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IN LASERTOMA CIRCLES



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Greetings LaSertoma Members! Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy St. Patrick's Day and before the Circle comes out it will be Easter! With Easter comes Spring! YEAH! Will we be having as nice of weather in April as we finished January with a 60 degree day?

We finally have everything from Head Quarters moved from the Zechar household in Kettering, Ohio to the Shomaker household in Powell, Ohio. Thanks to Adam and Deb Ravenstein for helping John move everything upstairs to the garage for easy loading. Thanks to Ken, Bill and Lynn Shomaker for opening their home to headquarters and helping unload and carry downstairs at their house. A BIG THANK YOU to my husband Doug Murphy for securing the big box truck from BLUE BOX CORRUGATED and driving it to and from Dayton and loading and help unload everything, and giving up a day to help us. Thank you to Cindy Heinrich for having supper fixed for us when we got to the Shomaker's. Next will be the unpacking and finding a home for everything. Thanks to John Zechar for being patient with us while we got everybody and everything scheduled. Not an easy job.

Our sympathy goes out to Past International President Linda Lane Strawser in the passing of her 28 year old son Gary. They will not know for some time the cause of death. One does not know how hard it is to lose a child, unless they have been in the same situation. Linda we are here for you if you need us.

I received word this past weekend that Past International President Pat Cannon has now been released to a nursing home. She had suffered a severe stroke the middle of January and was in a Findlay Hospital. I will let you all know when I get an address as to her location now.

For most of us we celebrate Youth Service in the month of February. If you haven't got your applications out and back you need to get moving so your applicant will have their application in your Regional judging. Your Scholarship applications need to be going out his month so they can be

returned and judged by your club and sent on for International judging. Deadlines will be sneaking up on us before we know it.

Have we been working on our "Love for LaSertoma" children's hospital projects? Also have we done anything for Literacy and Campership? Follow up with your clubs and make sure we are all doing something in each of these areas.

By the time you receive this Mid-Term will be in session or on our way home with refreshed ideas.

I am looking forward to being on the road in April. Atlantic Carolina West Regional in Durham, North Carolina the 14th of April, North Central Regional in Westerville, Ohio the 21st, and in Canada the 28th of April. I appreciate the invitations to come be a part of their program.

Don't forget San Antonio, Texas in July. Plan now to attend Fred J & Julia C Kuehne training on the 11th and 12th and International Convention with an opening on the 12th, 13th and 14th. I can't wait to see what all Capital LaSertoma has planned for us.

I will see you all somewhere along the way these next few months. It has been a very busy year with lots of challenges along the way. Let's finish the year growing and strong.

Bring in them new members and work on them new clubs and new youth clubs.

In LaSertoma Love,

Joyce Murphy



Baylor Ann Labuda born 1/19/2012 at 10:17 am to Sarah Murphy and Brian LaBuda. Weight 9 lbs. 7 oz. 20 in long. Granddaughter of your International President Joyce & Doug Murphy



LOVE

From LaSertoma
Children's **H**ospital

**Most clubs probably submitted items or money
for Christmas to their Children's Hospital.**

**Please don't forget to include these
donations on your form.**

**I will be giving each Director a copy of the form
in an envelope for each club at Mid Term with my
address on it, in hopes that those clubs who wish
to mail their form, can now easily do so.**

**You can always Email me a copy of your report if
that's easier.**

Please send me your **Love From LaSertoma Form.**

THANK YOU!

Linda Lane Strawser

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ROSE RUNZLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The time is NOW to begin your search for a candidate for this very special Scholarship which may be awarded annually. This \$500.00 grant is given to a visually handicapped student who has completed a baccalaureate degree program and declares an intent to continue graduate studies. The graduate degree must lead to professional competency in a recognized field such as education, law, medicine, etc. Top priority, with other factors being equal, will be given to the applicant who wishes to pursue specialized study at the graduate level in an area that will lead to continued assistance of the visually handicapped. This grant was made possible by a bequest left to LaSertoma International in 1967 in the will of Mrs. Rose Runzler of Glendale, CA. Her wish that the money be used for assistance to the visually handicapped led the LSI Board of Directors set up a program to invest the initial \$10,000.00 and only the interest earned on the principal amount would be used to award the scholarship grants.

