

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR
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These notes are intended to provide useful information and spur action between NDSA Board meetings.

INITIATIVES

The focus of the Alumni Network Committee is now directed to implementation of the marketing plan for the **Catholic Community Professional assistance Program** (previously "Diocesan Support Program")

The newly developed "**Criteria for an Initiative**" is now posted on the NDSA web site. Assessing the pros and cons of all initiatives and prioritizing them will be carried forward into next fiscal year.

Hospital Support Program:

- * The paid full time operator for the **toll-free number** has been eliminated. Calls are now taken by the Alumni Association staff.
- * A feature article is being prepared for the "**Notre Dame Magazine**" summer issue.
- * The program will soon be prominently displayed at the "**Pray at ND**" web site, and will be featured in the **football program** along with the card. A video of the program will be prepared for the Fighting Irish spot broadcast at half-time.

PACE/ "Bat for the Cure":

- * The number of minor league ball games In 2009 has increased to more than 70, and is expected to exceed 100 this season. ND Clubs signed up to participate now stand at 16; leading the league are Regions 12, 14, 18, and 17, with a combined total of 12. It is early yet, and many more are expected to join in.
- * The online alumni magazine, "ND Today", in its May 4 issue, featured a story headlined: "**NDSA Knocks Cancer Out of the Ballpark**". Thanks to *Paul Scagliarini*, who worked for this and was interviewed for the article.

REUNION 2009

NDSA will conduct a Reunion seminar on Saturday June 6, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, in DeBartolo Hall, Room 205. The theme: "KEEP P.A.C.E. IN YOUR LIFE AND HEALTH", with Dr. Chris Yulin (*Jim Barry's* son-in-law) as key presenter.

If you are attending, please make it a MUST on your calendar. The NDSA tent will also be in operation, under the enthusiastic guidance of *Mike Pinter*; please drop by.

SENIOR ALUMNI COORDINATORS

Action item for all Directors: Wherever a vacancy exists in Senior Alumni Coordinators for your clubs, take action now to get it filled! This is a vital element to our success.

NDSA WEBSITE

Mike Squyres does a great job of maintaining and continually improving the NDSA website. We take a lot of pride in it! You can keep up with the latest NDSA-related news, and use it as your link to "Pray at ND", Irish Online, and many other ND resources. Its address: <http://www.ndsenioralumni.org/>

Former Director *Bob King*, a key member of the original website team ("Balcony Committee), until recently provided the URL for this website. Bob and Mike recently collaborated to move it from Bob's computer server to a commercial server. Thanks for all you've done, Bob!

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING BOARD MEETING & ALUMNI SENATE

The opening NDSA event was a gathering at the **Putz Bench**, where the time-honored NDSA tradition of remembering our founder continues. **Mass** followed in the Dillon Hall Chapel, with our Chaplain, *Fr. Paul Doyle*, celebrating. Then came **dinner at the Morris Inn**, with *Chuck Lennon, Dolly Duffy, Ceyl Prinster, and Holly Colman* joining us.

Two new NDSA Board members, *Ron Zlotnik '60* (Region 9) and *Jim Donnelly '75* (Region 11), took their seats, filling existing vacancies:. Also attending were all four incoming Directors whose terms are effective July 1, 2009: *Tom Gordon '63* (Region 1), *Vince Boyen '62* (Region 3), *Ed Lynch '57* (Region 12), and *Chuck Bennett '55* (Region 17). An orientation session was conducted by Region 14 Director *John Hoffman*. Welcome all! *Peter Lombardo* has resigned as Region 8 Director, due to his increased commitments at the South Bend Center for the Homeless. Nominations for a successor are now being accepted.

Immediate Past Chairman *Paul Scagliarini* was presented a plaque recognizing his achievements as a Regional Director and Board Chairman. Paul plans to continue his NDSA involvement with the PACE program and Bat for the Cure. **Outgoing Regional Directors *Kelley Macke, Vince Spohn, Mike Squyres, and Frank Whitton*** were recognized for their years of dedication to NDSA, and were presented certificates of appreciation. *Mike Squyres*, however, will be an active member of the Executive Committee for three more

years, since he was elected **Vice Chair and Chairman-Elect**, effective July 1, 2009. Congratulations, Mike! .

The **Putz Award** was given to *Arthur Frericks '50*, for his lifetime of service to others, including the creation of the Pray at ND web site. Art was close to Fr. Putz during his student days, and has walked in his footsteps all the years since. *Bill Kreps* had the privilege of making this presentation, an NDSA-sponsored award, before the entire Alumni Senate assembly at the closing session.

The **Bat for the Cure ball game** with the South Bend Silverhawks on Saturday afternoon, following the meeting, was attended by *Paul Scagliarini* and other NDSA Board members, NDAA staff, and their spouses. The local alumni club participated in the program.

For more information, the **Minutes** are posted on the NDSA web site.

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

Are you a Class Correspondent? (A lot of us are.) When was the last time you sent a message about NDSA to your class? You can be a big boost to NDSA by increasing awareness among your classmates.

Bill Kreps
NDSA Chair