



CLEMSON SERTOMA CLUB

Spotlight on Sertoma

People • Service • Community

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sertoma Friends,

I was thrilled to see so many of our members present at our last meeting. As I said at the very first meeting this year, member engagement is a major priority. I hope you will find an opportunity to engage with any of our projects, offer a possible speaker's name to Nancy, or invite a potential member to a meeting. These are just a few of the ways that you can make a difference in our club and ultimately in the community.

At our Oct. 6th meeting, we will take a group picture, so please wear your best smile! I hope to see everyone there so folks in Clemson can see who makes up our outstanding club. Also on that date, you will hear from two of us: I will give an update on the Ministers' Cookoff. Gauging by the excited response in the community, this will become an annual premier event of our club! And Kaye will lead us on a tour of our new digital tools and media presence. She has done a phenomenal job of creating our unique brand and consolidating our club's information, making it accessible to you and the community.

As always, I encourage you to offer suggestions or concerns to any Board member or even come to one of our meetings held on the last Thursday of each month at 11:30 in the upstairs Board Room of the Clemson First Citizens Bank.

In service with you and hoping to see you on the 6th,
Peggy

October Birthdays

October 8 — David Weatherford
October 19 — Andy Blondeau
October 21 — Charlie White
October 24 — Don McKale
October 25 — Bill Carraway

No member anniversaries in October.

October Programs

October 6 — Kaye Carraway & Peggy Bodie
New Look for Clemson Sertoma Communications &
News about the Ministers' Cookoff

October 20 — Tony Tidwell
Director of Urban Land Management for the City of
Clemson

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SERVICE UPDATES



Brick by Brick

We're getting closer to our goal! Recent brick purchases include tributes from Bubba Foy and Carol and David Weatherford. Consider purchasing a brick to honor or remember someone special while supporting Camp Sertoma.

[Open Brick Order Form](#)



Membership Recruitment Tool

Share our ABC's of Camping resource when introducing friends and neighbors to Clemson Sertoma.

[Read More](#)



Stock the Pantry

Members are encouraged to bring donations for Clemson Community Care to monthly meetings.

[Read More](#)



Christmas Tree Sales

Our annual fundraiser supports our many service activities and gives members a chance to work side by side. Thanks to McNeely's Store and Rental and Ace Hardware in Clemson, and special thanks to Chris Burton for his work with the trailer!

[Sign Up to Help](#)



Officers & Committees

Keep the current club roster, officers, committee chairs, and service assignments close at hand.

[Open Directory](#)



Camp Sertoma Golf Tournament

South Carolina's Camp Sertoma Golf Tournament is slated for October 19.

[View Flyer](#)



Community Book Share

Monday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Helping Hands Thrift Store to select books for Clemson Community Care's December distribution. Come help us choose some great books!

CLUB CONNECTIONS & DATES TO REMEMBER



Caring Connections

Please continue to keep Ken Weichel and the Shicks in your thoughts and prayers.



★ **Member Spotlight — Donita Wagner**

During Donita's youth, she was a member of both the girls and boys 4-H clubs, winning the top baking demonstration at the Illinois State Fair. She also showed Hereford cattle at the County Fair, winning numerous blue ribbons for "Best of Show."



We've Simplified Paying Your Dues

Beginning this quarter, members have the option to pay dues online. This process will be discussed at our October 6 meeting. Members may also pay Nancy via credit card at meetings; cash and checks are also accepted.

[Pay Dues Online](#)



Save the Dates

Fall Social — Monday, October 26 at Raines in downtown Pendleton. Trivia and a taco bar; details to come.

Christmas Party — Friday, December 11 at Patrick Square Club House. Details to follow.

Welcome to
Clemson Sertoma!

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COMMUNITY

Making a Difference Together



NEW MEMBER

Spotlight'—



Jane LaGrone

A WARM WELCOME TO JANE!

Hello – I'm **Jane LaGrone**.

I grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina, where I lived for 35 years, until getting married and moving to Charlotte, NC.

I worked as an Insurance Director for Atrium Health while in Charlotte for sixteen years.

I moved to Clemson five years ago in retirement from Charlotte with my husband Bill, who is a Clemson graduate.

I love living in a small college town and being involved with Meals on Wheels and being members of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.

I enjoy painting, bird watching, hiking with our Lab Sadie, traveling, kayaking and sports.

I am excited about new friends and experiences with Sertoma!

People • Sharing • Purpose

JANE AT A GLANCE



HOMETOWN

Raleigh, North Carolina
(lived there for 35 years)



CAREER

Insurance Director at Atrium Health
in Charlotte for 16 years.



NOW AT HOME

Moved to Clemson five years ago in
retirement with her husband Bill,
a Clemson graduate.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Meals on Wheels and members of
Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.



THINGS SHE LOVES

Painting, bird watching, hiking with our
Lab Sadie, traveling, kayaking and sports.



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, **JANE!**

Together we make a stronger Clemson.



Welcome! ♥

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NEW MEMBER *Spotlight* ♥

Laura Sosebee Kozlarek

A PROUD CLEMSON NATIVE

Laura Sosebee Kozlarek is a Clemson, South Carolina native, born and raised in the community she is proud to still call home. She is married to Michael Kozlarek, and together they are raising three children.

Laura previously worked in Development at Tri-County Technical College before making the decision to stay home and focus on her family as a homemaker. These days, much of her time is spent doing what she loves most—being involved in her children's lives and supporting her community. She stays busy as a baseball, soccer, and dance mom, as well as a proud Daniel High School Band mom.

Community service is also an important part of Laura's life. She volunteers with Meals on Wheels, helping serve local neighbors each week. She also works part-time helping at her sister's needlepoint shop, where she gets to enjoy one of her favorite hobbies while lending a hand to a family business.

As a lifelong Clemson local, Laura has deep roots in the area and a genuine love for the community and the people who make it special. She is excited to be involved with Sertoma and looks forward to continuing to serve and connect with others in the community she has always called home.

A FEW THINGS ABOUT LAURA



CLEMSON NATIVE

Born and raised in the community she is proud to call home.



FAMILY FIRST

Married to Michael Kozlarek and proud mom of three children.



ACTIVE MOM

Baseball, soccer, dance mom and proud Daniel High School Band mom.



COMMUNITY HEART

Volunteers with Meals on Wheels and lends a hand at her sister's needlepoint shop.



LOVE FOR CLEMSON

Deep roots in our community and a passion for serving others.



We are honored to have Laura and her family
as part of the **Clemson Sertoma** family!

