



# ACTION SERTOMA

## NEWSLETTER

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### "A Club To Involve Our Neighborhood"

**OUR MISSION:** Action Sertoma is a not for profit club formed in 1967 to raise funds in support of those in the community that are less fortunate than ourselves. The majority of the money that we raise through events noted below are donated to the Sertoma Centre in Alsip, Illinois. Action Sertoma along with two other Sertoma Clubs founded the Sertoma Centre in Alsip, IL. We are also a member of Sertoma, Inc.



**We also support**



and other local persons and groups in need.



*"If you light a lamp  
for someone else it  
will also brighten  
your path."  
~ Buddha*



Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, saw the Action Sertoma Club members at Capri Italiano Ristorante for a Dinner meeting with the Board meeting taking place prior to it. The Dinner meeting was attended by the same members that are always there and who ate the same food that is always served. As usually happens, there was no guest speaker. Bob Hehl and Tracy Fioretti each brought a guest. Bob's guest won the card game, in his first try, with a pair of aces. After some brief chit chat and a cocktail or two at the bar, everyone headed home.



It's still here, there and everywhere, and it's not going anywhere fast...only getting worse.

As of Sunday, August 23rd, the number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus COVID-19 around the world has now topped 23.1 million with 803,000 deaths. The United States rose to over 5.7 million with 176,000 deaths. Closer to home, Illinois has over 220,000 cases with over 8,000 deaths. Cook County as 120,500 cases with over 5,000 deaths, of which Chicago accounts for 68,000 cases and over 3,000 deaths.

If you want additional information about COVID-19 such as stats or other material, just **GOOGLE** it. There's a ton of information out there.



On July 26<sup>th</sup>, at a beautiful ceremony, attended by family and friends, Tracy Fioretti and Ray Moehle exchanged their "I do's." The nuptials were held at *The Center of Palos Park's Wayside Chapel Garden*.

It was a beautiful, partly sunny summer day that served as a backdrop for the ceremony. The



wedding party consisted of Tracy's daughter, Maggie, Ray's Daughter Kim, Tracy's Goddaughter, Haley, (her brother D.J.'s daughter) and Ray's two sons, Tom and Mike.

The reception was held at Silver Lake C.C. where everything was just wonderful, as it should be on this day of days. The dinner of steak filet and chicken stuffed with spinach and artichokes was cooked to perfection. The drinks flowed, the toasts followed and the attendees danced their feet off. The music was provided by Daniel Luna who had the dance floor rocking most of the night.

Little known fact....never the ones to rush into something, Tracy and Ray were actually high school sweethearts. The phrase "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" obviously was in full force and effect.

**CONGRATULATIONS to TRACEY and Ray!!!**



## **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020** **at Idlewild Country Club**



This event is the perfect opportunity to spend one more day on the links before putting your clubs away for the season. The outing includes a lunch on the terrace, 18 rounds of best ball golf and games, and dinner.

To register for golf or a sponsorship please visit New Stars' website. The Silent Auction will be online. You do not have to be present to participate since it will all be done via your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You simply have to register via the Silent Auction link on the website.

The "Fore" the Future Golf Outing is one of our best fundraising and in the last five years has raised more than \$150,000 for programming for the amazing individuals we serve. There are a variety of sponsorship levels available. Every dollar helps us provide services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and to challenge limits and change lives.



**Let's give a big ASC welcome  
to our newest member!**

**Donna Olson** is our newest member. Donna tells us that she is enthusiastic to be able to contribute, and hopes to help as much as we do. She looks forward to working with us.

**WELCOME TO THE CLUB DONNA!!!**



## Meet One of the Most Interesting Sertomans in the World!



**“To my dear friend, Chas, from your good friend, The Most Interesting Man in the World. Stay safe my friend.”**



### Chas Lazzara

-He doesn't always wear a mask, but when he does, it's not to rob bank.

-He can line dance in a circle.

-He doesn't always listen to rap music when he's driving, but

when he does, he sings along, on key.

-He turned down appearing in *Dos Equis* ads.

-He once said “Wine has food value, but food has no wine value.”

-He doesn't normally question himself, but when he does, he likes his answer.

-He doesn't always drink wine, but when he does, it's usually with a group of the most interesting Sertomans.

-He doesn't always do the *Hokey Pokey*, but when he does, he knows what it's all about.

-He doesn't always eat fast, but when he does, he eats slow.

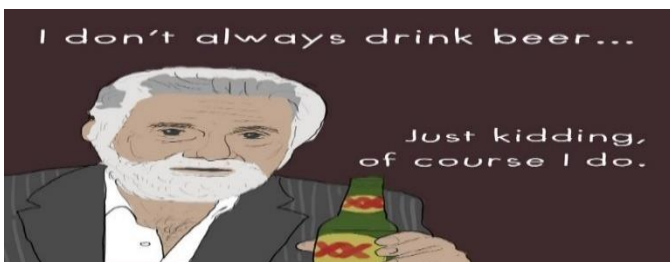
-He doesn't always eat breakfast, but when he does, he prefers *Dos Eggies*.

