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## COVERLINE

**President Couple's Message** By Jim & Maureen McLane

As we write, it is the Feast of St. Patrick; Happy Feast Day to all Irish and those who wish they were!

Work in the Lord's vineyard continues right through the winter months and on into the early spring. We hope that you are all being blessed by observing Lent in the deepest possible way in preparation for the glory of Easter. In our personal lives, in our communities, and in the world, we experience exuberant life, crushing death, and life again in unending cycles and sometimes all at once. How often do we experience the death of a family member and the birth of a new baby very close together? Last November we experienced just that, as my (Maureen's) mom passed away suddenly and shortly after we heard the news of the conception of our 17th grandchild.

Several months ago we learned of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine (IIRRM). The institute unites health care providers "who share a common belief that patients deserve scientifically-based and well-researched health care services that co-operate and restore reproductive function." They focus on "investigations and treatments" that correct "abnormalities, rather than suppressing, destroying or bypassing normal function." So often artificial means are offered to women before the underlying problems are known. We recommend that you visit [restorative-reproductive-medicine.com](http://restorative-reproductive-medicine.com).

Thank you to all who attended Serena Saskatchewan's Hawaiian Gala fundraiser. It was a great success and a most enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Annette and Kevin Bentler and family for their nearly inexhaustible energy, creativity, and amazing generosity.

Later this month we will attend a weekend meeting with the Serena Canada board in Ottawa to discuss and prepare a five year plan. Please pray for the wisdom and guidance that the members of the board will need to proceed.

Blessings of love and life,  
Jim and Maureen McLane



## Meet our New Board Members

We warmly welcome Patrick and Samantha Levesque as new members of the Serena SK Board of Directors.



## Want to Get More Involved?

If you would like to volunteer for one of our upcoming events, take on a larger role in Serena as a teacher couple, or to apply for a board position, please let us know by contacting us at [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca).

## Hawaiian Gala Fundraiser

By Annette Bentler

Aloha! On February 4, 2017, St. Anne's parish hall was filled with jovial guests dressed for a fun Hawaiian getaway! Why would 68 people trade their winter boots for flip flops? They all came to support Serena Saskatchewan since we teach couples natural family planning which, in turn, improves marriages. The caterer, Agar's Corner, knocked it out of the park again. Year after year, they creatively work with our theme, providing authentic and tasty dishes. Not only were guests well fed and watered (with the wine toss), they were well entertained. Tourists had their pictures taken nestled in a grove of palm trees. They shopped in the market square (silent auction) and tried their luck with the 50-50 draw. Serena's Teacher Couples are seeing the fruit of their labours. James and Elizabeth Couture taught Andrew & Shancelle Hildebrandt, who are now a Teacher Couple who taught Joey & Mikaelah Paul. We heard the stories of these two younger couples. We were dazzled by the talents of Karla, the "Hula Hoopster". We were even more amazed by her abilities once we tried to give her hula hoops a whirl. My children and I have been inspired ever since to hula, and, miracle of miracles, I can now keep it twirling for 14 consecutive minutes! Many returned home with Hawaiian memorabilia: flower hair clips, a fruit basket, and numerous great silent auction finds.





Thank you to all who donated silent auction items, and to Riverlot Orchards of St. Louis who donated most of the wine. Thank you to Hudson Byblow who manned the Photo Booth. Thank you to Ed and Jackie who helped sell wine as well as tickets. Thank you to Neil Mooney, the hall manager, who was a delight to work with, to Matthew who took pictures (see our Facebook page), Christianne and Emma who served, to Claude and Michele our Emcees, and to all our dear supporters!



## Mark Your Calendar

The Run For The Family has been scheduled and we hope to see you there on **Saturday September 9th** at 10am in Saskatoon. You can register by visiting [www.runningroom.com](http://www.runningroom.com) (click races>SK>date>register).

## We Send Our Condolences

As past and current members of the Serena SK Board of Directors, we send our sympathies to the families of the Jalbert's and the McLane's on the passing of Etienne "Steve" Jalbert and Gabriella Hudec. May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish as we pray for their eternal rest in Jesus' loving embrace.

## Have You Visited Our Website?

Please check us out online at [www.saskserena.ca](http://www.saskserena.ca).

You'll find details about our mission, biographies from our team, and testimonies from couples who Serena has benefited.

## Switch to Email

Please help Serena save on postage fees and be more environmental. Send a message to [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) with your full name(s) from the email address you wish Serena to use. Subject: Serena email list.





## We Have A Winner!

Congratulations to Jesse & Jessica Siemens on winning the 2016 Baby Draw. Anna received a \$100 gift card for Babies R Us.

To enter the 2017 draw please email [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) with the names of dad and mom along with baby's full name, gender, and birthday.

Please make your cheque payable to Serena SK and mail it along with this portion to:

**Box 7375  
Saskatoon SK, S7K 4J3**

**You may also choose to donate online at [www.saskserena.ca](http://www.saskserena.ca)**

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## Best Wishes To All Of The Families Who Welcomed Little Ones Born in 2016:

Mitchell & Kalyn Smith: Kateri Marie (Jan 12th)  
Jesse & Jessica Siemens: Anna Marie (Mar 6th)  
Shawn & Stacey Corrigan: Evalina Grace (April 27th)  
Andrew & Shancelle Hildebrandt: Camden Matthias Joseph (May 26th)  
Brendan & Tasha Janz: Freya Elizabeth Grace (May 28th)  
Louis & Colleen Rouleau: Ines Marie (June 12th)  
Myron & Chantale Rogal: Theodore Patrick Bonaventure (July 30th)  
Daniel & Sarah Denis: Avila Thérèse (Aug 2nd)  
Richard & Carmen Kolla: Peter Arnold (Aug 7th)  
Jeff and Anne Marie Booker: Greta Madelyn (Aug 7th)  
Lorne & Angela Weiler: Dominic Michael (Aug 24th)  
Marc & Lisette Fontaine: Rosalie Thérèse Irène Marie (Sept 4th)  
Paul & Samantha Olenick: Violet Evelyn (Sept 30th)  
Nathan & Brenda Diehl: Miriam Rose Marguerite (Oct 1st)  
Patrick & Samantha Levesque: Jacinta Gemma Marie (Oct 16th)  
Jay Leader & Kristie Whitcome: Asher Tax (Dec 15th)

## I will support Serena SK!



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