

# Bismarck Sertoma News

Great Plains Region

Meets Wednesday at noon,

Municipal Country Club

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## Weekly Programs



**March 5<sup>th</sup>** — Noon Board Meeting

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** — John Martin, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service was our speaker. He talked about the weather balloons that are let loose twice each day and the information they collect. They no longer use human observation. All information is collected with machines. The balloons are filled with Hydrogen and go up into the air about 90,000 feet at a speed of about 1,000 feet per minute. Information they collect is the temperature, dew point, air pressure, wind speed and direction. Bismarck is the only place in the state that sends up the balloons. [www.weather.gov/bis](http://www.weather.gov/bis)

**Buck Shaker**— Bill Whalen

**Pot**— Dave Kolding

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** — Jim Avard with the North Dakota Patriot Guard spoke to us about their organization. They formed in 2004-2005 with just six people. They grew to over 70,000 members in less than a year. The second year, they were over 150,000. They have no office and everyone volunteers their services and pay their own expenses. Their duty is to shield families, not face protesters. North Dakota has 1,200 members. Their primary mission is to protect families during funerals. They only go where they are invited. Other missions are to welcome home and send off members of the military. 2006 had the most casualties. They have good connections with Law Enforcement and the National Guard.

**Buck Shaker**— Bill Whalen

**Pot**— Anne Bry

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** — No speaker. Ellen brought current newspapers and we shared the news. Everyone picked an article from the paper and read/shared it with the group.

**Buck Shaker**— Darla Serr

**Pot**— Larry Hill



### Programs

April 2	Noon Board Mtg.
April 9	Don Walz
April 16	Kevin Dykema
April 23	Paul Fitterer
April 30	Doug Buehler
May 7	Noon Board Mtg.
May 14	Lyle Hanson
May 21	Larry Hassebrock
May 28	Larry Hill

### Sertoma Birthdays

April 23	Tom Bry
April 30	Kevin Dykema
May 5	Dave Kolding
May 17	Arthur Jerome
May 22	Keith Telenga

### 2013-2014 Officers

<b>Chairman of the Board</b>	<b>John Bennett</b>	<b>Director (2 year)</b>	<b>Bill Whalen</b>
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