

Minot Sertoma Club Newsletter



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Dates to Remember

March 7 – Thom Mellum – Ward
County Emergency Coordinator

Greeters: Kevin Ternes
Russ Holter
Prayer: Brian Berg

March 14 – Mike Kopp, NDDOT
History of Four Bears Bridge

Greeters: Mark Maercklein
David Waind
Prayer: Jim Moen

March 17 – Board Meeting

March 21 – Program TBA

Greeters: Keith White
Art Perdue
Prayer: Wade Long

March 28 – Business Meeting

Greeters: Wayne Larcombe
Mike Ryan
Prayer: David Demers

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Sertoma Notes

Attendance: 34

Call to Order: President Joan Bailey

New Member: Richard Laqua, former Sertoma member returned as a retired member.

Jackpot: \$6 Bob Sando is out of town.

Program: Ward Co. Emergency Management Coordinator Thom Mellum of the "Master of Disaster" since March 1996. Since 1996 there has been five Presidential Disaster declarations, plus the CP Rail derailment and the Farstad Fire in Ward County.

The focus since September 11, 2001 has been on weapons of mass destruction. In 2002 a major increase in funding was seen, this was followed in 2003 with an additional \$500,000. The bulk of these funds were for equipment.

A supplemental appropriation of \$1,068,000 also came in 2003. A portion of this was used for the reverse 911 system. This can be used to notify residents of Ward County of problems.

In 2004 \$1.1 million was received, most of this has not been spent yet but will be used to upgrade communications systems in Ward Co. The plan is to assure that fire fighters, law enforcement and emergency responders will all be connected.

In 2005 \$579,000 will be available. Since 2002 Ward Co. received

\$3,826,000. A steering committee of 15 people representing the emergency entities of the county meet to determine needs and spending priorities.

The meeting was adjourned.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Tom Linares
David Waind
Dale Mattern
Rick Visina
Linda Cresap

