

**NOTRE DAME SENIOR ALUMNI  
QUARTERLY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION REPORT  
REGION 13**

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Region 13 consists of twelve clubs in Texas and Oklahoma, ranging from A through F.

Recent success stories include: Katrina efforts, Mentoring (to middle school students), food bank efforts, and assistance to inner city churches and schools.

We currently have three clubs which have Senior Alumni Coordinators ("SAC") – Dallas (Lary Leach '60 & Jim O'Neill '57), Houston (Tom Curran '56), and Oklahoma City (Dr. Bill Tunell, '55). My primary efforts are focusing on establishing an NDSA presence in the other clubs, especially San Antonio and Austin, which are the only B-or-above clubs in Region 13 lacking one.

Color copies of the "Guide to NDSA", produced by George Harvey and his Communications Committee, have been reproduced and provided to each club in the Region. One club, Houston, is providing six more copies for each of their "C" Coordinators.

Jim O'Neill '57, Dallas Club SAC, and other Club members, set up an accounting system and helped write a proposal for a \$100,000 Catholic Foundation Grant for Santa Clara Academy Elementary School. The other SAC, Lary Leach '60, and Bob Riordan '45, contributed their years of experience in reviewing the whole project. This school has been a special project for the Dallas Club for some years.

The Houston Club was nominated for the NDSA Club Participation Award, for its Katrina work, Food Bank, Tax Assistance Program, and other senior-dominated activities. A member of the Houston Club, George Oser '58, was nominated for this year's Putz Award.

I have been asked to participate in a panel discussion of Mentoring at the Alumni Senate, and plan to do so. The Houston Club now has 30+ mentors visiting a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, one-on-one, each week, in the Golden Dome Mentor Program, headed by Wyn Norris '65; and the cadre is growing. Over half the mentors are seniors.

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