



Kansas Sertoma District

Governor's Newsletter

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Message from the Governor International President Elect Stephen Hohenwarter Passes

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you the passing of Stephen B. Hohenwarter, Sertoma International President Elect. A Life Member of the Lancaster Sertoma Club in Pennsylvania since 1982, Steve served our organization through his dedication and compassion to mankind.



Steve apparently had a cold that turned into pneumonia that got worse.

Pat Aylward, International Director for his home Allegheny/Canada Region said it best, "The best way we can honor Steve is to do what he did each day – make our communities a better place to live." A memorial has been set up in Steve's name through the Sertoma Foundation toward the Growth Center of Excellence in the Endowment Fund.

Some have asked about who will be the new President Elect. Per the governance documents of Sertoma International, in the event of a vacancy in the office of President elect, the Vice President shall fill the unexpired term. Hence, Woodrow "Woody" Hudson, our current Vice President, is now President Elect. This action then creates a vacancy of the office of Vice President. In this case the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to fill the office for the unexpired term. However, the appointee will not ascend to the next office. In the coming weeks a recommendation will be submitted to the Board for action.

At our 2007 International Convention in Norfolk, VA a special election will be held for President Elect, in addition to those for Vice President and Treasurer.

John Cassida

Kansas District Governor

Fall District Conference Recap

It was a great, albeit fast paced weekend! The Kansas District was well represented with nearly 30 members in attendance. Although the weather didn't cooperate for the golf tournament, the welcome reception/World Series watch party on Friday evening was a quite the event. The Conference on Saturday was packed with members from all three districts sharing tons of ideas regarding recruitment, fundraising, SHARPS, SafeEars and our Foundation.

The Awards Luncheon was also quite the event where the following awards were presented to the Kansas District – congrats to all!

- **Governor's Networking Award:** Emporia, Topeka Heartland and Golden City
- **Traveling Scroll Award:** Emporia (again!)
- **Club Achievement:** Topeka Evening and Topeka Heartland
- **Publicity Award:** Topeka Heartland
- **Gold Honor Club Award:** Topeka Evening
- **Gold Honor President Award:** Terry Cuthbertson
- **Distinguished Governor Award:** John Cassida

In the interest of improving the Fall District Conference I've attached a copy of survey on page 3. I would greatly appreciate if you would distribute copies to your club to complete and either mail, email or fax responses to Bob Hill, North Missouri District Gov.

Traveling Scroll

The Traveling Scroll is on its way! Our newest club, Leavenworth County Sertoma has the scroll and I'm sure it will be making the rounds very soon. Just a reminder, when your club receives the scroll please let Lt. Gov. Michelle Wilson-Skinner and I know you have it so we can keep track of its progress.

Service to Mankind/Sertoman of the Year Entries Due Dec. 1

Does your club nominate a Sertoman of the Year or a Service to Mankind? If not, why not? It's a great opportunity to recognize those that do so much for our clubs and our community. Judging criteria and format are in the Sertoma Manual and on the District website under "Club Resources". I've also attached a sample to this newsletter on page 5.

District Calendar

Nov. 19	Golden City (Topeka) Simon Evening of Giving Fundraiser; A pre-holiday discounted shopping spree at the Westridge Mall. Purchase tickets from any Golden City Sertoma member.
Nov. 20	Lawrence Thanksgiving Dinner for all the young people attending the Lawrence Boys and Girls Clubs.
Dec. 1	ACTION REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service to Mankind and Sertoman of the Year submissions due: Send to Dist. Gov, John Cassida • Foundation Early Bird Deadline
Dec. 3	Junction City Christmas Holiday Homes Tour 1:30-5pm. Contact Karen Jameson for tickets (\$10) at 785-238-6114
Jan. 10	ACTION REQUIRED: Remit the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Quarterly Activities Report (form 116)</u> to the Kansas District Governor: John Cassida • <u>District dues (form 117)</u> to the Kansas District Treasurer, Rita Cassida (\$2.50/mbr/quarter). Make check payable to Kansas Sertoma District • <u>Regional dues (also form 117)</u> to be sent to our <u>International Director</u>, Julie Hejtmanek (\$0.25/mbr/quarter). Make check payable to Sertoma Heart of America Region
Jan. 31	Community Service Matching Grant Applications to Sertoma International
April 12-14	Regional Convention – Springfield, MO

