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**KAREN MCGRADY ELECTED COLUMBIA SERTOMA PRESIDENT
First female ever to hold the office**

The Columbia Sertoma Club recently elected Karen McGrady as President for the upcoming 2009-2010 year. Karen is the first female to ever hold the position in the 59 years the club has been in existence.

Ms. McGrady was introduced and sponsored into the club more than six years ago by Todd Lewis and the late David Gibbons. Over the last six years, she has held nearly every position on the Board of Directors and participated in nearly every fundraiser with the Columbia club. In addition, she's held multiple positions at the District and Regional level within Sertoma International.

Karen continues a long line of leaders in Columbia Sertoma and will strive to raise even more dollars for local charities in the upcoming year. The club raised more than \$116,000 in 2007-2008, and more than \$100,000 in 2008-2009.

The Columbia Sertoma Club has raised more than \$4 million for local charities since it was started in 1950, including more than \$3.3 million for the Carolina Children's Home.

The club meets every Monday at Seawells at 12:30 and encourages anyone interested to attend. Additional information about the organization can be found online at www.columbiasertoma.org.

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If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Karen McGrady, please contact Todd Lewis at 240-1213 or via email at tlewis@palmettocomputerlabs.com.