

HEARTLAND MESSENGER

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JULY Calendar

June meetings:

GREAT PROGRAMS AGAIN THIS MONTH – BRING A GUEST!!

July 9, Club Mtg-noon,

***NOTE location change!
Kansas Air Nat'l Guard Museum, 6700 SW Topeka, Bldg 301. (see related article on page 3 for more detail)
Program/ Speaker: Retired Brigadier Gen (and now President of the Museum), Ed Gerhardt, talking about the purpose of the museum.

July 10 – duck race mtg – library, noon. Y'all come!

July 23, Club mtg, noon

Back to the library, 2nd floor.
Speaker: Curtis Sneden;
topic: "Super Memory" – and how you can have one!
Don't miss this great program.

Thanks to our fabulous program committee!!

"Can you Believe It?" (President's Message)

Can you believe it? It is the first of July! I am looking forward to serving as your 2013-2014 Heartland Sertoma President and appreciate all of you who have agreed to help me along the way! As we celebrate our independence this week with family events, fireworks, and remembrance of those who have lost their lives to give us our freedoms, I would like to share with you a few things I am personally thankful for:

****Health:** I am so thankful for my health of my family – it's what allows us to do great things!

****Friendship:** For me, my friends keep me grounded & laughing through the hard times!

****Family:** Waking up every day knowing that my family is there for me is a truly wonderful feeling.

Lastly, I am so very thankful to be associated with an organization like SERTOMA. Over the last few years of my membership, I have enjoyed meeting fun and interesting new friends and getting involved in meaningful projects that give others a hand-up.

Being a member of SERTOMA makes me a **HEALTHIER** person and enriches my **FRIENDSHIPS** – thanks to all of you for being in my SERTOMA FAMILY!!

- Ann O'Bryan

QUACKIN' UP!

Just over two months until duck day – here's what's happening:

Job openings ☺ ☺☺☺☺

***THANKS to Kara Schuetz for coordinating the adoption certificate and poster distribution to our sponsors. We are well on our way to getting these delivered. If you haven't signed up on Kara's "Sign up Genius" website (see her email of 6/25) please so do. We still have a few businesses left to deliver posters & certificates.

***Volunteer coordinator for Race Day. Working the volunteer check-in booth, checking in and assigning volunteers as they arrive.

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP!!:

****July 4th**, Lake Shawnee, Need volunteers to work a shift to adopt ducks. Need one helper 12-2:00 and one helper 2-4:30. Call Donna Linton 221 4589 if you can help!



****July 6 – Fiesta Mexicana Parade**, downtown Topeka, 8:00 am staging and float decoration (fun!), parade starts at 10:30. Line up on Ks Ave between 1st & 4th Streets. Need walkers, candy people, costume wearer, set up. Wear a duck shirt of your "Fiesta" wear! ☺ fun times!

**August 17 – Railroad Days,

Great Overland Station, 9:00 – 4:30 – adoption booth workers needed. Pick a shift!

Sept. 4th – Duck Tagging Party, 5:30 – 8:00 – Lake Shawnee Parks & Rec offices, 3137 SE 29th, Maintenance Bldg. **DRESS CASUAL** – pizza & soda provided.

Sept. 6th – Huff & Puff Illumination & Ducky sales – 5:30 to dark. Duck adoption booth helpers needed.

Sept. 7th – RACE DAY – all hands on duck!! 5K race/waddle in the morning, duck race set-up, work a shift, tear down, 10am to 6pm (2 hour shifts) sign up sheet will be circulated.

Website is "live" – check it out at:

www.topekaduckrace.org



Adopt your duck, join or form a team and let's get adoptions going! Check out all the cool prizes, sponsors and activities!

Thanks for helping!!



JULY CELEBRATIONS:

BIRTHDAYS:

- Kara White – 7-1
- Jon Scott, 7-7
- Katie McCollom, 7-10
- Keith Napier, 7-12
- Dan Hejtmanek, 7-22
- Ruth Gardner, 7-31
- ANNIVERSARIES –joining club
- Roger Fincher, 20 years – WOW!

CONGRATS TO ALL!!

