Collection Information

Historical Sketch

Scope and Content Note

Series Contents

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 manuscript boxes, 1 half size manuscript box, 2 OM folders, 2 photograph folders, 1 color photograph folder, 3 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: 1965–2014

PROVENANCE: Sertoma Club of Greenfield, Greenfield, Indiana, 2014

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES: The items in the white Newsletters, 1971–72 folder located in Box 3 folder 7 were treated for mold and residue remains.
HISTORICAL SKETCH

Sertoma is an international service organization dedicated to the concept of Service to Mankind. Club members provide financial assistance, man-hours, and leadership to a variety of community activities and organizations, as well as to Sertoma International at the District and State level. "Sertoma's primary service project is assisting more than 50 million people with speech, hearing and language disorders."

The Sertoma Club of Greenfield (Greenfield Sertoma Club) was chartered November 17, 1965. Its mission is "To provide valuable community services and fellowship through the efforts of people sharing common values and interests in serving mankind."

Club meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at the American Legion Post #119 in Greenfield at 6:30 p.m. Early sponsorships included Shares Inc., Nameless Creek Youth Camp, and the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Foundation. Fund raising events included their Steak and Bake held in May and Food Tent at Riley days in October. Citizenship Activities included a Sixth Grade Essay Contest, High School Speech Contest, and Freedom Banquet. Awards/recognition they offered included the Service to Mankind Award, a Pre-Sectional dinner for High School Basketball Teams, and the Sertoma of the Year Award.

The Club is a "501 (c) 3 Service Club that supports local and national speech and hearing problems and Hancock County organizations and functions such as Santa's helpers, SHARES Inc., Nameless Creek Youth Camp, Edelweiss Equine Therapy, Hancock County Food Pantry, Boy Scouts, Children's Theater and several other youth and civic organizations."

Sources:
Materials in the collection
Sertoma Club of Greenfield. "Event Calendar."
http://www.greenfieldsertoma.com/eventcalendar.html

Sertoma Club of Greenfield. "Sponsorship."
http://www.greenfieldsertoma.com/sericetomankind/sponsorship.html
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is divided into four series:

Series One: Club Documents includes a large number of folders containing meeting minutes and notes. The series also contains folders on club activities, informational packets about the Sertoma organization, awards, and a 1983 Tax return. Also within this series is a book titled *Greenfield Sertoma: 50 Years of Service to Mankind* written by Joe Skvarenina in 2014. The series "Freedom Kit" contains documents on liberty and Sertoma's dedication to freedom. The "Minutes, 1967" folder compiled by the organization includes correspondence, newspaper articles, 1967 copies of "The Sertoman," a photograph (removed to the Herbert Schwomeyer photograph folder), and information on "mental retardation." This series also contains a color photograph of the Private Sector Initiative Commendation award given to The Sertoma Foundation by President Ronald Reagan on June 25, 1984. Information about Mel Ritter, a member of the East Indianapolis Sertoma Club who ran for International Director of the Sertoma organization, is also contained within this series.

Series Two: Correspondence includes correspondence mainly created by the club and sent to either club members or sponsors. This series also includes correspondence sent to and from Sertoma International and other Sertoma clubs.

Series Three: Publications contains a large number of newsletters created by the Sertoma Club of Greenfield (folders are simply labeled "Newsletters, YEAR"). It also contains Northeast Indiana District Governor's newsletters, Southeast Indiana District Governor's newsletters, and Sertoma Indiana newsletters. "State Stuff," a regular newsletter for Indiana Sertoma Leaders by Bob Gardner, Indiana State Director, is also within this series. Two newsletters from Kansas City, Missouri are housed in this series: "Sertoma IMPACT" and "You are the Leader, Mr. Governor." There is also a folder of basketball programs, as well as folders of pamphlets created by Sertoma, Nameless Creek Youth Camp, and the Leadership Development Center.

Series Four: Events contains documents from various events that Greenfield Sertoma either held or took part in, including Steak & Bake, conferences, and conventions.

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