As you search for a worthy candidate, please note the judging criteria. Visually impaired student is vocationally handicapped by reason of visual acuity = 50%. Club endorsement = 5%, student completed application = 5%, transcript of grades=15%, Financial need = 15%. All materials postmarked by the deadline, May 15 and mailed to the chairman = 10%. For a complete description of this program, please check your LaSertoma Manual. You can also download the necessary forms from the LSI website. I look forward to receiving one application from each LaSertoma Club from which one or more applicants will be selected to receive this \$500.00 at our International Convention in July, 2012. Due to not receiving an application for the grant for several years, money is now available to give at least two this year. Please contact your University's Department for students with disabilities ASAP and submit your candidate.

The completed application (LSI Form C-9) must be accompanied by the Club endorsement (LSI Form C-5) and the financial statement (LSI C-6), along with the most recent transcript of grades. Please mail to: Rachel Ellis, Chr. 5816 Overbrooke Rd., Kettering, OH 45440 by **May 15, 2012**. I look forward to hearing from you and celebrating as we award this grant in July. If you have any questions about this program or the application process, please contact me.

Phone (937) 435-1323 Email – rellis1@woh.rr.com

Scholarship & Memorial and Endowment Fund Program

I can't believe our LaSertoma year is half way over. We need to start preparing our reports and applications for the awards and recognition of your clubs activities. Your \$100.00 donation to S&M entitles your club to be considered for a scholarship to be given out at our International Convention. Also a donation of \$10.00 per member earns your club a 100 % patch. Endowment Fund donations are both for clubs and members. Each club that donates \$100.00 will be honored at our International Convention. This is an accumulated donation award. Every year awards are given for the yearly and accumulative donations amounts.

All donations are to be sent to:

Irene Pendleton

26019 Lookout Oaks

San Antonio Texas 78260

We currently have 2 donation challenges. My Scholarship & Memorial challenge for donations made "In Memory" of Marty Zechar with a special drawing at convention, and for "We donated the Most to the Endowment Fund" between North Central and Atlantic Carolina regions. Remember the more donations we receive the more scholarships and a stronger organization we will have.

In LaSertoma Love and Service,

Kay Strawn

SCHOLARSHIP AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS

12/1/2011 thru 1/30/2012

Donor

Heath LaSertoma
Frances Whisman

Donor of Memory

Vernon Moore
Marty Zechar
Esther Conrad

For over a decade, two New Kent County LaSertoma clubs – Bottom of the Bridge and Shore to Shore - have collected applications from families in need of a little help at Christmas. Through the New Kent Christmas Mother program, patrons of local businesses can adopt these children from Angel Trees in local banks or directly from the Christmas Mother program. Once participants purchase gifts, LaSertoma volunteers collect these gifts for distribution to the families a few weeks before Christmas. Participants may also donate monetarily.

In 2011, the New Kent Christmas Mother program helped 95 families with a total of 206 children have a great Christmas. A total of \$9,950.00 was raised for 2011 with a good balance left in the coffers for preparation of Christmas Mother 2012.

A local biking group donates bicycles to the program every year, to be distributed to those children who would love to wake up to a new bike on Christmas morning. A local grocery store also donated boxes of food to the cause, to be distributed when families picked up their gifts and LaSertoma purchases grocery store gift cards each year. Many local businesses allow LaSertoma to put “change boxes” storefront for monetary donations. New Kent High School provides poinsettia plants from the greenhouse, to bring a little Christmas cheer (and color!) to the families throughout the holiday season. Various other businesses and local groups donate a variety of items, all utilized by the New Kent Christmas Mother.

