

## NDSA REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PART B

REGION\_\_13\_\_\_ DIRECTOR\_ Lary Leach '60\_\_\_\_\_ DATE\_ Apr. 12, 2008

Your report will likely be 2-3 pages and should cover the following four key areas. There is no need to report on each individual club beyond the information provided here.

### 1. NDSA INITIATIVES STATUS OVERVIEW

INITIATIVE	CLUBS WITH ACTIVE PROGRAMS	CLUBS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING
PACE		Tulsa – Bat for the Cure
TAP	Dallas (Not NDSA activity, although seniors are involved)	
MENTORING	Houston (Grade School) Dallas (Tutoring grade school Not an NDSA activity)	
HOSPITAL SUPPORT	Houston (Recognized Track Record – Model)	Fort Worth (acted with one) Austin (Looking at program)
GOD, COUNTRY, ND	Austin (VA), Dallas – Welcome home Troops at DFW Airport from Iraq- once/mo.	
DIOCESAN SUPPORT	Dallas (Grant Proposals and Marketing Program)	Oklahoma City's (interest has been piqued)

### 2. NEW CLUB INITIATIVES, BEST PRACTICES, SUCCESS STORIES, CLUB ISSUES

(Report highlights and newsworthy stories that we can use on NDSA web site and NDSA Newsletter as well as issues for follow-up by NDSA Board)

April Meeting Initiatives: Hospital Support, and Bat for the Cure

60% of clubs with a SAC have registered for the Hospital Support Program, and the other 40% with a SAC told me they plan to register.

Tulsa, OK

The Tulsa president, Lamar Guillory has shown interest in "Bat for the Cure", and wants more information to make plans

## Club Activities:

### Austin

The Club has been consumed with re-energizing the club. The young alumni have been successful in that area and now must help get other areas going.

### Dallas Club

The Dallas Club started a program to welcome Troops home from Iraq. Each day of the week, a planeload of Troops rotate from Iraq to the US (DFW Airport) for leave or re-deployment. (200 each day) Each day, people welcome these Troops at the airport with cheering, music handshakes etc. About 200+ are there every day to welcome them home. It is very emotional both for the Troops, and the welcoming people. The Dallas Club has done this one-day a month since Feb. 2008. Each time, 8 to 12 people (not the same all the time) from the club are there. The club expects this to grow over time. All who have attended said they would come again.

### El Paso

Border Mass every Nov 2 allows the club to have discussions on how to approach immigration as Catholics.

### Fort Worth

Rising up. The new President along with the SAC, Dick Malahowski have energized the club.

### Houston Club

The Houston Golden Dome Mentors, with sixty members has been enormously successful, and are now joined by St. John Vianney Parish in the Golden Dome Alliance. Recruitment outreach has begun to St. Cecilia and St. Jerome's Parishes. The objective in seeking new partners is to expand our efforts to combat "under-education", particularly in the minority communities. This includes 30 ND and 30 parishioners for a total of 60 mentors. This program received the Crystal Award (A Statewide Recognition Award for Excellence). This program continues to receive awards in the Houston, TX area. Wyn Norris who has spear headed this program has received the Texas Association of Partners in Education Award. This may not fit our Mentoring Program, but this program cannot go without our recognition as an NDSA achievement.

### San Antonio

This Club's priority for the next year will be the Washington State vs. ND in the Alamo Dome, so the new President must find workers for this. The SAC will devote most of his time on this activity. He also has connections in the community to help this program.

## **STATUS OF YOUR PERSONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Call and/or Email all SAC's and Presidents without SAC's quarterly.**

**Increase SAC's by two this year.**

**Attend Region 13 meeting – Jan 12, 2008.**

**Communicate NDSA initiative during the Regional Meeting Jan 12, 2008.**

**Feb 15 sign-up for the Hospital Support Program in preparation for the**

**April Kick-off of the program Nationally with the 800 number.**

**Help struggling clubs with ideas to get started on anything using my past experience as a club president and NDAA Board Member**

### **Accomplishments to Goals and Objectives:**

**Completed this during the quarter.**

**SAC potential addition in El Paso. Austin has new more active SAC**

**Attended Region 13 Meeting, which was very worthwhile.**

**Made half hour presentation at the Regional Mtg. Defining MAN and NDSA functions and responsibilities, and how we can help**

**Called each club president and SAC for sign-up for the Hospital Support Program.**

**Sent each 2 e-mail reminders, and recalled two SCA's after the Feb. deadline.**

## **4. VISITS AND KEY INTERACTIONS WITH CLUB LEADERSHIP**

**(Report any additional information not already reported in Section 3 above)**

6 clubs out of 12 attended the Region 13 Meeting. 6 clubs report frustrations due to large physical boundaries. 2 of the 6 clubs are in the whole state of Oklahoma. One club includes all of West Texas and half of New Mexico. The King Ranch, which is over half of Southeast Texas, has no ND grads. So getting together for functions is very hard. These clubs have always struggled.

Five clubs have their own websites.