

About the months October, November & December...



October is the tenth month the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars

and the sixth month to have the length of 31 days. The eighth month in the old Roman calendar, October retained its name (from the Latin meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans.

-October symbols:

- October's birthstones are the tourmaline and opal.
- Its birth flower is the calendula.
- The zodiac signs for this month are Libra (until October 22) and Scorpio (from October 23).

-Some notable October birthdays:

Mahatma Gandhi (5), John Lennon (9), Pablo Picasso (25), Teddy Roosevelt (27), John Adams (30), Christopher Columbus (31)



November is the eleventh and penultimate month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars

and the fourth and last month to have the length of 30 days. November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar. November retained its name (from the Latin novem meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar.

-November symbols:

- November's birthstones are the topaz (particularly, yellow) which symbolizes friendship and the citrine.
- Its birth flower is the chrysanthemum.

- The zodiac signs for the month of November are Scorpio (October 23-November 21) and Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21).

-Some notable November birthdays:

Daniel Boone (2), Roy Rogers (5), Marie Curie (7), Grace Kelly (12), Mickey Mouse (18), Sir Winston Churchill (30), Samuel Clemens "Mark Twain" (30)



December is the twelfth and final month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars. It is the seventh and last month to have the length of 31 days. December got its name from the Latin word decem (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March.

-December symbols:

- The zodiac signs for the month of December are Sagittarius (until December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 onwards).
- December's birth flower is the narcissus.
- December's birthstones are the turquoise, zircon, and tanzanite.

-Some notable December birthdays:

Lee Trevino (1), Frank Sinatra (12), Nostradamus (14), Walt Disney (15), Pope Francis (17), Howard Hughes (24), Jesus Christ (25), Tiger Woods (30)



It's the holiday season so that means that it's time to wish each and every Sertoman a

Here are some interesting facts about Christmas:

- All letters addressed to Santa in the United States go to Santa Claus, Indiana
- It is estimated that the song "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best selling single in history with over 100 million copies sold.
- Nearly all of the most popular Christmas songs including 'Winter Wonderland', 'Chestnuts roasting...', and 'I'm Dreaming of a white Christmas' were written by Jewish people.
- The Nazi party tried to turn Christmas into a nonreligious holiday celebrating the coming of Hitler, with Saint Nicholas replaced by Odin the "Solstice Man" and swastikas on top of Christmas trees.
- An artificial Christmas tree would have to be reused for more than 20 years to be "greener" than buying a fresh-cut tree annually.
- We frequently abbreviate Christmas as X-mas because of ancient tradition. X is the Greek letter "chi" which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek.
- Japanese people traditionally eat at KFC for Christmas dinner, thanks to a successful marketing campaign 40 years ago. KFC is so popular that customers must place their Christmas orders 2 months in advance.
- Christmas purchases account for 1/6 of all retail sales in the U.S annually.
- During Christmas in Newfoundland people called Mummers dress up in crude disguises and go from house to house dancing and playing music while the hosts try to identify them. (This one actually sounds like a college frat party.)
- Paul McCartney earns nearly half a million dollars every year from his Christmas song, which many critics regards as his worst song ever.

...and as I heard that rotund Sertoman exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"



EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

It's coming near to the end of the year. It's hard to believe that another one has come and gone so quickly. Time to reflect on this past year and reminisce about how things have changed and my how they have changed. We have a new President! Who would have ever thought that we'd be saying "President Donald Trump." There are far too many sayings to attribute to this, but one does come to mind courtesy of Ben Franklin.... "in this world, nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes."

We had another fine year at Action Sertoma under the direction and leadership of President Bob Scott and our Chairperson Chris Obbagy. Also, kudos to all of our officers and to all of those who put in endless hours putting together our club events and in particular the golf outing and another Rocktoberfest. Both were quite successful and brought nearly \$90,000.00 to our coffers to be distributed to those in need. More to follow about Rocktoberfest later in the newsletter.

