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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

... Listening to the Future

We are embarking on another exciting year. "Listening to the Future" is the theme of Woody Hudson, the president of Sertoma International during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. It's a theme to which our club can relate. What does the future hold for us? Do we hear the future? Are we building for a future?



Later in this newsletter you will read about the

legislative appropriation that will help make some much needed and long overdue repairs and renovations to the camp property. That tells us that the state government is committed to the camp's future. Our club has made renovations to the porch and bathrooms of Cheshire Hall, to the Sertoma Lodge, and to the ropes challenge courses. Our club has made a commitment to the camp's future.

Have you made a commitment to the club's future? Will you be renewing your membership in the club? Will you commit to recruiting at least one new member to the club this year? Did you know that if each member recruited at least one new member, approximately \$1500 will go into our club's sponsorship fund, i.e., for the benefit of the camp? Do you need any other reason?

Finally, I want to thank outgoing club officers - Treasurer Leon Herndon, VP-Membership Vernon Royster and Secretary Sandy Waterman for their outstanding service over the years. Welcome to new officers - Treasurer Bill Cherry, VP-Membership Sandy Waterman and Secretary Larry Shealey. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. Let's have a banner 2007-2008 Sertoma year!

I hope to see all of you - and guests -- at our next club meeting during fun weekend, September 14-16 .

John L. Kelly

FUN WEEKEND AT CAMP SERTOMA

Accompanying this edition of the Bulletin is an invitation to attend Fun Weekend September 14-16. Below is the schedule of activities for Saturday evening, September 15th.

- 5:00 - 6:30 Social hour
- 6:30 - 7:30 Dinner
- 7:30 - 8:00 Silent auction
- 8:00 - 10:00 Texas Hold'em Poker (split the pot) Bingo (split the pot) and some none gambling games with lots of fun and laughs
- 10:00 until Rocking chair time

The goal for this weekend is FUN, get more members to Camp Sertoma and make sure they return year after year, and to make this a FUN FUNDRAISER to help with our camp's needs. The poker game(s) will be split into 5 players with an investment of \$20 each. The last remaining player will split the pot of \$100 with Camp Sertoma. The cost of each bingo card will be \$1.00 each and the winner of each game will also split the pot with Camp Sertoma. Each club is asked to bring something for the Silent Auction to raise money for the camp. Please bring such items as a Gift Certificate to one of your local hotels or bed and breakfast to let someone from our group visit your area. Or it could be a local item manufactured in your area, like a bottle of wine from a local vineyard, an item made from a local artist, a blanket, a cake or pie, or something as simple as lotto tickets from your state. Be creative, but please bring something to help raise money for Camp Sertoma. Also make sure you take the time to try out our new rocking chairs on the porch.

The silent auction is our most profitable venue and we need to insure that everyone brings something of value.

(Submitted by Jeff Cape, Vice President - Fundraising)

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DEAF CAMP

June 25-30th marked another outstanding week of deaf camp. We had ninety-two (92) campers registered and only 3 no-shows. Between Sertoma volunteers and camp staff there was close to a 1:2 ratio of adults to campers. There were more than twenty signing staff including interpreters and deaf and hard-of-hearing counselors with half of them having worked with us the past several years. Evening activities included international night (when campers learn about the different countries that the international 4-H staff come from), water carnival, campfire with stories and funny skits, and the dance after a day of hiking and swimming at Hanging Rock State Park. We had a few thunderstorms that slowed us down but we took that as an opportunity for the campers to enjoy a movie in the chapel. The campers enjoyed horseback-riding, creek stomps, nature walks and team building activities, including games and the low ropes course. They each made a bird house in arts and crafts and of course cooled off each day in the swimming pool. The thirteen year olds were able to get a taste of the high ropes by going down the zip line while the older more experienced adventure campers did the whole course. The adventure campers slept outside under the stars three nights. Their other primary activities included an all-day hike along the trail from Hanging Rock back to the 4-H camp and a day of tubing down the Dan River. Special thanks go to Sandy Waterman, Ed Quien, and Jim Womble for volunteering to help all week. Also, thanks to Ray Clark and his transportation staff without whom many of our campers would not have been able to come and make the week the great success that it was. Thanks to everyone involved and we look forward to doing it again next year!