-Google uses him to correct other people's grammar and spelling.

-He doesn't always jingle, but when he does, he jingles all the way.

-Homeless people beg him to take their spare change.

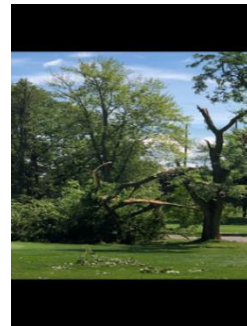
### Chas is indeed, one of the most interesting Sertomans in the world!



The Crisis Center hosted its 2020 Dianne Masters Charity Golf Outing on Tuesday, August 11th at Silver Lake Country Club.

The Action Sertoma golf outing travel team made an appearance with three of its stellar foursomes participating in this worthy event. The “A” team, consisting of John Parker, Dan Letizia, Bob Clifford and Stan Nykiel (Bob's B-I-L,) led the way with a stellar 2 under total.

The outing took place following a major storm that traversed its way through the Chicagoland area the night before the event. Silver Lake CC incurred a rather large amount of tree damage as a result of the storm. Trees were down and numerous branches were strewn about the course. Workers traversed the course in an effort to make the course playable and they did a rather admirable job.



The event consisted of tee times, and not the usual shotgun start. This helped spread things out a bit. COVID-19, you know. Everyone had a great time with the “Chip into the Raft” contest being a fan favorite.

A boxed breakfast and lunch were provided, as well as refreshments on the course. An after-round cocktail served

as the backdrop for the silent auction and wine ringer toss. As usual, our *ringers* did well and walked off with a number of bottles of wine. All in all, it was a wonderful outing that was the beneficiary of an absolutely gorgeous day.



This major fundraiser is essential to help the Center continue to provide shelter and needed services free for victims of domestic violence and their children.

**Congratulations to the Crisis Center on this year's huge outing success by raising over \$63,000!**

## WINDS/DERECHO/TORNADOS



Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, our weather produced storms that left many Chicagoland residents with major storm damage and without power.

High winds that reached 100 miles per hour caused damage across the Chicago area and suburbs.



The storms that rolled in took utility lines and trees with it. Hundreds of thousands were left without power. Some of those did not have their power restored until Friday.



Fortunately, what was damaged can be replaced. And there were no reports of injuries.

15 tornadoes were confirmed in the area covering northern Illinois and northwest Indiana. This ties June 22, 2016 as the second most tornadoes within that area. The winds, described as a *derecho*, produced 20 confirmed tornadoes across Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

A *derecho* produces a swath of particularly damaging thunderstorm winds over an area at least 250 miles long. These are primarily classified as straight-line winds rather than tornadic.

## BIRTHDAYS & CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



September 15  
September 24  
September 28  
September 30

Kara Kiley  
Ed Fioretti  
Bob Hehl  
Kevin Gosewisch



September 1  
September 1  
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September 2  
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September 18  
September 29  
September 29

Marco Corsi  
Dave Hartley  
Joe Racine Sr.  
Tom Finger  
Eileen Clancy  
Chris Obbagy  
George Fetcho  
Tony Casale  
Dom Porto

### ACTION SERTOMA CLUB SEPTEMBER NEWS

<b>Sertoma Centre:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Sertoma Centre Foundation:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Club Board Minutes:</b>	<b>None</b>



# ATTENTION!

THE ACTION SERTOMA CLUB  
DINNER & BOARD MEETINGS ARE  
BACK IN ACTION.  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE  
BOARD MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE  
AT 5:30 P.M. PRIOR TO THE DINNER  
MEETING.



## BOARD/ DINNER MEETING

When: 1st Tuesday of the Month  
Where: Capri Italiano Ristorante  
12307 S. Harlem Ave.  
Palos Heights, IL

-Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m.

-Dinner Meeting will follow with cocktails at  
6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

## Are You Lonely??

Don't like working on your own?  
Hate making decisions?

Then call A **MEETING!!**

You can...

- ← SEE people
- ← DRAW flowcharts
- ← FEEL important
- ← IMPRESS your colleagues



....all on COMPANY TIME!!!

# MEETINGS

The practical alternative to work.



“What if we don't change at all ...  
and something magical just happens?”

## ACTION SERTOMA BOARD MEMBERS

**CHAIRPERSON:** BOB SCOTT  
**PRESIDENT:** DENNIS FIORETTI  
**TREASURER:** JOHN PARKER  
**SECRETARY:** ED KELLY  
**VP SPONSORSHIP:** JOE RACINE, JR  
**VP MEMBERSHIP:** EILEEN CLANCY  
**SOCIAL:** STEPHEN REILLY  
**PUBLICITY:** CONNIE BARRERA  
**NEWSLETTER:** BOB CLIFFORD  
**DIRECTORS:** BILL KAMHOLZ  
CHRIS OBBAGY  
DOM PORTO  
JOE RACINE, SR.  
KRISTINE KALNINS  
CHAS LAZZARA

## SERTOMA BOARD MEMBERS:

### CENTRE:

DAN LETIZIA  
CHRIS OBBAGY

### FOUNDATION:

GLENN BYLINA  
ED KELLY

The club is looking for someone to replace Bob Scott on the Sertoma Centre Board as his time is up. If you have any interest in joining the Centre Board, please let Bob know. This is a great way to become more involved in Sertoma.



