



ACTION SERTOMA

WINTER BULLETIN 2022

"A Club helping those in the Community"

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT *Christine Obbagy* Director



Christine grew up in Oak Forest IL, attended Mother McAuley High School, has a Bachelors degree from Notre Dame and a Masters degree from U of Chicago. She has a 15 year old daughter, Caitlin. She has worked at Providence Bank since 2012 and has been in the banking industry since 1985. Christine has served as Action Sertoma's President, Chairman, Treasurer and is currently a Director. She currently is on the Sertoma Centre Board of Directors and is the Treasurer.



Action Sertoma is a Proud Sponsor for the Crisis Center GALA

DATE: February 26, 6:00—11:30 pm.

LOCATION: Odyssey Country Club

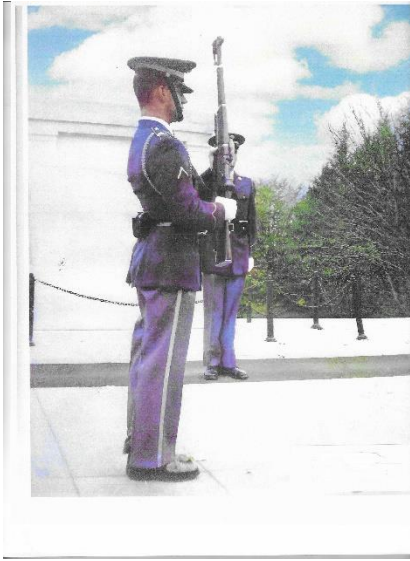
Immerse yourself in an exciting night reminiscent of the Venetian Carnival! Wear your favorite mask or costume to blend in with the atmosphere of this celebratory fundraiser! All proceeds will benefit the Crisis Center--we provide FREE housing, counseling, advocacy, outreach, & education and prevention services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.

www.VeniceGala2022.givesmart.com



DEC. MEMBERS MEETING

SPEAKER: JOE VARANAUSKI



Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I served in the Army from July 1955—July 1957. I served my Basic Training, Fort Cason Colorado for 16 weeks. I was chosen to serve at the 3rd Infantry Reg., Fort Myer, Arlington Virginia “The Old Guard “ in Dec. 1955. I served as a Casket Bearer

at Arlington Cemetery for 5 months. I then served as a Guard at the Private Home of General Maxwell D. Taylor (Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff), which was a stepping stone to being selected to be a Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. You had to have good posture, be 5 foot 11 to 6 foot 1, know the manual of arms. You have to be able to walk a straight line, one foot in front of the other, keep your uniform and rifle clean and learn how to deal with unruly spectators in the crowd. I was then chosen to try out for the position of a “Tomb Guard” in 1956. Practicing at night after the cemetery closed. Practicing for 2 weeks and learning how to do the Changing of the Guard and walk the Mat. The Army is the only military service charged with guarding the Tomb. When I was a Guard, there was only one Unknown Soldier from W. W. 1 buried there. He was brought back from France. That Unknown was Interned Nov. 11th 1921. In 1956 President Eisenhower approved 2 other Unknowns from W. W. 11 and Korea that were to be buried in front of the original Tomb. They were buried after I had been discharged. After the Vietnam War was over, a third Unknown Soldier was buried in a final Tomb. That Unknown was later identified through D. N. A. testing and removed from that Tomb and returned to his family. That Third “Middle Tomb” remains empty to this day. Never was/is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier **UNGUARDED** and since 1921. **INSCRIPTION ON THE TOMB SAYS, “HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AND AMERICAN SOLDIER, KNOWN BUT TO GOD.”** You can view at link [Changing of the Guard](#). I am **PROUD**, **HUMBLED** and **HONORED** to have been Chosen to be a Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Joe Varanauski, Action Sertoma Member

10% of the world population is left-handed.

8%

Around 8% of the world population has an extra rib.

DID YOU KNOW
FACTS

Birds require gravity to swallow.

The average bear will have 42 teeth.

Rabbits eat their feces.

The blood of lobsters is colorless.

E

The most commonly used letter in the English alphabets is E.

The Hawaiian alphabet contains only 13 letters.

The majority of plant life is located in the ocean.

Spiders are not insects.

A cat spends most of its life sleeping.

Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.

Honey never spoils.

The fortune cookie was invented in America.

A giraffe cleans its ears with its tongue.

The human brain is 78% water.

Koalas sleep 18 hours a day.

You share your birthday with 19 million people.

Sponges hold more cold water rather than hot.

Cats have a hundred vocal cords.

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Action Sertoma Donations

Sertoma Centre Winter Coat Drive \$1,000
Jones Center \$250

Sertoma Centre 2nd Donation \$10,000

Sertoma Speech and Hearing 2nd Donation \$7,500

Crisis Center GALA \$2,500

JDRF in Memory of Kullen Bugel

Tiffany Tyson Family \$2,000

POWR Sertoma \$500.00

New Star First Look for Charity Car Show \$550



Sue Colella – Jan 1

Pat Gill – Jan 1

Rick Lakie – Jan 1

Al Maggi – Jan 1

Brad Nielson – Jan 1

Linda Welsh – Jan 1

John McGinley – Feb 1

Lorraine Schultz – Feb 14

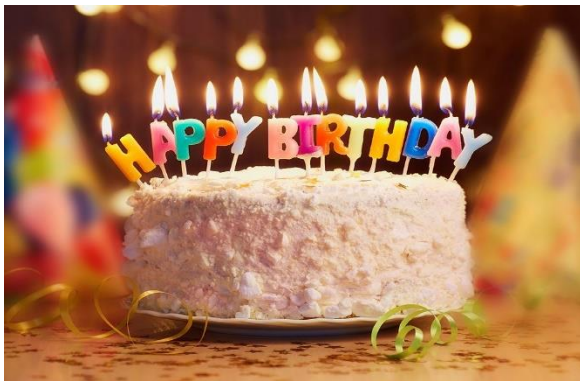
Debbie DeMaar – March 1

Dennis Canalini – March 7

Lisa Molloy – March 17

Tom Annerino – March 18

Bob Hehl – March 18



Carla Salerno ~ Jan 16

Jason Nielson ~ Jan 17

Brian Letizia ~ Feb 3

Donna Olson ~ Feb 7

Sue Colella ~ Feb 14

Jack Howe ~ Feb 18

Jay Farquhar ~ Feb 18

John Parker ~ Feb 19

DJ Fioretti ~ Feb 21

Dan Letizia Jr – March 3

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

February 26 – Crisis Center An Evening in Venice Gala

March 4, 2022 - Circle of Friends Dinner at Sertoma Center

March 6 & 7, 2022 - Housewares Pack Up at McCormick Place

April 2 & 3, 2022 - Super Sale at Sertoma Center

May 14, 2022 - Big Event at 115 Bourbon Street





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>

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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
 5:30 pm

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