



Dry Creek Chat

Official Epistle of the Dry Creek Sertoma Club

8:00 am Meetings, 1st Wednesday at Toast, 3rd on ZOOM
2630 W. Belleview, Littleton and/or on ZOOM
Lunch Bunch Meetings, 2nd Fridays, 11:30 am
at Various locations and/or on ZOOM



What's happening this quarter?

October is the beginning of the second Sertoma fiscal year. Submissions to headquarters during this quarter are:

- The Annual Activities Report is submitted to headquarters by November 15 to provide information on what the club is doing in the name of service. This report is required for the club to maintain our 501(c)(3) status.
- Any time a new member is added or deleted from a club, a Membership Information Form is required.
- Application for Club Grant must be made online by November 1 to support a community charitable program or organization.
- National dues invoices are also paid to headquarters upon receipt.

During this quarter, it is important that the board and each committee review club goals for the year.

Officers & Directors

2022-2023

Chairman of the Board:

Monica Watts

President:

Margaret Wright

Secretary:

Lynn Robinson

Treasurer:

Joyce Peluso

VP Membership:

Ilene Wieder

VP Programs:

Susie Anderson

VP Sponsorship:

Karen Lauter

Dir Ways & Means

Monica Watts

Dir Publicity

Kimba Langas

Dir Social

Karla Ferguson

30 years and still going strong

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What's happening this quarter?

Locally, our new committee assignments and all groups are actively planning goals and plans of action for the year. Equally important is determining a budget. There are always certain expenses that have to be made. For example, your club dues are based on what must be collected to cover the dues, fees, insurance, etc. expected by headquarters and operational costs to run the club's business. For our club to assist community organizations, Ways and Means provides an estimated budget from planned events throughout the year that enables Sponsorship to plan their budget of who gets how much and when, based on the timing of fundraising events. All other committees get involved in some way with each of these endeavors.

WAYS AND MEANS

This quarter was kicked off with the Littleton Craft Fair which was fun and profitable. The next fundraiser is:

- Lynch Creek Farm holiday decorations which include wreaths, trees, centerpieces, home décor and salmon. Yes, smoked salmon. Yum

SPONSORSHIP

Our affiliates and sponsored organizations continue to be supported financially and through volunteer help.

We continue helping IFCS sort produce that allows IFCS to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to families weekly. On Nov. 19, we will be helping assemble Thanksgiving boxes that IFCS will hand out to people. And I am talking hundreds of boxes.

Have you ever been to Gracefull Café on Curtis in downtown Littleton? They provide breakfast and lunch to everyone.

Some can't pay and some of us pay more than the cost to make up for those who can't. It's good food too. Try it!

PROGRAMS

Speakers will be included in our breakfast meetings, whether in-person or via ZOOM. Some are yet to be determined so let Susie Anderson know if there is someone who you think would be a great speaker for our group.

Barb Lotze with Cycling Without Age was wonderful and Troy Knuckles with Howdy Homemade Ice Cream was inspiring in that his heroes that work for him are special needs people.

Who we look forward to include:

- November 2 – Lt. Richard Anselmi speaking on his Reading to Horses Program using miniature horses. And yes, miniature horses will come to Toast.
- November 15 – Maybe Meals on Wheels
- December – Probably holiday fun

What's happening this quarter? (cont)

MEMBERSHIP - INTERCLUB RELATIONS

LUNCH BUNCH

Good food, good people, good Sponsorship donations. That's what it's all about. Donations this year have already gone to Operation Homefront, Coats for Colorado, and Gracefull Café. October's planning came up with another good year. Next scheduled:

- November – Lids for Kids @ Lansdowne Arms, Highlands Ranch
- December – Angel Tree Gifts for Seniors @ Hacienda Colorado, Lakewood

FREEDOM WEEK

Freedom Week is an Interclub Relations activity that works with schools to have eighth graders compete on essays entitled "What Freedom Means to Me." It culminates at a luncheon in February. We will be receiving essays from 2 schools before Thanksgiving when we will start reading to determine a winner from each school.