(Submitted by Michael Hoffman, Sertoma Deaf Camp Program Director)

MESSAGE FROM LARRY HANCOCK

Dear Sertoma Friends,

Here is the GOOD NEWS that we have all waited so long to hear! Thanks to each of you for "hanging in there" for so long and for all your phone calls to key members of the NC House and Senate. We will be meeting very soon to allocate these funds to each of our 4-H Camps based on priority needs. \$7.5 million will not cover all needs at all camps (that cost exceeds \$34 million), but this is a great beginning. We trust that these efforts will carry over into long-range funding (perhaps in the form of Capital Improvement Bonds) to cover all our needs (3-5 year period). We will keep you informed and look forward to

working with you as we make improvements to Camp Sertoma.

Sincerely,

Larry

Extension Specialist

August 1, 2007

To: Distribution

Subject: 4-H Camps Receive Legislative Funding

We are pleased to share with you that yesterday (July 31, 2007), Governor Easley signed the budget bill which included \$7.5 million for the North Carolina 4-H Camping System. This demonstrates the incredible support that 4-H has from the General Assembly. It also reflects the great leadership and support of Dr. Jon Ort (Director, CES), Dr. Johnny Wynne (Dean, CALS) and Dr. James Oblinger (Chancellor, NCSU). This \$7.5 million investment will allow us to focus on repair, renovation and construction projects at the 4-H Camp facilities throughout the state. This is a significant investment of the long-range need for \$34 million to upgrade all of the facilities to their absolute best.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our 4-H youth leaders, 4-H agents, 4-H program assistants, 4-H volunteers, 4-H campus faculty and staff, Extension retirees, 4-H Development Fund supporters (private, public and individuals), County Extension Directors, County Extension Professionals (FCS, ANR, CRD), District Extension Directors, Extension Administration, CALS Administration and University Administration for their support for this effort. This has been a great example of TEAM 4-H in action! It has been a long journey and I am very grateful to all of those who have assisted us in this effort.

On another note, I want to thank our 4-H county professionals for their extra efforts this summer (2007) to increase our 4-H camp enrollment. This summer our enrollment has been at 93% of capacity for the weeks we offered. This is an incredible increase in enrollment and demonstrates the importance of having world-class facilities for our 4-H youth.

I encourage you to make sure that you help us in thanking those individuals, including but not limited to, legislators and university leaders, that have helped us in this effort. It is extremely important that they know how much we appreciate their assistance in this effort.

Thank you for your continuing leadership and support for 4-H. We look forward to working with you as we seek to make a positive difference in the lives of all North Carolinians.

Marshall Stewart

Marshall Stewart, Ed. D.
Associate Director, Department Head and State Program Leader
Dept of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences
North Carolina Cooperative Extension, CALS, NC State University

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEREDITH BRIDGER

Congratulations are in order for club member Meredith Jean Bridger. She and William Sidney Gibson Jr. of Raleigh, N.C. are engaged to be married. The wedding is planned for August 25, 2007 in Wilmington.

On your wedding day, may God walk beside you, filling your hearts with love as you begin your new life together. Best wishes from all of us.

Meredith is the daughter of fellow Sertomans George and Jean Bridger.