This year, the newest Virginia LaSertoma club, Hands of Hope, joined Bottom of

the Bridge and Shore to Shore during distribution week to collect, sort, inspect and distribute gifts. Their help was invaluable in keeping the program on track and running smoothly.

The pictures submitted with this article are of preparation during the 2011 Christmas Mother distribution week.



left to right: Crysta Hilliard, Mary Davis, Ethel Bounsell, Louise Gooch, Ms. Bynum, Manager, Deborah Hilliard and Patricia

James E. Shepard LaSertoma presented CAARE - a non-profit organization a monetary dona-

Annual Cops Who Care program once again a success for three Virginia clubs

For the past 14 years the Henrico Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #4 which includes members of the Henrico Police Department, Henrico Sheriff's Office and the New Kent Sheriff's Office has sponsored a program called "Cops Who Care." On December 11, 2011 several groups of people united to participate in this event. The purpose of this program is to make Christmas better for those children in our area whose families may be experiencing financial shortfalls. Annually the Henrico FOP Lodge #4 raises money to fund this program specifically for these children in the jurisdictions of Henrico and New Kent. This money comes from donations and other fundraising events and is used to take these children on a Christmas shopping trip. Cops Who Care selected 50 children this year to receive this money, 39 from Henrico and 11 from New Kent, based on suggestions from School Resource Officers (SRO).

Before the participants, children, and their parents embarked on the shopping trip they were treated to a delicious and nutritious breakfast supplied and prepared by Bottom of the Bridge, Hands of Hope, and Shore to Shore LaSertoma clubs. This year, for the first time, the Henrico FOP Lodge #4 was not able to raise the same level of monetary support that they have in previous years so members of each of the three LaSertoma clubs donated their own money to buy the food for this great program.

Shopping was done at the Walmart on Brook Rd in Henrico County, which annually dedicates special registers used only for participants. The store also allows this to be a tax free shopping experience by paying the state sales tax on all purchases made during this event. Once at Walmart, each deputy or participant partnered with a child and began shopping. The Henrico FOP Lodge #4 spent over \$10,000 giving each child \$200.00 to spend. There were some restrictions placed on the purchases, which included at least half of the money being spent on necessities like clothing. The rest could be on toys or other items that the children wanted excluding weapons (movies or games had to be approved). In total the 11 children from New Kent spent around \$2,300.

Cops Who Care was a success as the day ended with lots of smiles, hugs, and full shopping carts. This annual event is a blessing to all who are involved, the children get to have a Christmas full of things they need and want, and the participants get to enjoy the time spent with these families and witness the joy on the faces of the little shoppers. This day is made possible through the selfless donations made by the citizens and businesses of New Kent and Henrico counties to the Henrico FOP Lodge #4.



ROXBORO LASERTOMA CLUB

The Roxboro LaSertoma Club celebrated the Christmas Holiday by gathering together at the Homestead Steak House for dinner and fellowship



The club adopted a family of 4 for Christmas and all the members brought gifts for the four children and Mother. They also contributed money for another family that was going through medical problems. This family was not able to provide anything for their child for Christmas, so the club made sure she woke Christmas morning with clothes and toys under the tree. The Club provided gift bags for the residents of the Maple Heights Nursing Home. What a wonder feeling to be able to spread joy to so many during this special time of year.



Volunteers enjoy work

The league preparing tomorrow's players today

By Dave Weidig
Sports Writer

HEATH — As a Heath ball carrier took off on a long touchdown run, the public address announcer excitedly described the action at Swank Field.

Only it wasn't Donyelle Simpson or the high school varsity Bulldogs doing the scoring. It was a Sunday afternoon Licking County League Youth Football game, where future stars get to experience some of the thrills of their older heroes.

Doing the announcing for the seventh consecutive year was Dave Hunt, who has had three sons come through the LCLYF program. It's his way of giving back to the league, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I was on the original board, I coached for six years, and all three of my boys played," said Hunt, who has David at Mount Union; Nate at Muskingum and Adam, who is a junior at Heath.

