soon for distribution. Race Day takes all of our support to make this day a success. If you have not already signed up to help on that day and are available, please contact Michelle Wilson Skinner at 244-7670 to obtain an assignment. If you would like to attend a meeting to get more information and assist with the planning, meeting dates follow. They are always held at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library at noon – 1:00p. Lunch is not provided, you may bring in lunch or purchase from the café.

Aug 6 Aug 20 Sept. 3

Other important dates: Sep 8—Duck Tagging Party

In addition to the above dates, please review the attached schedule released by Jenalea Randall for “Very Important Duck Dates” and mark your calendars to participate.

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Happy, Happy Birthday!:

5 - Matt Dowd 22 - Dan Hejtmanek
10 - Jack Swenson 27 - Jim Deines
12 - Mark Braun 30 - Steve Lachowsky

Happy Anniversary!:

Matt Dowd (1992) Mary Lenz (1987)
Norm Stahl (1999)

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



V.I.D.D. - Very Important Duck Dates! Mark your Calendars!!!



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 - Movie theater ads begin!	14
15	16 - Radio advertising begins!!!	17	18	19	20 - Adoption certificates in paper! Post-it note on paper!	21 - West Ridge Mall Adoption Booth. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (BBBS running)
22 - West Ridge Mall Adoption Booth. Noon to 4 p.m. (Sertoma running)	23	24	25 - 94.5 Country at _____. 4 to 6 p.m.	26	27	28 - 94.5 Country at Laird Noller Ford. 1 to 3 p.m. Free hot dog/drink w/ adoption of a family!
29	30	31 - 580 WIBW AM at Wal-Mart on Wanamaker 2 to 4:30 p.m.				

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 - 2 nd Annual Media Competition "Who's the Quackiest?!" 5 pm. West Ridge Mall	3 - 94.5 Country at Texas Roadhouse 4 to 6 p.m.	4 - West Ridge Mall Adoption Booth 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sertoma running)
5 - West Ridge Mall Adoption Booth Noon to 4 p.m. (BBBS running)	6	7 - 580 WIBW AM at Hy-Vee 2 to 4:30 p.m.	8 - Duck Tagging Party 5:30 p.m. Lake Shawnee Maintenance Shed Food and drink provided!	9 - VID Party 2 to 4 p.m. Location: TBD	10 - Huff-n-Puff Glow Adoption Booth: Lake Shawnee, Tinman Circle 7:30 p.m.	11 - Race Day at Lake Shawnee!