

NDSA REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PART B

REGION__13___ DIRECTOR_ Lary Leach '60_____ DATE_ Sep. 14, 2007

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	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)	
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)

The Houston Golden Dome Mentors, with thirty 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.

Initiatives with the South Dallas Schools:

The past quarter has been relatively quiet due to the change in the Bishop, summer vacation, and graduation.

The results of the South Dallas Catholic School Fair were very encouraging. There is an increase in enrollment of students as a result of the fair, but all numbers are not in as to the net increase. 80 families who attended the fair were planning to enroll children. However, there is always a loss of students from last year. The Principals felt the Fair was a success and saw the need of working together, sometimes.

Meanwhile, Shannon Fitzgerald '91 has produced two more Grant Requests totaling \$100,000 to be sent to The Catholic Foundation and Kenedy Foundation for the continuation of the Literacy Program at Santa Clara Catholic School. Included would be books and computers. We have quotes for the computers, but we would also like to find someone who could donate the computers. (If anyone is interested, call Jim O'Neill or Lary Leach)

Jim O'Neill continues his Financial Assistance to [two](#) schools, helping them with their reports, budgets and forecasts. Jim averages [many](#) hours a week with that endeavor.

More and more our University is working to help the Catholic School System. The Notre Dame Senior Alumni (NDSA) Board has made this kind of effort a priority in helping and promoting activity with the Catholic Schools (The Diocesan Support Program). The board has mentioned the efforts of the Dallas and Detroit Clubs, with the Rockford Club undertaking a project in its Diocese. [This spring members of the Dallas Club board met with university representatives of the ACE and Magnificat Programs to exchange ideas and facilitate any future help Notre Dame may provide.](#)

The Bishop had a private Mass for the Principals, and they walked away feeling good about the future, however there were no immediate things that he said must be done. He wants more time to get the feel of things but let them know that the Primary Job of the Bishop is to Teach, and they are his Vanguard.

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 meetings – Jan 08 is planned**
- d. Communicate NDSA initiative updates as needed.**
- 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**

4. VISITS AND KEY INTERACTIONS WITH CLUB LEADERSHIP

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

- g. Two phone calls to all SAC's and Club Presidents without an SAC. Talked at length with six of twelve – three SAC's and three Presidents.
- h. Sent two e-mails to all those six clubs I did not talk directly to. Received one response. Two clubs with wrong phone numbers for the presidents.
- i. Three clubs have new SAC's. Ed O'Connell replaces Lary Leach in Dallas, George Oser replaces Bill Krebs, new Chairman elect, in Houston starting year end, and Marvin Boroski will be the SAC at year end when Tom Sessi '91 becomes President of the Club.
- j. Two "F" clubs, two "E" clubs and two "D" clubs seem to be struggling for survival (geography?)
- k. "A" clubs have SAC's (two), "B" clubs have one SAC and one at first of year (two), "C" clubs have one SAC (two)