

# HEARTLAND MESSENGER

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## APRIL Calendar

### April meetings:

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

**April 9, Club Mtg-noon,**  
\*\*\*NOTE Location: TARC,  
2701 SW Randolph,  
PROGRAM: Our own member, Betsy Brown gives us a tour of the facility and shares what TARC Industries and Services can do to help you!!

**APRIL 16 – duck race mtg**  
– library, noon.

**April 23, Club Mtg-noon**  
at the library.  
PROGRAM: Eva Edmonds, Austrian born Holocaust survivor, went into hiding as a child and kept a diary. Come & learn her amazing story of courage, tragedy, faith and family. Eva will share with us photographs, a map of her journey to safety and other memorabilia.

## SERVING MANKIND

President's Message by Keith Napier



As I write this column, we are in the midst of Holy Week. The ultimate example of living a selfless life. With each Sertoma meeting and activity, we encourage each other to “serve mankind”. There is no better way to keep our own lives in balance, than by making sure that the needs of others are taken care of.

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”

–Rabindranath Tagore

“As far as service goes, it can take the form of a million things. To do service, you don't have to be a doctor working in the slums for free, or become a social worker. Your position in life and what you do doesn't matter as much as HOW you do what you do.”

–Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

May we continue to cheer each other on as we serve this community. Let's do it to the fullest!

Your President,

*Keith Napier*

## WHO AM I



At each meeting, Robin Elliot and the Retention Team, have a fun game to play called “Who Am I” – a chance for us to know each other better. “Clues” will be given, guesses made, and prizes awarded to the correct guess. At last meeting, here were the clues:

- I have a toy poodle and pocket parrot
- I was born in Montana
- I have a grandson who is 22 months old
- Hobbies: gardening, landscaping, interior design, floral design
- I have traveled to 19 countries, favorites: Australia, Ireland & Scotland.
- I LOVE Cheesecake Factory!
- I lived in Australia for a year.

ANSWER? Can you guess??

(see page 4 for the answer & photo)

## DUCKY

## UPDATE



Great things are happening for the 2013 Duck Race. Laird Noller has just announced they are giving us a 2004 RED Mustang Convertible, as our grand prize for the first duck that crosses the finish line – yeah! PLEASE stop by Laird Noller, 22<sup>nd</sup> & S. Topeka Blvd., and thank any of the sales staff for their generosity. WOW!!!

St. Patrick's Day  parade was a huge success – everyone LOVES Quacky – both the costumed version and our 12' balloon who rode proudly in the parade. THANKS to Mike Murphy with Murphy's Pallet for providing the trailer to carry Quacky. Take a look on Facebook for “Topeka Duck Race” and you will see lots of great photos of Quacky at the parade, the Gov. Easter Egg Hunt, and the cool new logo for this year's race – Quacky in scuba gear – ha!

Upcoming Ducky steering committee meetings, noon at the library:

April 16, May 15, June 12, July 10, and August 7<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and learn more about this great event, and how you might become more involved!!



#### APRIL CELEBRATIONS:

#### BIRTHDAYS:

- Katie Beach, 4/6
- Laura Graham, 4/7
- Connie Michaelis, 4/20
- Sheila Locke, 4/21
- Jessica Cichy, 4/21
- April Best, 4/24
- Don Cooper, 4/25

#### ANNIVERSARIES (of joining the club)

- Rebecca Atnip, 1 year
- Mike Clifford, 1 year
- David Smith, 1 year
- Angie Flohrschutz, 6 years
- Jim Garrison, 6 years
- Jo Salehar, 8 years
- Laura Graham, 9 years

CONGRATS TO ALL!!



Says Greta: "I was named after the fairy tale: 'Hansel & Gretel'" Read the article to see why!!!

## SAFE EARS – To Hear the Future

Did you know? That our club provides a presentation each year to hundreds of grade school kids, teaching them the importance of protecting their hearing, learning about "how loud is too loud" in a fun, skit format? We are SO fortunate to have several members who are experts in the field of speech & hearing, working at USD 501.

They plan a fun assembly for the kids, including music, handouts and sometimes a skit! Even rap music!

If you would like to see this great Sponsorship project in action, mark your calendars for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Williams Science & Fine Arts Magnet School.

This effort is provided by our club as part of

Sertoma's hearing health mission, teaching kids to protect their hearing NOW – because when it's gone – it's gone!

Members Peggy Fisher, Helen Van Etten, April Best and Greta Johnston work hard to provide this great program for kids in Topeka during May – which is .....  
"Better Hearing & Speech Month".



THANKS to all of you ladies at USD 501 who help provide SERvice TO Mankind, in such a meaningful way!!

