

NDSA
CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR
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NDSA was represented at its **2009 Reunion seminar** about prostate cancer and our PACE program by former NDSA Chairman and prostate cancer survivor Dick Griffin, and former Board members Peter Lombardo and Mike Pinter. Immediate Past Chairman Paul Scagliarini organized the session. The seminar featured a presentation by prominent Urologist Chris Vulin (former Chairman Jim Barry's son-in-law). According to a report received, "Dick was terrific - very personal, very detailed, very sincere about the ways the Notre Dame family helped him through his illness (and it's not over)." Dr. Vulin's presentation was excellent and prompted constructive discussion. Unfortunately, the attendance was sparse, but at least one person received information, and made a continuing contact, very useful to him in his dealing with prostate cancer.

Information on NDSA plans for the **Fall Meeting**, scheduled for September 2 - 4 (Wednesday evening through Friday noon), preceding the football opener against Nevada, will be forthcoming in the next month or so. Former Board members are invited to participate in a special session of the business meeting Friday morning, where open discussion will be on the agenda, and at evening meals Wednesday and Thursday. At lunchtime Saturday, NDSA will host a Senior Alumni event at Legends, with all senior alums invited. And, of course, the NDSA tent will be in operation Friday and Saturday.

To those of you who are the **NDSA contact with your class**: we have probably confused you by calling you any of three different monikers: Class Coordinator, Class Correspondent, and Class Contact. We have made the earth-shaking decision to abandon the first two, and use "Class Contact" exclusively. Please make frequent contacts with your classmates and let them know how NDSA can help them. And provide any success stories from your classmates to our NDSA NewsNotes editor, John Scully, at: john.scully@sbcglobal.net You can see the list of Class Contacts on the NDSA web site, [Click here: Notre Dame Senior Alumni](#) at the tab: "About NDSA".

Lary Leach, NDSA Region 13 Director, is recuperating from a broken neck he suffered in an accident. Lary writes: "I'm on the mend with a good prognosis. However, the neck brace is very uncomfortable, which restricts doing much, so I am pretty much home bound. July 7th is my next checkup. The brace coming off is a possibility." Our prayers are with you, Lary.

Look for the sidebar featuring NDSA in the forthcoming **Summer issue of Notre Dame Magazine**.

Other important news from NDSA is contained in "**Goals and Accomplishments for 2008-09**", sent to you by e-mail on June 24.

This is my last issue of "Chatter from the Chair". It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as Chairman of NDSA, and to have the opportunity to associate with so many fine ND senior alums and the Alumni Association staff. I look forward to serving for another year as a member of the Executive Committee, under the Chairmanship of Jim Gibbons, alongside Vice Chair Mike Squyres and NDAA Liaison Tom Loosbrock. And one more thank-you to outgoing Board members Paul Scagliarini (Immediate Past Chairman), Kelley Macke, Vince Spohn, and Frank Whitton.

In the spirit of Notre Dame,

Bill Kreps
NDSA Chairman