FUNDRAISING EVERYDAY

King Soopers provides loyalty card benefits to Dry Creek Sertoma. Enroll and identify Dry Creek Sertoma is your **Community Service** organization. You will then start making money for our club every time you shop.

Bring your used ink cartridges to Margaret as these are worth \$\$ for our Club! **Office Depot/Office Max** has a recycling rewards program for used ink cartridges.

SOAP BOX DERBY

It is yet to be determined what will happen with The Mile High Soap Box Derby. Since the beginning of Covid, they have been reorganizing. This program has been supported by the Metro area Sertoma clubs since 2007.

CELEBRATE SOUND

It is undetermined how this will proceed. It is rumored the name may change.

SOCIAL

Great Anniversary party was provided by our social committee. Thank you, ladies! SEE NEXT SECTION

Good books are being discussed.

For Nov 11, we will be at Howdy Homemade Ice Cream (and ZOOM) to talk about the humorous Louisiana Longshot by Jana DeLeon. Read it or not but come join us.

PUBLICITY

Check out Facebook (Dry Creek Sertoma) and Website (dcsertoma.org).

30th Anniversary

October 29 1992. Arapahoe was 40 years old and believed that women should be in Sertoma clubs. So, Sam Anderson, Past International President and others invited a number of local women to join together and form Dry Creek. There are still three charter members (Lianne Bower, Mary Hewett, & Joyce Peluso). Karen Todd just missed being a charter member.



The club chartered with 42 members
 1st major hands-on project was testing the hearing of newborns at Littleton Hospital.
 1st major fundraiser was Grilled Corn on the Cob at the Western Welcome Week.
 In the 1st 10 years, we raised more than \$100,000.

What are the Duties of Officers?

The following information is taken from our Bylaws. It outlines the basic responsibilities of the core board members.

ARTICLE VI – Officers.

The Officers of the club shall include the President, immediate Past President who shall serve as Chairman of the Board, the Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person.

Section 1. - Duties of Officers.

- A. President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall perform such other duties as are necessary and incidental to the proper administration of the affairs of the club, except such duties which are specifically delegated herein to other Officers. The President shall be charged with the responsibility of appointing Officers and Directors to committees and supervising all Officers, Directors and committees at the annual meeting.
- B. Vice Presidents.** The Vice Presidents shall serve as assistants to the President in the administration of the affairs assigned to them by the President, and as chairmen of the specified committees.
- C. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the club, accounting to the club at its annual meeting and at such other times as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall, upon retirement from office, turn over to the successor, or to the President, all funds in possession and all records of the club. The Treasurer shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to the office, in a manner prescribed by Sertoma, and shall give a fidelity bond (to be paid for by the club) if required by the Board of Directors.
- D. Secretary.** The Secretary shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, keep all records of the business transactions of the club, including membership record changes. These shall be submitted to Sertoma, Inc. by noon central time on the last business day of the quarter. The Secretary shall also submit such other reports as required by Sertoma, Inc. The Secretary shall order awards, including the Past President's pin. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall give a fidelity bond (to be paid for by the club) if required by the Board of Directors.

What do the Committees Do?

The following information is taken from our Policies. It outlines the basic responsibilities of each committee.

ARTICLE V – Committees.

Section 1. Leadership Training. Following the annual election, the newly elected President of the club shall call a meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors for the purpose of reviewing with each Officer and Director the committee chairmanships for the ensuing year.

Section 2. Committees Appointed. Within sixty (60) days thereafter, the President and Committee Chairmen will provide a list of committee members to the club. Committee members shall be appointed by the President, respective Officer or Director in charge of such committees.

Section 3. Committee Reports. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each Board member shall report to the Board, in writing, the plans for her committee. Such report(s) may be accepted, amended or rejected by the Board.

Section 4. Executive Committee.

A. Composition. The Chairman of the Board, the President, Vice Presidents, the Treasurer and the Secretary shall constitute the Executive Committee of the club. The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee.

B. Responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall be charged with making plans for the operation of the club activities; shall devise plans for providing for the financial requirements of the club; shall audit the books and accounts of the club whenever requested by the Board to do so; and shall be charged with such duties as assigned and delegated to it from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Finance Committee.

A. Composition. The Treasurer will serve as Chairman of the Committee. No less than two additional members will be appointed by the President.

B. Responsibilities. This committee is charged with management, tracking and report of all financial assets and obligations of the club. This would include all and any events, meetings or other activities that involve the collection or distribution of funds. All activities will be conducted within the financial policies of Sertoma, and be available on demand to members.

Section 6. Membership and Growth Committee, under the supervision of the Vice-President of Membership, as designated by the President, shall focus on issues related to recruitment and retention of members – including but not limited to training, orientation and recognition. This committee will work with the Secretary to encourage members to attend meetings. In addition, this committee shall be responsible for recognizing special events in the lives of each member. Membership should include at least two additional members of the club, and will meet as required to fulfill its responsibilities. Reports will be provided at each Board meeting.

Section 6.a. Awards and Incentives Committee, under the supervision of the VP of Membership shall promote the Sertoma, Inc. club honoree awards program. This committee, in coordination with the President, shall be responsible for selecting the Dry Creek Club Service to Mankind award honoree, Sertoman of the Year award honoree and the Club's Distinguished Secretary of the Year award nominee. Furthermore, this committee will obtain information about each candidate in order to write a presentation about each award winner for submission to the District Governor. This committee will also be responsible for providing any recognition plaques, certificates, or any other item for the award winners. Membership should include at least two additional members of the club. Reports will be provided to the Board as needed.

Section 7. Program Committee, under the supervision of the Vice President of Programs as designated by the President, shall arrange for programs and entertainment for regular meetings of the club. Membership should include at least two additional members of the club, and will meet as required to fulfill its responsibilities. Reports will be provided at each Board meeting.

Section 8. Sponsorship Committee, under the supervision of the Vice President of Sponsorship as designated by the President, shall plan and implement service projects and/or recommend philanthropic support of Sertoma hearing health programs in the community, as well as evaluate other requests for service and philanthropy in the community. This committee shall review requests for donations, local charities and nonprofits. It shall have general supervision over the sponsorship funds. This committee would also encourage members to donate to the Sertoma Annual Fund. Membership should include at least two additional members of the club, and will meet as required to fulfill its responsibilities. Reports will be provided at each Board meeting.

Hope you enjoyed this orientation information.

Section 8.a. Inter-Club Relations Committee, under the supervision of the VP of Sponsorship, shall coordinate the Dry Creek Club with other area wide Sertoma events, such as the Celebrate Sound Walk, Freedom Week and Soap Box Derby. The committee shall promote participation in all Sertoma Conventions, district meetings and conferences and any District or Regional functions. This committee will recommend that the Board provide financial support for people attending various District and Regional functions. Those attending first time and the President shall be given priority. Membership should include at least two additional members of the club, and will meet as required to fulfill its responsibilities. Reports will be provided to the Board as needed.

Section 9. Ways and Means Committee, under the supervision of the Director of Ways and Means, as designated by the President, shall plan and implement fundraisers for the club. Projects may raise money for a specific Dry Creek Affiliate. Membership should include at least two additional members of the club, and will meet as required to fulfill its responsibilities. Reports will be provided at each Board meeting.

Section 10. Social Committee, under the supervision of the Director of Social Activities as designated by the President, shall have charge of all social activities of the club, including the installation of new officers and recognition of past officers. Membership should include at least two additional members of the club, and will meet as required to fulfill its responsibilities. Reports will be provided at each Board Meeting.

Section 11. Publicity Committee, under the supervision of the Director of Publicity as designated by the President, shall provide information to the local media concerning ideals, purposes and mission of Sertoma Clubs in general and this club in particular. This committee will also seek to broadcast events through the media. It will provide pertinent club information of club and sponsored activities

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