

## ACTION SERTOMA SPRING / SUMMER 2023

"A Club helping those in the Community."

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Tom Finger VP Social Events



My hometown is the city of Palos Heights. After graduating from Palos South Jr. High, I attended and graduated from Brother Rice High School. I chose BR because of the excellent football program. I played fullback like my dad did in his day. My senior year we won our first and only (to date, Go Crusaders) state championship. In addition to football, I was a wrestler. As a sophomore I finished third in the Catholic league championships after which I retired and focused on Football. I attended Northern Illinois and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree (Mechanical Engineering). So naturally I went into insurance. Although, before being drafted into the family business. I worked for Rockwell International for 2 years. I am married to Jayne, and we have one child, Emily, 23 years old. Emmy is still in college and works for the Will County Forest Preserve District. Additionally, Emily is an artist. As a family, we are what people call "outdoorsy." Most of our vacations happen in tents. Prior to Emily's birth I spent 6 years pursuing rock climbing and was into long distance running for a long time. I completed 4 Marathons. It turns out that you can really screw your hips up running 30 to 50 miles a week. My father, Rich, was one of the founding members of Action Sertoma. I am Proud to be a Sertoman!!

## Action Sertoma is a Proud Sponsor for



On behalf of Tracy Fioretti-Moehles' daughter, Maggie. Second Sense inspires individuals to move beyond vision loss and believe in their abilities. Through client-centered support and training, they learn new skills, build confidence, and realize their value in our community. Each year, they teach over 400 adults with vision loss skills that increase their independence. Their clients work individually with their staff to select the training that will help them reach the goals they set. Over the past 74 years, thanks to their supporters, they have changed the lives of thousands of adults struggling to adjust to life with vision loss. https://www.second-sense.org/

### AND



The organization, which began at the Oak Forest Fire Department, is a chaptered group of first responders who visit severely ill children in their communities, bringing joy and comfort during difficult times. Project Fire Buddies is a way for firefighters to create

relationships and support with children battling pediatric cancer and other critical illnesses. They regularly visit children on holidays and special occasions bringing gifts and dressed up characters, but they often just come to spend time playing with the kids. Several celebrities like Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Jack Black, and Gal Gadot have also sent supportive messages to the families. The group has grown to 20 chapters with 32 chapters on the way in five different states.

Parents who've benefited say it makes them proud of their community and their local fire departments <a href="https://www.projectfirebuddies.org/">https://www.projectfirebuddies.org/</a>

## Action Sertoma 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing is Wed, July 19. REGISTER TODAY!!

https://actionsertoma.org/golf-outing





## \$38.7 Million to Improve Housing Accessibility and Stability for Vulnerable Illinoisans

CHICAGO - State and federal funding will preserve and develop supportive housing for persons with disabilities and those at risk of Illinois homelessness. The Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Board announced the conditional awarding of nearly \$39 million in state and federal resources that will finance the creation or preservation of permanent supportive housing across the state. Awarded under Round IX of IHDA's Permanent Supportive Housing Development Program, the awards will support construction and rehabilitation developments containing 100 units of affordable housing for persons at risk of homelessness, residents with physical challenges or mental health needs, and other vulnerable populations. To further support the success of residents over the long term, the housing will be integrated with flexible supportive services designed to help these households maintain their housing stability, health, and independence.

https://www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/26210-Pritzker\_Administration\_Awards\_\$38.7\_Million\_t o\_Improve\_Housing\_Accessibility.pdf



Action Sertoma is a Volcano Sponsor for the Heroes Cook-Off Saturday, May 20, 5:00 to 9:00pm 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W 115th St., Merrionette Park, IL.

https://sites.google.com/view/cookoff2023/heroes-cook-off-home-page



### **NEWS**

### Happy 111th Birthday Sertoma

For more than 100 years, volunteers known as Sertomans serve communities across the United States. Originally known as Co-Operative International, each member takes pride in the colorful history of the Co-Operative Club International and Sertoma International. This history is based upon information gleaned from old **SERTOMAN** and THE **CO-OPERATOR** magazines on file at Sertoma Headquarters. On April 11, 1912, three Kansas City, Missouri, business men, Dr. George W. Smith, Dr. Charles E. Allen, and newspaper publisher William R. Rowe, enticed community leaders to get involved. Now entering the 2nd century of service, Sertoma community leaders are engaged in improving the quality of life in communities by making a difference for those who suffer from hearing loss.