### Member Spotlight

Submitted by Ann O'Bryan

#### Introducing: Greta Johnston

I was born in Beemer, Nebraska. I was named after the fairy tale, Hansel & Gretel, as my brother's name is Hons. I attended the University of Nebraska/Kearney, earning a BS in Communication Disorders and a Masters of Science in Education, with Speech Language Pathology Degree.

I came to Kansas, following my husband to law school and his career. We have one daughter, Cora, 19 months old. I love to sew, read and watch Husker (of course!) football. I also love the TV show, Downton Abbey. ☺

I am employed as a speech language pathologist with Topeka 501 School District, where I work with a wide variety of students – it is NEVER boring!

I am also the door prize chair for the Duck Race. Wanna help me?

## New Sertoma Club in Branson forming

If you know anyone living in the Branson, Missouri or surrounding area, please let Julie know. A club in Springfield is working to build a new Sertoma Club in Branson and would appreciate your referrals. Let's help Sertoma Growwww - across the nation!



Thanks!



**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**

EVERY SINGLE SERTOMAN has a voice in Sertoma's future. Many members are not able to attend the International Convention each year to vote, so that opportunity is now given to you, to have a vote and a say in Sertoma's future.

There is one candidate for Jr. Vice President, Don Bartelmay from Aiken, SC; and two candidates running for Director at Large; Jo Carroll from Colorado and Kay Telford from Omaha. You may read about the candidates running for office in the *Sertoman Magazine* recently mailed to you, or by going to the Sertoma website: <http://www.sertoma.org> On Sertoma's home page, click on "Candidates for National Office" to find out more.

**\*\*ONLINE VOTING** will be open for club members between March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>, at midnight.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** make sure you have a user name prior to online voting (which you must have!) Go to [www.sertoma.org](http://www.sertoma.org) click "login" or if new to the site, "New User Registration" and follow the prompts. It is quick and easy but the system takes 24-48 hours to generate access so please log in well before the election to get your user name & password set up. Any questions about this process, contact Joan Wacker, Club Liaison [wackerjoan@yahoo.com](mailto:wackerjoan@yahoo.com) or 207 2471 and she will walk you through the process. There is also a test vote on the digital Sertoma magazine center box on the right. You can do this to try out the voting procedure. Happy Voting!

Joan Wacker – Club Liaison

**2013 SERTOMA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

St. Louis, Missouri, Hotel Frontenac

April 18-20, 2013

Registration forms and information can be found on the [www.sertoma.org](http://www.sertoma.org) website as well as details about hotel and convention format. Registration includes all business sessions, seminars, and some meals. Our club has budgeted to pay training for incoming officers. Please talk to a Board member if you are interested in attending.

**DID YOU KNOW????????????????**

Why we pay dues to Heartland Sertoma? As a member of our club, you are part of a larger network of over 600 Sertoma Clubs throughout North America, with about 16,000 members. All members pay dues to their local clubs, making them part of their districts (our is Kansas District), part of their regions (our is the Heart of America) and part of the international organization – Sertoma International.

You are provided member services at all these levels: District Governors providing regular newsletters, training, visits and networking; regionally leadership provided on the national board by a regional director, who provides a fall convention with additional training for the region, networking and friendships; and finally from Sertoma International, a wealth of information, training, conferences, annual convention, non-profit status, liability insurance for our fund raisers, and services to all of us by way of the quarterly magazine, *The Sertoman*, news publication *The Sertoma Digest*, and e-blasts with news around Sertomaland.

All of this costs money. Our club pays dues to our District Governor, Regional Director and sertoma HQ based on a per-member basis. Part of the dues YOU pay goes to these three important areas of Sertoma.

Since our club pays dues on our behalf, we benefit from all these services. It is OUR obligation to pay dues to our club for these services from which we benefit.

Along with the privilege of helping others, networking, developing leadership skills, learning, training, FUN, comes the obligation of paying dues. THANKS for your timely payments!

- Laura Graham

## WHO AM I??

(From Page 1)

And the answer is:

REBECCA ATNIP!



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Julie inducting our newest member at the last meeting, Leslie Garwood. WELCOME Leslie!

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## Vacation Photos

Featured vacation photos this month: member Sharon Boranyak and husband Mark, recently returned from a wonderful trip to the Antarctic – wow! Check out these amazing photos!!



Penguins at play



Humpback whale breaching

## More vacation photos:



Sunset in Antarctica-full moon



First Landing in Antarctica-BRR



Leopard Seal on the shoreline



Adelle Penguin with chick



Mark is the avid photographer but Sharon took some photos of her own!



A penguin colony being photographed by Sharon  
Their boat in the background

WOW – these are amazing! Thanks for submitting!

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(please send Julie YOUR photos of a vacation, a child/grandchild, something cool you saw/did, for future posting!)