

**REGION 13 REPORT
FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

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Region 13 consists of twelve clubs in Texas and Oklahoma, ranging from A through F. A Region 13 meeting was held, under NDAA Director Rob Bertino, in Dallas on January 7, 2006. I attended and made a presentation on behalf of NDSA. A copy of my presentation summary, which was handed out to all participants, and which is being sent to those clubs not present, is included herein.

Each club received a print-out listing all of the Senior Alums in their club areas, a copy of the "Model for Establishing NDSA in Clubs", and an NDSA survey form.

All seven of the A, B, and C clubs participated in the meeting. None of the five D, E, and F clubs attended. The Houston and Dallas clubs are the largest, and have the most activities. Other larger clubs are trying to get more active, and have leaders who seem to be willing to work at it.

Success stories presented by clubs included: Katrina efforts, Mentoring (to middle school students), food bank efforts, inner city churches and schools assistance.

Only two clubs currently have Senior Alumni Coordinators – Houston and Dallas. My primary efforts over coming weeks will focus on establishing an NDSA presence in the other clubs, and supporting Dallas (I live in Houston, and am already involved here). I plan to access NDSA Directors from various classes to solicit names of candidates for the Senior Alumni Coordinator jobs. I then will network between myself, the clubs, and Rob Bertino.

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Region 13 Director - NDSA

**NOTRE DAME SENIOR ALUMNI (“NDSA”)
REGION 13 MEETING PRESENTATION SUMMARY
JANUARY 7, 2006**

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PURPOSE OF NDSA:

To get more senior alums participating and involved in meaningful service

HOW NDSA CAN HELP YOUR CLUB:

Inspire more seniors to join and get involved in:

- 1) Existing programs and events
- 2) Starting new programs (success list attached)

WHAT CLUB PRESIDENTS CAN DO:

- 1) Name a club NDSA Representative (list of seniors provided)
- 2) Charge him/her to start off with one senior-coordinated activity (survey form provided may help)
- 3) Include NDSA as an integral part of the club organization (“Model for Establishing NDSA in Your Club” provided)

WHAT THE NDSA REGIONAL DIRECTOR CAN/WILL DO:

- 1) Help the Club recruit an NDSA Representative (if you want me to)
- 2) Communicate with and help Club Presidents and NDSA Reps

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**SUCCESSFUL CLUB PROGRAMS
COORDINATED BY SENIOR ALUMS**

Hospital Ministry

Comforting and helping Domers and family members in local hospitals

Tax Assistance

Helping people complete tax forms

Mentoring

Pairing of a caring adult with an “at-risk” student to help him/her make good decisions and develop a vision of his/her future

Prostate Cancer Awareness (“PACE”)

Providing useful info and contacts re prostate cancer

Community Service

Food banks, soup kitchens, home repairs, et al

Professional Assistance

Business, management, legal, accounting, etc.

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Many ND Alumni Clubs are successfully using one or more of the programs shown above. For more information, contact Bill Kreps, who will put you in touch with someone with first-hand experience.

These programs are not exclusively for seniors, but are often coordinated by them, or substantially include them in their execution. NDSA wants to *include* seniors in club programs, not to *isolate* them.