Coming up soon will be Thanksgiving which will afford us the opportunity to give thanks for all that we've received and all that we've been able to accomplish during the past year. More to follow about Thanksgiving also later in the newsletter. Speaking of giving thanks, how about the fact that Action

Sertoma celebrated its 50th anniversary on November 11th. That certainly is something worthy of giving thanks for.....both for the achievement and for those who had the wisdom, foresight and selflessness to found this club.

Another thing for all of us to be thankful for is our Veterans. We recently celebrated Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For this one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans. Thanks to all of our Sertoma veterans.

This leads us right to the biggest and, in my opinion, the best season of the year.....Christmas. Let's try to remember the true meaning of the season and be generous in your giving to others who are in need.

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

Bob Clifford



AUTUMN LEAVES INTERRUPTING THE GAME

Therefore, with leaves in the vicinity of your golf ball, you might want to leave (leaf!) well enough alone, unless...

Unless... You are familiar with these rules:

1. Rules as Rule 23 – Loose Impediments
2. Rule 12-1b – Searching for or Identifying Ball Covered by Loose Impediments in Hazard
3. Rule 13-4c – Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions.

On the putting green, you may remove leaves on your line of putt provided you do not press anything down, Rule 16-1a – Touching Line of Putt. Also on the putting green, per Rule 23-1, if you accidentally move your ball in the process of removing leaves, there is no penalty provided the movement of the ball is directly attributable to the removal of the leaves. Just remember to replace your ball to where it was before you caused it to move, otherwise you will incur a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two-

stroke penalty in stroke play, Rule 18-2 – Ball at Rest Moved by Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment.

However, when the ball does not lie on the putting green, or in a hazard, you may remove leaves in the vicinity of your ball, provided you do not cause your ball to move. If you do cause your ball to move, you incur a one-stroke penalty and you must replace your ball, Rule 18-2.

Leaves that have been piled for removal are ground under repair, Definition of Ground Under Repair. Those are the kinds of piles of leaves that you don't have to worry about encountering outside of a water hazard, because relief without penalty is available to you via Rule 25 – Abnormal Ground Conditions, etc. In fact, if it is known or virtually certain that your ball is lost within such a pile, relief is provided by Rule 25-1c – Ball in Abnormal Ground Condition Not Found. In taking relief, you must determine the nearest point of relief to where the ball crossed the outermost limit of the pile of leaves and drop within one club-length of

that point, not nearer the hole.

If there is a pile of leaves immediately behind your ball in a hazard, be careful not to touch the leaves with your club prior to, or during, your backswing. Otherwise, you will incur a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two stroke penalty in stroke play, Rule 13-4c – Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions.

If you believe that your ball is covered by leaves in a hazard to the extent that you cannot find or identify it, you may, without penalty, touch or move the leaves in order to find or identify the ball. However, you must be extremely careful not to cause your ball to move in the process. See Rule 12-1b – Searching for or Identifying Ball Covered by Loose Impediments in Hazard. If you cause your ball to move during the search, you incur a one-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2 and you must replace your ball. If your ball was completely covered by leaves prior to the search, you must re-cover it with the leaves; but it is permitted to leave a small part of the ball visible.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

A Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all of our fellow Sertomans who are enjoying a October, November & December birthday or club anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Host – October 1st
Chris Beele – October 24th
Kristine Kalnins – October 28th
Joe Varanauski – November 3rd
George Saviglio – November 5th
Jean Biela – November 14th
Jerry Biela – November 22nd
Chas Lazarra – November 27th
Ed Kelly – December 4th
Mike Ojemark – December 15th
Kristina Kurdts – December 22nd
John Savaglio – December 27th



