



The Arapahoe Sertoman

THIS WEEK IN REVIEW Dec 14, 2017

This week's Reporter – Don Smith

Song: Phil Grimm **Pledge:** Bob Stein **Prayer:** Orian Hunter

Guests: Alice Perkins, Jim's wife: Taylor Bigondt returned as a guest so we will have to work on him to join the club.

Fines: Fry for interrupting the SOD.

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: Norm informed us of the passing of Will Martinez last month.

Rick Jacobus announced that with the help of the volunteer readers, they got all the essay read and winners selected. We have 7 schools we will be hosting for this year's Freedom Week lunch that will be Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Pine Hurst CC. There will NOT be a regular lunch that Thursday.

No one mentioned how the Christmas Party last Sunday turned out but from the one or two comments I heard, it went over very well.

Scott extended a warm Thank You to Mike Magee, Orian Hunter and Rick Jacobus for the work they did on the FW reading and the Christmas Party get together.

Acting President, Bob Buckland, showed us the new award patch the club received to be sown onto the banner. This was for being an Early Bird, now we just need a seamstress.

It was discussed at the Board Meeting that some of the committees and their chairman don't know what to do or who is on the committees. This will be discussed at a meeting in the near future but we all need to be pro-active and find out what committee we are on and what it does, who the chairman is and how you can contribute to the Club. I have heard from some of you that there is a lack of interest because no one helps you or gives you guidance. Speak up if you need help or don't know what committee you're on, this club is about YOU so be part of it. When the current slate of Officers were being put together, some of you said you would be their 2nd in command.....do you remember who you are or who you are supporting?

Last week's Bronco pool winners: Schillo² Miley²
This week game between [Bronco's v Indianapolis.jpg](#)

Sertoman of the day: Our newest member, Simpson St Fort, honored us today with a brief history of his life and some encouragement.

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, CO. 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 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 has deepened.

From August 2014, to September 2015, Simpson took his American born wife Christy and his daughter Lashay to his father's hometown Jacmel, Haiti and continue to help the people of Haiti. Simpson's love for Haiti was something that his father Jeremy St Fort and his seventh-grade teacher Roland Cajuste instilled in him. Simpson's own personal experience with parents that believed in and promoted the value and importance of education, but themselves were unable to provide. His father did not even make it through High School but, was a wise man who never stops pushing and telling him that he was his future and he kept reminding him not to forget the ones that help him to succeed, never forget where he came from , and to always lend a helping hand to someone else..

Doug Harder brought Simpson into the club after meeting Simpson at the VA.

Listen to [Simpson St Fort.mp3](#) (See full bio on web-page)

Program: Randy Smith introduced Todd McPherson, Director of Development for Integrated Family Community Services, formally Interfaith taskforce.

From humble origins, Integrated Family Community Services has grown to meet an ever increasing need. With a proud tradition of giving a hand up, not a hand out, IFCS is a hopeful place to those in need.

Mission

Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) provides basic human services and enrichment programs to low-income people, using community resources. IFCS fosters self-sufficiency and respects the dignity of each client. It serves the people of Centennial, Englewood, Glendale, Highlands Ranch, Littleton, Lone Tree, Sheridan, and unincorporated Arapahoe County.

Programs

Integrated Family Community Services is probably best-known for its food and clothing banks, which are truly a reflection of our community. Community members – schools, churches, service clubs, businesses and families, donate all the food and clothing.

<http://www.ifcs.org/about-us/> Listen to [Todd McPherson.mp3](#)

Upcoming programs and events:

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

Arapahoe Calendar:

Dec 21 - TENTATIVE Robert J. Wilson, Colorado Department of Transportation

Dec 28 – Samantha Henry

Jan 4 - Scott Perry, Superbowl History

Jan 11 - Dan Raabe, The Science of Performance, Will-Power

Feb 20 – Freedom Week, NO LUNCH ON Feb 22.

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

Upcoming SOD list:

(BOD means Board Of Dir. meeting)

Dec 21 – Jack Thompson

Dec 28 – John Vierthaler

Jan 4 – Bob Stein

Flying Five: Phil Grimm **Pot of Gold:** Tom Fry **Hand Shake:** n/a

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[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>