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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Sertomans:

We enjoyed a fast start to the New Year at today's meeting. I dusted off the microphone and stepped in for Sterling Anderson, who shipped out last week to serve his military commitment—temporarily leaving behind his family, home, law practice, and the remainder of his presidency. He soon begins training in the air defense corp. Sterling deserves lots of credit, and I salute him (and miss him already).

The Club has a busy Winter/Spring schedule, including the new member recruiting dinner (see Dan Felker for details), the annual Carolina Children's Home Fundraiser, sponsorships at the February board meeting, taking campers to Camp Sertoma, possible fundraising opportunities at the Three Rivers Music Festival, selling barbecue with the East Columbia Optimist Club, and maybe even a couple of rewarding social events. Contact Todd Lewis or me if you have any suggestions or comments regarding future speakers, fundraisers, or service opportunities.

The American Red Cross presented our guest speaker, Dave Aiken of television station WOLO-25, with a well-deserved special award commemorating his good work throughout the years. Dave participated in a blood drive last week at Columbia Place Mall that remarkably yielded over ninety usable donors, including thirty new ones. That blood drive was just the latest example of Dave's vast community involvement over the past four decades. Thanks to John Hedden for arranging the presentation of Dave's award.



We also gave \$1,000.00 to Rolling Readers, which is yet another worthwhile charity benefiting local children. Thanks to Joe Azar for submitting the request. Finally, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve again, and I look forward to representing the Club and having a fun and successful year with you.

Reggie

"A road twice traveled is never as long."—Rosalie Graham

Speakers & Events

January

- 17 No Lunch Meeting (MLKing Day) but
- 18 Board meeting
- 24 Regular Meeting
- 31 Membership Dinner

February

- 28 Carolina Children's Home Fundraiser Kickoff

Business Meeting

Joby Castine gave the Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Sponsorships:

Rolling Readers: Augie Grant accepted a check for \$1,000 to buy books. Submit sponsorship requests to Joe Hodson. His e-mail address is john.p.hodson@rssmb.com , or 343-8800.

Sertoma Website: ColumbiaSertoma.org has really come along. There is a link to member biographies in the *Members Only* section. Take a few minutes to write a paragraph about yourself, family, job, offices held, whatever and shoot it over to Todd Lewis at btlewis72@yahoo.com. We have already added your phone #'s and e-mail, but please include that just to make sure we are current. We plan to include pictures in the future.

Guests

Jeff Nates (application)
Guest of Alvin Strasburger

Augie Grant
with *Rolling Readers*
Guest of Joseph Azar

Rolanda Hawkins & Barry Pollard
Guests of John Hedden

Membership Dinner January 31, 6:30 at Gregg Park Clubhouse: Dan Felker reported that invitations have been mailed to thirty prospects. Members who submitted prospects are asked to secure an RSVP. Dan still has a few invitations left, so if someone comes to mind, contact Dan immediately at danfelker@sc.rr.com .

**Membership Application
First Posting**

Jeff Nates is a CPA with The Hobbs Group and is married to Karen. Jeff is a tri-athlete and a serious runner. Jeff is sponsored by Alvin Strasburger and wishes to join our Club because of our reputation for involvement with The Carolina Children's Home. Please address comments to an officer or board member.



We added five new members last year as a direct result of last year's dinner. Thank you Dan for your leadership & hard work to make this happen.

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Sergeant @ Arms Report
41 Members and 4 guests attended.
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The \$39.02 Pot was LOST By John Alam

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