



## Harland Parrish

October 4  
Birthday

## Doug Anderson

October 8  
Birthday

## Ken & Rosie Westerhold

October 11  
Anniversary

## John & Judy Shimonek

October 15  
Anniversary

## Ken Gettman

October 23  
Birthday



## Food Distribution

Tuesday

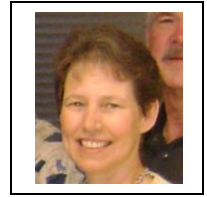
October 26

4:45 – 6:00

Center for People  
in Need

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## CATHY'S CHATS



Welcome to our newest member, **Terry Neddenriep**. Terry, we are so glad you joined our Sertoma family!

We have had another busy month, raising money with our concession sales, and working on the Boy Scout Heritage Building project in conjunction with

Volunteer Partners "Day of Caring". Thanks to **Terry Neddenriep, Maxine and Jim Bishop, Lee Bring, Ken Westerhold and Jim Becker** for all their hard work, scraping and power washing the building to prepare it for a new coat of paint. We were the only service organization to participate in the "Day

of Caring". **Jerry Pigsley and Ken Gettman** have excellent weekly programs. I am looking forward to **Fran and Maxine's** program about their Mission trip to Uganda. Invite a guest to one of our upcoming programs and then ask them to join!

## HELPING SAM HEAR – FINDING THE WAY

### A Learning Experience

We tried to take any opportunity to learn that arose. I didn't know what to think on my first day back at work when my deaf coworker wrote me a note that said: "I'm jealous. You and your wife are so lucky to have a deaf son." I couldn't begin to comprehend how someone could feel that way, so I accepted his subsequent invitation to learn more about the deaf world.

He emailed me a list of upcoming events, including an all-deaf poker tournament about an hour's drive from my home. On the Friday before the game, I told him I might attend, but failed to be definitive. The next day I felt compelled to go.

My coworker, not expecting me to show up, wasn't there. I was alone with perhaps 60 deaf people in a room filled with gestures punctuated with sounds of slapping and laughter, but no words. I felt very awkward as I struggled to communicate. After about 40 minutes, I found someone's hearing spouse, who volunteered to help me.

Person after person at the poker tournament told me the implant was a bad idea, but their reasoning did not move me. Their opposition seemed to be founded in dedication to the deaf community and in a strong belief that hearing loss is not an impediment. I understood and sincerely appreciated those positions, but the conversations didn't



produce the most meaningful lesson of that day.

I was welcomed in this corner of the deaf world with open arms, yet it was clear that I wasn't part of it. I imagined the isolation that I felt as I milled around the room as an outsider would be something Sam could face on a daily basis in the hearing world if we didn't give him the chance to gain the ability to listen and speak. Being uncomfortable there made me very comfortable with our decision to pursue the cochlear implant.

(to be continued)

It is an act of love to say, "I believe in you as my child, and you don't need my help."  
*Peter Buffett on his billionaire father*



### Trail Pickup

#### MoPac Trail from 70<sup>th</sup> to Wedgewood Bridge

October 1-31  
**Sharon Cunning**

#### Superior Trail

October 1-31  
**Donna Magwire**  
**Ken Westerhold**



### Program Schedule

**October 7**  
**Dale Robinson**  
Sertoma International  
Director

**October 14**  
**Maxine Bishop & Fran Follett**  
Uganda Mission Trip

**October 21**  
**Tim Mittan**  
Executive Director  
Southeast Community  
College Entrepreneurial  
Center

**October 28**  
**Ben Higgins**  
Watershed Manager  
City of Lincoln Public Works  
Department  
**Storm Water Improvement  
Bond Issue**

A new survey found that 12 percent of parents punish their kids by banning social-networking sites. The other 88 percent punish their kids by joining social-networking sites.  
*Jimmy Fallon*

## NATIONAL PARKS

The mission of National Parks is to conserve scenery, natural and historic objects and wild life.

**Wayne Svoboda** has visited over 200 out of almost 400 national parks and monuments.

Yellowstone was the first National Park created in

1872. In 1916 the National Park Service was created to find scenery of supreme distinctive quality. The eastern National Parks of Shenandoah, the Great Smoky Mountains, Mammoth Cave and Acadia were created in the 1920s and 30s.

There are 392 units of National Parks Service but only 50 parks. The rest are national monuments. National Parks cover 84 million acres of land.

**Wayne** visits parks during all seasons and has a goal of visiting as many as possible.

## INDIAN CENTER

The mission of the Indian Center is to promote self-sufficiency. It is primarily a human services agency administering several programs such as food programs said Jacinda Weseh, Executive Assistant. Other programs provided are:

Commodities program

which serves 1100 people in Lincoln and Saunders county, 90% of which are white people; Workforce program which teaches native Americans job skills and helps them to find jobs; Nebraska Indian Healthy Marriage to help create two parent homes; Mental Health;

Youth Council; Free noon meal. Lincoln Indian Club does cultural events and uses the Indian Center facility. Most of the Powwows are intertribal and sponsored by the Indian Club.

There are 500 tribes recognized by the federal government.

## TABITHA

Tabitha, a Christian provider of rural and urban health and related services for older adults, delivers a comprehensive system of compassionate care promoting the dignity, independence and health of Elders. Some of the programs are rehabilitation, home care, hospice, Meals on Wheels, adult day services and elder living.