2007-2008 Club Officers

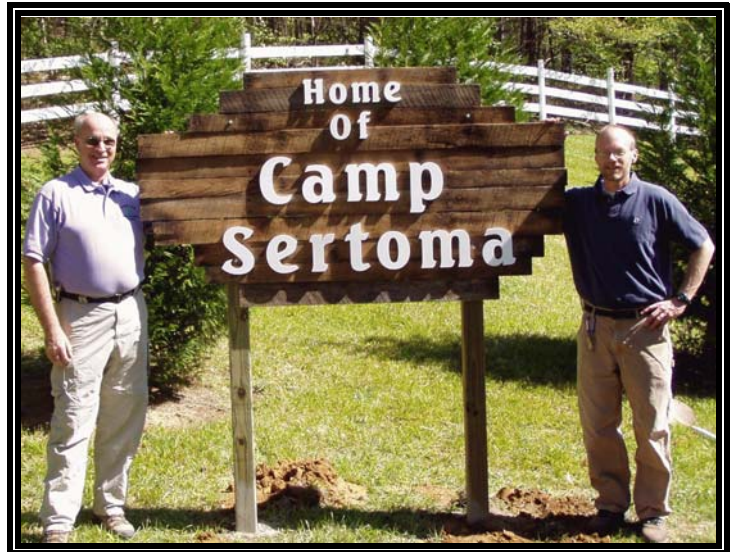
President	John Kelly
Vice President-Fundraising	Jeff Cape
Vice President-Membership	Sandy Waterman
Vice President-Projects	George Bridger
Secretary	Larry Shealey
Treasurer	Bill Cherry

CAMP WORK DAY

The N.C. Bankers Association is sponsoring a workday at the camp on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending with a cookout at 1 p.m. For more information, please contact Sam Atkins at 800-662-7044 or e-mail sam@ncbankers.org or John Kelly at 910-893-5914 or johnlacykelly@earthlink.net.



Sertomans at work during April 2007 Work Weekend



Larry Hancock and Keith Russell, new Sertoma 4-H Center Director, posing at new sign sponsored by our club

NEW SIGN COMING SOON FOR CAMP ROPES COURSE

A committee composed of Nathan McHenry, Kay McHenry, Sandy Waterman and Bill Cherry have agreed upon the design of a sign acknowledging major donors to the Doug Council Ropes Challenge Course fund raising drive. It is their goal to have the sign erected in the near future. Let's give them a big thank you for moving this significant project forward.

GOLF TOURNEY TO BENEFIT DEAF CAMP

The Greensboro Sertoma Club is planning a golf tournament on Friday, September 28th. All the net proceeds are designated to provide sponsorships for next year's Sertoma Deaf Camp. The club seeks golfers, hole sponsors and individual patrons. Hole sponsorships are \$100.00 each, donations of any amount will be accepted. For more information, contact Ray Clarke at raynkay@triad.rr.com or 336-272-1721.

**"LISTENING TO THE
FUTURE"**

You're Invited to

Fun Weekend at Camp

Sertoma

September 14-16, 2007

At Sertoma 4-H Educational Center - Westfield, NC

The Fun Weekend is a treat to thank Sertomans (and non-Sertomans) for all their contributions to the success of Sertoma Deaf Camp. Come and enjoy the relaxing environment and the fellowship with other Sertomans. It is also a great way to introduce new members to our multi-state sponsorship, Camp Sertoma of North Carolina. Bring the family if you'd like (*but leave the pets behind; sorry, pets are not allowed on state property.*) And maybe think about bringing a new club member from your hometown who hasn't been exposed to Camp Sertoma yet. Here's some activities to choose from:

- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Ropes Course
- Gaming
- Food, fun and fellowship
- Porch sitting (our favorite activity at Camp)



Bring your own towels, bed linens, snacks, sodas, and adult beverages. We'll provide the meals starting with dinner on Friday and ending with breakfast on Sunday. Saturday night will include entertainment and silent auctions, raffles, and games to raise money for camper scholarships and other needs. Bring an item to raffle or auction.

Please reply to John Kelly, johnlacy54@yahoo.com or 919-715-5124 (daytime) if you have any questions or to sign up. Please note the names of attendees, nights lodging is needed and whether you have a preference of a cabin or a room in Cheshire Hall (the "hotel"), and meals you plan to eat. We would like to have a head count **no later than September 8th** so the activities and meals can be planned accordingly.

NOTE: The Sertoma Deaf Camp Committee will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 15th. The Camp Sertoma Club of NC/VA/MD will meet at 10:00 a.m. or immediately following the committee meeting. Interested Sertomans and non-Sertomans are invited to attend.