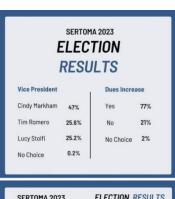


#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

A special thanks to Lucy Stolfi & Tim Romero for their continued involvement, commitment and willingness to run at the highest level for this election. We would like to commend them for their outstanding service. Introducing our newly elected Vice President, Cindy Markham and the two Regional Directors, **Cheryl Pence for Great Lakes Region** and Steve Thrash for Southeastern Region. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our association, and we are confident that they will lead us to new heights. Thank you all for voting, your voice has been heard and here are the results! As a member, you must be well-informed about any changes to our organization, especially when it comes to membership dues.

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Sertoma Headquarters









# Congratulations John Parker 2023 Sertoman of the Year Award! Thank you for all you do for our Club and Sertoma!



Action Sertoma Donates \$20,000 to the Sertoma Centre and \$10,000 towards The Heroes Cook-Off scheduled May 20, 2023





#### Action Sertoma Donations

Sertoma Centre Annually \$20,000
Sertoma Speech & Hearing Annually \$15,000
GiGi's Playhouse \$1,000
Second Sense \$2,000
Crisis Center Golf Classic \$2,500
Big Event Heroes Cook-Off \$10,000
New Lenox Rotary \$900
Project Fire Buddies \$2,000





Every Tues 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS Fundraiser,
Details at <a href="https://actionsertoma.org/queen-of-hearts">https://actionsertoma.org/queen-of-hearts</a>
May 20 - Heroes First Responder Cook Off
June 24 - Sertoma Centre New Families Breakfast
July 19 - Action Sertoma Annual Golf Outing
Nov 3 - Action Sertoma Fall Event at Gaelic Park









Tracy Fioretti-Moehle - Apr 1 Anita Flassig - Apr 10 Glenn Bylina - Apr 25 Carol Daggy - May 7 Eric Leader - May 26 Pat Gill - June 9 Joe Racine Jr - June 19 Danie Letizia Sr - June 27 Christine Obbagy - July 6 Joe Racine Sr - July 11 Rick Lakie - July 15 Bob Esposito - July 16 Marco Corsi - July 29 Andy Sampalis - Aug 4 Concetta Pinto - Aug 16 Pat Harpold - Aug 21 Mike Reeg - Sept 10 Bob Hehl - Sept 28

Tom Finger - Apr 6 David Nick - Apr 12 Bob Clifford - Apr 26 Ken Castillo - May 23 Connie Barrera - June 7 Stephen Reilly - June 10 George Fetcho - June 20 Gene Esposito - July 2 Debbie DeMaar - July 5 Bill Kamholz - July 13 Rob Surrusco - July 15 Gene Esposito Sr -July22 Lisa Molloy - Aug 3 Dominic Porto - Aug 11 Eileen Clancy - Aug 17 Bob Scott - Aug 26 Ed Fioretti - Sept 24



Bill Kamholz – Apr 1 John Parker – May 1 Dan Letizia Jr - May 5 Jason Nielson – June 1 Dan Letizia Sr – Aug 1 Bob Esposito – Aug 8 Kristine Kalnins – Aug 10 Tom Finger – Sept 1 Chris Obbagy – Sept 2 Dominic Porto – Sept 29 Carla Salerno – Apr 6 Brian Letizia – May 5 Ed Kelly – May 11 Michelle Pinto – July 1 Bob Scott – Aug 1 Dennis Fioretti – Aug 9 Jack Howe – Aug 16 Joe Racine Sr – Sept 1 George Fetcho – Sept 18



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**

CHAIRPERSON:

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PRESIDENT-ELECT:

TREASURER:

SECRETARY:

**VP SPONSORSHIP:** 

**CO-VP SPONSORSHIP:** 

VP MEMBERSHIP:

**VP SOCIAL:** 

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