

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR
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June 27, 2008

These notes are intended to provide useful information between Board meetings, for NDSA Directors and other concerned and interested folk.

NDSA COMMITTEES

Committee Chairs for the coming year are: **Bob Drajem**, Communications & PR; **Jim Gibbons**, Classes; **Emil Herkert**, Alumni Network; **Lary Leach**, Clubs; **Mike Squyres**, Internal Activities; and **Frank Whitton**, God, Country, and ND.

GOAL SETTING

The XCOM has drafted a preliminary set of goals for the coming year, beginning July 1, 2008. They are now in the hands of the Committee Chairs for their input, and are scheduled for distribution to the full Board by mid-July.

FALL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

The Fall Board Meeting follows the San Diego State opener, the first weekend in September. First scheduled activity (besides golf, which is yet to be determined) will be dinner Sunday evening, September 7, with the meeting ending midday Tuesday, September 9. **All Directors are strongly encouraged to make travel reservations now.** Hotel arrangements will be forthcoming.

HOSPITAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Katie Zakas recently joined the ND Alumni Association as the Director of Service, working under Dr. Kathleen Sullivan. Katie will be handling the NDAA operation of the Hospital Support Program as soon as she gets her feet on the ground. NDSA will oversee this program, with **Emil Herkert** as point man.

And . . . see items in the Reunion notes immediately below.

REUNION 2008 & NDSA

All attendees were given the "Hospital Support Program" tri-fold flyer and the NDSA flyer "...Make A Difference". Age-appropriate alumni were also given the "...Initiatives" flyer. All registrants were also given the revised "Hospital Support" business card.

The NDSA Saturday morning seminar "The Notre Dame Hospital Assistance Program Goes National" drew a attendance of 17, plus NDSA reps. **Mike Squyres** handled the technical side of this Power Point presentation, and **Mike Pinter** presented the

material. Also contributing to the discussion were **Marty Gleason, Peter Lombardo, Bob King, and Ellen King.**

The NDSA welcome tent was operational Thursday and Friday. NDSA hosts **Mike Pinter, Mike Squyres, Dick Riegel, and Marty Gleason** were able to speak with not only interested senior alums but many others wanting to know more about the Hospital Program. Names and contact information from 43 interested senior alums were collected during the two days, and many others learned about NDSA and its programs.

NDSA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Frank Whitton has been working extensively with **Joe Russo** (UND Director of Financial Aid) and other appropriate UND staff, developing the Scholarship proposal, which was conceptually approved by the Board in April. Relevant documents have been drafted, and the program should be ready for final Board approval at the Fall Meeting. These scholarships will be offered to veterans and their families.

BUDGET AND EXPENSES

The XCOM is working with **Tom Monaghan** of the Alumni Office to optimize our use of funds remaining in this fiscal year. We are also working together to develop the 2008-09 Budget, which, we hope, will be higher. Ways to increase the allocation of existing donations from Directors and others, to NDSA, are being explored. **Thanks to all** for your prompt submission of expenses from the Spring Meeting.

WINTER MEETING IN SAN DIEGO

Frank Whitton has made splendid arrangements for the Winter Board meeting in San Diego. Our HQ will be the Manchester Grand Hyatt on San Diego Bay. An e-mail asking for plans, and giving info on reservations, has recently gone out to all current and former Directors, and other participants.

THANKS TO OUTGOING DIRECTORS

So long, but not goodbye, to our outgoing Directors, whose terms end June 30: **Jim Barry (past Chair), Jim Keegan (NDAA liaison), John Studebaker, Dan Merritt, George Koch, Mike Pinter, Bob King, and Marty Gleason.** You can be proud of your accomplishments and the growth of NDSA during your tenure. We enlist your continuing active support.

Bill Kreps, NDSA Chair