



# Sertoma Bulletin

## The Columbia Sertoma Club

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### From The President

We will meet next Monday. Our speaker will be Major General Groton, US Army Reserve. This past speaker was James

Hammond author of "Toms War." This book is about his Farther who served in the Eight Army Air Core in WWII. He compiled much of the book form his Father's love letters his Mother had saved and handed over to him after his Father's death. He also did many inter-views both here and abroad. He got his Father's missions from an English 10-pound note that he had kept with him during the War.

We inducted two new members. Bill Lawrence was sponsored by Chris Burnette and Chuck Lamark was sponsored by Betsy Delallo.

To date we have raised \$49,789 for the Carolina Children's Home. Keep those cards coming.



Todd Lewis and I represented our Club at the Joint Regional Convention held in Gettysburg last week, April 24 through 26. Chris Weston, International Director, Joby Castine, representing the District Governor and Karen McGrady, District and Regional Secretary/Treasurer were there as

well. We did a lot of sight seeing and learned a little too. Todd gave a good report and Chris Weston added some additional information.

Your Club won the first place Dis-trict and Regional Bulletin Awards thanks to Dean Wood, your Bulletin Editor and Bryan Kvam who pre-



pared the award. We also took first place with our exhibit. Todd Lewis did all the work with a little help from his friends. Todd also won the District Sertoman of the Year award.

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### Speakers & Events

#### May

<b>2</b>	<b><i>Rolling Readers Barbecue</i></b>
<b>5</b>	<b><i>Major General Groton ~ US Army Reserve</i></b>
<b>12</b>	<b><i>Bob Geolas ~ ICAR &amp; Board Meeting</i></b>
<b>15-17</b>	<b><i>Carolina Children's Home Barbecue</i></b>
<b>19</b>	<b><i>Ben Somera ~ USC Volleyball Coach</i></b>

#### *Carolina Children's Home*

##### *Fundraiser Results*

*\$2,475 was collected last week  
\$49,789 is our Total raised  
72% of cards are worked*

The Board met April 21. We discussed the location of the Tailgate for Charity location, the upcoming CCH BBQ on May 16 and 17, the COR Impact Columbia Event and the Fair Project. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12.

Dee

## Membership Application

### Eboni Ramm

#### First Posting

**Eboni** is a jazz vocalist and teaching artist for Main Street Jazz in Columbia. She's a member of the Artist's Round Table (A.R.T), COR (Columbia Opportunity Resource) and Youth Corps. Her interests include literary arts, performance arts and her hobbies include signing and poetry.

She is sponsored by Betsy Delallo.

Please address comments or questions to an officer or board member.

### Then There's This....

Our new inductees probably thought they were pretty hot stuff when our Club bestowed a rare standing ovation when Dee finished "the speech". Well Bill & Chuck, welcome to your first Sertoma practical joke, because that ovation was for Dee. Like I said, *Dee finished the speech*, flawlessly without notes, thus reinstituting a fine tradition.

As far as awards go, Todd put it in perspective. This

recent Convention combined The Atlantic Coast and Allegheny /Canada Regions. That's about 120 clubs. What these patches mean: We have the best story to tell and we display and promote it better than any Sertoma Club from the mountains to the sea, up through Canada. Ahm... There is a down side. Don't expect The Sertoma Bulletin to get any better... I also think we should make up our own Patch called *Sparkplug Award* and give it to Todd Lewis.

From the topics covered at the convention, it sounds like there continues to be some shifting going on at The Top, what with individual members voting on-line, combining of Sertoma International and Sertoma Foundation into Sertoma Inc. (pretty corporate) and the possibility that these conventions/parties will be help less often. Personally, I like the sound of direct member voting. With our numbers, we can impact International's decisions, if they try to get in our way. Look out though, because that Old Charleston Club will probably stuff the ballot boxes. Also, the IRS is scrutinizing Sertoma Clubs

and will require combining of sponsorship and operating accounts into one TaxID. Apparently there are some 3 member clubs out there. We, of course will never co-mingle these funds, but there will be some new requirements for Betsy Delallo.

**Dan Felker**  
will be our  
new District  
Governor!

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## Meeting Guests

**Bobby Zdrengeha**

Guest of John Alam

**Red Williams**

Guest of son, Danny

**Eboni Ramm**

Guest of & Sponsored by  
Betsy Delallo.

**Elizabeth Derks**

Representing Carolina  
Children's home

Thank you for signing your  
guests in.

## Sergeant @ Arms Report

Thirty-Five members and Four guests signed in. Karen McGrady's name was drawn the 2nd week in a row. This time she said her badge was in her pocketbook so she didn't qualify. She would have probably just given it to The Home again anyway. She's still a sweetheart.

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