



Kansas Sertoma District

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Message from the Governor If First You Don't Succeed . . .

We learn early that success is good and failure is bad. There is nothing wrong with this; however some people become so success-driven, that their fear of failure actually holds them back. Or even worse, a relatively small failure can give some a reason to give-up entirely.

The truth is that if we decide to try something new, a new fundraiser a different approach to recruiting new members, then we have to accept that we may make mistakes, but that from these we will learn and grow.

For those that know me well, they know I can be very competitive. I don't play unless I play to win and I really hate to lose. But we don't always win and how we handle a loss is critical. Do we give up or does our determination and resolve to succeed grow?

We need to aim to develop a positive attitude to failures, seeing what they can teach us. Be prepared to take risks, a new fundraiser or a new meeting location. If it isn't as successful as we hoped, be aware that it may provide the necessary stepping-stone to something which will be highly successful, in other words DON'T GIVE UP!

When Thomas Edison was attempting to discover the light bulb a young reporter interviewed Edison and asked him, "Mr. Edison, how can you continue to try to invent the light bulb when you have failed over 5,000 times." To which Thomas Edison replied, "Young man, I have not failed 5,000 times. I have successfully discovered 5,000 ways that do not work and I do not need to try them again."

Our clubs may not be inventing something which will revolutionize the world, but our efforts directly impact the lives of those in need. So the next time you get a little discouraged, remember Edison and more importantly, the faces of those whom we help.

John Cassida
District Governor

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Fall District Conference

The Fall District Conference is right around the corner (October 28th)! Although all members are encouraged to attend, at a minimum, your Club President, Secretary and Treasurer should make every effort to attend. We are still finalizing the agenda but I can tell you right now, it will not be like any other FDC you may have attended. Working with the other two District Governors, we are committed to making this conference a good use of your time. The \$50 registration fee includes a welcome party Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and best of all an interactive experience guaranteed to be packed with information and fun!

[Click here for the registration form.](#)

Topeka Duck Race

The rain clouds gathered last Saturday morning over Topeka. But just as if it were planned the clouds cleared in the afternoon and gave way to another successful Duck Race! The members of three Topeka clubs came together once again for the District's largest fundraiser. Over 9200 ducks were adopted this year – great job Topeka!



Terry Cuthbertson—the race co-chair is interviewed on local TV



A very large crowd watches as the ducks are released.

District Calendar

Sept 26	<p>Fall District Conference Early Bird!</p> <p>Registration is only \$50 if postmarked by Sept. 26. Registrations received after Sept. 26 will be \$70.</p> <p>Conference Registration Form</p> <p>Golf Tournament Registration Form</p>
Oct 7-8	<p>Atchison Riverboat Cruises – CANCELLED</p> <p>For those who sent in your money – thank you for your support. You can expect to receive your money back shortly.</p>
Oct. 27-28	<p>Fall District Conference President's Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting #1 Club Presidents should Plan to Attend this important meeting.</p>
April 20-21 2007	<p>Regional Convention –Springfield, MO Put this on your calendar now as this will be a very important meeting, including the election of the 2007-2009 Kansas District Governor.</p>

Membership Numbers –

Kansas District Membership Report				
Club	7/06	9/06	+/-	
Atchison Sertoma Club	10	10	0	
Emporia Sertoma Club	49	50	1	
Golden City Sertoma Club	22	22	0	
Johnson County Sertoma	33	30	-3	
Junction City Sertoma Club	19	19	0	
Leavenworth County	26	26	0	
Lawrence Sertoma Club	40	40	0	
Lenexa Sertoma Club	22	22	0	
Manhattan Evening Sertoma	35	34	-1	
Miami County Sertoma Club	15	15	0	
Overland Park Sertoma Club	12	12	0	
Sertoma Luncheon Club	29	29	0	
Topeka Evening Sertoma	42	42	0	
Topeka Heartland Sertoma	33	34	1	
Totals	387	385	-2	

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