

NDSA REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PART B

REGION__13___ DIRECTOR_ Lary Leach '60_____ DATE_ Sep. 07, 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		Tulsa, Corpus Christi, Austin – Bat for the Cure
TAP	Dallas (Not NDSA activity, although seniors are involved)	
MENTORING	Houston (Grade School) Dallas (Tutoring grade school Not an NDSA activity)	
HOSPITAL SUPPORT	Houston (Recognized Track Record – Model)	Fort Worth (acted with one) Austin (Looking at program)
GOD, COUNTRY, ND	Austin (VA support), Dallas –)Welcome home Troops at DFW Airport from Iraq- once/mo.)	
DIOCESAN SUPPORT	Dallas (Grant Proposals and Marketing Program, Financial Reporting, School Principal Search Committee)	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)

April Meeting Initiatives: Hospital Support, and Bat for the Cure

60% of clubs with a SAC have registered for the Hospital Support Program, and the other 40% with a SAC told me they plan to register.

Club Activities:

Austin

The Club has been consumed with re-energizing the club. The young alumni have been successful in that area and now must help get other areas going. No change from Apr)

Dallas Club

The Dallas Club continued the program to welcome Troops home from Iraq. Each day of the week, a planeload of Troops rotate from Iraq to the US (DFW Airport) for leave or re-deployment. (200 each day) Each day, people welcome these Troops at the airport with cheering, music handshakes etc. About 200+ are there every day to welcome them home. It is very emotional both for the Troops, and the welcoming people. The Dallas Club has done this one-day a month since Feb. 2008. Each time, 8 to 12 people (not the same all the time) from the club are there. The club expects this to grow over time. All who have attended said they would come again. July 4th weekend welcome had 20 people from the club. Again, half were new.

El Paso

Border Mass every Nov 2 allows the club to have discussions on how to approach immigration as Catholics. Senior are part of club activities, but no SAC.

Fort Worth

Rising up. The new President along with the SAC, Dick Malahowski have energized the club.(no change from Apr)

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). This program continues to receive awards in the Houston, TX area. Wyn Norris who has spear headed this program has received the Texas Association of Partners in Education Award. This may not fit our Mentoring Program, but this program cannot go without our recognition as an NDSA achievement. George Oser, SAC, continues this program

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. (Still working on plan)

Luncheon, in Aug. for Seniors to kick-off ideas. Nothing to report yet.

SCA, Marvin Boroski, working on meeting place for Jan. 2010

STATUS OF YOUR PERSONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Increase SAC's by two this year.

Attend Region 13 meeting – Jan 2009.

Communicate NDSA initiative during the Regional Meeting Jan, 2009.

Help struggling clubs with ideas to get started on anything using my past experience as a club president and NDAA Board Member

Accomplishments to Goals and Objectives:

SAC potential addition in El Paso.

4. VISITS AND KEY INTERACTIONS WITH CLUB LEADERSHIP

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

No report of activity with the Hospital Support Program. If there was any that the 800 number was used, I was not made aware. Clubs I talked with reported no activity, outside of their own club response to club members

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.

Five clubs have their own websites.

3 clubs indicated interest in Bat for the Cure, but no response when the time came to act – disappointing.

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