"David and Nate have helped run the chains, and now I've got Adam roped into doing the clock.

"You can see the kids, even at this level, who are going to be ball players. It's really fun, getting to see this kind of talent. This league has given us so much."

"It's tremendous the way (the Hunts) have all come back, and they didn't have to," Heath's long-time LCLYF chairman Doug Murphy said.

Murphy also keeps coming back. Although he has a grandson playing for Watkins Memorial in the Bruce Varner (fifth- and sixth-grade) Division, he's never had a son play in the LCLYF.

"We started out with 22 kids (at Heath) playing against each other, but now we have 245 participants, including cheerleaders," he said. "The kids enjoy traveling to all the other schools, and we've added Lakewood and Utica."

Heath also has four teams in its own flag football league for kindergartners through second-



graders.

Murphy's wife, Joyce, is international president of LaSertoma, which runs the concession stand at Heath and raises scholarship money for local youth. It also assists food pantries and camps such as the Hospice Bereavement Camp. They also vol-

unteer in school libraries and make Labor of Love blankets for hospitals.

Helping at the concession stand is the Heath Bulldog volunteer youth group, the largest in the country with more than 60 kids.

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LCLYF

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Sheila Hughes has overseen the concession stand since its start and said it can raise as much as \$1,000 for charity on a typical Sunday.

"There's usually six of us plus the youth group," she said. "We start at 11:30 and are here until 6:30, but it's well worth it. I enjoy seeing all the little kids coming up and ordering stuff. It's a very good time."

As coaches try to develop players for the next level, they enjoy varying degrees of success. But it's not about wins and losses anyway for many of them.

Northridge is off to an unbeaten start in the Junior Ault Division, for third- and fourth-graders. Coach Bud Young is in his first season with the juniors after coaching in the Mini Division in 2010.

"We didn't fare very well last year, but this year we have some key players who can really bring it," he said. "We're not big on numbers. We only have 15 kids. We only have three (players heavier than 90 pounds, but we're pretty quick. We have fourth-graders who are fast and run our (single wing) offense really well. We have one kid who's just in his second year, but he had two (interception returns) for

touchdowns."

Newark Gray still is searching for its first win in the Varner Division. But that hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of coach Brandon Cole, who played at Wilmington High School near Cincinnati.

"We had a kid who broke his arm, but he's able to come back, and that should help us," he said. "I have a love of the game, and I try to share my passion with the kids.

"It's not about wins and losses. It's about getting them ready for the next level."

Dave Weidig can be reached at (740) 328-8557 or dweidig@newarkadvocate.com.

Four Town LaSertoma made 18 medical dolls (pictured below) for the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. The dolls are used by the doctors to show the child exactly where on their body surgery is going to be performed. Four Town also held their annual Christmas luncheon for 80 senior citizens where the members made Hot turkey sandwiches, Macaronni Salad, Ham Salad, Peppermint Punch, Chips, and Christmas Cookies (each member baked 3-6 dozen cookies each). Santa Claus gave each Senior a Christmas present which was provided by LaSertoma and had their picture taken with Santa as they sat on his lap.



During the month of December **Pleasantville LaSertoma** hosted a lunch with Santa Clause. Several of our members decorated gift bags and filled them up with toys and goodies. Each child who attended received a gift bag. The lunch was by donation only. We had so much fun watching all the children talking to Santa and enjoying their lunch.

We also adopted a family with 3 children for Christmas. Gifts were purchased and wrapped. Betty one of our members was able to get 3 bikes donated by the police department.

We are looking forward to the new year. We are planning a fun day to be held in Pleasantville. We will have games and prizes for the children and also holding a basket raffle.

Pleasantville LaSertoma is very active in our community and we look forward to reaching out to others and giving a helping hand when needed.