ANNIVERSARIES

Andy Sampalis – October 1st
Jean Biela – October 2nd
Kristina Kurdts – October 6th
Mike Ojemark – October 6th
George Saviglio – October 28th
John Saviglio - October 29th
Glenn Bylina – November 1st
Lou Carnivele – November 1st
Bob Clifford – November 1st
Ed Fioretti – November 1st
Terry McGuire – November 1st
Joe Varanauski – November 3rd
Jerry Biela – November 9th
Steve Reilly – November 10th
Action Sertoma (fka Alsip Sertoma)
– November 11th
*Gene Esposito – November 11th
*Rich Finger – November 11th
*Roger Harpold – November 11th
Joe Racine – November 13th
Kevin Gosewisch – December 12th
Jerry Keller - December 12th

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

*Charter Members November 11, 1967



The Action Sertoma party animals were at it again. On Thursday, December 7th, the club had its annual Christmas party at Gatto's in Orland Park. While the crowd gathered, the drinks were flowing. The festivities started with another

fabulous dinner followed by dessert. What can go wrong with ice cream, cake and a table full of sweets? The answer is obvious....nothing. After dinner, the event that everyone was waiting for finally took place with the exchange of gifts. The women brought gifts for the women and the men brought gifts for the men. After the selecting and stealing of gifts, some were dismayed that someone absconded with their prized selection, but it was a beautiful night and everyone left happy and in the Christmas spirit.

If you missed the party this year, make sure that you plan early and be there in 2018.



ROCKTOBERFEST 2017

***"Oh, what a night
Late October back at Gaelic Park
What a special time for us
As we remember, what a night."***

(as borrowed from the Four seasons "Oh, what a night")

Yes it was a special night.... in fact, it was a sellout. Gaelic Park was packed with Sertomans and their guests to enjoy a night that was filled with food, raffles, music and tons of fun.

Every year it just gets better. The festive atmosphere was conducive to a great time starting off with cocktails and mingling and following up with a buffet dinner and a fantastic Rocktoberfest cake for dessert.

All throughout the night, Sertomans and volunteers sold raffle tickets for the Grand Raffle (with a \$5,000 1st prize,) a wheelbarrow filled with too many bottles of liquor to count and numerous others items. Gift certificate umbrellas, jerseys and Chinese auctions ruled the night.

While all of this was taking place, the night took off with music provided by the ever-popular *Maggie Speaks*. The dance floor quickly filled with all of those who wanted to show off their dancing skill or just to satisfy their happy feet.

Finally, the big moment arrived with the drawing for the Grand Raffle prizes. In addition to the 1st prize, there were other smaller amounts to be given to the lucky ticket holders. The suspense built toward the 1st prize and with much anticipation the winner was announced and it turned out to be our own Chas Lazzara. Congratulations Chas.

The event was just fantastic, the night was wonderful and the Sertomans were partying hardy. As we all know, Rocktoberfest didn't run itself. The committee worked their collective fingers to the bone. While there are far too many workers and volunteers to mention here, there are a few that deserve special mention.

Those who organized the event, those who volunteered and worked the event and those who contributed or donated to the event are to be saluted. Likewise, those who dealt with difficulties of pushing the raffle tickets and selling ads to fill the ad book deserve praise as well. In particular, Dom and Terri Porto deserve accolades for their hard work and never-ending devotion to this event. Also, to be acknowledged is Gene Esposito, Jr. for his efforts to get this event on the forefront of social media, using the internet for tickets and of course hustling the raffle.

This was a phenomenal effort by the committee and all of those who played a part no matter how small it was. Thank you for your efforts and congratulations on putting together another highly successful event.



ACTION SERTOMA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 11, 2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the Action Sertoma Club. The club was found exactly 50 years ago to the day. A gala celebration was held at Silver Lake Country Club to help celebrate the event as well as to install the club officers. The night started with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres during which time, the dulcet tones of the evening's entertainment, Roxanne Cappolella Anzelone wafted through the room providing a rather smooth atmosphere in which to reminisce about past years and the club history. After a welcome and brief history of the club by our president, Bob Scott, and a stirring invocation by Bill Kamholz, the members and guests enjoyed a meal of steak and colossal shrimp followed by dessert consisting of ice cream, a slice of the delectable 50th Anniversary cake and a table full of delicious sweets.

