



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



IT'S A NEW YEAR

HELLO TO ALL

As you read through this newsletter notice the amount of good that our club does. This is because of you and all of us working together for the betterment of the community.

IMPORTANT YEARLY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Secretary has a busy job recording the meetings and activities of the club and ensuring corporate has the required reports when required.

Corporate requires the following forms to headquarters throughout the year:

- Membership Information Form 115 to identify club member additions or deletions.
- Annual Activities Report Form 116 (made 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.

Officers & Directors

2022-2023

Chairman of the Board:

Karen E. Todd

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

- Club Officer Reporting Form 130 (made by April 10) to provide updated club officers, meeting time, or meeting location changes.
- Application for Club Grant (made online by November 1) to support a community charitable program or organization.
- Financial reporting

The club, via the board and its committees, has a responsibility to set a plan for the year and a budget to meet that plan while fulfilling federal, state, and corporate requirements. A budget is set by each committee and reported to the board.

“Fiduciary duty requires board members to stay objective, unselfish, responsible, honest, trustworthy and efficient. As stewards of public trust, they must always act for the good of the organization, rather than for their own benefits. They need to exercise reasonable care in all decision making, without placing the organization under unnecessary risk.”

Parliamentary Procedure

Making meetings more effective



The Board follows parliamentary procedures to establish orderly meetings, protecting the opinions of all to express the will of the majority.

The chairman presides at board meetings with impartiality. She does not vote nor should she debate motions.

We are proud to have a history of a well working board of directors.

Club Leadership

The following information is taken from our Membership booklet. It outlines the basic responsibilities of our officers.

The **Board of Directors** is the governing body of the club. It follows procedures according to the Sertoma, Inc. and according to the Dry Creek club's **By-Laws** and **Policy Statements**. Our board includes the following officers:

- **Chairman of the Board** - the immediate past president; presides at board meetings and prepares the agenda; makes sure the board meets regularly; purchases a gift or plaque for the (outgoing) Past President; and works closely with the president.
- The **President** - chairs regular meetings and prepares the agenda; provides leadership and challenges to officers, directors, and members of Dry Creek; attends committee meetings when asked; and will work on all fund raising and sponsorship activities if possible. She will communicate and delegate. Email is her main communication tool, so check your emails often.
- The **Secretary** - is responsible for keeping records tracking donations, service hours and attendance at events and meetings. She is a liaison to Sertoma, Inc. and informs it of changes in membership. She is to send in quarterly, annual, and other reports, and submit information for awards. She provides the form for each member to report volunteer and fundraising hours, money and the value of donated items. Each month members submit this information online.

She takes and distributes minutes of the board meeting; is responsible for a current roster; orders pins and awards for the club, including the Past President pin; and will attend the President's Round Table if possible. The Secretary also keeps a record of the club's By-Laws and Policy Statements.

- The **Treasurer** - serves as **Chairman of the Finance Committee**. She has custody of Operating and Sponsorship funds for the club; collects dues; and disperses money to pay all bills. She keeps an accurate record of income and expenses, and provides monthly financial statements to the board. She will accept written requests for operating and sponsorship disbursements; will prepare a budget to be approved at the July board meeting. She will provide the books and checkbooks to the President during an extended absence.

- **Vice President of Programs** - is responsible for obtaining a speaker or program for every regular meeting (15-20 minutes in length); greets the speaker and asks them to sign the guest book. She will see that the speaker chooses their breakfast and that they are served after they have spoken.

She will see that a thank you note is written to the speaker after the meeting. She will work closely with the Sponsorship Chairman to coordinate giving donations to Sponsorship organizations scheduled to speak at meetings. In addition, she will coordinate with the Regional Director and Sertoma Annual Fund representative to schedule dates for them to speak at meetings. She will work with the Freedom Week Chairman to coordinate with The Freedom Week winners from our club to attend a breakfast meeting and to read their essays.

- **Vice President of Sponsorship** - provides a plan for dispersing finances to appropriate recipients.

