

The Johnson County Sertoman

Heart of America Region – Kansas District – Johnson County Sertoma Club – Feb 1, 2010

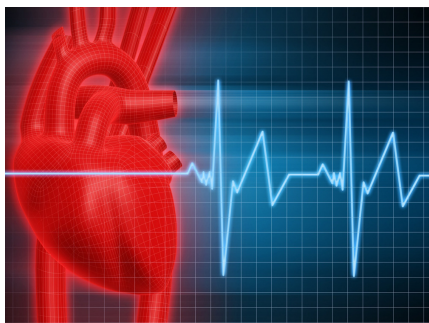
Meetings & Events

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 2010

Club Meeting

Speaker: Lorell LaBoube,
The Center for Practical Bioethics
“**Health Care Reform Part II - What happened, what's going to happen, and what it means to you**” An update on the bills that have passed congress and the legislature, and how it might impact us and our community.

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Carraba's - 105th & Metcalf



Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 2010

Club Business Meeting

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Board Meeting

7:55 - ?

Carraba's - 105th & Metcalf

Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010

New Member Open House

Awards Presentations

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Carraba's - 105th & Metcalf

From the President

As I'm writing this message, the snow is falling, and the wind is blowing outside. Again. Don't get me wrong, I LOVE the snow. I just wish I hadn't been told “Oh, you won't need your awesome 8 horse, two-stage snow blower here in Kansas. It hardly every snows very much”. So I sold it before I moved here from Utah. So much for free advice!

If you missed the last meeting of Johnson County Sertoma, you missed a lot of important planning, discussion, decision making! Before you read further, please grab your appointment book, calendar, iPhone or Blackberry and get the following dates in your schedule:

- Our **New Member Open House** will be **Wednesday, March 3rd**, and we are asking EVERY member to please bring at least one guest/potential new member. During this meeting, we will also be awarding the Sertoman of the Year and the Service to Mankind awards.
- The **Turkey Creek Festival** fundraiser is **Saturday, May 15th** in Merriam.
- The annual **Sports Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing** is **June 22nd-25th**.

Please assist in any way you can with all of these important events. If you can't make it, perhaps you can recruit a new member to take your place. :-)

Wanted: Leader/Event Planner

The club is interested in having a 75th Anniversary celebration in the fall, but we need someone to step up and help chair a committee to plan and organize the event. This is a VERY important milestone in for the club, and we want to make sure we do a first class job. By accepting the chair position, you DO NOT have to do all the work! You just need to rally the team to make it happen. We have people willing to pitch in, but we need a leader to step up and whip the rest of us into shape! Are YOU that leader?

Thanks to everyone in Johnson County Sertoma for all that you do for your club and your community!

- Marty M. Fahncek
Club President

New Member Open House

Think of a few people you like and might want to get to know better, and choose one (or two) who seems to be an upstanding individual. Take five minutes to say hello and tell them briefly about a couple things you really like about Sertoma. Be yourself. Tell them you would like to bring them to a meeting and free dinner at Carraba's.

Wednesday, March 3rd is our New Member Open House, and each member should invite at least one person. It promises to be a fun evening.

Remember, the best way for people to get more out of their own lives is by giving to others, giving back to their community. You can feel good about sharing an opportunity that would truly make your friends feel good about themselves.

Turkey Creek Fundraiser

May 15, 2010 is our Turkey Creek fundraiser. We will, once again, be selling hotdogs and brats at Antioch Park. However, this is where the similarity to previous Turkey Creek fundraisers ends.

At the last business meeting, Marty challenged us: How can we make this event more successful?

As it turns out someone was thinking outside the box. We will have one or two people at the park entrance handing out bright orange coupons for a free bag of chips with every hotdog or brat. Who doesn't want something for free? At the same time, we will tell them where to find our booth. This promises to be the best Turkey Creek fundraiser yet! What a great idea!

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Chocolate Quiz

1. Who was the first European known to have encountered the cacao bean from which chocolate is made?
 - a. Christopher Columbus
 - b. Hernandez Cortez
 - c. John Cabot
 - d. Ponce de Leon
2. The Mayans had a cacao god named Ek Chuah, whom they honored with a festival each April. Along with the usual animal sacrifices, how did they celebrate?
 - a. by bathing in cocoa
 - b. by dancing on a mountain top
 - c. by exchanging gifts
 - d. by performing skits enacting the creation of cacao
3. Which three countries had the highest per capita consumption of chocolate in 2005?
 - a. Austria, France and Belgium
 - b. Ireland, Switzerland and Great Britain
 - c. Kuwait, Germany and Italy
 - c. USA, Norway and Canada

The answers are as follows. Questions #1: Christopher Columbus, on his 4th and final voyage to the Americas. The Spaniards seized a native dugout laden with cacao beans and other trade goods. However, it wasn't until Cortez returned from Mexico 20 years later with three chests full of cacao beans that the value was realized.

Question #2: The Mayans of Central America celebrated the cacao god each April by exchanging gifts.

Question #3: Switzerland and Ireland are long time leaders in chocolate consumption, with Switzerland as the leading manufacturer. They export as much as they consume. Ireland eats the most with consumption of about 24.7 lbs. per year. This is about twice as much chocolate as Americans and Canadians consume.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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February 2010

	1	2 Groundhog Day	3 CLUB MEETING	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentines Day ♥	15 President's Day	16 Mardi Gras	17 Ash Wed. CLUB MEETING	18	19	20
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27
28	<p>Sertoma convention this year is July 29-31 at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk in San Antonio. Regional convention this year is April 22-24, 2010 in Kansas City, Missouri.</p>					

March 2010

	1	2	3 CLUB MEETING	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING St. Patrick	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Passover	31	1	2 Good Friday	3

