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From the President

Joining in fellowship with each other was fantastic at our last meeting. New USC President Harris Pastides shared with us his vision of the university and education for all South Carolinians.



I believe we have better speakers than any other civic club in the area; if you have ideas for future speakers, contact Chuck LaMark.

At our recent board meeting, we voted to give sponsorships to the Boy Scouts of America, The Cooperative Ministry, Epilepsy Foundation of SC, SC Multicultural Arts Center, Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, St. Peter's Catholic Church Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner, & Work in Progress. Thanks to your hard work at last year's football tailgate lots and our Tailgate party, we have money to provide sponsorships to deserving charities in Columbia.

John Alam is stepping down as our Sergeant at Arms, thank you John for your service. Ralph Williams will be replacing him in this role.



Please don't forget to sign in along with your guests and to put a dollar bill in the pot as you arrive at our meetings.

Chris Weston will be conducting a Good Enthusiastic Member (GEM award) workshop at 11:30 prior to our meeting on February 9th. If you are a new member or have not already earned the GEM award, you will learn great things about the history of our club and our purpose at the workshop.

Dues invoices were emailed last week. If you have not received your invoice please promptly contact club Treasurer Betsy Delallo. Please pay your dues promptly. If you are in arrears, please contact Betsy to discuss your situation.

<u>January</u>	
26	Regular Meeting Infinite Yoga "Maxine" demonstrates
<u>February</u>	
2	Regular Meeting
9	Regular Meeting & GEM Meeting @ 11:30
13	Membership Night @ Gotham Bagel Cafe
16	Regular Meeting
23	~CCH Fundraiser~ Kickoff Meeting at Carolina Children's Home
28	National Heritage Banquet
<u>April</u>	
16	Sertoma Regional Convention In Winston Salem (16th thru 18th)

Vice President Karen McGrady will be chairing our Carolina Children's Home Campaign this year. Karen is in the process of recruiting team captains; please do what you can to support

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President's Message

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her efforts. We'll be conducting our meeting at the home on February 23.

Friday, February 13th, Chuck LaMark is putting together a membership night at **Gotham Bagel Café**. Stay tuned for details!



Please visit our club website www.columbiasertoma.org for updates on club events. Check your bio and see if it needs to be updated. For those of you who are on Facebook or LinkedIn, there are Sertoma groups that would love for you to connect online.

Yours in SERVICE TO Mankind!

Chris

2008-2009 President
Columbia Sertoma Club

Sponsorship:

SisterCare was awarded \$500 to continue their work of helping battered women and children in the Midlands. Kathy Shaw received the check.

**Board Meeting Report**

ed. stuck his head in at the board meeting Monday night and he was struck by a few things. (*luckily most of what they threw missed*).

It had been years since .ed was an active-leader-type, and forgotten was the nuts and bolts minutia, - the preparation and planning that it takes to run this Club.

Dee ran this meeting tight and both Chris's and the vice-presidents were prepared. Last meeting's minutes were thorough, prompting discussion and action on about twenty (*that's right, 20*) active ongoing activities.

Then came New Business (*what ed. had really come for*) The Board was presented with detail financial statements and analysis of our member past due A/R's.-and our chairman Dee did what he does best.

The financials were well presented and all past due members have been personally contacted and projections were reported as to member retention and disposition of past dues in an understanding and confidential way.

In a nutshell: We have excellent leadership on the board and they have a good understanding and plan for keeping this Club financially solvent.

They are animals, of course, but love them, don't eat them.

Sergeant @ Arms Report

Thirty-nine members attended and the \$37 Pot was **WON!** *By Jack Godbold, (I think)*

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