

# CAMP SERTOMA CLUB OF NC/VA/MD BULLETIN



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*... Nothing Succeeds Like Success!*

What a year the past twelve months have been! Think of what has been accomplished: renovation of the bathrooms on the second and third floors of Cheshire Hall; erection of a new sign at the entryway to the camp; construction and erection of donor acknowledgment sign at Doug Council Outdoor Adventure Center; completion of the rocking chair fund raising project; renaming of our club to the Camp Sertoma Club of NC/VA/MD; incorporation of our club under the new name; successful work weekend in which several needed improvements were made to the property; another fantastic fun weekend; and a new club website. (Be sure to check out the new website! Janis Henderson-Hunsucker has done a great job.)



Our club added new members Janis Henderson-Hunsucker and Rory Roten, both of whom have been counselors at the Sertoma Deaf Camp, joining Michael Hoffman as another former counselor who is a member. We also added Richard Calvert and Hampton McNeill, Sertoma life members, to our membership list, and two South Carolina Sertomans, Chris Weston and Chris Thomas..

Let's build on that momentum in 2008. Let's resolve to participate in work and fun weekends. Let's volunteer to help with deaf camp. Let's recruit new members to our cause.

Thanks to Janis Henderson Hunsucker, our club now has a website! The web address is [www.campsertomaclub.org](http://www.campsertomaclub.org). She seeks your input.. Her e-mail address is [aunthattie@earthlink.net](mailto:aunthattie@earthlink.net). A photo gallery is available at: <http://campsertomaclub.org/gallery/>. Images for the general public to see may also be posted there.

*John L. Kelly*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Rory Roten, who was a counselor at last summer's adventure camp, joined our club during the summer. He is a college student who has worked at the camp for several years. He hails from nearby Danbury Rory, Welcome to SERTOMA!

### Woodrow "Woody" Hudson's 2007-2008 Presidential Growth Incentive



#### 1-3-5 Recruitment Award

**Listening for New Members...  
Are you Listening? Do you Hear Them?**

**People want to make a difference.  
People want to be involved.  
People want to be Sertomans!  
They just may not know it yet –**

**Invite someone to visit and join your club**

This year's recruitment incentive is a series of 3 pins. You receive the 1st Presidential Growth pin when you recruit 1 new member, the 2nd pin when you recruit 3 new members and the 3rd pin when you recruit 5 new members!

You Make a Difference! Get involved in strengthening your club and providing more SERVICE TO MAnkind!

## FALL WORK WEEKEND - OCTOBER 27, 2007

Luckily after two days of solid rain, the sun came out and provided us with great weather to work in. Sertomans Ray Clarke, John Kelly and Janis Henderson-Hunsucker along with Paul Stock and Shellie Lempert, staff with the NC Bankers Association, dug up mud, made a trench and created a retaining wall out of landscape timbers in front of the Burlington cabin.

Approximately 200 volunteers from multiple groups participated in this event. Projects they completed:

- Stained some cabins
- Removed non-working freezer out of camp store
- Painted the inside of the bedrooms in Cheshire Hall and inside the cafeteria
- Demolished shed behind hotel
- Buried computer wire from hotel to chapel, put dirt back on and re-seeded
- Removed tools and equipment from maintenance building (relocated to tobacco barn and storage pod)
- Started removal of flooring inside one of the cabins that will eventually be replaced
- Installed new screen doors/replaced screens as needed on youth cabins
- Stained, cleaned out and cleaned up around spring house and old fire circle
- Demolished shed behind horse barn
- Trimmed trees around cabins
- Trimmed trees along roads and trails
- Landscaped front of hotel, gym and chapel, near the front signs - trimming and mulch
- Re-established lower fire circle- new benches fire ring (near Spring House)
- Fixed trail to springhouse/lower fire circle - waterbars, gravel and removed tree that is down, and built a new bridge near the Spring House
- Installed car barrier between 2nd and 3rd cabin circle
- Removed stump at rec. hall
- Tore down outhouses by high ropes
- Piped new guttering off rec. hall
- Hooked up computers in computer lab
- Installed fence from 2nd gate toward new classroom
- Replaced some of the doors in rec hall (side doors)
- Assembled basketball goals for later installation
- Added mulch to the hill on the side of Cheshire Hall where there has been some erosion

It was great seeing so many people work on making the property we love a better place for all campers!

## THE SERTOMA LODGE

Membership has its privileges, and an underutilized benefit of membership in our club is the privilege of staying in the Sertoma Lodge, a three-bedroom residence which is available now that renovations to the camp director's residence have been completed. The lodge has beds to sleep six. It's a perfect place for a weekend getaway. To reserve, please contact Keith Russell, Sertoma 4-H Center director, at [keith\\_russell@ncsu.edu](mailto:keith_russell@ncsu.edu) or 336-593-8057.

## INSTALLATION OF ROPES COURSE SIGN



Nate and I had the wonderful opportunity to go to Camp Sertoma Saturday to experience first-hand the installation of the sign for the Doug Council Adventure Courses. Kudos to Justin Miller who has worked diligently over the past several weeks routing, painting and sealing the sign boards. And thanks to Justin and his brother, Kyle, who spent 8 hours Saturday installing the sign. Well done guys, well done! (Please note that the side supports will be removed at the spring work weekend.)

Many thanks to all of the folks who gave of their time and resources to make this project finally come to completion...and most of all, to the memory of Doug Council who had the vision of a ropes course, and knew how it would touch the lives of so many...young and old.

Warm regards,

*Kay*

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October 8, 2007

Subject: NC 4-H Camp Award

In case you have not seen it - the ACA (American Camp Association) Award we received in Jacksonville, Florida is the subject of an article in Extension News. Check it out at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/project/calscommblogs/>

I ask that you forward this to your Camp & Center Advisory Boards. My personal thanks to each of you for all that you have contributed to our receiving this award! We have a great team. As I have said previously, I am blessed to be surrounded by so many great youth development and camping professionals.

A personal note of thanks to those who have previously worked so hard for us to earn an award like this . . . one that is based on a "body of work". I am copying Clare-Marie Hannon, Terry Patterson, Mike Davis, Sammy Cox, Chris Weaver, Alan Thomas, Benita Budd, Wanda Holloway, Becki & Coby Odum, Tim Case, Jon Willink, Garrett Earhardt and Ken Kindley - all of whom have worked with us in the past.

Also - we gratefully acknowledge the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund for all they have contributed to us receiving this award. Their contributions in securing funding for facility improvements, camperships and endowments was vital to us being honored in this way.

Additionally, we thank our major collaborators without whom we could not offer the variety, and quality, of programming for which we were recognized. Many come to mind such as the Sertoma Clubs, the North Carolina Bankers Association, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, NCSU Forestry Extension, the Wake County Wildlife Club and NCSU Extension Horse Husbandry.

I know it is dangerous to try to "thank everyone". If I have omitted a key individual or organization, please let me know. It is important that we acknowledge that we were not recognized for the work of any one person, but rather for many years of programming excellence. Again - thanks for your contribution. We trust that you feel a part of this award and share in our pride of accomplishment.

*Larry*

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**Pictures from Fun Weekend**