Our Sponsorship Committee reviews all requests for financial donation requests and volunteer activities. Decisions are based on need and variety so each member has the opportunity to volunteer for projects and organizations that interest them as an individual. Fundraising events are held throughout the year to support the Club's Affiliates and Sponsorships.

- **Inter-Club Relations** – is a part of sponsorship that coordinates the Dry Creek Sertoma Club with other area-wide Sertoma events such as Soap Box Derby, Freedom Week and Celebrate Sound.

Various members are in charge of **Freedom Week** and are responsible for contacting the schools for participation in the Freedom Week essay contest. The Freedom Week Chairman coordinates the reading and selection of winning essays from the schools and invites the winning students to attend our meeting and read their essays.

The representatives for **Soap Box Derby** and **Celebrate Sound** help coordinate the events and provide the club with event information.

- **Vice President of Membership** - develops and implements an effective membership plan that will include membership recruitment, member retention, and orientation of new members. She actively promotes the GEM Award and will explain and follow up with new members about the GEM award.
 - **Health & Cheer** is a part of membership that is responsible for sending notes/cards to club members in need of congratulations, cheering up, condolences or a friendly hello.

- **Lunch Bunch** is a part of membership that provides an additional lunch meeting for members to perform additional activities that result in donations to sponsored organizations. Lunch Bunch Director reports meetings, events, activities and other pertinent information to the board.
- **Awards and Incentives** - ensures that deadlines for all awards are met. This committee is responsible for selecting the Service to Mankind honoree, obtaining the information for the write up to be submitted to the Regional Director, and purchasing the plaque for this award. The Awards Director also coordinates with the President for selecting and writing the Sertoman of the Year award and purchasing the plaque for this award
- **Ways and Means Director** - has a primary responsibility to raise money to be used in support of sponsorship activity. She may have subcommittees responsible for each fundraising event. She will see that club brochures and banners are available for appropriate events. She is responsible for fundraising reports to the club.
- **Social Committee Director** - is responsible for providing opportunities for club members and their families to get together socially and is responsible for the Installation of Officers in June.
- **Publicity Director** - is responsible for providing information, articles and pictures to local newspapers, Sertoma Magazine, radio and TV stations, for publicity about the club. She is also responsible to maintain our website, dcsertoma.org, our Facebook account, and an email account – info@dcsertoma.org.
- **Reception & Decorum Director** - is responsible for club banners, the club bell, and club property. She will also fine members in a fun manner and decide how the fine money will be used. She will ensure medallions are sewn onto our banners.

Who We Support

Dry Creek Sertoma 2023-2024 SPONSORSHIPS

Action Center
 Arapahoe Rescue Patrol
 Bessie's Hope
 Celebrate Sound - Denver Area
 Children's Advisory Network
 - Safe Ears/Screenings
 - Hippotherapy Volunteers
 Children's Medical Assistance Fund
 Cycling without Age
 Doctors Care*
 - Clinic
 - Lids for Kids
 - Volunteer Projects
 - Mental Health
 Easter Seals Colorado*
 Free the Girls
 Freedom Week/Sertoma
 Friends of the Haven
 - Mothers Day Bags
 - Volunteer Projects
 Gracefull Cafe

IN! Pathways to Inclusive Higher Education
Integrated Family Community Services
 - Birthday Bags
 - Ready/Set/School
 - Food Drives
 - Volunteer projects
International Hearing Dog
Listen Foundation
Nourish Meals on Wheels
Operation Homefront
 - Back to School Brigade
 - Star Spangled Babies
 - Holiday Toy Drive
Project Linus
Sertoma Annual Fund
Sertoma Field of Dreams Baseball Camp
Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby
Sertoma National Service Project
 Service to Mankind Charity
Sites and Insights
The Village Preschool

*Affiliate

Affiliates are 501©3 organizations that provide direct service, education or research related to helping those with communication disorders.

OUR AFFILIATES



Our mission is: Teaching children how to communicate their wants and needs every day.

For more information about Children's Advisory Network please visit their [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.



