



# ACTION SERTOMA

## WINTER BULLETIN 2023

*"A Club helping those in the Community."*

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

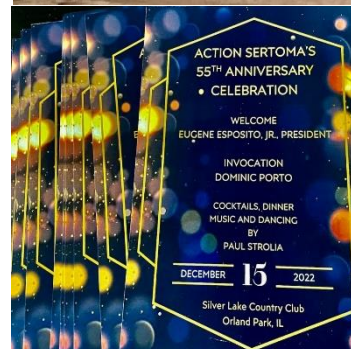
#### *Ed Kelly, Secretary*



I grew up on the southwest side of Chicago, graduated from St. Rita High School and attended DePaul University. I was working full time and going to DePaul until I was drafted into the Army. I finished basic training and spent my entire Army career as a clerk in San Francisco. I volunteered once a month to escort a deceased soldier home, meet w/the spouse or parents, attend the funeral, fold the flag, and present it to the family w/a brief speech. I completed my education and received a Bachelor of Science from University of San Francisco and Juris Doctor Degree from University of California. I met my wife, Diane, while I was in the Army. We were married for over 50 years until she passed away in April 2021. I practiced law until I retired in 2007 in San Francisco. In 2010, Diane and I decided to return to Illinois to spend more time with family. I have been an election judge volunteer since 2007, and donated my blood over 160 times. I was advised my blood type was rare and could be used for intrauterine transfusions and to treat newborn and premature infants. I have been a Action Sertoma member since 2013 and was elected Secretary in 2015. Since 2013,

I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the Sertoma Foundation. I am, also, on the Board of Directors for Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center. I volunteer for several fundraisers that includes Speech and Hearing Bingo every Tues, I am a group leader for Sertoma Centres Annual Houseware Show and Pack-Up at McCormick Place in Chicago, and Action Sertoma fundraisers that includes being one of the point persons for the Queen of Hearts every Tuesday. I have donated/participated in Sertoma 5K Walk and walks to raise funds and awareness for ALS, Autism, Cancer, and Juvenile Diabetes. I received the Action Sertoma Club Sertoman of the Year in 2018 and Sertoma Centre's Sertoman of the Year Award in 2019. I am Proud to be a Sertoman!

### Action Sertoma Club CELEBRATES 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congratulations Action Sertoma!!



# Action Sertoma is a Proud Sponsor for



First Look for Charity is held the day before the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place, in Chicago. New Star guests are invited to the Hospitality Room at McCormick Place where drinks and appetizers are served prior to the opening of the Auto Show floor. First Look is an extremely successful event for New Star because of the support they receive from staff, their board of directors, donors, and the community. There are only 18 charities that are chosen to participate, and New Star is extremely fortunate to be one of them. If you have any questions, please contact Action Sertoma Member Stephen Reilly at [sreilly@newstarservices.org](mailto:sreilly@newstarservices.org)

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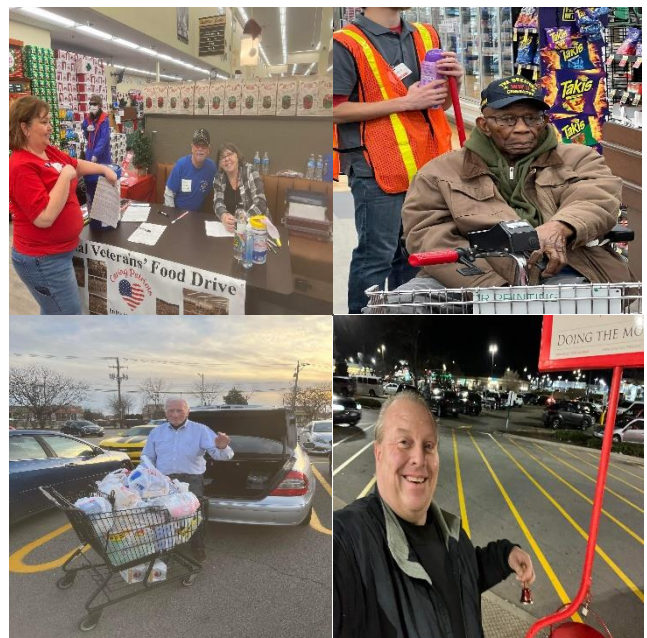
Crisis Center - Passport to Adventure: England, A Royal Ball is a sophisticated event with a formal dinner, live and silent auctions, Fund-A-Need paddle raise, mobile bidding raffles, interactive games, and live entertainment. There are also award presentations and storytelling moments to enhance the audience's understanding of domestic violence, services offered by the Crisis Center, and the effects domestic violence has on our clients and their children.

For info on sponsorships or donations, please contact, Action Sertoma Member, Lisa Molloy at [LMolloy@CrisisCtr.org](mailto:LMolloy@CrisisCtr.org) or (708) 429-7255 x142.

