

About the Months of April & May...



April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, the fifth in the early Julian and the first month to have the length of 30 days. The Romans gave this month the Latin name April but the derivation of this name is uncertain.

April symbols:

- April's birthstone is the diamond.
- The birth flower is typically listed as either the Daisy (*Bellis perennis*) or the Sweet Pea.
- The zodiac signs for the month of April are Aries (until April 19) and Taurus (April 20 onwards)
- Sex symbol is *Bob Clifford*



May is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the third month to have the length of 31 days. May is also the month with the shortest name with three letters. The month May was named for the Greek Goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman era goddess of fertility, Bona Dea.

May symbols:

- May's birthstone is the emerald which is emblematic of love and success.
- The May birth flower is the Lily of the Valley and the *Crataegusmonogyna*. It is native throughout the cool temperate Northern Hemisphere in Asia, Europe, and in the southern Appalachian Mountains in the United States, but has been naturalized throughout the temperate climactic world.
- The "mayflower" *Epigaearepens* is a North American harbinger of May, and the floral emblem of both Nova Scotia and Massachusetts. Its native range extends from Newfoundland south to Florida, west to Kentucky in the southern range, and to Northwest Territories in the north.
- The zodiac signs for the month of May are Taurus (until May 20) and Gemini (May 21 onwards)

SOME NOTABLE APRIL AND MAY BIRTHDAYS:

April: Thomas Jefferson (13), Wm. Shakespeare (23), Charley Chaplin (16), Leonardo Da Vinci (15), Ulysses S. Grant (27), Charlemagne (2)

May: Bob Dylan (24), Sigmund Freud (6), Liberace (16), Ian Fleming (28), John Wayne (26), Bing Crosby (3), Orson Wells (6), Joe Louis (13)



Sertoma Run/Walk is on May 20, 2017
 Register/Sponsor Today

5k Run / Walk
 Celebrate Sertoma For Hearing Health

Register to Run or Walk
 Our 5k Run/Walk will be held on May 20, 2017, at **Moraine Valley Community College**, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, IL.

Registration is at 7:15 am.
Run is at 8:00 am
Walk is at 8:25 am.

Runners and walkers of all ability levels are welcome. **Back by popular demand.** We have a **Virtual Runners Option**. It is for those who can't run on Saturday but still want to participate. Run on your own schedule. Submit your time on our website.

Sponsor Run Walk
 Join a group of individual committed to Service to Mankind. Become a sponsors today.

Our run has an after party with food, prizes and entertainment.
 All net proceeds will go to benefit Sertoma Centre, Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center, and other local needs

For more info. go to: www.sertomawalk.com



THE BIG 2017 EVENT **FIREFIIGHTERS' COOK-OFF**

Featuring a first responders' food competition, feasting, family friendly activities, silent auction, \$10,000 raffle, "celebrity" judges and a live band and so much more!

When: Saturday, May 30, 2017
Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W 115th St., Merrionette Park, IL 60803



SAVE THE DATE!
Action Sertoma 17th Annual Golf Outing
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, WE ARE BACK AT SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB!



Wednesday, July 12, 2017
 Silver Lake Country Club
 14700 South 82nd Avenue
 Orland Park, Illinois

7:30 - 8:30 Registration
 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, Best Ball Format

Price reduction from 2016!

Shoot for an eagle on a Par 4 Featuring the famous "Golf Ball Launcher"

Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis.
 We are currently seeking reservations for golfers, sponsors, door prizes and silent auction prizes.

THE MINUTES... MARCH 2017



The March Board meeting was called to order by President Robert Scott at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Obbagy, Robert Scott, Dominic Porto, Edward Kelly, John Parker, Anita Flassig, Robert Hehl, Joe Varanauski, Edward Fioretti, William Kamholtz, Robert Clifford, Tony Casale, Louie Carnivele.
Also present : Jean Biela.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 28, 2017 were approved.

