

## NDSA REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PART B

REGION\_\_13\_\_\_ DIRECTOR\_ Lary Leach '60\_\_\_\_\_ DATE\_Jan 14, 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		
TAP	Dallas (Not NDSA activity)	
MENTORING	Houston (Grade School) Dallas (Tutoring grade school Not an NDSA activity)	
HOSPITAL SUPPORT	Houston (Recognized Track Record – Model)	Fort Worth (acted with one, but not ready to call it a program) Austin (Looking at program)
CORP VOLUNTEER	Dallas (United Way Agency Review Boards – one NDSA-with Texas Instruments)	
GOD, COUNTRY, ND	Austin (VA),	Dallas - Welcome Troops from Iraq (Daily flights to DFW from Iraq)
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)

Dallas Club

Dallas Catholic Foundation Awards Santa Clara Catholic School \$85,000 to continue and enhance its Literacy Program

Two years ago, Santa Clara Catholic School in South Dallas, with the help of the Notre Dame Club wanted to start a key Literacy Program to push their students to the highest level in literacy with the goal of all achieving high success in High School and potential beyond. The Notre Dame Club assembled a team, which at various times had up to ten

contributors, to craft and produce Financial Grants in order to fund the \$200,000 plus program. This effort required a great deal of financial information, i.e. basic accounting help to the school, which included setting up books, budget planning and execution, forecasting of expenses in order to show that the school needed additional resources. (Jim O'Neill '57 put this together and still works with the Principal's assistant) Shannon Fitzgerald '90 and Anna Lamberti Holmes, SMC College, researched, assembled the information and wrote the Grants. So far eight Grants have been submitted seeking \$200,000. With this \$85,000, the total number of dollars received is \$170,000; enough to be well underway and seeing results already. A program Director has been hired for a year. One other Grant is pending. This program is being considered for fan out to the other schools in the diocese, a tribute to the efforts of the Principal at Santa Clara, Todd Higginbotham and his dream.

Along with the Grant Writing, the Diocesan Support Program has been in the form of Marketing to increase enrollment for this year, which resulted in about 80 new enrollments for the South Dallas sector of Schools. Meanwhile, Jim O'Neill '57 continues his financial and accounting support for three schools on a continuing basis.

Also, Ed O'Connell '59, the Past President who did the most to start up and formalize the NDSA, is now Co-Senior Alumni Coordinator with Jim O'Neill

#### 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).

#### 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.

#### Austin

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

#### 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.

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

- a. **Call and/or Email all SAC's and Presidents without SAC's quarterly**
- b. **Increase SAC's by two this year**
- c. **Attend Region 13 meeting – Jan 12, 2008**
- d. **Communicate NDSA initiative during the Regional Meeting Jan 12, 2008**
- e. **Provide support to any club embarking on a new initiative**
- f. **Help struggling clubs with ideas to get started on anything using my past experience as club president and Alumni Board Director**

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

- a. **Completed this during the quarter**
- b. **SAC potential addition in El Paso. Austin has new more active SAC**
- c. **Attended Region 13 Meeting which was very worthwhile**
- d. **Made half hour presentation on MAN and NDSA initiatives. Helped understanding of MAN functions and charters.**

### **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.