# Action Sertoma Serves Pizza to Sertoma Centre Consumers



# Action Sertoma Members Pat Gill, Ed Kelly, Joe Varanauski, Connie Barrera and George Fetcho volunteer for Veterans Food Drive in Plainfield, IL





# Pathlights

Enriched by experience.  
Empowered in life.

Presentation by Action Sertoma Member, Debbie DeMaar, Pathlights Ambassador.

Pathlights help communities by ensuring that individuals have equal access to care, food, and safety. On June 25th, 1975, a small group of notable leaders came together, concerned about the lack of local support available for those experiencing the challenges associated with the aging process. As a result, PLOWS Council on Aging was formed, providing quality, comprehensive social services specifically to older adults and their families. The organization was founded in Oak Lawn at the site of Cook School.

In 2000, PLOWS moved from Oak Lawn to its current location in Palos Heights. The move to a larger office paved the way for growth and expansion of its mission. The pandemic has been the greatest single challenge Pathlights has had to face, but at the same time it has reminded us of how important this nonprofit is to this community. When you can't have vitally important contact with people you find new ways and means to connect, and the organization has done exactly that. Pathlights always have the task to be aware and be alert and adapt to coming challenges. The future is being open to the possibility of changing ways and means of dealing with needs in our community. [www.pathlights.org](http://www.pathlights.org).



## NEWS

### REGIONAL CONVENTION

Be a part of the Great Lakes Regional Convention! Join your fellow Sertomans at the Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center this **May 4- 6, 2023**. Advance registration required. Registration and details at web link.

<https://www.sertoma.org/Upcoming-Events/Regional-Conventions/Great-Lakes-Region-Convention>

**Congratulations Terri Porto  
Action Sertoma Club 2022  
Sertoman of the Year Award  
Thank you for all you do for our Club!**





## Action Sertoma Donations

- Sertoma Centre Annually \$20,000
- Sertoma Speech & Hearing Annually \$15,000
- Crisis Center \$2,200
- United Sertoma \$1,200
- St. Damian \$500
- New Star \$1,700
- Alsip Industrial Assoc. \$500
- Orland Park Veterans Commission \$500
- Bonnie Lozada \$3,000
- RespondNOW \$2,000
- Chicago Lawn \$200
- Sandy McClain \$500
- Katherine Gomez \$1,500
- Alicia's House \$250



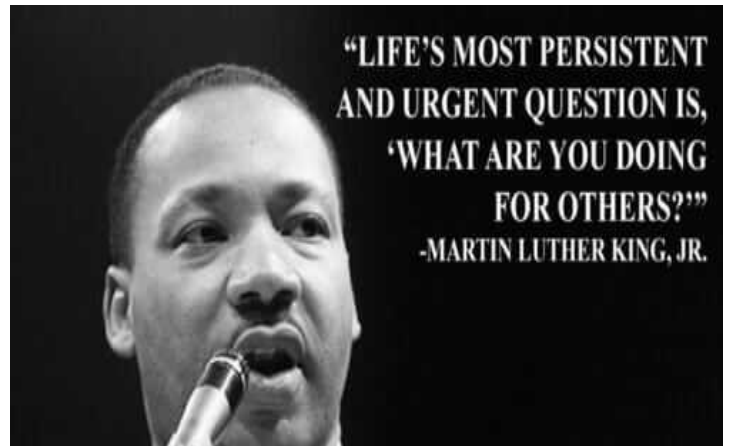
- Every Tues 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS Fundraiser, Details at <https://actionsertoma.org/queen-of-hearts>
- March 3 – Sertoma Centre Circle of Friends Appreciation Dinner
- March 7 & 8 - Houseware Show Pack-Up
- April 1 & 2 - Houseware Super Sale
- May 20 - Heroes First Responder Cook Off
- June 24 – Sertoma Centre New Families Breakfast
- July 19 – Action Sertoma Annual Golf Outing



- Carla Salerno – Jan 16
- Jason Nielson – Jan 17
- Brian Letizia – Feb 3
- Jack Howe – Feb 18
- John Parker – Feb 19
- Dennis Fioretti – Feb 21
- Dan Letizia, Jr – March 3



- Sue Colella – Jan 1
- Pat Gill - Jan 1
- Rick Lakie – Jan 1
- Al Maggie – Jan 1
- Brad Nielson – Jan 1
- Rob Surrusco – Jan 1
- Debbie DeMaar – March 1
- Dennis Canalini – March 7
- Pat Harpold – March 8
- Lisa Molloy – March 17
- Bob Hehl – March 18





# HAPPY NEW YEAR ACTION SERTOMA

**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

<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

## SERTOMA BOARD MEMBERS

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

