



Kansas Sertoma District

Governor's Newsletter

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Message from the Governor – Magic!

I've heard so much about the "Membership Recruitment Dinner" idea. I even dedicated a portion of my August newsletter to this formulated method for recruiting members. Last Wednesday I saw final stage of the process, a membership recruitment luncheon in person – **AND IT WAS MAGIC!**

The Topeka Heartland Club worked hard for the last four months, each member provided the names of two potential members, a committee sent out invitations, made follow up phone calls and attended to all the details of hosting a recruitment luncheon. **The result, the Topeka Heartland Club had SEVEN new members at the end of the meeting!** It was magic – about half way through the presentation, I watched in amazement as the majority of guests started looking for pens and began filling out the membership application. Yes, this took a great deal of effort but now instead of being down one member for the year, the Topeka Heartland Club is now plus six! They have six new Sertomans to help with all their efforts. Now imagine having six excited new Sertomans in your club!

Has your club had a membership recruitment dinner/luncheon yet? If not, you have nothing to lose and members to gain!

John Cassida
Kansas District Governor

Traveling Scroll

The Traveling Scroll is making its way around the district. The scroll was last seen traveling from Emporia to the Manhattan area.

Vote Early

Clubs should be preparing to hold elections for officers. The officer reporting form is due by April 10

Lawrence Sertoma Club in the News

Did you see the great article about the Lawrence Sertoma Club in the latest issue of the Sertoman Magazine? – check it out!

District Sertoman of the Year

The Kansas District Sertoman of the Year is (envelope please), Vern Knoblauch of the Topeka Evening Club. A member since 1972, Vern serves as time keeper, memory preserver and laughter-provoking member. He is someone the club can always count on to look at every angle of a situation, remind us of past experiences, and take action. More than once the club has thought it had no where else to turn, only to have Vern save the day. Congratulations Vern!

Service to Mankind

The District Service to Mankind Award goes to Teams Together (Ruthanne Medaris and Christie Hoffman), submitted by the Lenexa Sertoma Club. Founded in 2004 Teams Together is a group of women that have come together to help those in need. Their recent efforts focused on helping victims of hurricane Katrina in Houma, Louisiana. Mrs. Grace Cavert-Nelson, wife of Florida Senator Bill Nelson spoke volumes when she sent this poem: *I asked God: "Who are these Women?" and He said ... they are a splendid garden.*

Last Call! - Regional Convention

If you're going to the Regional Conference in Lafayette, April 20-22 you need to make arrangements **NOW!** If you are traveling on the chartered bus, send your reservation by **March 10**. The hotel registration deadline is **March 29**. In order to avoid higher conference registration charges, send in your registration information no later than **April 10**. Please let me know if additional registration forms are needed.

Sertoma Wall of Honor

Clubs ending the fiscal year with a net gain of 3 new members will receive a special banner medallion and the name of the club will be listed on the Wall of Honor at the 2006 International Convention. Two clubs are close, Lenexa and Topeka Evening (+2 each) but at this time the only club which would qualify for this honor is the Topeka Heartland Club.

District Calendar

Mar. 10	Regional Convention bus transportation registration due.
Mar. 11	Manhattan Luncheon Club Celebrates 10 years of Service to Mankind!
Mar. 29	Regional Convention hotel registration due
Apr. 10	Action Required – Reports Due: Club Officers Report Form, Quarterly Activities and Dues Statements due to Sertoma International and to the District Governor. Regional Convention Registration Due
Apr. 19	Lenexa Sertoma Golf Tournament. Deer Creek Golf Course/\$125 per player. Contact Club President John Ferraro at (913) 588-5937 or visit the club's web site for details http://www.lenexasertoma.org
April 20-22	Heart of America Regional Convention Lafayette Hilton Inn Towers - Lafayette, Louisiana President's Advisory Council Meeting
May	May is Better Hearing & Speech Month
May 6	Manhattan Luncheon Tamale Dinner http://sertoma.manhattanks.org . Contact President Shelia Kamler at 785-776-7464 for more details.
May 12-13	Annual Lawrence Sertoma BBQ Cook-off www.lawrencesertoma.com . Contact President Thomas Howe at 785-842-2772 for more details.
July 13-15	Sertoma International Convention Omaha, NE.

Please feel free to submit calendar items for your club events.

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Club	7/05	3/06	+/-
Atchison Sertoma Club	13	10	-3
Emporia Sertoma Club	48	47	-1
Golden City Sertoma Club	17	18	+1
Johnson County Sertoma	39	34	-5
Junction City Sertoma Club	23	21	-2
Lawrence Sertoma Club	40	40	0
Lenexa Sertoma Club	19	21	+2
Manhattan Evening Sertoma	42	35	-7
Miami County Sertoma Club	26	19	-7
Overland Park Sertoma Club	15	12	-3
Sertoma Luncheon Club	28	27	-1
Topeka Evening Sertoma	39	41	+2
Topeka Heartland Sertoma	26	32	+6!

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find that the harder I work, the more I have of it.

Thomas Jefferson