



Sparks Sertoma honors Reviglio, Valentine for 'service to mankind'

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The venerable Sparks Sertoma Club recently held its 52nd annual awards ceremony at the Eldorado Hotel Casino and, living up to its name -- Sertoma is short for "service to mankind" -- took time to recognize some people who live by that motto.

Rick Reviglio, general manager of Western Nevada Supply in Sparks, received the Service to Mankind Award, and Faye Valentine was recognized as Sertoman of the Year. The two awards are the highest granted by Sertoma clubs nationwide.

Reviglio was honored for his many charitable contributions for local organizations, including the Athletic Association University of Nevada, the Boys & Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows and Bishop Manogue High School.

Wolf Pack basketball coach David Carter, Boys & Girls Club executive director Mike Wurm and Bishop Manogue principal Tim J aurequito all spoke in appreciation of Reviglio's philanthropy during the ceremony. In addition, Sparks Councilman Ron Smith read and presented a proclamation on behalf of Sparks Mayor

Geno Martini that designated March 15, 2011, as Rick Reviglio Day in Sparks.

Past recipients of the Service to Mankind award include John Ascuaga, Bud Beasley, Fred Boyd, Judge Peter Breen, Norm Dianda, Moya Lear, Richard Lee, Rollan Melton and Evelyn Mount.

Valentine, a 20-year member of Sertoma, accepted the club's highest award for a member as "Sertoman of the Year." Her award was presented by her husband, Artie Valentine, a past officer, in an emotional presentation.

Faye Valentine has given many hours of service and gifts to Sertoma over the years.

Congratulations to both these do-gooders who epitomize "service to mankind."

RODEO BLOOD DRIVE: Speaking of groups doing good deeds, the Reno Rodeo Foundation, the charitable arm of the annual Reno Rodeo, held its fifth annual blood drive last week and, despite foul

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weather, had another successful event.

More than 70 pints of blood were collected at the event, held in the parking lot of the Sportsman's Warehouse on Kietzke Lane.

That far surpassed their goal of collecting 50 units of blood and shows, once again, the willingness of our community to give.

AUSTIN'S HOUSE FUNDRAISER: Four rock bands, comprised mostly of GE Energy employees, recently volunteered their talents at Indigo's Restaurant & Bar to raise almost \$6,000 for Austin's House, the only emergency children's shelter in rural Northern Nevada.

The Finance Department based at the GE Energy site in Minden organized the event that was dubbed "Austinpalooza."

Terry Palmitier, president of the board of directors at Austin's House and a local children's advocate, spoke about how children in crisis have been positively changed by the staff at Austin's House.

Children are placed at Austin's House after being removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect and had no place else to go.

Austin's House provides the basic living necessities, including proper nutrition, hygiene, rest, nurturing, recreation, companionship, education and life-skills training.

Austin's House has cared for more than 160 children since opening in September

2007.

SOROPTIMIST RUBY AWARD: Dr. Marcia Hoch of Reno is this year's recipient of the Soroptimist Inter-national of Truckee Meadows' "Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women."

She was selected for her commitment to facilitating services for women wishing to begin or continue their education.

Hoch has spent 35 years in higher education as a counselor, professor and administrator.

During that time, she has counseled hundreds of women on the benefits of education, providing support, encouragement and self-sufficiency to improve their lives and the lives of their families. She is the manager of the Advising Center at Truckee Meadows Community College.

The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women annually seeks to honor

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women who have had a significant impact to inspire and encourage other women.

The awards luncheon was held March 25, and the Soroptimists contributed \$1,000 to Hoch's "Celebrate Diversity Fund" to continue her work in Washoe County schools.

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