Kansas District Membership Report as of 11/1/2006

Club	7/06	11/06	+/-
Atchison Sertoma Club	10	10	0
Emporia Sertoma Club	49	49	0
Golden City Sertoma Club	22	22	0
Johnson County Sertoma Club	33	30	-3
Junction City Sertoma Club	19	19	0
Leavenworth County	26	28	2
Lawrence Sertoma Club	40	40	0
Lenexa Sertoma Club	22	23	1
Manhattan Evening Sertoma Club	35	34	-1
Miami County Sertoma Club	15	16	1
Overland Park Sertoma Club	12	11	-1
Sertoma Luncheon Club	29	26	-3
Topeka Evening Sertoma Club	42	42	0
Topeka Heartland Sertoma	33	34	1
Totals	387	384	-3

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Publishing note: There will not be a December issue of the Kansas Governor's Newsletter.

Have a great holidays everyone!

Sertoma Conference Survey

**Distribution – All Sertoma members in
Kansas & Missouri**

Please return by 12/1/2006

*If you attended this year's Fall District Conference
and completed a similar form, please disregard.*

**When completed, please return to North
Missouri Dist. Governor, Bob Hill:
Bob Hill
PO Box 6996
Lee's Summit, MO 64064
Fax to 816-774-2489
Email: bobhill@comcast.net**

Please give this your sincere consideration. We appreciate the time it takes to complete such a survey. As Governors we want to provide the best informative and interactive opportunities for our members and clubs. To steal a well known phrase: To be the best we can be! Each of your governors would like to ask some questions that might help us better understand how we can improve future District Conferences. We are going to begin by going right to the heart and main question:

Do you feel there is a value to you and for your club to attend conferences/conventions:

Yes? Why?

No? Why not?

Location:

The three districts participating the Fall District Conference cover a vast area of geography, all of Ks, and Mo. This represents a total of approximately 29 clubs and over 900 members.

Which of the following locations would most likely increase your particular district\club\personal participation at a future Fall District Conference? Circle one

Columbia Mo Kansas City Metro Area Lake of the Ozarks Topeka Ks.

Any other suggestions:

Meeting content:

What topics would you like to see covered in conferences?

Would you prefer stadium style seating presentations or round table discussion with discussion topics?

Social:

Would you attend activities such as golf and our Friday evening party?

Yes, No

Any other ideas?

Sertoma Conference Survey (continued)

General Questions:

How might we improve the District Conference/Regional Convention to increase club member participation?

Related to the Regional Convention held in the spring, rank the following areas based on their importance to you. (rank 1-6 with 1 being the most important)

- Location
- Sertoma Educational Seminars
- Gathering in fellowship with other Sertomans to learn new & different ideas
- Voting for both Regional & District officers
- Recognition & Awards for jobs well done by clubs & individuals
- Fun
- Other (Please explain): _____

I plan to attend the Regional Convention in Springfield, MO, April 12-14, 2007

Yes (Please explain why): _____

No (Please explain why not): _____

Related to the Annual International Convention, this year held in Norfolk Va. (rank 1-6 with 1 being the most important):

- Location
- Sertoma Educational Seminars
- Gathering in fellowship with other Sertomans to learn new & different ideas
- Voting for both Regional & District officers
- Recognition & Awards for jobs well done by clubs & individuals
- Fun
- Other (Please explain): _____

