



# ACTION SERTOMA

## FALL BULLETIN 2022

*"A Club helping those in the Community"*

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*John Parker*  
*Treasurer*



I have been self-employed for 29 years. I have a daughter, son, eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way this month. My hobby is playing golf three times a week. I have been an Action Sertoma member since May 1993. I am currently and have been the Treasurer the past 11 years, currently and have been the Chairman of the Board for the Speech and Hearing Center the past eight years, I was the Sertoma IL/WI District Governor for eight years and I was on the Board for the Sertoma Centre for several years. I am on both the Rocktoberfest and Golf Committees, and I am one of the point persons for the Queen of Hearts along with our secretary and publicity admin. I love to travel, and I have met a lot of great friends with Action Sertoma. I am Proud to be a Sertoman!

### Action Sertoma is a Proud Sponsor for



The Navarro family 5-acre farm's purpose is to create a place for individuals with special needs to participate in an agricultural experience – with the hopes of increasing their social skills and independence. Hence, a place to grow was born.



Every week Navarro Farmers harvest fresh, organic produce that they have planted and tended to in the raised garden beds, as part of the Farmer Program. When you shop at Carter's Corner, 100% of the proceeds go back into the programs for special needs individuals.

Their goals are to nurture, elevate joy, and harvest growth not only in crops that thrive on the farm but in the lives of individuals with special needs. By sowing one seed at a time, they can help to make a lasting impact in their lives coming from a place of love.





**The Legend of the First Thanksgiving** - In 1620, as the legend goes, a boat filled with more than 100 people sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to settle in the New World. This religious group had begun to question the beliefs of the Church of England and they wanted to separate from it. The Pilgrims settled in what is now the state of Massachusetts. Their first winter in the New World was difficult. They had arrived too late to grow many crops, and without fresh food, half the colony died from disease. The following spring, the Wampanoag Iroquois tribe taught them how to grow corn (maize), a new food for the colonists. They showed them other crops to grow in the unfamiliar soil and how to hunt and fish. In the autumn of 1621, bountiful crops of corn, barley, beans, and pumpkins were harvested. The colonists had much to be thankful for, so a feast was planned. They invited the local Iroquois chief and 90 members of his tribe. The Indigenous peoples brought deer to roast with the turkeys and other wild game offered by the colonists. The colonists learned how to cook cranberries and different kinds of corn and squash dishes from them. In the following years, many of the original colonists celebrated the autumn harvest with a feast of thanks.

After the United States became an independent country, Congress recommended one yearly day of thanksgiving for the whole nation to celebrate. In 1789, George Washington suggested the date November 26 as Thanksgiving Day. Later presidents were not so supportive; for example, Thomas Jefferson thought that for the government to proclaim a quasi-religious holiday was a violation of the separation of church and state. Before Lincoln, only two other presidents proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day: John Adams and James Madison.

In 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln asked all Americans to set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. In 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed a bill to make Thanksgiving a federal holiday. This action helped to spread the thanksgiving tradition among the different communities of immigrants that were scattered throughout the US, especially the ones that arrived during the late 19th century and the early 20th century.



## NEWS

### How Your Annual Fund Gifts Make a Difference

Service is at the heart of everything that Sertoma does, and it's thanks to our members' generous giving to the Annual Fund that we are able to make some of our favorite flagship programs possible. Since 1971, Sertoma has had hearing health as its national mission. As such, we have used donor dollars to help those impacted by and living with hearing loss through the support of field-related higher education and philanthropic work.

The Community Grant program is the biggest way Sertoma supports the work of other hearing health nonprofit organizations. This program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to Sertoma Affiliates aiming to advance their work in the hearing health world. Many Affiliates' annual dues are also sponsored by local Sertoma Clubs.

Grants have gone to help fund hearing health programs, hearing health equipment, program supplies, project development, first-year support groups, hearing and speech screenings, information research and more. Applications are currently open for the grant program and will close on January 31, 2023.

The Annual Fund is also dedicated to supporting the hearing health leaders of tomorrow through Communicative Disorders Scholarships. These \$1,000 scholarships assist graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in audiology or speech pathology in the United States. Our program provides more funds nationally for graduate-level study in communicative disorders than any other single organization.



# Action Sertoma's Membership Drive

Was held August 23, at the Oak Forest Bowl in the Park. This will be an Annual Event in August to help promote our club and recruit new members. Thank you to the members who signed up new members!



## Action Sertoma Donations

- Sertoma Centre Annually \$20,000
- Sertoma Speech & Hearing Annually \$15,000
- Crisis Center Golf Outing \$1,500
- New Star Golf Outing \$2,000
- Navarro Farms \$1,000
- Toss For Tots \$1,000
- Sertoma Speech and Hearing to National \$300
- CC Military Care Packages at Silver Lake \$500  
(Honoring Lisa Tomlin, who died this year of cancer from Desert Storm)
- Chicago Lawn Sertoma \$500
- Jones Center \$250
- Oak Forest Rodriguez/Gomez Families \$750

## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT IN OCTOBER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Crisis Center is launching its #31derfulways campaign in hopes of raising \$31,000.

Your gift of \$31 provides:  
Emergency shelter and other programs for families fleeing from domestic violence

Corporate Champion BMO Harris Bank is energizing our campaign by matching all gifts, up to \$15,000!  
#doubleyourimpact

All gifts MATCHED up to \$15,000!!



Double your impact at [crisisctr.org/donate-to-ccss](http://crisisctr.org/donate-to-ccss)



# TOYS FOR TOTS



**U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE**



**Every Tues 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS Fundraiser,**  
Details at <https://actionsertoma.org/queen-of-hearts>

**Nov 8th – Action Sertoma’s Grand Raffle Fundraiser**  
<https://actionsertoma.org/grand-raffle>

**Dec 2 – Action Sertoma hosts Pizza event**  
at Sertoma Centre

**Dec 2 – Sertoma Centre Holiday Bazaar**

**Dec 8 – Action Sertoma Christmas Party /**  
**55th Anniversary Celebration at Silver Lake CC**

**March 3 – Sertoma Centre Circle of Friends**  
Appreciation Dinner

**March 7 & 8 - Houseware Show Pack-Up**

**April 1 & 2 - Houseware Super Sale**

**May 6 - Heroes First Responder Cook Off**

**June 24 – Sertoma Centre New Families Breakfast**



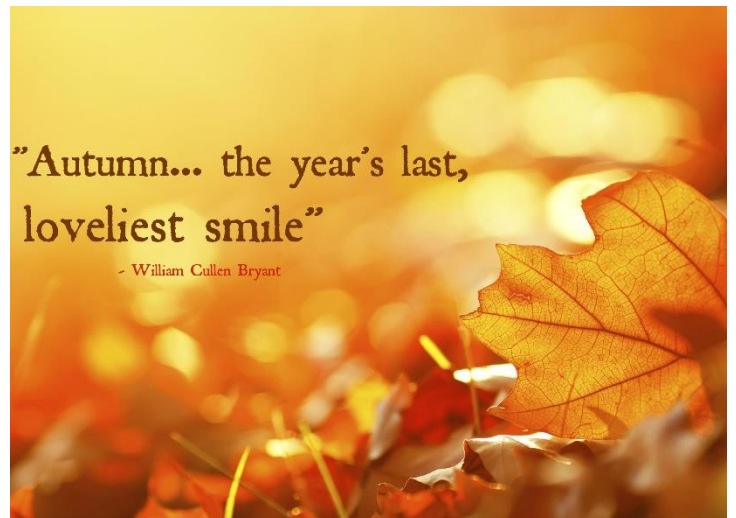
**Dennis Canalini – Oct 5**  
**Kristine Kalnins – Oct 28**  
**Joe Varanauski – Nov 3**  
**Jean Biela – Nov 14**  
**Charles Lazzara – Nov 27**  
**Ed Kelly – Dec 4**  
**Al Maggi – Dec 5**  
**Brad Nielson – Dec 15**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Concetta Pinto – Oct 1**  
**Andrew Sampalis – Oct 1**  
**Jean Biela – Oct 2**  
**Tracy Fioretti-Moehle – Oct 2**  
**Anita Flassig – Oct 8**  
**Connie Barrera – Oct 25**  
**Glenn Bylina – Nov 1**  
**Bob Clifford – Nov 1**  
**Ed Fioretti – Nov 1**  
**Joe Varanauski – Nov 1**  
**Stephen Reilly – Nov 10**  
**Gene Esposito Sr – Nov 11**  
**Joe Racine Jr – Nov 13**  
**Mike Reeg – Dec 1**  
**Charles Lazzara – Dec 9**

**“Autumn... the year’s last,  
loveliest smile”**

*- William Cullen Bryant*







**Members Dinner Mtg**  
 1st Tuesday of the Month at  
**CAPRI RISTORANTE ITALIANO**  
 12307 S. HARLEM AVE.  
 Palos Heights, IL 60463  
 6:00 pm Cocktails  
 6:30 pm Dinner



**Action Sertoma Board Mtg**  
 Last Tuesday of the Month  
**BLARNEY STONE**  
 15400 Cicero Ave  
 Oak Forest, IL 60452  
 6:00 pm

**ACTION SERTOMA BOARD MEMBERS**

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| <b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>        | DENNIS FIORETTI   |
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|                            | ANITA FLASSIG     |
|                            | GEORGE FETCHO     |

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| DAN LETIZIA    | GLENN BYLINA       |
| GEORGE FETCHO  | TOM FINGER         |