I neglected to mention that the club doesn't have a President for 2020/2021. To fill the void, two of our stellar Board Members, Chairperson, Bob Scott and outgoing President, D.J. Fioretti have agreed to fill in until next year when Gene Esposito, Jr. will be the club's *Grand and Exalted Poobah*.... sorry....President.

Thanks to Bob and D.J. for a job well done. Their leadership, hard work and dedication to the club hasn't gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by all of the Action Sertoma Club members. Thanks for the past year and for filling in and helping out this year.

Also, not sure about the rest of the Board spots, but I'm sure that it's being taken care of....sort of....kind of.... maybe.



Due to the COVID-19 restrictions as outlined in Phase 4 of *Restore Illinois*, not much is going on from the perspective of Sertoma events.

**ROCTOBERFEST** Without a dramatic change in the COVID-19 imposed restrictions, our beloved in-person **ROCKTOBERFEST** simply will not take place this year, however, the committee is in process of organizing a remote raffle. Stay tuned for more details about **ROCKTOBERFEST** by visiting the club's Facebook page and website.

Also, there are no events listed on the Sertoma Centre website. However, see the following item about the International Housewares Shows.



**August 10, 2021**

**Pack-Up Event / International Housewares Show**

Yes, I know that this is for next year, 2021; but, you can't go wrong planning this far in advance. Here's a note from the Centre's Adam Harold concerning the event:

As steadfast supporters of Sertoma Centre, we wanted to inform you that next year's **Pack-Up**

**Event / International Housewares Show** has been moved to **August 10, 2021**. Please save the date as we will need all our amazing volunteers to make this event a success! We will be announcing details of the 2021 Super Sale at a later date. **(There will not be a Pack-Up or Super Sale event in March/April of 2021.)**

The reasons for the move are due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the resurgence occurring in many US States and in other countries around the world. We believe this later date will produce a much safer event for everyone involved. Your safety is our top priority.

*We look forward to seeing you all face-to-face, once again, in August!*

Sincerely,

Adam Harold  
Volunteer Services Manager  
aharold@sertomacentre.org  
708.730.6208

*"I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more." - Dr. Jonas Salk*



Action Sertoma Club is going to be starting a "Queen of Hearts" raffle. It will be held on Tues. nights, 8pm at *Nite Games* on 147<sup>th</sup> Street in Oak Forest. First drawing Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

The club is looking for volunteers to help out for one hour on the night of the drawing.

Additional info. will be available on the ASC *Facebook* page and website. Contact John Parker for volunteer information.



ASC received the following letter from Amazon.

Dear Charity Administrator,

This email is to notify you that **Action Sertoma Club** has been issued a **\$28.31** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2020.

The donation was deposited to your organization's bank account on or before Aug 20, 2020. It may take several days for the donation to appear in the account.

Sertomans, don't forget to select ASC as your charity when purchasing items from Amazon. Let's keep up the good work. Every dollar helps!



Last month, I brought to your attention the need for your help to keep this newsletter going. I explained that without your input, thoughts,

ideas and suggestions this *Newsletter* would wither and die on the vine. Also, with the inability to socialize as much as we would like due to the COVID-19 restrictions, it's important that we somehow keep in touch and up to date. This was also brought up at the August Dinner Meeting.

Producing a newsletter with non-Sertoma related fluff is not a good reason to continue on. Virtually all of the Sertoma related material/information can easily be obtained on either our website of *Facebook* page. No good reason to continue is a good reason to not continue.

With that having been said, this will be the last edition of the Newsletter with me as the Editor. Someone else may have better success in getting the club to respond.

Connie Barrera will continue to provide member information as always. To obtain current information about Action Sertoma, the Sertoma Centre, Sertoma Speech and Hearing, and Sertoma, as well as the other groups and organizations that we support/sponsor, please go to their respective websites and Facebook pages.

Anyone interested in writing this Newsletter, and in being the *Newsletter Editor*, please contact either Bob Scott or D.J. Fioretti. This is an ASC Board position.

*Bob Clifford*, Newsletter Editor





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# Queen of Hearts

FIRST  
DRAWING

TUESDAY  
SEPT 8<sup>TH</sup>  
8 PM

**Nite Games, Oak Forest  
Visit the Bartender to  
Purchase your  
Raffle Tickets TODAY!**

**Min. SIX TICKETS  
FOR \$5.00**

**One Name, Phone and  
Card # Per Ticket.**

[www.actionsertoma.org](http://www.actionsertoma.org)

**GOOD LUCK!**