The highlight of the evening centered on the recognition of the remaining Charter Members, Gene Esposito, Rich Finger and Roger Harpold. Unfortunately, Roger was unable to attend, but he certainly was present in spirit and the thoughts of his fellow Sertomans. Also, recognized was Bill Kamholz, who, but for a few months, was there from the start as well. Gene Esposito gave some additional information on the origin of the club and a light-hearted recap of some of the club's earlier days.

Also, as the members and guests sat in rapt attention, as Eddie D., our Sertoma President-elect, gave a short speech (yes, it is possible) touting the benefits of being a Sertoman. Following this, Jerry Lipinski, our District Governor, installed this year's club officers. One by one, the officers stood tall as they listened to what their upcoming duties would be and swore to undertake and perform those awesome responsibilities.

A wonderful time was had by all. The Sertoman's present exhibited great pride in the club's accomplishments over the past 50 years, pride in each other and pride in being a Sertoman. We're all proud to be a Sertoman (clap.)



SERTOMA CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sertoma Centre Upcoming Events

March 2018

Housewares Show Pack-Up

March 13, 2018 @ 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sertoma Centre, 4343 W. 123rd Street
Alsip, IL 60803



1 DAY Only! March 13th

Please join us to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities! Come VOLUNTEER on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. from 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Either meet at McCormick Place or ride a bus with us from Sertoma Centre at 4343 W. 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803.

2018 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K

March 25, 2018 @ 6:30 am - 1:30 pm
Grant Park, Chicago, 337 E Randolph St,
Chicago, IL, IL 60601



READY. SET. GO! Join the SERTOMA CENTRE SPIRIT RUNNERS TEAM at the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K in 2018 and help us build better programs for individuals with disabilities! By joining the Sertoma Spirit Runners Team, be confident that you are making a

difference in the lives of Chicagoans with disabilities.

April 2018

Housewares Super Sale

April 7, 2018 @ 10:00 am - April 8, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

HOUSEWARES SUPER SALE

50% off!
90% off!
Special Home
Housewares Items



Shop, Save and Support Individuals with Disabilities! Housewares Super Sale items consist of brand name houseware merchandise received as donations from the 2018 International Home + Housewares Show not yet seen in stores for 50-90% off! All proceeds from the sale

benefit individuals with disabilities at Sertoma Centre.

May 2018

NEW! BIG Event Heroes Cook-Off

May 5, 2018 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W 115th St
Merrionette Park, 60803 United States + Google Map



Come on out for a spicy and fresh twist of our 15th Annual Heroes Cook-Off on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street! We have heated up the competition to include all superheroes of the community, the First Responders! Check back for more details.

For more information about these events call 708-371-9700 or email at info@sertomacentre.org



October - November - December 2017

IL/WI District Sertoma Governor's Newsletter

Hello Sertomans,

The season of regional conventions is over and the work of Sertoma now begins. I want to give you a summary of the convention held in our region. It was a super convention held in Decatur but it was a shame only 63 people attended.



The Decatur Breakfast Club, Springfield and Taylorville Clubs are to be commended for all the hard work that participated this affair. Especial commendations to Lt. Gov Paul Rosenberger, Alex Prather and Dom & Terri Porto for all they did to make this convention a success.

Convention started at 3:00 pm on Friday and ended at Saturday at 10:00, 11:00 or 12:00 depending on how much you enjoyed the hospitality room.

It was an old fashioned convention with the business & training being concise and enlightening and the fun, frivolity and social being enjoyed by all.

The celebrate sound event was enjoyable and raised over \$2,000 to add to the merriment. The games were a triathlon of bean bag toss, computer golf and trivia events. The camaraderie was carried over into the hospitality room into the night.

The IL/WI district meeting was attended by 8 clubs and 22 people. The budgets were presented and passed for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and 2019. The District dues were increased by \$1.00 a year or .25 cents a quarter per member, effective July 1, 2018.

The convention had a bus tour of Decatur that was enjoyed by many.

