



# ACTION SERTOMA

## SPRING BULLETIN 2022

*"A Club helping those in the Community"*

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Dominic Porto*  
*Director*



Dominic was born and raised in Oak Lawn. Dom and his wife, Terri, have been married for 38 years and have 3 children, Jessica, Alexis and Sam, 2 son-in-laws, Brad and Eric and 3 grandchildren, Zoey, Ian and Aiden. Dom joined Action Sertoma Club (formerly Alsip Sertoma Club) in Sept. 1992. He attended the New Member Indoctrinations at the Sertoma Centre in Oct. 1992 and was given a tour of the facility. It was at that time he learned "why he is a member of Sertoma."

He was asked to serve as Sgt at Arms right away and happily accepted. He joined our club's board in 1993 and has held every club position. In 1994-1995 Dom accepted the position of VP of Sponsorship in Action Club. Since that time Dom has served with distinction as President Elect-1995-96, President- 1996-97, Chairman of the Board- 1997-98, Director- 1998-99, Governor Elect- 1998-99, District Governor from 1999 to 2001, VP of Membership 2001-02, Club Secretary -2008-13, VP of Social from 2013-18 and he currently holds the position of Director and assists

our club Treasurer with tasks and reports. Dom started working on the club's major fundraiser Sponsorship Ball, A Touch of Class at the Martinique in 1995. He jumped right in being the Dinner Ticket and Raffle Ticket Chairman and held those positions on that event until 2003. In 2004, the time came to redesign our major fundraiser and Dom volunteered to be on the committee to redesign the fundraiser. Dom along with a few other club members came up with the idea of a Fall Fest, now called Rocktoberfest. Holding the Chairman position since 2005. He has won the Sertoman of the Year Award, District Sertoman of the Year twice, Regional Sertoman of the Year and has received the Sertoma Presidential Lifetime Service Award.



**May 14 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**115th Bourbon Street, 3359 W 115th St,**  
**Merrionette Park**

For nearly 20 years, Sertoma Centre has hosted a friendly cooking competition featuring first responders. This family-focused event is a fun way of raising money and awareness for Sertoma while celebrating the talents of local heroes. Individual or two-person teams of amateur chefs from area firehouses, police stations, hospitals, or other emergency sites compete for top honors and the coveted Peoples Choice Award. Guests can expect favorites like BBQ ribs, pork tenderloin, chili, or chicken from our culinary contestants. Action Sertoma is a Proud Sponsor.

## Action Sertoma is a Proud Sponsor for RESPOND NOW March Members Meeting Speaker: Carl Wolf

RESPOND NOW has been providing health, housing and food services for the far southeast poverish areas for 50 years. They provide immediate, short-term assistance so families can meet their day-to-day needs and focus on looking for more long-term solutions. Services include: food pantry, rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, foreclosure prevention, SNAP Outreach, Medicaid Expansion assistance, prescription medication vouchers, temporary lodging, transportation, clothing, Community Garden, books for children, Holiday Giveaway and Back-To-School backpacks and supplies. RESPOND NOW currently owns the building they distribute these services, however, the building is falling apart and needs repairs. They are looking for additional donations to help repair their building. <https://respondnow.org/>



## DID YOU KNOW?

### The First Credit Card

In 1950, Diners Club and American Express launched their charge cards in the USA, the first “plastic money”. In 1951, Diners Club issued the first credit card to 200 customers who could use it at 27 restaurants in New York. But it was only

until the establishment of standards for the magnetic strip in 1970 that the credit card became part of the information age.

The first use of magnetic strips on cards was in the early 1960’s, when the London Transit Authority installed a magnetic stripe system. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit installed a paper based ticket the same size as the credit cards in the late 1960’s.

The word credit comes from Latin, meaning “trust”. Ironically. Almost half of all credit card disputes are about internet transactions. And the default rate on the 1.5 billion credit cards in the U.S. is 13%.



### NEWS: NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



We are excited to announce that Jason Camis will be the new Executive Director of Sertoma, Inc. and Hearing Charities of America® (HCOA). Jason is a long-time resident within the Kansas City area and its surrounding communities who will begin his new role

on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Jason is originally from the Detroit area. He obtained his bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI and a master’s degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. He holds a certification from the Institute for Organization Management (IOM) from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

He comes to us from the Gardner Chamber of Commerce where he served for more than seven years as the President and CEO. While there, he was responsible for a broad range of successful initiatives, including relationship building within

the business community, increasing membership and attendance at annual events, and reviewing internal operations to provide long-term stability to the chamber. Jason has a strong background in board/staff development and management, budgeting, volunteer recruitment and engagement, partnership management and cultivation, marketing, program development and oversight, and strategic planning. In addition to his role at the Chamber, he has served as the Board Chair for United Way of Miami County, held numerous leadership roles within Rotary and other community organizations, and currently serves as a Vice President for the Kindertransport Association (KTA).



### *Action Sertoma Donations*

- Sertoma Centre Annually \$20,000*
- Sertoma Speech & Hearing Annually \$15,000*
- Joe Racine Jr \$2,000*
- RESPOND NOW \$3,000*
- Sertoma Centre The BIG EVENT*
- Police Memorial Fund \$1,500*
- New Lenox Rotary Club Golf Outing \$500*
- Oak Forest Police Association for Injured Officer April 3, 2022 \$500*



- Tracy Fioretti-Moehle – April 1*
- Tom Finger – April 6*
- Anita Flassig – April 10*
- Glenn Bylina – April 25*
- Robert Clifford – April 26*
- Tony Casale – May 2*
- Ken Castillo – May 23*
- Dan Langle – May 25*
- Connie Barrera – June 7*
- Pat Gill – June 9*
- Steve Reilly – June 10*
- Joe Racine, Jr. – June 19*
- Dan Letizia – June 27*



- William Kamholz – April 1**
- Carla Salerno – April 6**
- John Parker – May 1**
- Jay Farquhar – May 1**
- Brian Letizia – May 5**
- Dan Letizia Jr – May 5**
- Edward Kelly – May 11**
- Jason Nielsen – June 1**
- Dan Langel – June 2**



Every Tues 8pm - **QUEEN OF HEARTS** Fundraiser,  
 Details at <https://actionsertoma.org/queen-of-hearts>  
**May 14, 2022** - Big Event at 115 Bourbon Street  
 Details at <https://sertomacentre.org/event/big-event/>  
**July 20, 2022** – Action Sertoma Golf Outing  
 Details at <https://actionsertoma.org/golf-outing>



**Action Sertoma's QUEEN OF HEARTS** Every Tuesday, 8 pm, at Nite Games in Oak Forest, Min. \$5.00 for six tickets. Details at <https://actionsertoma.org/queen-of-hearts>



**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  
 5:30 pm

**ACTION SERTOMA BOARD MEMBERS**

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| <b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>        | DENNIS FIORETTI   |
| <b>PRESIDENT:</b>          | GENE ESPOSITO, JR |
| <b>TREASURER:</b>          | JOHN PARKER       |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b>          | ED KELLY          |
| <b>VP SPONSORSHIP:</b>     | JOE RACINE, JR    |
| <b>CO-VP SPONSORSHIP:</b>  | BOB SCOTT         |
| <b>VP MEMBERSHIP:</b>      | EILEEN CLANCY     |
| <b>VP SOCIAL:</b>          | TOM FINGER        |
| <b>PUBLICITY/BULLETIN:</b> | CONNIE BARRERA    |
| <b>SERGEANT AT ARMS:</b>   | ROBERT HEHL       |
| <b>DIRECTORS:</b>          | BILL KAMHOLZ      |
|                            | CHRIS OBBAGY      |
|                            | DOM PORTO         |
|                            | JOE RACINE, SR.   |
|                            | CHAS LAZZARA      |
|                            | KRISTINE KALNINS  |
|                            | ANITA FLASSIG     |
|                            | GEORGE FETCHO     |

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| <b>CENTRE:</b> | <b>FOUNDATION:</b> |
| CHRIS OBBAGY   | ED KELLY           |
| DAN LETIZIA    | GLENN BYLINA       |
| GEORGE FETCHO  | TOM FINGER         |

