

REGION 13

REGION 13 REPORT FALL 2006 NDSA BOARD MEETING

List of Clubs in Region 13: see accompanying listing of clubs, Presidents, and Senior Alumni Coordinators, with appropriate location information.

Success Stories:

The Senior Alumni of the Dallas Club have been very active on projects to help **Santa Clara de Assisi Academy**, to wit:

Jim O'Neill '57 (Sr Alum Coord) has established a complete new **Accounting System**, and has taught the Administrators of the Schools how to use, pull reports, forecast expenses, and know where they stand.

Six **Grant Requests**, totaling \$208,000, have been submitted to Foundations for funding of a Literacy Program. Grants have been received from the Catholic Foundation (\$45,000) and from the Kenedy Foundation (\$20,000). The other grant requests are still pending.

A **Marketing Program** is increasing enrollment in the school for the Fall semester. The program was presented to key Parish Leaders and was successful in increasing enrollment 9% - a great start for a first try.

Results of the above help from the Notre Dame Club have the Pastor, Principal, and Parish Leaders excited about their school and want to make Santa Clara a success. Both the Pastor and Principal have reported how much the Dallas ND Club, and especially Jim, have contributed. Father Tom implied that the sort of dedication and help from the Notre Dame Club inspires him to work harder to improve Catholic Schools in the Dallas Diocese.

Jim O'Neill is also guiding and encouraging the **inner-city Catholic Schools** of the Dallas Diocese to come together to find better ways of collaborating to address the most pressing concerns. He is guiding a number of Pastors in forming a Consortium of Dallas Inner-city Catholic Schools to consolidate standard/duplicating functions.

At **St. Augustine** (another inner-city school) Father Felix asked the Dallas ND Club to review the Parish and School Plans for this year and the future. Four club members attended the presentation, and have now followed up with suggestions, help, and definition of goals. There is now an ongoing dialogue with St. Augustine.

The ND Club of Dallas now has ten members involved in these programs under the **Senior Alumni Activities**. Other initiatives with these schools include Tutoring of Students, and Tax Assistance Programs. The club also puts on a golf tournament each year to help raise funds. *Lary Leach '60* (Sr Alum Coord) helps lead these initiatives.

Seniors led and/or participated in recent service projects for the Houston Club, including a Day of Service at **Our Lady of Guadalupe School**, where *Don Jacobson '69* serves as Science Ambassador. Two senior alums are providing \$2,500 in Home Depot gift cards for these projects.

The Houston Club's "**Golden Dome Mentor Program**" is off and running, after summer break, at Northbrook Middle School, where about thirty ND mentors meet weekly with students on a one-on-one basis. This program is expanding. It is the brainchild of *Wyn Norris '65*, and more than half the mentors are senior alums.

A dozen senior alums work on a rotating basis at the **Galveston-Houston Diocese's Catholic Charities Food Bank**. The Senior Alumni Coordinator of the **Houston Club**, *Tom Curran '56*, recently received a personal letter from Fr. Jenkins, commending him for his leadership of these ND volunteers. This was awarded to him at a Catholic Charities event.

Club Status

Only three clubs (Dallas, Houston, and Oklahoma City), out of eleven active clubs, have **Senior Alumni Coordinators**. Dallas has two. Efforts to correct this are focused on Austin and San Antonio, which are B clubs, as well as El Paso and Tulsa.

Program-wise, the new **Hospital Ministry** program is thought to have the greatest appeal. The Houston and San Antonio Clubs have expressed interest.

The Senior Alumni Coordinator for the Houston Club, Tom Curran, died a few days ago. He was a good friend, and I will be at his funeral tomorrow. Replacement yet to be determined.

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