



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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Note from the President



Fellow Sertomans,

Thanks to all who helped put together a very successful membership drive! We had approximately 10 prospective members attend our membership dinner and brought in 5 new members. That's outstanding! But just because our membership dinner is behind us, is no reason to stop seeking new additions to our roster. What we do is important for Topeka, and it takes members to make things happen. You need look no further than the excitement and appreciation expressed by Tanner Armstrong and Gina Moser who were presented college scholarships at our

last meeting. Believe me, we made a difference in the lives of those two outstanding young people.

In other efforts, our work to establish a new club in Wamego continues to gain momentum under the very skilled leadership of Julie Hejtmanek. On Wednesday, May 4th, we will be meeting with interested Wamego residents and businesses to tell the Sertoma story and build a core of charter members. What an exciting effort at a time when Sertoma work in our communities is needed more than ever. In time, they'll need the support of all of us to help grow their club.

At our May 3rd meeting, we will be conducting club member orientation which will be very informative for all members, new and old. We will also be electing club officers for the 2011-2012 Sertoma year and bringing back the latest info from the Heart of America Regional Conference in Springfield, MO, so please make a special effort to attend.

Enjoy the glorious beauty of spring all around us while keeping our service men and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours in SERVICE TO MANKIND
George Laliberte

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2010/2011 Club

Officers and Directors:

President: George Laliberte

President Elect: Mark Braun

Secretary: Deb Zimmerman

Treasurer: Celia Cuthbertson

1st Vice Pres: Vacant

2nd Vice Pres: Rob Richey

Sergeant at Arms:

Vern Knoblauch

Chairman of the Board:

Matt Dowd

Board Members:

1st Yr Term:

Terry Beck

Debbie Escobar

Dan Hejtmanek

2nd Yr Term:

Jay Bachman

Mary Lenz

Dennis Handke

Meeting Summaries:

March 5 –

The Topeka Zoo, Brendan Wiley – Mr. Wiley is the Zoo Director and provided an update on the latest updates on the programs and facilities of the Zoo. Some programs include FOTZ (Friends of the Zoo); Zoo School; Camp Zoofari; Field Trips, etc. He brought a guest with him to introduce to the members in attendance that evening, as well. More information may be found on these and other programs and upcoming events by visiting the web site at www.topekazoo.org.

We also received a brief update from the Sertoma KS District Governor, Michelle Wilson-Skinner.



Michelle Wilson-Skinner & Norm Stahl



Bernice Hejtmanek & Carol Hamilton

March 15 –

The Topeka Sertoma Tri-Club Awards Banquet was held at the Topeka Country Club. Each of the clubs distributed the Sertoman of the Year and Service to Mankind Awards, along with other certificates and awards achieved by members since last March. The Evening Club awarded George Laliberte with the Sertoman of the Year and Philicia McKee, Executive Director of Keep America Beautiful—Topeka/Shawnee County, with Service to Mankind for all the programs she has promoted and supported for the Topeka community.



George Laliberte and Deb Zimmerman



Bill Riphahn, Philicia McKee, and George Lailiberte

April 5 –

Membership Drive Dinner – The Evening Club held its membership drive and was successful in receiving four new applications at the end of the program. New members and sponsors were:

- Lorrie Gonzales, sponsored by Mary Lenz
- Justin Holstin, sponsored by Norm Stahl
- Marc Linton, sponsored by Terry Beck
- Lonnie Williams, sponsored by Jim Deines

New member application received in March:
Tim Liessman, sponsored by Dan Hejtmanek



Members and Guests enjoy the evening program during our Membership Drive



Message from Kansas District Governor:

By action of the Board the Annual Meeting of Sertoma, Inc. was moved from the first quarter of the year to the fourth quarter of the year beginning with the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Without a special election held exterior of the Annual Meeting, the organization will have two vacant positions on the Board for a period of nine months during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Those positions are for a one-year term for the office of Jr. Vice-President, and the first year of a three-year term for a Director at-large position. There was an online candidate forum held on Monday, Feb. 28th to allow the members to hear from the candidates and to ask questions of them. If you were unable to attend the recording of this event is available on the Sertoma website.

<http://www.sertoma.org/Page.aspx?pid=493&srctid=1&erid=341705>>

2010-2011 Presidential Growth Incentives

"Sertoma FOCUS" - There is still time to earn the 2010-2011 Presidential Growth Incentive! Each Sertoman recruiting a new member by June 30, 2011 will receive the "Sertoma FOCUS" growth pin. Each club with a net gain of 3 or more by June 30, 2011 will receive a "Sertoma FOCUS" banner medallion.

Start Planning Your Sertoma Celebration!

Celebrate our Century of Service! Meet us at the beautiful, ALL INCLUSIVE Cancun Palace, July 14 – 16, 2011. This once-in-a-lifetime celebration is the kick-off to Sertoma's 100th Birthday. The registration fee for this once-in-a-century event is \$30, and the Cancun Palace Resort is offering a special Sertoma rate of

\$370.00 per night, per room (not per person) double occupancy, or \$345.00 per night, single occupancy! Rates included all food, drinks, taxes, and gratuities. As you can see, bring a friend and save! Need to find a Sertoma Friend – be sure to check the discussion board on Facebook!

Fellowship is a cornerstone of our organization, so invite friends, family and non-Sertomans. Join us as we celebrate what we have in common – the ability to Make Life Worthwhile through SERVICE TO Mankind! Go today to make your reservations at: www.sertoma.org/cancun

Important Dates to Remember:

- Apr. 28-30:** HOA Regional Convention, Springfield, MO
- May 3:** 6:00p – Regular Meeting, Program New Member Orientation
- May 17:** 6:00p – Regular Meeting, Program TBA
 - Board Meeting to follow regular meeting

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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Happy, Happy Birthday!

April Lee Dodson (20); Don Hamilton (25)
May

Happy Anniversary!

April Celia and Terry Cuthbertson (2000)
May None

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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.

For more information on Sertoma, visit the following websites: www.sertoma.org; www.topekasertomaclubs.org; and www.sertomahoa.org.

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