

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR
MONTH: August 2008
August 26, 2008

These notes are intended to provide useful information between NDSA Board meetings.

FALL BOARD MEETING

Arrangements are in place for the Fall Board Meeting, which begins Sunday afternoon, September 7, following the San Diego State football opener, ending with lunch Tuesday, September 9. Directors will stay at the Ivy Court and Suites (formerly Jamison), and the meetings will also be held there. Highlights include Mass with Fr. Hesburgh, and UND guest speakers Meeghan Mousaw, (Alumni Association Affinity Groups), and Tom Cummings (Institute for Church Life). Theme for the meeting is ***“NDSA – Alumni in Action”***.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

NDSA is welcoming its newest Board member, ***James (Jim) Crowe '70***, who is now Region 5 Director, replacing ***Deborah (Debby) White***, who resigned due to conflicts with her personal and professional life. Jim lives in St. Louis, and is the Chief of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, with fifty federal prosecutors. A vacancy remains in Region 6 (Illinois, sans Cook County, and NW Indiana).

BAT FOR THE CURE

This prostate cancer awareness program, championed by ***Paul Scagliarini***, drew the following review from ***Jo Ann Harvey***, wife of former Board member ***George Harvey*** (and ex-officio NDSA Secretary).

This evening, George and I attended the Huntsville Stars baseball game and distributed material on Prostate Cancer Awareness. We were well received by the fans, and so many of the men shared their stories and concerns with us. Bat for the Cure is a great program, and hopefully it has raised more awareness about the detection and possible cures for the illness. We were delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the program.

Jo Ann Harvey

HOSPITAL SUPPORT PROGRAM PROMOTED TO ALUMS

The August issue of ND Today (the alumni e-newsletter) features the NDSA Hospital Support Program, promoting alumni awareness, and encouraging alums to participate. Kudos to the NDAA Marketing and Communications team (Natasha Wilson DiPrima, Angela Sienko, and Katie Zakas), in coordination with the NDSA Alumni Network Committee, chaired by Emil Herkert. Go to:
[Click here: Home - ND Today](#)

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<http://ndtoday.alumni.nd.edu/site/c.gsJJKXPJtH/b.3862327/>

PRAYERS FOR DICK GRIFFIN

All alums and friends of Dick Griffin, ND '60, and former NDSA Chairman, are being asked to pray for successful prostate cancer surgery on Wednesday August 27. A number of you have shared your own experiences with Dick.

NDSA TENT AT HOME GAMES

The NDSA Tent, which has been a successful promotion for NDSA, will be in operation on all home game weekends this year – all day Fridays and Saturday mornings from 10 til noon. Mike Pinter, who is now a key support volunteer (his term ended July 1, 2008), will continue to be in charge of this activity. He will again be working with John Studebaker, also now a support volunteer, who is providing one of his beautiful ND rugs to be raffled off during the season to help offset NDSA expenses. Come by the tent and see Mike, John, and/or other NDSA folks in action. Volunteers to help at the tent are needed. If you are coming to any games this year, and can spare a couple of hours, contact Mike Pinter at jmpinter@hotmail.com

FUTURE SPRING MEETING DATES

The Alumni Office has published the future schedule for the annual **Alumni Senate** meetings, which are integrated with our Spring NDSA Board Meetings. They are: April 22-25, 2009, April 14-17, 2010, April 13-16, 2011, April 18-21, 2012, April 17-20, 2013, and April 16-19, 2014. The 2009 dates are not coincident with the Blue-Gold game, but the rest probably are.

Bill Kreps
NDSA Chair