



Kansas Sertoma District

Governor's Newsletter

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Message from the Governor

Wow what a Regional Convention! I said this convention would be one to remember – and I was right! Over 240 Sertomans from across the Heart of America Region attended the conference in Lafayette, LA. Nine of those were from the Kansas District representing four of our 13 clubs. I am a little disappointed more couldn't attend. Although it was a long way to travel, if you ask any of the nine that made the journey, they will tell you it was well worth the effort.

During the convention, we heard from several notable Sertomans including our International President, Sheila Reding and our International Director, Julie Hejzmanek. Our keynote speaker Cynthia Lunceford left very few dry eyes in the crowd as she told how her life has changed since receiving new hearing aids as part of the ABC television show Extreme Make Over.

We also recognized several Sertomans and Clubs for their efforts in the past year. There were great training seminars on growth and the SHARPs program. We renewed old friendships and made several new friends. The food, what can I say about the food – it was unbelievable! The host clubs went all out with fantastic food from the region. Add in some great music and entertainment and it is easy to say the Lafayette clubs have set a new standard for Regional Conventions! For those that made the journey, I want to personally thank you! For those that couldn't go, you were missed – and you missed a heck of a good time!

John Cassida

Kansas District Governor

Kansas Clubs Receive Awards

We recognized several Kansas Clubs during the Regional Convention:

The **Lenexa Club** won 1st place for the District for their Club Display. We also recognized them for their District Service to Mankind submission.

The **Topeka Evening Club** received the District Attendance award with four club members attending the conference as well as recognition for their District Sertoman of the Year submission.

The **Topeka Heartland Club** received several awards; the Club Excellence award for the District (they were very close to winning the award for the Region), not only the District Bulletin Award but the Regional Award for their outstanding bulletin; and finally the Gem Hunt Award for adding nine new members! Great Job!

Leavenworth Club Building

Terry Cuthbertson, President of the Topeka Evening Club and Fritz Hall, a Sertoman of over 30 years who recently moved to Leavenworth are leading the way in the new club building in Leavenworth! Meetings are every Tuesday at noon at Pullman Place Restaurant (230 Cherokee) in Leavenworth. If you know anyone in the Leavenworth area that would make a great Sertoman, please contact Terry at 785-267-6016 or Fritz at 913-680-0489. The District website will be updated regularly with more details:

www.sertomakansas.org/leavenworth

Volunteer Survey

April 23-28 was National Volunteer week. A survey conducted in a large national company (60,000+ employees) during that week asked:

Are you a volunteer?

7.7%	Yes, through company-sponsored programs
13.3%	Yes, through my religious organization
14.6%	Yes, through community organizations
23.3%	Yes, through more than one of the above
40.6%	I am too busy to volunteer
	4294 Total Votes

Your eye might focus on the “I am too busy” – don't. Instead, realize that overall, 58% volunteer in one way or another. The vast majority volunteer! I've heard some say Sertoma is a well kept secret. I encourage you to spread the word about our clubs and the wonderful volunteer opportunities to help those in need.

District Leadership Conference (DLC)

Incoming club leadership should plan to attend the DLC on Saturday June 17th. The meeting is at the Jayhawk Towers in Topeka. See the attached registration form for details.

District Calendar

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 9	First official Leavenworth Club Building Meeting. Meetings are at noon every Tuesday until the club charters. Contact Terry Cuthbertson at or Fritz Hall at Also check the District website for details www.sertomakansas.org/leavenworth
May 12-13	Annual Lawrence Sertoma BBQ Cook-off www.lawrencesertoma.com . Contact President Thomas Howe at 785-842-2772 for more details.
May 23	President's Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 PM via conference call.
June 10	Emporia Ag Appreciation Dinner Contact President Terri Summey at 620-252-4669 for details
June 17	District Leadership Conference – Topeka Jayhawk Towers, 700 SW Jackson St All incoming club officers should plan to attend this vital meeting.
July 13-15	Sertoma International Convention Omaha, NE.

Sertoma Hearing Impaired Scholarships

Our Foundation received 205 applications for the Hearing Impaired Scholarship program. We will be awarding 40 scholarships (28 funded by the Foundation and International, 12 funded by Oticon, Inc.).

Action Required: Membership Numbers

Please check the chart to the right for accuracy. These numbers are from International as of 5/1/2006. If these numbers are not correct (and I know some are not), **please contact Sertoma International immediately to have this corrected.**

Highlighted clubs (+3 in growth) are on track to be recognized at the International Convention this summer on the Sertoma Wall of Honor.

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Kansas District Membership Report

Club	7/05	5/06	+/-
Atchison Sertoma Club	13	10	-3
Emporia Sertoma Club	48	48	0
Golden City Sertoma Club	17	20	+3
Johnson County Sertoma	39	33	-6
Junction City Sertoma Club	23	20	-3
Lawrence Sertoma Club	40	40	0
Lenexa Sertoma Club	19	21	+2
Manhattan Evening Sertoma	42	35	-7
Miami County Sertoma Club	26	18	-8
Overland Park Sertoma Club	15	12	-3
Sertoma Luncheon Club	28	28	0
Topeka Evening Sertoma	39	41	+2
Topeka Heartland Sertoma	26	32	+7!
Totals	375	361	-16



SERTOMA KANSAS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



What:

All incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Officers, Board Members and in-coming leaders should plan to attend this leadership training conference! Clearly understanding your role as a club leader is the key to a successful year. This conference includes training for all major club offices. Additionally, some of the awards you will be working towards for this year require attendance at this conference.

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!

When:

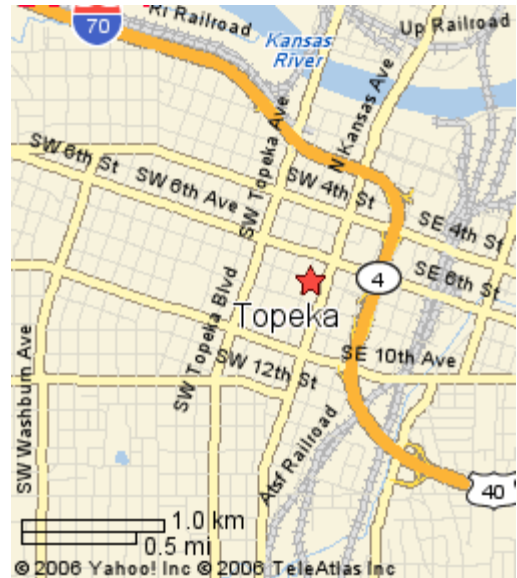
Saturday, June 17 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
registration starts at 8:00

Where:

Jayhawk Towers, 700 SW Jackson St, Topeka, KS. **Second Floor**

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per member–includes lunch and training materials. If your club sends four or more members, registration is \$13.00 per member.

Each Club should bring “samples” of your club brochure, newsletter, membership materials, fund raising info coming up, and other such things you’d like to share.



REGISTRATION FORM

Sertoman’s Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Your Club Office for 2006-07: _____

Any past club offices held by you: _____

What year did you join Sertoma? _____

Number of members you have brought into Sertoma: _____

Number of District Leadership Conferences you have attended: _____

Number of Regional Conventions you have attended: _____

Number of Fall District Conferences you have attended: _____

Are you a Foundation member of Sertoma? _____

Make check payable to: **Sertoma Kansas District. Mail to: John Cassida, KS. District Governor, 32427 Keystone, Dr, Louisburg, KS 66053, by Tuesday, May 30th, 2006.** Coffee, donuts, Lunch & drinks are included in your registration. If you have any questions, please call District Governor John Cassida, wk (913) 762-9158 or cell (913) 526-8469.