The streamlined convention & the constant flow on Sertomanisms with the reduced price proved for a successful atmosphere and enjoyable convention.

Hopefully this will inspire many more clubs to send representatives to the next convention in Indiana.

I would like to schedule a PAC meeting in January to go over the Insurance and dues increases that are forthcoming but I need to have a positive response from at least 15 members and 6 clubs that they would attend. Please send me what days would be acceptable to anyone coming to this event.

Mark you calendar for March 3, 2018. We are hosting a CDW - Club Development Workshop in our area. It is a special training put on by national volunteers to assist clubs in further refining their why. Our goal is to have at least 40 people at the training. It will be from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Sertoma Centre. Detail to follow soon.

Congratulations Action Sertoma on 50 Years of Service!

Any comments or feedback? Feel free to contact me via phone at 630-215-3250 or email at jl@skicpa.com. I am looking forward to a great year with you!

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season. Yours in service,

[Jerry Lipinski, Governor IL/WI District](#)

TEAMWORK MEETS DETERMINATION

Personal courage supported by caring professionals
unlocks bright future

Why does everyone at Sertoma Speech & Hearing Centers believe in our mission to help all who need us? Consider Dalesha's story...

It starts with actions taken by Cook County Detective Sgt. Jim Davis and Investigators Ruth Mendez and Judith Powe to help Dalesha (real name withheld to protect her identity). Dalesha is a young lady with profound hearing loss and is twice the victim of sexual assault. Determined to support her, the team from Cook County Sheriff's Department helped Dalesha get the services she needed to unlock a future rich with possibilities. But as they say, it takes a village.

[See video and readfull story in Chicago Tribune](#)

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<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-hearing-aid-sex-assault-victim-20171106-story.html>

News travels fast these days. Brian McCaskey, a Vice President of the Chicago Bears and founder of the HearStrong Foundation read about Dalesha in the Chicago Tribune and committed to supporting her with the specialized hearing aids she needs. He also offered her college tuition.

Part of this growing community of support is our Dr. Tom Wardzala. His role is to provide the clinical expertise needed to fine-tune Dalesha's advanced hearing aids with the right hearing prescription. It's been a long time since Dalesha has worn hearing aids, so the challenge for Dr. Wardzala at Dalesha's initial fitting was to give her the optimal reintroduction to sound. Later, Dr. Wardzala will develop new prescriptions as Dalesha's brain adapts to her new soundscape.

What an incredible interaction of generosity, personal resolve, and professional teamwork! What a team, period! And now you know why we believe in our mission to help all who need us. We hope you do too.

Happy Holidays from all of us.

—Dr. Michelle Morrison, Executive Director



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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION



JUST A SIMPLE REMINDER

We're sure that everyone knows, but just a simple reminder that the monthly dinner meeting location has changed. It is no longer at Capri in Palos Heights. The monthly dinner meeting is now being held at another excellent Italian restaurant, **BELLA MIA**.

Bella Mia is located at 4648 W. 147th St. in Midlothian.

Regular Meetings:

Monthly Member Meetings:

Dinner Meeting – First Tuesday of each month

Bella Mia Restaurant

4648 W. 147th St.

Midlothian, IL

6:15 pm Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner

Monthly Board Meetings

Dinner Meeting – Last Tuesday of each month

Sertoma Centre – Martha Polacek Facility

4100 W. 127th Street • Alsip, IL

6:00 pm Dinner [/one_half]

ACTION SERTOMA CLUB SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Don't forget to get your square for the Action Sertoma Pool
See or call Jerry Biela (708) 906-6373

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH

HOUSEWARES SHOW PACK-UP

Sertoma Centre
4100 W. 127th St., Alsip, IL
1:00 PM to 8:30 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH

HOUSEWARES SUPER SALE

More info to follow

SATURDAY, May 5th

BIG EVENT HEROES COOK-OFF

115 Bourbon Street
3359 W 115th St.
Merrionette Park, IL 60803
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm