

# Minot Sertoma Club Newsletter



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Editor: Neil Scharpe

## **Dates to Remember:**

October 22 Christmas in the Park  
Committee Mtg. Sports on Tap 5:00p

October 26 Business Mtg  
Greeters: Larry Lane, Larry Louser  
Prayer: Lisa Jundt

## **October Birthdays**

**Scott Moum 10/13**

## **SERTOMA ANNIVERSARIES**

Al Larson 50 yrs Charter  
Member!!!

Rick Hedberg 6 yrs  
Connie Assels 1yr  
Peter Yung 1yr

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Brian Berg 10/5  
Steve Zarr 10/6

October 19, 2009

Sertoma Notes

Attendance: 50

Jackpot: No Drawing

Call to Order: Kevin Ternes

Guests/New Members: Keith White introduced Andy Solsvig, Airport Manager as a prospective new member.

Program: The Minot Sertoma Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary today.

To begin the meeting President Ternes acknowledged the members of the New Century Sertoma Club who were in attendance and read a congratulatory letter from them.

He then introduced former Sertoman, Mayor Curt Zimbelman, who congratulated the club on 50 years and recalled some of the 20+ years that he was a member. Looking over the audience Mayor Zimbelman applauded the City of Minot department directors that give their time to service clubs in Minot.

Kevin then introduced former Service to Mankind recipients who were in attendance: Chet Reiten, Richard Muhlbradt, Ross Rubbelke, Helen Haaland, Jim Maragos, Bill Kolb, Curt Zimbelman.

Al Larson the lone remaining Charter Member took the podium and described how Sertoma had a nationwide push to start new clubs in the late 1950's. A recruiter was sent to Minot and began contacting area businessmen who might be interested in being of service to mankind. Al Larson was the third person he approached.

A club had been formed the previous year in Bismarck and they became the sponsor club. The Minot Sertoma Club was chartered on October 2, 1959 with 65 members which was the minimum required at the time.

The first meeting place was at the Super Grill at 7:15 a.m. As membership changed the meeting time was changed to Mondays at noon and the place to meet has also changed, first to Gordon's Holiday Spot and then (after someone complained about the food and they were asked to leave) to the Clarence Parker Hotel and then to the current location of the Grand International Inn.

A familiar face moved with the club, Hilda Stuber, the waitress at the Parker Hotel moved with Sertoma to the International Inn and served Sertomans until her retirement several years ago. The Club honored her on Hilda Stuber Day and is currently being served by her daughter, Marilyn.

Al spoke of a variety of fundraisers that the club took on over the years from selling watermelon at the fair, selling frozen fish, a flag project, snowmobile runs, a telethon for the former Minot School for the Mentally Handicapped, a sizable gaming operation, to the current Hostfest car raffle and Christmas in the Park.

Many contributions to the community were also highlighted such as the Keith White Sertoma Softball Complex on north hill, the endowment scholarship fund at Minot State University, the endowing of a chair at MSU in the field of Deaf Education, contributions to the Minot Park Foundation for additions to the MAYSA Arena, the Jack Hoeven

Baseball field, and the ND Medal of Honor Memorial and a putting green at the Wee Links Golf Course for children. In addition there were contributions to the YMCA facility and the MSU Dome. The Sertoma Club also funded a number of animals at the Minot Zoo including two brown bears named Sera and Toma.

Keith White reminisced about how he was approached by several Sertomans about the northhill complex development and how after the \$100,000 contribution he was asked to join Sertoma. Keith credited Curt Zimbelman for his work to get the City Council to approve department heads to join area service clubs.

The Minot Sertoma Club has had a long and successful tradition that has its foundation in Monday noon meetings where members gather to enjoy each other's company. The meetings usually have an informative speaker so club members leave with a full belly and a full mind.

The club currently has 72 members that remain active with the Christmas in the Park project which has developed into a year round work project with building and lighting new displays and this year an addition to the garage at Oak Park.

The charter member, Al Larson, is a perfect example of what Sertoma represents. For 50 years he has not only nurtured the club into a group of likeminded people willing to give of their time and efforts to make this community a better place to live. His recent entrance to the Scandinavian hall of Fame indicates that he has more interests than Sertoma.

Al was first recruited because the club needed a newsletter editor and publisher and 50 years later Al still is in the publishing business.

As the Minot Sertoma Club enters the second 50 years it will be members like Al Larson that will carry the torch of SERVICE TO Mankind.

An interesting note is that Gary Lybeck, a long time member of the club succeeded his father who was one of the early members of the organization. In Gary's case it is a family tradition.

Congratulations members of the Minot Sertoma Club you have prospered for 50 great years!!

Connie Feist is charged with programs for November, if you have ideas please contact Connie at [conniefeist@srt.com](mailto:conniefeist@srt.com)

Neil Scharpe indicated that his group will meet again to light new displays at Oak Park on October 27 at about 5:00p. The igloo and penguin display is painted and requires wiring. It is a big display so the more people we have the easier it will be.

Come and join us for a fun evening.