

## SERTOMA Frequently Asked Questions

**SERTOMA:** stands for: SERvice TO MAnkind.

**Brief History:** The Brainerd Noon Sertoma Club was formed in 1978. We are one of our area's largest and most active service clubs and one of the largest Sertoma clubs in the U.S.

**Club Membership:** Our membership consists of men and women of all ages and from all walks of life.

**Meetings:** We meet at Chef Mike's (next to the Wild Rice Depot and across from North-Central Speedway south of Baxter) every Wednesday. The meeting starts at 12:10 PM and ends promptly at 1:00 PM.

**Time Commitment:** Attending lunch is not mandatory and the opportunities to help out around the community are all voluntary. We understand everyone is busy and that our members will contribute their time when schedules allow. Our varied membership makes this work.

**Dues:** Are quite reasonable and cover your lunches on Wednesdays. Currently, dues are \$112.50 per quarter. There is also a one time application fee of \$30.00.

**What We Support:** At the national level, SERTOMA supports speech and hearing causes. At the local level, we support many local causes and organizations. One of the ways we provide support is by raising money. Our primary fundraiser is Winter Wonderland at the Northland Arboretum each year during the holiday season. Sertoma Winter Wonderland was started at the Northland Arboretum in 2007. Together, with area business sponsors, partnerships, and volunteers, this project is one of the largest fund-raising projects our Club organizes. We also volunteer in multiple other ways to support the community.

**Social Life:** In addition to working hard to make our community a better place to live, we also like to have fun. Some highlights of our social calendar include the annual rookie party, golf tournament, and post Winter Wonderland celebration along with many other family friendly events/activities.

**How to Join?:** The best way to get a feel for whether or not we would be a good fit would be to join us for a free lunch. If you know someone in SERTOMA, they would be happy to invite you to join us. If you don't, just fill out the form on our website and we will contact you.

For more information about our club, or if you are interested in joining, please visit:

[sertoma.brainerd.com/contact-us](http://sertoma.brainerd.com/contact-us)