**Christie Hinrichs**, President and CEO is passionate about the services Tabitha provides.

Tabitha has built the first green houses in the state. They provide non-traditional long term care for elder families. Families visit more often and stay longer in the setting they provide.

Meals on Wheels has

always been provided by Tabitha and has always had a loss. They serve 100,000 to 200,000 meals per year. There is an Intergenerational Good House which provides adult day care services and a children's day care.

Tabitha is the only organization in the state which offers a seamless transition to different care levels.

**DAY OF CARING**  
**These Northeast Sertomans power washed and scraped the schoolhouse at the Boy Scout Camp.**  
**Thanks for all your hard work!**



## LINCOLN LITERACY COUNCIL

The Recipe for Prosperity is:  
Create a Risk-Rewarding Environment  
Skilled Workforce

Executive Director **Clayton Naff** says that even though the Lancaster County unemployment rate is 4.9%, that is no guarantee of prosperity.

The global competition is for highly skilled jobs. Low skilled jobs result in

stagnant wages, poverty and public dependence. The jobs of the future require higher education.

The New Americans are Nebraska's population and economic future.

Over 90% of the people working with the Literacy Council are refugees. Lincoln is in the top 20 communities acceptable to refugees. Lincoln has refugees from over 80 different countries.

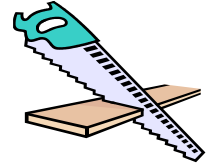
Literacy is an individual's ability to read, write, speak English, compute and solve problems.

The Council serves 50 US born English speaking people, 730 refugees and other immigrants and 300 children of English learners. There are over 200 volunteers. Classes include citizenship, family literacy, health literacy and workforce readiness classes. English is key to successful integration.



**Cookies for Child Advocacy Center**

October  
**Harland Parrish**



**Board Meeting**

October  
**Harland Parrish**



**Okto Beerfest**

Thursday  
October 21  
6:30 – 9:30

Beer Tasting  
Hors d'oeuvres  
Silent Auction

Lancaster Event Center  
84<sup>th</sup> & Havelock

Benefit for the  
Nebraska State Stroke  
Association

I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow.

*Woodrow Wilson*

## SERTOMA INC/EAST NEBRASKA DISTRICT

“Remember, growing older is mandatory and growing up is optional. We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” This was quoted by **Kay Telford**, East Nebraska District Governor.

Clubs can pay for district attendees to conferences. The Great Plains regional website is [greatplainssertoma.org](http://greatplainssertoma.org). The Great Plains Region covers five states and seven districts. **Kay** encouraged clubs to adopt a hearing/speech agency. Application for grants is done by the agency. Many clubs pay the \$200 fee. **Kay** commended us for already having a club liaison. **Jim** will be our liaison to receive materials for programs on topics such as leadership and growth.

A new logo has been created to promote branding.

Hastings Noon Club will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this month.

**Suzanne Frasier** is the Foundation District Representative for the East Nebraska District. There has been a 5% grant increase in 2009/2010. **Suzanne** has her own FOCUS for the Annual Fund: Funds - \$1,000 scholarships. **Our Purpose** – Hearing Health. **Communication Disorders Us** – Sponsorships in our community. **Swimming Upstream** - trying to increase giving. It costs \$100 to become a Fellow Donor.

Common sense is not so common.  
*Voltaire*



**The Good, The Bad & The Guilty**

Mystery Dinner Event

November 12

Northeast United  
Church of Christ

6:30 – 9:30

\$13 per person  
See Dave Brown for  
details

If you want your kids to listen to you, don't yell at them.

Whisper.

Make them lean in. My kids taught me that. I do it with adults now.

## Northeast Sertoma



### 2010-2011 Officers

**President** – Cathy Becker

**President-Elect**  
Donna Magwire

**Chairman of the Board**  
Ken Westerhold

**Secretary** – Fran Follett

**Treasurer** – Lee Bring

**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Harland Parrish

### Board of Directors

Jim Becker  
Maxine Bishop  
Dave Brown  
Sharon Cuning  
Chuck Genrich  
Harry Wimer

**Meet Thursdays**  
7:00 a.m.

**HyVee Club Room**  
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## LAUGHTER

### From the Police Blotter

Police were called to Market Square for a report about a "suspicious coin." Investigating officer reported it was a quarter.

The Learning Center reports a man stands at his window watching the Center, making parents nervous. Police ID him as a cardboard cutout of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Police receive a report of a newborn infant found in a trash can. Upon investigation, officers discover it was only a burrito.

The road we were on led us to a covered bridge just as another car approached from the opposite direction. At an impasse, the other driver shouted, "I never back up for idiots!"

My friend put her car in reverse and replied, "I do."



While I was assigned to the space shuttle program, my job included ordering supplies. One of the engineers requested a new dictionary. Following regulations, I asked him why he needed it.

I expected his answer to be "My old copy is lost" or "The cover is falling off. Instead he said, "My current edition defines *spaceship* as an 'imaginary aircraft.'"

He got his new dictionary.

An angry customer called me at the florist shop where I work. Her problem: the card. Her kids had sent flowers and wanted it signed "Love your two rugrats." Instead the card read, "Love your two regrets."

The reason volunteers aren't paid isn't because they're worthless, but because they are priceless.

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### CONFERENCES 2010-2011

#### Fall District Conference

**October 24**

**York**

#### PAC Meeting

**November 22**

**Scott Conference Center**

**Omaha**

**6:30**

**Great Plains Regional Conference**

**August 11-13, 2011**

**Lincoln**