PRESIDENT - ROBERT SCOTT

1. Our dinner meeting for the coming year starting with our April meeting will be held at Bella Mia.
2. Action Sertoma's Sponsorship Appreciation Night will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Blarney Stone Pub. All club members should invite anyone they got as a sponsor at our Golf Outing. Please let Bob Scott know if you will be attending.
3. Action Sertoma's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at Silver Lake Country Club. We request that all members seek golfers, sponsors, door prizes, and silent auction prizes.
4. The Board is considering starting a Queen of Hearts Game as a fund raising event. We would start playing it at our dinner meeting and hopefully it will grow from there.
5. Our club's 50th anniversary is this year. The club was started on November 11, 1957. The club is planning a 50th Anniversary Party for Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Silver Lake Country Club. There will be dancing and entertainment and it will be black tie optional. The estimated cost is approximately \$78,000.00 and cost per person will be \$50.00 each.
6. It is time to consider who our officers and Board members for next year will be. If anyone would like to be an officer next year please talk to Bob Scott.
7. The Sertoma Center Housewares Sale is set for April 29th and 30th at the old Dominic's store on Richland Avenue.
8. The Sertoma Center Big event is coming up on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

TREASURER - JOHN PARKER

1. Our club has a current balance of \$43,435 in our bank accounts.
2. John went through a run down of our expected expenditures for the rest of the year.
3. Sertoma Speech and Hearing will be holding a golf outing at Silver Lake Golf Course on Thursday June 8, 2017. The cost is \$175.00 per person. John requested and the Board approved a Platinum Sponsorship for \$10,000.00. This will be the annual \$10,000.00 that we always give to Speech and Hearing. This will entitle us to two (2) foursomes. This will also be a club sponsored event with the club paying one half of the cost per golfer.
4. John also reported that Roger Harpold has severe dementia and rarely leaves the house, he requested that any club member who can should stop by and say hello or at least send Roger a card.

SECRETARY - EDWARD KELLY

We are on schedule to receive a Mission Club Award at the end of the current fiscal year. We can receive a Member Services Club Award if we do the following three things before the end of the fiscal year date of June 30th.:

1. Conduct a New Member Orientation,
2. Participate in the Sertoman of the Year Award, and
3. A club officer attend role development training at a regional or national convention.

V.P. SOCIAL - DOMINIC PORTO

1. The tentative date for the annual summer party is July 15, 2017.
2. The annual Illinois/Wisconsin Sertoma 5k Run/Walk is set for Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Moraine Valley Community College. Dom requested and the Board approved a \$500.00 donation to the walk.

NEW BUSINESS

Jean Biela made a proposal to the Board that the club should be using Social Media as a way of attracting new members. She suggested creating a short video that can be used on Social Media. It was agreed that the idea of how to use Social Media will be discussed at our next dinner meeting. We will try to have people present to explain how social media works.

THE MINUTES... APRIL 2017



The April Board meeting meeting was called to order by Christine Obbagy at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Obbagy, Robert Scott, Joe Racine Jr., Edward Kelly, Anita Flassig, Joe Varanauski, Robert Hehl, Robert Clifford, John Savalgio, Joe Racine Sr., Edward Fioretti, Bill Kamholz.. Also present: Terry McGuire.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 28, 2017 were approved.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - Christine Obbagy

1. John Neilly, who received a \$2,000.00 donation from our club in February, contacted Chris and told her how grateful he and his family were for the donation and to be sure and have her tell the club how grateful he was.
2. The Sertoma Center's annual Housewares Super Sale is set for this coming weekend, Saturday April 28th and Sunday April 29th, at the old Dominick's located at 6401 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights, IL.
3. Sertoma Center's Big Event is set for Saturday, May 20th at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 West 115th Street, Merrionette Park, IL.
4. The annual Illinois/Wisconsin Sertoma 5k Run/Walk is set for Saturday, May 20th at Moraine Valley Community College.

PRESIDENT - ROBERT SCOTT

1. Action Sertoma's Sponsorship Appreciation Night is coming up next week on Thursday, May 4th at the Blarney Stone Pub, 15400 Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest. Bob encouraged all members who got people to be a sponsor at last year's golf outing to be sure and invite that sponsor to this event. So far he has approximately 15/20 sponsors who will be attending.
2. Bob requested that all members try to bring potential new members to our June Dinner Meeting.
3. There was a long discussion about the need to have speakers at our dinner meeting. It was suggested that we could contact the speakers bureau for potential speakers. Bob Scott will look into this issue and report back later.