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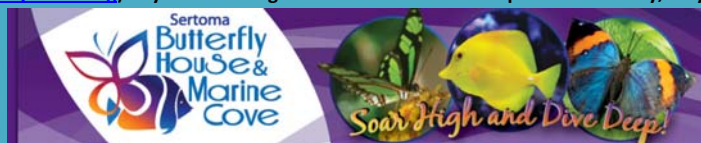


Ginger says: "The Duck Sales Teams are the HEART of the Duck Race" and she loves working with HER teams!

## DID YOU KNOW ?????

By Laura Graham

Some of our sister clubs offer not just myriad ways to serve mankind . . . but even a possible vacation destination! The Sioux Falls (South Dakota) Noon Sertoma Club (<http://noonsertoma.com/>), serves its community in a big way. Sertoma Park, the area's first handicapped-accessible park, was built with a \$600,000 club donation to the City of Sioux Falls in 1992. And in the last decade, the Sertoma Butterfly House and Marine Cove has been developed in Sertoma Park ([www.sertomabutterflyhouse.org](http://www.sertomabutterflyhouse.org)). If you're looking for a fun summer road trip with the family, why not check it out?!



Located at Sertoma Park, 4320 Oxbow Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 605 334-9466

### Soar High!

*Enjoy over 800 free-flying tropical butterflies from around the world in an 80 degree oasis.*

The Butterfly House is home to butterflies from around the world including Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. They begin their journeys at butterfly farms and once they form their chrysalises, they travel to their new home with us where they hatch into beautiful butterflies.

Step into a whole new world, where tropical flowers surround you and it's always a pleasant 80 degrees.

Hundreds of colorful butterflies gracefully flit by to welcome you to their home. This serene haven is a place of discovery, wonder, healing and peace. Immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring beauty that is the Butterfly House and feel like you are in a tropical destination.

### Dive Deep!

*View marine fishes and live corals in over 5,000 gallons of aquariums.*

Witness the stunning beauty of the mysterious underwater world. The strange and amazing swim up to say hello as you view aquatic life from around the globe. Mesmerizing colors and motions relax, amaze and spark curiosity. Dive in and experience the fascinating Marine Cove, which includes:

Thirteen freshwater and saltwater aquariums, ranging from 120 to 2,300 gallons in size;  
Soft corals and reef-building corals; Clown Fish; Lionfish; Tangs; Stingrays; Sharks! And many more!

## Member Spotlight

### Introducing: Ginger Barr

Ginger Barr is the phantom of the Heartland Sertoma Club. She lives and works out of her home/office in Auburn, Ks. In recent years her schedule does not bring her to Topeka on Tuesday's. Time management is important to everyone and being a busy person, she tries to make every day successful! Ginger works each year on the Sertoma Duck Race with the sales committee. She enjoys it because she feels that it is the "heart" of the Duck Race and something she can do on her own time. She has set up her accounts to be Hayden High School Band, Topeka High School Band, St. David's Episcopal Church and Unity Church of Christianity. Every year she works her accounts making sure that Sertoma is represented.

Ginger is married to Ed Carpenter (he kept his maiden name) ☺ and they celebrated this June the marriage of their son, Jordan, to Christie Shofler of Wichita. Ginger also works at her small management company that deals with rental properties and business offices. From 1983-1991 Ginger proudly served in the Kansas House of Representatives! She loved the education experience. She also served as Chair of the Federal and State Affairs Committee as a traditional/moderate Republican, before retiring to stay at home with their son and focus on her business. She is still active in politics by supporting candidates who share her philosophy.

Besides loving people, Ginger's other passion is animals. She is spending considerable time in BARK (Barr Animal Rescue Kare) that she founded with her sister in honor of her parents. This nonprofit helps people as well as animal shelters with special needs when it comes to animals. All monies collected for the "kare" of rescued animals goes directly to their needs. One of the last big volunteering jobs she did was with the ASPCA in caring for dogs that were seized by the federal government regarding a dog fighting ring that involved three states of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas which she said was most rewarding.

The next time you see Ginger at a meeting – welcome her back – and thank her for all she does for Sertoma and our community! ☺

## ***Our July 9<sup>th</sup> Program In Detail .....***

We are in for a treat next Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. A great time to invite a prospective member to join you! At noon, meet us at the Kansas Air National Guard Museum, 6700 S. Topeka Blvd., Bldg 301. Topeka Blvd South to main entrance of Forbes Field where you will then turn east. There is a HUGE KC-124 refueling tanker jet parked at the entrance with other equipment on display – you can't miss it! If you are at Heartland Park raceway – you've gone too far!

