

## Ryan William Duffy

This Sertoman joined the Noon Sertoma Club in 2009 and soon became active in the club chairing projects, joined the board and was elected Noon Sertoma President in July 2018.

Ryan William Duffy is a third generation Seratoman, following his dad, Bill and grandpa, Frank. He is the third child of Bill and Jill Duffy, and he has two older sisters, April and Sara. He attended Washington High School, as his Father Bill, Grandpa Frank and Great Grandpa William Duffy did. He graduated in 2006 and then graduated from SDSU in 2010 with an Economics major.

Ryan then started his career in the insurance business with his dad at Principal Financial because he loved how his dad could take his time off when he wanted to!! Pretty much his own boss. After Bill retired Ryan took over his block of business completely and continues to help his clients with financial planning and health insurance needs.

In 2013 he married his high school sweetheart, Jennie Thiry and today they have four children, Ava 8, Max 6, Ella 3 and Crue 2 1/2 months, Remi, his hunting lab and shadow who adores him and Teddy, a lap dog who adores her.

Ryan has always lived in Sioux Falls and Lake Madison. Anyone living in the vicinity of his house is lucky! His love of grilling, cooking and canning for an army of people is well appreciated by all who live near him. His garage door is always open! He loves hunting and fishing. His motto is if I kill an animal, I eat it or if I pick asparagus, wild plums or plant a garden, I can it!

At the heart of Ryan's endeavors lies his role as chairman of the hearing aid program within Sertoma. With a passion for aiding those facing hearing challenges, Ryan ensures that the program

operates seamlessly, extending its reach to those who require assistance. Central to this process is a form meticulously crafted by Ryan, designed to capture the essence of why individuals seek Sertoma's aid. Through this form, Ryan understands not just the need for assistance but the human stories behind each request.

Each month, Ryan assumes the role of hearing aid ambassador, bridging the gap between Sertoma's offerings and those in need. With unwavering dedication, he sits down with each applicant, offering empathy, understanding, and a promise of support. With compassion as his guide, Ryan explains spectrum of services Sertoma provides, not merely confining the conversation to the immediate aid but extending it to encompass programs like the refurbished hearing aid initiative.

As the co-chairman of Sertoma Fest, Ryan invests over 300 hours each year to orchestrate a banquet that serves as both a celebration of community spirit and a vital fundraising opportunity. With attention to detail, he ensures that every aspect of the event is planned and executed, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and goodwill that reverberates throughout the Sertoma community.

But Ryan's dedication doesn't stop there. Year after year, he takes on the role of a dedicated salesperson, moving over 50 Sertoma football books annually. Through his efforts, he not only raises funds but also spreads awareness of Sertoma's mission, garnering support from individuals far and wide.

In addition to his fundraising endeavors, Ryan is a supporter of the Special Needs Christmas Party, where he selflessly dedicates his time to set up, service, and clean up for an event that brings joy to

over 300 children. With boundless energy and enthusiasm, he ensures that every detail is attended to, creating an environment where children can enjoy the magic of the holiday season, surrounded by love and acceptance.

Ryan Duffy is the linchpin of Sertoma's social scene, orchestrating memorable gatherings with precision and flair. From scouting venues to crafting mouthwatering menus, Ryan's touch ensures each event is a resounding success. With his culinary expertise, he transforms ordinary occasions into culinary delights, fostering connections that linger long after the last dish is served. In Ryan, Sertoma finds not just an event coordinator but a true champion of fellowship, whose dedication to community spirit is unmatched.

Ryan has always had a "soft heart" for people. When just a little boy he would see a special needs child in a wheelchair and pray every night for that child for weeks! He also loved animals. He grew up with a great dog we rescued from the pound when he was just 3-4 years old. The family even had to have a funeral service at home for his 3-year-old goldfish, Goldie, who accidentally died when his mom was cleaning his bowl.

Ryan enjoys helping and serving people. It truly is his spiritual gift from God. He and Jennie attend Embrace Church and he will take his time to help anyone in need. Being a Seratoman serving mankind fits his character perfectly. His love for God, family and Country is his priorities in life. Your 2024 Sertoman of the Year Ryan Duffy.



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Presents**



**2024  
Sertoman of the Year  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Pizza Ranch**

