

1. NDSA Initiatives Status Overview:

PACE: Houston

TAP: Dallas

Mentoring: Houston (not ND students, but middle and high schoolers)

Hospital Support: Houston. Dallas and Tulsa are considering.

Corp Volunteer: None

God Country & ND: None per se, although the Houston Club would certainly include military/VA hospitals in any hospital support needs that arise.

Diocesan Support: None yet, but Houston is very interested (and has an unofficial head start), and I want to promote this in the Region.

Community Service Projects of various types: Austin, El Paso, Fort Worth, Dallas, and Houston

2. New Club Initiatives, Best Practices, Success Stories, Club Issues

A new initiative (beginning late fall 2006), and the best success story during this period, is the support by many members of the Houston Club to Jody Schrage (wife of ND Baseball Coach Dave Schrage), and Jeff Dodd of Wisconsin, and their families, during cancer treatments in Houston hospitals. For the former, the NDAA Board presented its first-ever Distinguished Club Award to the ND Club of Houston, in January of this year. NDSA was recognized as the sponsor of this program, and received the kudos of NDAA Board members and Alumni Association leadership.

The Dallas Club has implemented a program to promote Catholic School education in the city. Since early 2007, they have been working with the South Dallas Catholic Schools to develop a marketing plan to increase enrollment in the 10 participating Catholic Grade Schools. Their task force consisted of the 10 Principals of the schools, and 6 Notre Dame Alumni. The Club also continues to support 4 of these schools with tutoring of the students, and Tax Assistance at the schools for the parishioners. The Club also organizes a Golf Tournament which now has more parishioner and other school supporters as golfers than Notre Dame Golfers. Other schools

are asking for the club's support for the Tax Assistance, Tutoring, and Grant Writing. Twelve people are involved with the Senior initiative.

A pressing club issue in Region 13 is the lack of Senior Alumni Coordinators. Only four clubs have them. This is due either to lack of priority by club leadership or inability to attract senior alums to the job. This is then reflected in the other broad issue of the dearth of NDSA programs among the clubs.

3. Status of your Personal Goals and Objectives

See attached "GOALS - FY 2007 - Progress Rpt"

Although not stated as a goal, the selection of my nominee for the Putz Award, George Oser, was the fruition of a desired objective. (I need to mention that he was originally nominated, a year ago, by my predecessor, Jerry Toomey.) And I was also pleased to recruit and nominate a friend and classmate, John Dwyer, for the Region 18 Director's job, although he was not selected.

A personal issue is the determination of priorities for NDSA work. There is a lot of time spent by most of us on committee work, preparing for meetings and presentations, and such. In my case, the recruiting of Class Coordinators has been (and still is) a time-consuming job. It makes it difficult for me (and others, I think) to pay attention to clubs and work with them individually. And, of course, we all have other community service commitments.

4. Visits and Key Interactions with Club Leadership

All of my contacts, other than my local club, are by phone and e-mail. I missed the annual Region 13 meeting in Dallas in January due to a family commitment. Logistics is a complication, with the geographical spread in Region 13.

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