SECRETARY - EDWARD KELLY

It is time for the club to start looking into determining our club Sertoman of the Year Award winner. Bob Scott and Ed Kelly will get together to pick our club Sertoman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our club has a current balance of \$42,397.00 in our bank accounts.

V.P. SPONSORSHIP - JOE RACINE, JR.

Our annual golf outing is coming up on July 12th at Silver Lake Country Club. The golf committee has already taken care of some of the preliminary items, and the committee will be meeting tomorrow at Durbin's in Tinley Park.

SOCIAL

1. Joe Racine updated the board on our 50th Year Anniversary Party. It will be held in the Club Room at the Silver Lake Country Club on November 11, 2017. There will be entertainment and the event will be black tie optional. They have not yet determine the menu for the event or the cost per person for the event.
2. The tentative date for the annual summer party is Saturday, July 15th.



<http://sertoma.org/who-we-are/history/>

Sertoma hit 105 years on April 11th.

Celebrate the organization's big day by reading and reflecting upon some of it's history.

DON'T FORGET!!!!!!



Action Sertoma's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at Silver Lake Country Club. This is one of the club's biggest fund raisers so let's get moving and round up your foursomes. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the day with friends and of course your fellow Sertomans.

The outing is a shotgun start/scramble format with the course loaded with different fun events. A cocktail hour is followed by a steak dinner. The day also features both a silent and a live auction.

Additional Information will soon be made available on our website.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!!!!!

Chris Obaggy

I'm Chris Obaggy and I'm proud to be a Sertoman!

Currently, I serve as the Chairperson of the Action Sertoma Board. I assumed this position after serving a term as our club President. I joined Action Sertoma on September 2, 2008. Eileen Clancy and I were invited to an Action Sertoma dinner by Action member Joe Varanauski. Before we knew it, we were club members and somehow, within months, we were on the Board. Joe V. moves in mysterious ways.

I grew up in Oak Forest along with my two brothers, John and Paul, and lived in St. Damien parish. Maybe that's why Joe V. found me and set his sights on me as a future Sertoman. St. Damien runs deep through his blood. After graduating from St. Damien, I traveled on over to Chicago to attend Mother McCauley High School. After surviving Mother McCauley, I decided that my future was to be at a little school located in South Bend, IN. Yes folks, I'm a Golden Domer. I attended the University of Notre Dame. While there, I actually found time to study and I graduated in May of 1985 with a Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. With this in my pocket, I set off to set the world afire.



I started my life's journey and business career with Old Kent Bank. I worked there from 1985 through 1999. During my time with Old Kent, I held a number of different positions such as Vice President, Division Leader, Commercial Loan Officer, Commercial Loan Representative and Credit Analyst.

During this time, I continued to pursue my education by attending the University of Chicago. In 1995, I graduated from the U of C with a MBA in Finance.



I remained at Old Kent until 1999 at which time I left to work at CIB Bank, which is located in Frankfort, Illinois. I held the position of a Senior Vice President managing loan portfolios. I moved to Inland Bank and Trust, Oak Brook, Illinois in 2003 where I held a similar position and remained there until I took my current position with Providence Bank. I have been at Providence since 2012 as a Manager of Commercial Loan Portfolios. Some of my responsibilities include managing existing portfolio, developing new business, training junior lenders, and participating in various special projects. In addition to working with Providence Bank, I also manage a condo rental business in St John, IN.

I'm very blessed to have what I have including family and many good friends, including my fellow Sertomans, but I'm especially blessed to have my wonderful 10-year-old daughter, Caitlin. She attends Cardinal Bernardin School in Orland Hills. She's my pride and joy.

Say "Bingo!" Every Tuesday Morning...



...and you'll feel double the pleasure — because all that fun you're having helps support Speech and Hearing Center. All proceeds benefit the patients who cannot afford the care they need.

Bingo is hosted by Sertomans from the Hickory Hills Club

And they know how to put on a good game of Bingo!

