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Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People

Sertoma’s “Gala Under the Stars” raised more than \$10,000 to help care for and train a Service Ambassador dog for a hearing-impaired person, allowing us to name the puppy on behalf of our organization. The chosen name was Leona V in honor of Leona Valley.

Leona V was born on September 13, 2018 and is now with her puppy raisers Chuck and Connie Braddy in San Diego. She will be there for 18 to 20 months to prepare for her advanced training of an additional six to nine months at the Canine Companions for

Independence Training Center in Oceanside. If Leona graduates after learning 30 basic commands and socialization skills, her projected “turn-in” date will be May 20, 2020, where she will be

presented to her new Partner for Life. Leona will then become the ears, hands and legs of her human partner and will be considered a goodwill ambassador.



“Some people wait a lifetime for a miracle, but Canine Companions for Independences raises these special dogs one at a time.” Thank you for helping us make this miracle happen.

2018 Service to Mankind Award: Steven and Tamara Reaves

Steven and Tamara Reaves moved to Leona Valley in the early 1990s where they wanted to continue raising their growing family. Community is an integral part of their lifestyle, which drew them to Leona Valley.

They juggled six auto-part stores, four kids, and a lot of volunteer work at the local community church. As their children grew older, their opportunities to get more involved increased. Steven became the president of the Leona Valley Improvement Association, and the couple purchased and began operating Jack's Place and the Leona Valley Urban Trading Post.

They created more events and gatherings for our community, such as the Pumpkin Patch and Pumpkin Festival, Christmas Tree Farm, Christmas Tree Lighting, as well as running and participating in other town events.

Tamara and Steven continue to work behind the scenes to ensure the town and community are fully supported. Leona Valley is a better place because of this couple, and they reflect of the true meaning of servant-leaders. The projects may never stop for this couple, and our gratitude will never end. Sertoma thanks them for all their generosity, time, and love they have placed into our community.

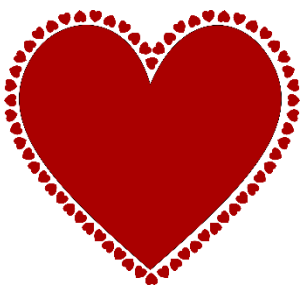


2018 Sertoman of the Year: Mary Thomas

Mary Thomas is the recipient of the coveted Sertoman of the Year award. Mary is a native Californian, grandmother of five, mother of two, and married to her husband of 60 years. Mary has been involved with Sertoma as a committee member of Fundraising, Sponsorship, Scholarship, and other committees, and has been a board member for many years. She serves the Leona Valley community as a board member for the West Antelope Valley Historical Society.

Mary, an avid coffee drinker and social butterfly, is always ready to volunteer for even the most difficult of tasks, such as soliciting funds on the corner of Elizabeth Lake Road and 90th Street West in extremely cold weather - if a bottomless cup of hot coffee is provided. She has a positive attitude, a smile on her face, and a story to tell. A striking beauty, she was mistaken for Jackie Kennedy in the 1960s.

One of the first to arrive at 8 a.m. meetings and always the last to leave, it is a great pleasure to honor Mary Elizabeth Thomas as the 2018 Sertoman of the Year.



Please check our website at www.leonavalleysertoma.org and remember that we are always hoping for new members to help us be the good we want to see in the world and in our community. We meet the first and third Saturday for breakfast at 8 a.m. at Jack's Place, 40352 90th Street West in Leona Valley.

We hope you will join us!



Two very special ladies serving up some sweet desserts at our 2018 Sertoma Seniors Christmas Dinner. L-R: Beverly Brownfield and Betty Wade

SERTOMA hosted its **Annual Senior Dinner** on December 2. Guests shared a wonderful meal that included turkey, ham, meat loaf, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and a bounty of wonderful desserts. Many shared in the holiday spirit with good food, good friends, and Leona Valley hospitality! Meals were free for all seniors 55 and older.



Service with a smile! L-R: Cat Lord, Bridget Razo, Teresa Braley, and 4-H members Evelyn and Madeline Copeland



Juanita Kirkpatrick

The Giving Corner

On Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, Leona Valley SERTOMA members stood on the corners of Elizabeth Lake Road and 90th Street West, asking for your donations to create gift boxes for local families in need of a little holiday help. The gift boxes contain **toys, nonperishables, a turkey** (donated by our sponsors), and Walmart gift cards purchased with your **monetary donations**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity this holiday season! We were able to provide food and gifts for many of our needy families.



Santa Ray Mullins and Fireman Bobby Toomer



L-R Katie Henderson and Catherine Lord



L-R: Teresa Braley, Santa Claus Ray Mullins and Bridget Razo



CALENDAR

Sat - Jan 19: SERTOMA Mtg,
8 am at Jack's Place

Mon - Jan 14: Town Council
Meeting, 7pm

Thurs - Jan 17 LVIA General
Mtg. 6pm

Sat - Jan 26: LVIA Lasagna
Bake-off 5-8pm

Sat - Feb 2: SERTOMA Mtg,
8 am at Jack's Place

Mon - Feb 4: WAVHS Mtg.
6pm

Sat - Feb 16: SERTOMA
Mtg, 8 am at Jack's Place

Sat - Feb 16: 4-H Spaghetti
Dinner 4:30 pm

Sat - March 8: SERTOMA
Mtg, 8 am at Jack's Place



SAVE THE DATE!

Sun - March 17: St. Patrick'
Day Feast Time TBD

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BEADS FOR LIFE PARTY

Jan Clark hosted a Beads for Life fundraiser on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Distributor Rae Eiklor, and son Neal organized a beautiful display of handmade beaded jewelry and baskets. Martha Griggs, Nicole Cook, Sonja Hoff (from Africa), Bridget Razo, Jan Clark, Ray Mullins, and Kathy Bramwell were in attendance.

"Beads for Life" partners with women in Uganda providing opportunities for them to lift their families out of poverty. The jewelry is hand made in Uganda by the women artisans. All money earned from the sale of this special jewelry goes directly to help feed and shelter their families, provides medicine, takes care of educational needs for themselves and their children, and provides monetary help to begin their own business. All profits from the sale of the beads are invested in their community.

Jan stated, "Hosting this lovely gathering was a great honor and quite an educational and humbling experience for us all. Thank you all for your participation. I hope to host another gathering in the spring."

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SHIRLEY KRAFT FOR HOSTING A FABULOUS HOLIDAY PARTY!