EDITOR NOTE: I hope that everyone is enjoying the new look of the "Circle". As a reminder, the Circles are on the LaSertoma website at www.lasertoma.org and on the first page there is an icon that reads "Circles". When you click on that icon it takes you to the page that allows you to print any circle that has been issued for the past three (3) years. As a reminder, the Circles are on the website in color but it **DOES NOT MEAN** that you have to print in color as you can have your printer print in black/white by changing in the preference box of your printer window on your computer.

There is a lot of time and effort put into being able to produce the Circles and I appreciate all articles that are sent, **HOWEVER**, remember that newspaper articles are very, very hard to scan and reproduce unless you can guarantee that it is the very first edition off of the press. Please try not to incorporate your pictures into the same sheet that your article is written. The articles need to be separate and sent to me in doc. format.

The deadline for the next Circle is April 1st AND NOT IT IS NOT AN APRIL FOOLS JOKE!!!!

Send articles to Sally Maple, 3815 Evans Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123 or samaple@sbcglobal.net

Check out **Facebook.com** then enter **LaSertoma Friends** in the search box. Not a member yet? You need to sign up after all it is FREE. It is another way of communicating between all of the clubs in our great organization.

The Winter Haven LaSertoma Club had their annual Poinsettia Sale on December 3rd, 2011. Members took pre sale orders and were responsible to deliver them to the people they sold them to These beautiful plants were in 6" pots and sold for \$7.00 each. Members received compliments on how beautiful they were, especially this year. The member who sold the most was Ouida Hamilton, our oldest member who sold 90 plants.



The Winter Haven LaSertoma Club had a White Elephant Sale for the January meeting. The Auctioneer was Marcia Sackett. This is a fun fund raiser and a good time was had by all who attended.



On Saturday, January 28th, the members of Suburban LaSertoma spent the afternoon serving lunch to the families of our local Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, Ohio. We had a very strong turnout of members and three (Karon, Rachel & Sandy) guests. The residents were served hotdogs with Coney sauce, pasta salad, baked beans, cookies, and chips. A little summertime menu in the middle of winter! While we were there, we learned that the Columbus Ronald McDonald House is the second largest in the country, second only to New York City. It is comforting knowing that parents of sick children don't have the burden of finding a place to stay while their child receives treatments or tests and that homemade food is waiting for them at the Ronald McDonald House. One of our members volunteers there regularly and keeps us apprised of any needs or shortages at the house. We collect pop tops for recycling and try and serve a meal there twice a year. If you are interested in helping at your local Ronald McDonald house or fulfilling their needs list, you can go online to <http://rmhc.org/>



Lancaster LaSertoma Wraps

Up the Holidays!

During the month of December, Santa's little elves, or shall we say LaSertoma's little elves gathered together the scissors, wrap and bows along with some Holiday cheer to have their biggest fundraiser of the year. Their annual Gift Wrapping at River Valley Mall.

Yes, it is always alot of work but so worth the fun and rewarding moments with our patrons. We have regulars every year and wouldn't you know most of them are men!

During this time we also shop for our Adopted Family and give them their gifts, of course beautifully wrapped.

This was a very successful year for the club raising \$3664.63! We were very blessed to have had such a successful season. We want to thank Lynn Shomaker and all the other friends or family for helping to make the fundraiser such a success.



WWW.LASERTOMA.ORG

Have you tried using the above website to find out additional information that you are seeking about LaSertoma? If not, try it you will be suprised at what you can not only learn but can also print out forms, the manual, by-laws and policies.

Irene Pendleton is working very hard on getting us into the 20th century and trying to have faster service to all members through the website as opposed to snail mail.

HEADQUARTERS

The rest of the LaSertoma International Office has been moved.. The boxes will be organized and sorted as time allows.

Lynn plans to get organized for Mid Term first. After Mid-Term she will continue to sort and organize till done.

She will try to keep all members posted via "Circles".

Merchandise

Lynn plans to have Merchandise at Mid-Term. Member pins and Youth Member pins are in and available for purchase.

International Director please make sure that you let Lynn know if you need merchandise for your Regional Convention and give her ample time to get the merchandise to you.



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SOON!



LaSertoma International Convention

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