The Kansas Nat'l Guard Museum opened in 1997 and was formerly Forbes Air Base. It is dedicated to preserving the 157 year militia heritage of the citizen soldiers of the Ks Army Air Nat'l Guard including those who serve in the Kansas Volunteer Militia. Open from 10am to 4pm Tues-Sat. there is no admission charge. A life-sized bronze Kansas Minuteman greets you as you



enter.

The Museum includes over 120 interior exhibits from the Civil War to the Global War on Terrorism. A 6-acre outdoor display area features over 30 pieces of equipment of the Kansas Army & Air Nat'l Guard including an M-1 tank, KC-125 refueling Tanker, F-4 fighter air-craft, RB-57 bomber, six helicopters, five artillery pieces, variety of trucks.

Brigadier General (ret'd) Ed Gerhardt will be presenting to us the purpose of the museum, and allowing us to enjoy its content. He is the President and Operations Officer of the Ks Nat'l Guard Museum. He served over 38 years in the Ks Army Nat'l Guard, retiring in 1998 as the Asst. Adjutant General, Army, and Commander of the Ks Army Nat'l Guard. Among his awards were the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal. He was also a principal in Kansas schools for over 39 years, including Perry-Lecompton, Emporia and Santa Fe Trail, retiring from education in 2008.

We hope you can join us for this fascinating tour! (lunch catered in)

## **One of our own named to Kansas Board of Regents**

Helen Van Etten, our member who is an Audiologist with Topeka Public Schools, was recently appointed by the Governor to the Kansas Board of Regents for a 4-year term. A news release was recently generated by the Governor's office. Helen serves on the Board of Governors for the Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series, has a Bachelor of Education in Health Education/Special Education from the National Taiwan Normal University, her Masters of Audiology at Wayne State University and her Doctorate of Audiology Program from University of Florida. Among Helen's accomplishments, is mentioned in the press release that Helen is a member of the Heartland Sertoma Club. Helen we are very proud of you!

## **President Ann's Goals for 2013-14:**

- \*\*Increase Club Unity to having "greeters" at each meeting, to help find member name tags, and welcome each member.
- \*\*Increase membership by at least 4 members, while retaining current members;
- \*\*Work with members who are 'hibernating' to get re-involved in Club committees and activities, with a personal outreach to them.
- \*\*Build member retention by providing thanks and recognition for a job well done.
- \*\*Attendance, committee projects, participation in meetings to engage all members.
- \*\*\* Let's help our President' meet her goals !!!!



## Your 2013-2014 Leadership:

Board of Directors:

President: Ann O'Bryan  
President-Elect (& Chr of Bd): Keith Napier  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: David Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Additional Leadership:

Cady Macfee – Club Liaison

Greta Johnston &amp; Kara Schuetz,

### Assistants to the Secretary/Treasurer

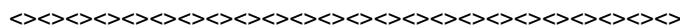
LOTS of committees to work on. Have YOU signed up yet? President Ann will be reaching out to all members asking for your participation on at least one committee. Please be a part of your club! It's a great way to get to know fellow members better, AND feel good about your participation! THANKS.



## PHOTO SPOT



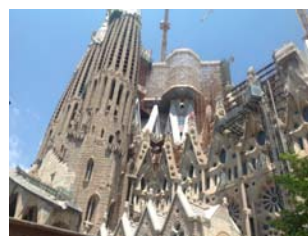
Harriet Lange's nephew who is serving in Afghanistan, his 5<sup>th</sup> tour! Major Jason Lange. Harriet says: "We are very proud of him and all military men and women around the world, and the service he and they, are providing to our country. We are praying that Jason will return home to Ft. Bragg, NC, unharmed, around Thanksgiving this year!" Harriet, we pray this for you and him as well!



## How Kara White Spent her

## Summer Vacation!!? ☺

**(Answer: Barcelona!)**



**WOW – how fun! Can't wait to hear all about it!**

If YOU have some photos of family, friends, vacation or anything you'd like to share- please send to Julie Hejtmanek, Editor.  
Thanks!