

HEARTLAND MESSENGER

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LIFE BEYOND DUCKS

(President's Message)

The first weekend in September is a BIG weekend for Sertoma in Topeka. The Duck weekend. So you may (have) asked – what can I do? By the time you read this newsletter, the race will be over. (your editor was up to her neck in ducks so the newsletter took a back seat – sorry!) ☹ Many of you were able to participate in adopting ducks, tagging ducks, help at Huff & Puff, loading trucks and helping set up, work, and tear down race day. The more hands, the better the event! 11,960 ducks were adopted – wow! Winners can be found at: www.topekaduckrace.org click on “prizes” for the full list.

Thanks to all who were able to participate in any way! The planning for the 2014 race will start next month. Be thinking about how you might like to be involved in the 19th Annual Duck Race. It takes ALL of us to put on this fun event that helps so many in need. Be watching for opportunities to help!

Moving on to a favorite sponsorship of our club, adopting a family(ies) at Christmas time! We have a great committee this year who will help us make the Holidays a bit brighter for families and those in need. When called upon – please consider a donation of a gift, cash, or help shopping or delivering – we ‘givers’ are the ones who truly benefit from our gifts of time and resources. The feeling we have when we see those grateful faces, makes it all worthwhile!

New members are what makes our club thrive, along with our veteran members lending their knowledge and history. Please be thinking of someone to bring to an upcoming meeting, AND, on October 8th, our annual membership luncheon happens, (be watching for more detail on that).

Introduce a friend, family member, co-worker to Sertoma – a great way to give someone else the joy you feel when you know you are helping others!

Thanks. Prez- Ann O'Bryan

NANCY DANIELS' FAMILY NAMED K-STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR !!



You may have recently seen the story on WIBW news but if you did not, you may be interested to know that our own member, Nancy Daniels' family of origin, Bebermeyer – (her mother's family) was named the K-State Family of the Year!

Multiple generations of K-State Alum, an application by a young relative, and voila!! – their family was awarded! Nancy attended a presentation luncheon prior to the game on Saturday Sept 7th, and then 4th quarter of the game, a presentation of the award on the field.

Nancy says “this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I could not miss”. Ask her for more details when you see her at the next meeting! Congrats Nancy!

Go KSU!!

September Calendar

MORE GREAT PROGRAMS AGAIN THIS MONTH – BRING A GUEST!!

September 10th, noon.

Speaker/program: Anita Wolgast (our recent Service to Mankind winner) provided information and news on the latest news about North Topeka Arts District. **** Note **** meeting at NOTO Headquarters, 935 N Kansas, VERY interesting!

Sept. 24, Noon, Library

Speaker: our very own member, Roger Fincher, speaking about Kansas Judicial System and the proposed changes by the Legislature. Bring a friend and join us!

Oct 8th, noon, library

Membership luncheon. Be watching for more details!



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS:

BIRTHDAYS:

- Darin Lawhorn, 9/4
- Greta Johnston – 9/12
- Mike Clifford – 9/24
- David Smith – 9/23
- Amanda Mitchell 9/26
- Terry Beck – 9/27

- ANNIVERSARIES –joining club
- Shane Beavers – 13 years
- H.R. Cook – 12 years
- Ginger Barr – 6 years
- Greta Johnston – 3 years
- Diane Glynn – 2 years
- Helen Pedigo – 1 year
- Betsy Brown- 1 year

CONGRATS TO ALL!!



Terry says: "I've been in Sertoma almost as long as I've been married, that's a long time!"

Highlighting our members:

Keith Napier, with Waddell & Reed – recently qualified for W&R's annual Circle of Champions conference, which recognizes the company's top financial advisors and was held June 20th in Orlando, FL. This recognition marked the second time Keith earned the honor since joining Waddell & Reed in 2009. Way to go Keith!! /j

Lee Belter is getting married on Friday, September 13th, in Auburn, to Sertoman (formerly from St. Joseph, MO and Sertoma Int'l Pres-Elect) David Johnson. Our very best wishes to Lee and David!

Sharon Boranyak was recently awarded the club's Sertoman of the Year award at our annual awards banquet, for the amazing work Sharon does both in Sertoma, and in our community. Kudos to Sharon for all her hours of community service. We are proud of you!!

Ann O'Bryan has a new 4-legged addition to her family – ask to see the pics next time!

(If you have notable/significant news – please share with editor, Julie, for publication and sharing with our fellow members. A great way to get to know each other better!)

Member Spotlight

Submitted by Betsy Brown

Introducing: Terry Beck

Terry Beck joined Sertoma in February of 1976. He got married in August of 1975, three days after he took the bar exam – so truly his years in Sertoma and years of marriage are almost the same! Terry is an attorney in private practice in Topeka – Law Offices of Terry E. Beck, at 5th & Topeka Blvd. Terry bought an old historic 3 story house years ago and converted it to his law office. It's lovely – you should stop by and see it sometime!

