

Gateway To The West Sertoma Club

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NEWS FROM THE PREZ

Greetings Fellow Sertomans :

It's great to be back from my annual travels. I apologize for the absence of your monthly 'Newsletter'. My thanks to the entire staff, especially Sue Lewis for maintaining operations of the Club in my absence.

On behalf of the entire staff, let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours a joyous holiday season. Also, let me take this opportunity as well to thank the entire membership for all their efforts and support to 'Serve Mankind' in 2005.

There are many community sponsorships who depend on your unselfish efforts and time in providing grants so those less fortunate can live a better and dignified lifestyle. We are talking the necessities of life to which most of us take for granted foolishly. Always be thankful you are not in that position.

On a more sober note unfortunately, as most of you already are aware and privy to, our lease with Franview Plaza expires as of December 31, 2005. After a concerted effort to reach a lease which would be in the Club's best interest, to maintain Bingo operations, the Club's proposal was rescinded in the best interest of the Club.

With 2006 around the corner, your board of directors #1 responsibility will be to explore other avenues as a means of raising revenue for it's community sponsorship grants. Remember, when the going gets tough, 'the tough get going' !

I have no doubt that we have the community leaders to do just that !

"Get R' Done" !!!

Finally, let us not forget those Sertoman brothers and sisters who are no longer with us, remember their spouses and call them to let them know they are still Sertoma family !



Glad Tidings



Happy Holidays,

Respectfully,
Mike Jarzewiak
Club President



The Gateway To The West Sertoma Club was chartered in 1968 and is a member of Sertoma International established April 11, 1912 in Kansas City, Missouri. Funds are raised through various events and fundraisers. The organization then finds and evaluates the needs of the community.

Listed below are just a few of the area charities which sponsorships have been provided for in the past.

- Operation Food Search
- 5 Church Older Adult Centers
- The Salvation Army
- Feed My People
- Independence Center
- Stray Rescue Animal Shelters
- 100 Neediest Families
- Backstoppers of St. Louis
- Baskets of Hope
- Friends of Kids' w/Cancer
- Children's Hospital
- Assistance League of St. Louis
- Mary Culver Home for the Blind
- Bevo Area Community Center
- Carondelet Community Center
- St. Louis Metro Ath. Association
- James McDonnell U.S.O.
- Muscular Distrophy Association
- Projects COPE & DARE
- Love on a Leash
- Employment Connection of St. Louis
- Sertoma Foundation
- Gardenville Community Center
- St. Louis Aquarium Museum
- Affton Athletic Association
- St. Peter & Paul Food Bank

BINGO

AsBingo operations will cease to exist as of December 31, 2005, I would appreciate if the entire staff at Bingo would make an extra effort to remember to thank those patrons of which supported our Bingo over the years. Without them, none of our efforts would have mattered. Thousands of community dollars were raised to help those less fortunate. Thanks to all of you for making it happen! God Bless !

Annual Christmas Party Huge Success !



A special thanks to Sandy Jarzewiak, Sue Lewis and Mike Bradford for all their efforts in preparation of the 2005 Club Christmas Party. I trust that all who attended enjoyed theirself as well as I. This is just a small way in an effort to thank the membership for all their efforts year in and out.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December Birthdays

- 14th: Jack Peterson
- 16th: Pat Dambach
- 17th: Bob Zoller
- 28th: Terry Weatherby

The Health Corner

Nothing to report at this time. As always, if you hear of illness to any member or their family, please contact Bob Versen at (314) 843-7398. **Thank You !**

Remember !!

Take Note !!

No December
Business/Dinner
Meeting !!!



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