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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Sertomans:

We started the week with a Good Enthusiastic Member (GEM) meeting with five of our newest members. They are great additions, and we look forward to serving with them. We inducted Karen McGrady at the regular meeting. Thanks to David Gibbons for recruiting Karen.

We welcomed Scott Saleme, the Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross—South Carolina Chapter, as our keynote speaker. Scott outlined the Red Cross' role in disaster relief, specifically the recent tsunami tragedy in Asia. I have difficulty comprehending the scope of the tsunami, with over 200,000 dead and a million homeless. As always, the Red Cross responded swiftly to alleviate the suffering and currently has raised \$222 million to help the victims. Thanks to John Hedden for inviting Scott.

Joby Castine already has begun preparations for this year's Carolina Children's Home Campaign. Over the next few weeks, please: (1) examine your personal level of commitment to the Campaign; (2) get familiar with CCH (www.carolinachildrenshome.org); and (3) compile a list of potential new donors, including businesses, co-workers,

friends, family, former Club members, and members of other Sertoma and civic clubs. The Campaign provides an exciting opportunity and significant challenge. See Joby or me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Let's shock the world!!!

We also gave \$500.00 to Keep the Midlands Beautiful, which is yet another worthwhile cause benefiting our community. Forward your sponsorship requests to Joe Hodson, and the Board will consider them at its February meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you at next week's "new member" dinner at Gregg Park and then at our next regular meeting on February 7 at Seawell's.



are.—Theodore Roosevelt

Speakers & Events

January

31 *No Meeting, But...
Membership Dinner*

February

7 *Phil Kornblut
Recruiting/National
Signing Day*

14 *Donna Johnson
President of Camp
Discovery*

28 *Carolina Children's
Home Fundraiser
Kickoff @ Seawell's*

March

7 *Mayor Bob Coble*

Business Meeting

Joby Castine gave the Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance~ Again.

Sponsorships:



Keep The Midlands Beautiful: Mary Pat Baldauf accepted \$500.

New Sponsorships will be considered during the February Board Meeting, so submit requests now to Joe Hodson at 343-8800. His e-mail address is john.p.hodson@rssmb.com.

Sertoma Directory: Please fill out the questionnaire you see included with this e-mail so we can make sure your information is correct. Please route this to Chris Weston at ctat@bellsouth.net, or if you're lazy, reply to me and I will get it to Chris, just take a minute to do it. We plan to include pictures in the future.

Guests

Scott Salemme
Guest speaker & guest of John Hedden

Rya Colucci & Chris Barczak
Guests of Todd Lewis

Membership Dinner January 31, 6:30 at Gregg Park Clubhouse:

Dan Felker reported that the caterer has been given the final headcount so the party is on!

5th Annual Camp Sertoma Auction & Party. Please click on www.carolinalive.com/sertoma/mardigras.pdf which you will find as an attachment in this e-mail.

New Member Induction: Please welcome Karen McGrady as our newest member. You can see how delighted she was at Reggie's Induction Speech. She's much happier when she's talking to me, until this is sent out.



The Ernie Lawhorne Carolina Children's

Membership Application Final 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.



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Home Fundraiser: Joby, this year's chairman pondered changes to this year's drive, and set a goal of \$100,000-do-able.

Rolling Readers Superbowl Party at VFW, in hi-def! Contact Joseph Azar at: josephazar@upstairsaudio.com

Sergeant @ Arms Report
42 Members and 4 guests attended, including Mary Pat. &The \$78.06 Rollover Pot was WON By SweetLoretta Starr, who was impeccably pinned and badged.