- Hot Ball! •
- Pull tabs •
- Raffle tabs •
- Split the pot •
- Special door prizes •
- Computers — regular and super •
- Bulls-eye bonus rounds •
- Progressive Fireball game every week •

**Play at the Oremus Community Center
7900 S Oketo Avenue, Bridgeview IL 60455**

Doors open at 8:00 am & Bingo starts at 9:30 am

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

A Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all of our fellow Sertomans who are enjoying a April or May birthday or club anniversary.



BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Tracy Fioretti	April 25	Glen Bylina
April 3	Joan Gross	April 26	Bob Clifford
April 10	Anita Flassig	May 2	Tony Casale
April 20	Kevin Murphy	May 25	Dan Langel

ANNIVERSARIES

April 1	Bill Kamholz	May 5	Brian Letizia
April 6	Carla Salerno	May 5	Daniel Letizia
May 1	John Parker	May 11	Ed Kelly
May 1	Paul Ashack		

If I missed anyone, please let me know so that our records can be updated.

STROKE

By Mayo Clinic Staff

Dr. Arthur Itis tells us that a stroke occurs when there's bleeding into your brain or when normal blood flow to your brain is blocked. Within minutes of being deprived of essential nutrients, brain cells start dying — a process that may continue over the next several hours.



Seek immediate medical assistance. A stroke is a true emergency. The sooner treatment is given, the more likely it is that damage can be minimized. Every moment counts. In the event of a possible stroke, use FAST to help remember warning signs.

- **Face.** Does the face droop on one side while trying to smile?
- **Arms.** Is one arm lower when trying to raise both arms?
- **Speech.** Can a simple sentence be repeated? Is speech slurred or strange?
- **Time.** During a stroke every minute counts. If you observe any of these signs, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

Other signs and symptoms of a stroke include:

- Weakness or numbness on one side of the body, including either leg
- Dimness, blurring or loss of vision, particularly in one eye
- Severe headache — a bolt out of the blue — with no apparent cause
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or a sudden fall, especially if accompanied by any of the other signs or symptoms

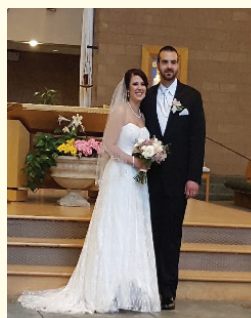
Risk factors for stroke include having high blood pressure, having had a previous stroke, smoking, having diabetes and having heart disease. Your risk of stroke increases as you age.

A good time was had by all on the recent golf trip out the Phoenix, AZ. The Embassy Suites didn't need to worry about no one showing up for Happy Hour with this crew.

A lot of lies, both good and bad, and many great shots included a few near misses for a Hole-in-one. Thankfully, no one was bitten a rattler, which is actually a miracle when you think about how far out into the desert some shots were launched. There were some rattler sightings though.

Good golf, great food and terrific friends.... all the makings of another tremendous golf trip.

Kudos to John Parker and Dan Letizia for their hard work in putting it all together.



Saturday, April 29th, saw the wedding of Alexis (Lexi) Porto to Eric D'Amore. Lexi is the beautiful daughter of Dom and Terri Porto.

The reception took place at the Carlisle located in Lombard, IL. A great time was had by all from the opening remarks by the teary eyed father, Dom, to the last musical

note. The filet and chicken dinner was excellent as was the raspberry cream filled wedding cake that followed.

Dom and Terri made a rather splendid couple with Dom in his tux, looking rather James Bond like and Terri resplendent in her gorgeous gown.

A hearty Action Sertoma Congratulations and Best wishes to the newly weds!!!!!!!

Editor's Thoughts

Spring has sprung and it's time to shake off the winter doldrums and get moving. Warm weather fuels our desire to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air. It signals the start of a number Action Sertoma events. Runs/walks, golf outings, summer events and other activities. These activities obviously require participation, but they also require volunteers to assist and to help run the events. Please keep this in mind. Don't wait to be asked. Offer your services. Let's all volunteer to help so that we can make this our best year ever.

Don't forget to visit our new Action Sertoma website at <http://www.actionsertoma.net> and please visit our Facebook page and "like" what you see.

Again, I invite all Sertomans to comment about the content of not only the Newsletter, but also the website. Any Ideas that you have about anything that you would like to see or have included would be welcome, as well as any of your own contributions.

I looked forward to your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Bob Clifford