Terry has been happily married to his wife Chris for 38 years. They have three children, Julie, Natalie and Thomas, and two grandchildren (Calvin, 2 ½ and Tiernanm, age two weeks. Here is a photo of Terry with the new little one. He's a natural – don't you think?

Terry is a charter member of the Topeka Heartland Club; he was President of the Topeka Evening Club when Heartland was chartered, and earned a Gold Honor Club jacket that year as thanks for his efforts!

Terry enjoys being a member of both Heartland and Evening Clubs; they are different in many ways, but alike in the commitment to service that each has.

Terry's hobbies are playing (bad) golf ☺ and (good??) poker – and enjoying a fine bourbon or scotch on the deck with an equally fine cigar. Terry, we are glad you remain a member of our club and thank you for building our club – and for your service for the last 22 years in the Heartland Club!!

Ducks All Quacked Out for this year!



Although this year's duck race & 5K waddle are now history, & all the ducky things we use like signs, tents, merchandise, balloons, costumes, are all put away, the memories will live on. Sharon and Mark Boranyak have taken many photos of Huff & Puff and race day. We will have them posted and share by the web soon and will send you a link to enjoy! The car winner was VERY excited & appreciative – adopts ducks every year!

Totals are still in the works as far as how much was raised. That info will be shared soon as we are honored to present funds to all the approved non-profits who helped us adopt ducks, as well as funding for the charities our club supports. Please be watching for info about how your input can help our sponsorship committee make those decisions!!!

Sgt at Arms Message for You!



Anyone know what this is? If your answer is no, it's time to clean out the drawers and find your Sertoma pin! Everyone got one when you joined the club and some have several – awarded through the years. You are encouraged to wear it to meetings and also put your name badge on when you arrive at each club meeting!

Sgt. at Arms Dan Hejtmanek will be having some fun with a \$.25 “fine” for failure to wear your pin & badge. On the other hand, Prez Ann O’Bryan is “awarding” you for wearing it, by having a drawing for all who wear their pin! One may offset the other! Just a way to

interject some fun and games into our meeting. Many of us keep our pins at work, in a purse or somewhere where you always have it with you – or perhaps you wear it every day!! It's a great conversation starter as people ask you about that lovely pin! A great way to spread the Sertoma name. This is just for fun so no worries – just a warning!! Ha ha



Keep a few quarters handy!!!

Cell phones on vibrate at meetings please! The club will decide where proceeds go at year's end. ☺

Why do we pay Dues in Sertoma?



Sometimes this questions comes up from our members so this short article will answer that question. Our Heartland Club is part of the Kansas District (12 clubs) of Sertoma, which is part of the Heart of America Region (6 states-KS,MO,ARK,OKLA,TX,LA) and all of us are part of Sertoma International. The dues we pay each quarter to the club, are used, in part, to pay the dues our club pays – per member – to the District, Region, and International, for leadership and services provided to us. Each level of governance has a leader-District Governor, Regional Director and International Board. The small remainder after we pay these dues is used for club administrative expenses.

**** Quarters are: **July 1, Oct 1, Jan 1, April 1** ****

As in many organizations, there are dues assessed to each member. By paying your dues timely, this allows our club to, in turn, pay dues to these three entities. Training is provided, a Headquarter staff in KC is available to assist us, publications are provided to members, liability insurance is provided for our duck race, networking with other clubs, a website, etc. All of these things cost money – like any business – and thus it is important that we remember that it helps our club keep our finances in order, when we pay our dues timely. Any questions?? Ask Treasurer, Joan Wacker, or any club member.

Thanks for your diligence!

Your 2013-2014 Leadership Team:

Board of Directors:

- President: Ann O'Bryan
- President-Elect (& Chr of Bd): Keith Napier
- 1st Vice President: David Smith
- 2nd Vice President: Julie Hejtmanek
- Sec/Treas: Joan Wacker
- Sgt at Arms: Dan Hejtmanek
- One-year Board members:
 - Carey Clingan
 - Mike Clifford
- Two-year Board members:
 - Eric Claspill
 - Katie Beach
 - Lynne Bourne



HELP NEEDED!!!

Your editor, Julie, could REALLY use a bit of help with the newsletter. If someone could please volunteer to submit just one article each month, that can be about anything – can be Sertoma (there are LOTS of ways to Google Sertoma throughout the country and find out what other clubs are doing – or an interesting article about anything in life, in the news, world-wide, tips, jokes - you name it

This is YOUR newsletter. What would you like to see included?

Could someone please help by providing this “this and that” article to me each month?

Your editor would be greatly appreciative of any help. No worries on the wording – editing provided! ☺





PHOTO CORNER

Babies, Babies, Babies!!!

Mike Clifford's 13th (wow!) grandchild, Harley Renee Wright, born 8/22 in Oklahoma City – 7 lb 14 oz.



Tired mom Katie Beach, with new son, Lincoln, (now a month old) and older brother Porter.



Please send your photos to Julie @ juliehejtmanek@ksjustice.com to share with our Sertoma family! It's fun to learn about each other by sharing vacation pics, family photos, other important events in your lives!