Our mission is to spread help, hope & answers.

Partnering with individuals and families to reduce the impact of disability or health challenges and to enhance quality of life.

For more information about Easter Seals Colorado please visit their [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.



Our Mission: Doctors Care provides access to quality, affordable health care and services designed to reduce barriers to health for low-income people in need.

For more information about Doctors Care please visit their [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

A Speech Pathologist or Audiologist affiliate staff member can apply for a Professional Education Grant from Sertoma to attend conferences and trainings that will expand their ability to serve the hearing health industry. Affiliates can also apply for a Sertoma Community Grant, ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to advance the hearing health mission and branding of Sertoma.

What is Happening this Quarter?

WAYS AND MEANS

The committee met and planned the fundraisers and set their hopeful revenues for this year. The events that will for sure be happening are:

- **Terry Lynn Candy and Nuts** – yum, and this will be ongoing.

Terri Lynn Fund Raising has been supporting great causes since 1936. Their flexible programs have been used by many groups to help them raise millions of dollars.

The products are exceptional, including premium grade nuts, mouthwatering snack mixes and tempting chocolates and confections made in Elgin Illinois. Terri Lynn fundraising has earned the reputation as one of the most committed and respected fundraiser company in the United States.

STAY TUNED: Details will be in your email soon from Ilene at Dry Creek Sertoma and we will be on our way to raising money for our hearing charities and other charities we support.

- **Craft Fair** – hopefully I can find teenagers willing to help out to get their service hours. If you know of any girls and boys, please ask them to help (setup, takedown, or working the booth)
- **Got Sneakers** – we can get money for old sneakers.
- **Dine in-Dine out** – a quarterly event for a percentage of what is spent.
- **Revised Winter Wonderland** – in the Spring, an event all Sertomans love

Other fundraisers are being investigated and will be announced when they become

SPONSORSHIP

The committee met and decided all previously sponsored organizations will continue to be sponsored. Children's Advisory Network will be placed back on the affiliate list. 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. We are also helping the market visitors in shopping for free groceries. PLEASE help with these activities. It is really rewarding and IFCS needs us.

We will be supplying holiday toys to Operation Homefront this year. The Program Director will be speaking at Lunch Bunch on December 8th and we will provide her with our donations then. This is not just a Lunch Bunch thing, so please consider putting smiles on the kids of military families.

SOCIAL

Karla and her crew did a great job on the installation dinner and with Jamee and Karen T's help, a fun bunco party in August. Who knows what she is working on now.

PROGRAMS

Speakers will be included in our breakfast meetings, whether in-person or via ZOOM. If you know someone or an organization you would like to know more about or would like the rest of us to know more about, contact Lynn or Ilene. Who we look forward to include:

- Our Service to Mankind 23-24 winner, Barb of 'Cycling Without Age' provided a great July meeting with her trishaw. We also hope to get a grant for her.
- Also in July, we were happy and proud to hear from our Kris Lindsley and her endeavors with Volunteers of America.
- August brought Zoe Broughton, our affiliate from Easter Seals, to inform us on their Discovery Club. This club sounded like a great weekly recreational program around the city for teens with a disability or special health care need.
- The second August meeting didn't have a speaker but we had some interesting introspective discussions.
- On September 6, Denise Bramblett of the Salvation Army will be our speaker to tell us about their Angel Tree Program.

- Jayme Mansfield, a Colorado writer, will be honoring us on September 20 to discuss her latest book *Portrait of Deceit*. Our book club is reading this book in preparation of the meeting but it will be a pleasure for all to hear about her journey,

LUNCH BUNCH

This is not a separate group of our club. It is just a bunch of ladies who want to get together more often, have lunch together and perform a sponsorship action of the month. Those who do not plan on attending are still welcomed and encouraged to join the donation effort. Here's this quarter's activities:

- July's event was very well timed. The Village preschool relocated to Euclid Avenue and is larger now. They really appreciated the over 100 preschool school supplies that were donated by members of our club.
- In August, lunch was at the Gracefull Café with monetary donations made to them so their foundation can continue to provide fresh healthy meals to everyone.
- In September while eating pizza, the lunch bunchers will be writing encouragement cards for seniors who receive meals from Meals on Wheels. This historically brings smiles to faces.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee met to set goals and identify ways to engage members and hopefully acquire more members. One such event is brought about by Wendy. On September 6, Williams Sonoma is having an ice cream party. We will have brochures and hopefully a lot of members there to spread our word while enjoying coffee ice cream and affogatos. Let's celebrate.