I plan to attend the International Convention in Norfolk, VA, August 2-4, 2007

Yes (Please explain why): _____

No (Please explain why not): _____

Other than your own clubs regular meetings and activities, if you had the ability to only participate at one of the following Conference, Regional, or International, which one would it be? Circle one Why? _____

Below is a list of Sertoma related materials, events, features etc. Indicate using a 1 as very important, 2 somewhat important, 3 not as important

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| <input type="checkbox"/> My own club meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Sertoma Web Page |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in my clubs service projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PAC Mtg. | <input type="checkbox"/> A member of the foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Convention | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Leadership District Conference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sertoma Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards & recognition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sertoman Digest | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating & fun |

What is the most important thing about Sertoma to me?

SAMPLE

SERTOMAN OF THE YEAR
2005-2006

My Sertoma Club
Jane Doe, President
P.O. Box 123
Kansas City, Missouri

JOSEPH Q. SERTOMAN

SERTOMAN OF THE YEAR
JOSEPH Q. SERTOMAN
My Sertoma Club
Any Town, KS

It is with great pride that My Sertoma Club has chosen Joseph Q. Sertoman as our Sertoman of the Year recipient. Joseph joined My Sertoma Club in July of 1995, and has been a very active and dedicated member. Joe has chaired many of the club committees, ensuring that the committee goals were met or exceeded while in his charge. Joe has been a board member for many years, holding the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Joe has participated in all major fundraisers of My Sertoma Club, always ready to jump in and get the job done. As chair of the 1999 Annual Big Breakfast fundraiser, Joe was instrumental in motivating the club members to sell breakfast tickets to everyone they came in contact with. Due to Joe's encouragement, the club had a record-breaking attendance, earning more sponsorship dollars than ever before. These extra funds allowed the club to award four additional scholarships to students with hearing loss.

During Joe's term as president, the club participated in the Sertoma International Incentives & Recognition Program, earning several awards. For the first time in the history of the club, our president achieved Gold Honor. Through his encouragement, all members participated in an aggressive growth program, ReBOCing with 27 new members! Joe is personally responsible for recruiting 8 of these new Sertomans! Along the way, the club achieved Early Bird GEMHunt, GEMHunt, District Club Excellence and Sertoma Club Achievement. In reaching Gold Honor, several members also achieved individual awards, such as the Presidential Growth Incentive, GEM and Mentor. Not only the club, but also every individual member benefited by Joe's enthusiasm.

Joe has broadened his leadership skill by taking advantage of the training opportunities offered by Sertoma International. Joe regularly participates in International and Division Conferences and Conventions, attending training seminars, Sertoma business meetings and sharing Sertoma fellowship.

Joseph Makes Life Worthwhile through SERVICE TO Mankind everywhere he goes. Outside of Sertoma, Joe stays busy with his family, career, church and other community service organizations.

For over 20 years, Joe has dedicated himself to helping others through his career as a Speech-Language Pathologist. Employed by the Kansas Medical Center, an Affiliate of My Sertoma Club, Joe has been instrumental in procuring equipment needed by the Speech and Language department. Joe has assisted our club in utilizing the Sertoma Foundation Community Service Matching Grant program to help fund necessary computer equipment and software for the medical center. Joe also assisted in securing a communication device for a young girl in our community. He was recently recognized at the medical center for going above and beyond in his service to his patients.

Joseph and his wife Robin have raised three children. They have one son in the military, one son in college and a daughter in high school.

Joe has been actively involved in his Church since childhood. As stated by his minister, you can always count on Joe's participation, especially at fundraisers. At the Kansas Church, Joe currently holds a position on the Board of Directors.

The members of My Sertoma Club are honored to have Joseph Q. Sertoman as a fellow Sertoman, and pleased to present him as our Sertoman of the Year! Joe's dedication to Service To Mankind has made him a great role model to the members of My Sertoma Club. We are extremely fortunate to have Joe as a member of My Sertoma Family, and believe that he will make an ideal representative as the District, Region and International Sertoman of the Year.