



The Arapahoe Sertoman

THIS WEEK IN REVIEW Oct 12, 2017
This week's Reporter – Don Smith

Song: Carl Duncan **Pledge:** Norm Schillo **Prayer:** Doug Harder

Guests: Alice Perkins, Jim's wife:

Last week, Liz Davenport & Karen Marston from Dry Creek Sertoma came to tell us about their 25th anniversary party and are selling tickets (no ticket sales at the door). The party is at the Ken Caryl Ranch House, 7676 S. Continental Divide Rd., Littleton, Oct 26th, from 5:30 to 8pm. It will be a catered dinner with complimentary wine, along with music. Tickets are \$25 each and you can contact them at Dry Creek Sertoma.

See <http://www.drycreeksertoma.org/news.html> near the bottom of the page.

Fines: Randy Smith for Poor Induction Training for our President: Simpson St Fort to make him feel welcome into the club after the poorly done induction. Welcome Simpson.

Foundation News: The Foundation still has a cemetery plot or two for sale. They are located at Chapel Hill Cemetery. If interested, contact one of the Foundation members or me (DonSmith@arapahoe-sertoma.org) and I will forward your contact to one of them.

Announcements: It was decided at the Board Meeting that do to the upcoming Chamber Luncheon Tuesday, Oct 31st, there will be NO LUNCH Thursday, Nov 2nd.

Bob Buckland said the event for his granddaughter was a great success, raising over \$20,000 to help her with some of her medical costs. Bob wants to thank all that helped out.

We finally got Simpson St Fort inducted. Simpson is our first member to come all the way from Haiti.

Born and raised in Haiti for the first 17 years of his life, He has been a U.S. Air Force 20-year veteran, a holder of a Master's Degree in Computer Information Management and a resident of Denver, Colorado. He has always had a special love for his country of origin and its children close to his heart. While in the United States Armed Forces he has been part of many humanitarian missions such as the Haitian refugee crisis in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After the devastating earthquake in January 12, 2010. Simpson volunteered with the American Red Cross and was assigned on board of the U.S. NAVY Hospital Ship Comfort on the coast of Haiti. Simpson was struck by the suffering and the resilience of the people and his love of Haiti was deepened. ([Read his whole story here](#)) You can also [listen to his introduction to the club back on July 6th](#).

The question of where the monies go from the Pool (and King Soopers) is: They help keep our dues lower. Dick Mason mentioned at the Board Meeting that he just received a check for \$463 so keep using the King Soopers cards. We are going to have a small program on how to use them if you're not sure.

Sertoman of the day: Jim Perkins graced us today as our SOD. Jim was born in Warrior, (Birmingham) Alabama in 1946, 34 years to the day after Sertoma International was founded. Jim has lived in Denver since 1950. He attended Abraham Lincoln High School. It is, of course, still standing.

He is a self-proclaimed sports nut. His 2 best sports were bowling and golf, the problem being for either game, the scores were the same. When he was about a year old, he had

Polio so that drove him to get involved in anything he could to overcome the handicap. No matter what he was involved in, he always tried too hard to be the best. It could be sports, board games, boy scouts, bible class or any group activity.

He has been married twice, first to T.E.B., and now married to Alice since 1985. He has two children and one adopted. His son served in Iraq but is now back home, he is scheduled to retire soon. His daughter is Joe Dowdey's neighbor. Jim has five grandkids.

Jim worked summers at Elitch Gardens Theme Park, until he wrecked their train. He then worked at the Colorado Department of Highways as a data "collector", which was a bit more along the lines of a data "modifier". He then went on to work as a cabinet maker.

Jim's final and main career was for Norgren where he started as a sub assembler. He worked his way up to be the product manager for the Americas and the Pacific Rim. While working at Norgren he was able to finish his degree and went on to complete an MBA. Then, on March 10th, 1993 he fell down icy steps while attending a trade show in Chicago. He suffered a traumatic brain injury, or TBI, which rendered him paraplegic. He continued to work for Norgren, retiring in 1998.

Jim joined the Arapahoe Sertoma Club in 2003. He was brought into the club by Joe Dowdey and has gone through several chairs and helping whenever and where ever he can. Listen to [Jim Perkins.mp3](#)

Program: Randy Smith introduced one of our good members, Clarke Bennett, who filled in for a previously scheduled program. Clarke's talk today was on changes in healthcare in the US. He started off with a brief summary of his talk, and then a timeline of history dating back to the late 1700's and progressed to the present and how and when health insurance began.

Clarke had his information displayed on large cards for the group to read but due to light glare, they don't show up in the video.

Listen to [Clarke Bennett.mp3](#)

Upcoming programs and events:

Sertoma Area Calendar— [Calendar-Updated.pdf](#)

Arapahoe Calendar:

Oct 19 – Jason Regier – Push Forward

Oct 26 – Todd McPherson Integrated Family

Oct 31 – Englewood Chamber Lunch

Dec 10 – Club Christmas party

[Future Programs:](#) [Past programs.pdf](#) [Club history](#)

Upcoming SOD list:

Oct 19 – Tim Pollak

Oct 26 – Jim Rees

Nov 2 – NO LUNCH

Nov 9 - Norm Schillo

(BOD means **B**oard **O**f **D**ir. meeting)

Flying Five: Dick Enslow **Pot of Gold:** Doug Harder **Hand Shake:** Ed Bezjak

[2017-2018 Officers list.txt](#)

[Club Photos](#)

Promotion video: [Helping People With Hearing Problems in Englewood, CO](#)

The club's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Arap.SERT.1952?ref=profile>