



# Sertoma Bulletin

## The Columbia Sertoma Club

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### President's Message

It was a pleasure to induct two new members, Jeff Bennett and Jack Godbold, at this week's meeting and to receive membership applications from Christi Owens and Deonne Long.

Dean reported on the progress of the Children's Home campaign. This is our most productive fund-raiser in terms of hours worked. The time it takes to make a contact, follow-up, and resolve a card or new donor is relatively minor compared to the total contributions received. We were reminded this weekend at the 3 Rivers Festival that not all fund-raisers produce the return on investment our club members get from contacting CCH donors. Dean also reminded us that contacting a new donor is like starting an annuity for CCH. That gift usually recurs year after year. We can all commit to maximizing our existing cards and making some new donor contacts over the next few weeks.

We have rescheduled our officer installation banquet from June 7<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>. The club will start summer schedule in June with a regular lunch meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> and on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to a strong finish this Sertoma year with new members and with the CCH campaign and great year beginning in July with Sterling Anderson presiding over the Columbia Sertoma Club.

### Speakers & Events

#### April

26 Ken Wingate~ State Senate candidate to talk about MAP Commission

#### May

10 Mark McBride~ U.S. Senate candidate

#### June

Summer Schedule (every other week)

#### July

19 Installation Banquet Seawell's

### Three Rivers Music Festival

Those of you who worked this festival are to be commended, and those that couldn't should be proud of the "professionalism" we displayed. We



had plenty of good volunteers, and according to Reggie, "the best weather we have ever experienced in our whole lives, period". Or something like that. (This is what I heard, since I was not there.~ed.)



Tom!

### Sergeant @ Arms Report

26 Members, at least, and 6 Guests attended and the Pot was LOST, by Jim Roth!

### Business Meeting

- **Reggie Belcher** gave the Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ~Carolina Children's Home~

We collected about \$6,000 at the meeting, which represents 2 weeks of fundraising. After 5 meetings we have raised \$49,370 of our \$93,777 goal (53%), worked 412 of our 723 cards (57%) and only 15 of our goal of 80 new cards (19%).

Members who have faithfully attended meetings have hopefully gleaned a better understanding of the importance of this fundraiser, and hopefully have become energized to make this year's fundraiser a success. To these members who bring me cards every week, who report on successes and difficulties, who are concerned and committed, I say thank you. Thanks, though, is not necessary. I also see pride and relief from these members, and the obvious understanding that they personally are making a difference in the lives of these children.

If you are not coming to meetings and not working your cards, we are all missing out. Our Club is missing fellowship with you, CCH is missing out on needed funds, and you are missing out more than anyone. There is a not a regularly attending member who does not have to juggle his calendar to get to meetings or work fundraisers. Ask yourself why. There is fulfillment in fellowship and civic responsibility.

If you have not turned in all of your cards, and found a new donor you will soon be getting a phone call from your Captain. We will not leave any money on the table this year. Each member must work his own cards. Growing in civic responsibly is what we learn as

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**Membership Application First Posting**  
**CHRISTI OWENS** is Community Coordinator for Earth Fare. She



can help our club with fundraising event planning, & development.

Tommy Bryson is Christi's sponsor.

**Guests**  
**Christi Owens**  
**Deonne Long**  
**Heather Fairchild**  
**Philip Babb**  
**Emma & Amanda**  
**Charlton**

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**DEONNE LONG** is a structural engineer with Kyzer & Timmerman, is married to Kristen & is Midlands Branch Director for Amer. Society of Civil Engineers. Deonne enjoys Flying, Gardening & Fishing.. (Air, earth & water).



**New Member Inductions**  
**JEFF BENNETT & JACK GOBOLD** were inducted as our newest members. Take a minute to introduce yourselves.