We'd like to acknowledge the members who we don't see too often, make sure they're doing okay, and encourage them to join us when they can. You can help with this. Give them a call or go see them.

Awards and Incentives

This committee of two marvelous ladies is already busy researching the potential Service to Mankind Award recipient. The potential recipient must be a non-Sertoman and provided extensive volunteer community service. The committee will also work with the President to select and write up the Sertoman of the Year Award to a member of the club who, in the spirit of service to mankind, is recognized for exceptional contributions to the club. Good luck ladies.

Health and Cheer

We'd like to send cards to those who have something to celebrate and those who need an uplift for some reason. If you know something and have the authorization to share from that person, please let Liz or Marietta know so they can send out a card.

PUBLICITY

Publicity may have people assigned to it but it is all our responsibilities. Pictures and articles cannot get posted on Facebook or our website unless you help provide the information. Jamee works and cannot attend events to get pictures for Facebook and can't post a provided picture without information provided about it. Karen L. tries to keep up on the website and post pictures to Facebook when she can. Please send pictures to both Jamee and Karen.

Let us take this opportunity to praise and thank Kimba for her abundance of exposure that she has provided to some organizations and her assistance in seeking grants. She has gotten some of our non-profit organizations on Colorado and Company, written Denver Post articles, and helped organizations personally to forward their message. It's great how Kimba has helped these folks.

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

National Convention



Sertomans from all over the nation and Canada will be joined together at the DoubleTree in Charlotte, NC this October 13-14, 2023.

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| Friday, October 13 | Welcome Party, 7 PM |
| Saturday, October 14 | |
| 8:30 AM | Opening Session |
| 9:15 AM | Keynote: Lefford Fate |
| 10:30 AM | National Update Reports |
| 10:45 AM | Town Hall |
| 11:45 | The Sertoma Annual Fund |
| 12 PM – LUNCH | |
| 1:00 - 4:00 | Education |
| 7:00 PM | Sertoma Annual Banquet |

Register Now online at Sertoma.org

Sertoma Service Project 2022-2023?

Last year Dry Creek Sertoma purchased two Portable InfoLoops to help the hard of hearing community. The InfoLoop is a completely self-contained induction loop system that amplifies sound within a specific area for people with telecom equipped hearing aids, cochlear implants and induction loop receivers.

DOCTOR'S CARE

It is a pleasure to provide Doctors Care with this device. Doctors Care is a non-profit organization dedicated to the community. Their mission is to 'provide affordable, high-quality health care and services that promote overall health and wellness for those in need.'



CEO Bebe Kleinman and Medical Director Stephanie Segal were especially pleased with the prospect of being able to pass along in-depth evaluation information to hard of hearing parents or caregivers regarding their children, as well as an enhanced capability of providing hard of hearing clients with a thorough evaluation.



The simplicity of the loop’s use and benefit to the public make it a win win situation. By having the device within three feet of the audience, the listener’s hearing aid will magnify the information communicated to them.

FEEL THE BEAT (FTB)



Feel the Beat provides the deaf, hard of hearing, and those with disabilities to experience music. Bone conduction devices under the dance floor enables the students to feel the sound through vibrational energy.

Jari Majewski Price founded FTB in 2016 and in 2016 patented a mobile version of their vibrotactile floor, making it possible to transport flooring to schools, businesses, venues and events reducing transportation barriers and responding to communities’ requests for programming.

Check it out: <https://www.feelthebeat.dance/>