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President's Message

We had a very interesting and exciting meeting this past week with Rep. Joel Lourie and former Gubernatorial candidate Ken Wingate sparring in a friendly political debate. As you know, they are running for one of Columbia's local and always highly contested State Senate seats, and to say the least, this race has gone from competitive to very competitive in the last few weeks. I want to thank the members for asking some tough questions but maintaining a cordial and welcome atmosphere for our guests.

Hopefully we will have many more meetings like this because they not only peak the interest of the members of the club, but they bring out guests from all over the area as well which gets our club recognition for all the hard work we do to support charities locally as well as nationally.

Speaking of hard work, thanks to all the members who participated in the State Fair fundraiser these past two weeks. As most of you already know, we've been serving refreshments at the SC State Fair concert series for many years and it continues to be a great way for us to raise funds and get our name out to the community. Our worry that we would not have enough member involvement to cover our shifts was pleasantly solved when most of our members agreed to, and actually showed up to work two shifts each. Thank you for your participation in this event, and keep an eye out for the Carolina Children's Home annual event which should be our next big fundraiser for this Sertoma Calendar year.

In case you haven't realized it yet, the holiday season is rapidly approaching. Please go ahead and mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Party to be held on Monday, December 13th. More details to follow.

Please make sure you attend the next couple of meetings as they promise to be very interesting programs. While next week is not settled due to a scheduling conflict, we have our Fifth Congressional District Congressman, Joe Wilson, speaking to us a week from this Monday, or November 1st. Do not miss this exciting program, and thanks to Todd Lewis for putting together a great list of speakers the last few weeks and weeks to come. Here's to us all having a great week and weekend, and I'll see you at lunch next Monday, the 25th!

Speakers & Events

October

24 Buddy Walk

**25 Republican House
Candidate Joan
Brady**

November

**1 Congressman Joe
Wilson**

**6 Sertoma Fall District
Conference**

**19 5th Annual Sertoma
Golf Tournament @
Fort Jackson**

Sterling

Business Meeting

Ben Plexico gave the Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Football Parking: An impressive \$3,400 has been raised so far this year and the Tennessee game October 30 will be our next event. You volunteers continue to do an amazing job of raising money.

The Family Connection of SC is having their annual Buddy Walk for Down's Syndrome on Sunday, Oct. 24th at Trinity Cathedral. Columbia Sertoma has sponsored this for the past two years and Kenny would like to extend a personal invitation to everyone to take part in this amazing event. They walk in parade fashion around the Capitol. Kenny says this is a really inspiring time for these wonderful, positive people! (Ask Mark Julian and Phil Betette). Contact Kenny for details: cell 319-4451.



State Senate Debate: Ken Wingate ~vs~ Joel Lourie



The candidates responded to questions posed by Club President Sterling Anderson. Both were cordial and competent, and though they differed in several areas, either candidate sounded like they could do a good job.



State Fair Fundraiser: Joby thanked the members who worked this year's event and will give a detailed report and final income figure next week.

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Guests

- Gov. Jim Edwards**
- Tripp Penninger**
- Jini Fuller**
- Shawn Matthews**
- Frank Lourie**
- Ann Dee Wood**
- Shell Suber**
- Robert Gantt**
- Cindy Sweigart**
- June Bowman**
- Donna McCullah**
- Heather Fauchet**
- Natalie Cobb**
- Dustin Knight**

Sponsorship: EdVenture, \$4,000 of our \$5,000 pledge was presented to June Bowman.

Sergeant @ Arms Report
39 Members and 14 guests attended.
The \$71 Rollover Pot was LOST by Curtis Murphy. The POT Rolls!

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