

REGION 1

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Summary:

I have just been director of Region One and have met with the former director, Arnie Testa, regarding the activities in the region up to the time of my appointment which was in mid-July 2006. Four clubs in Region One have NDSA coordinators: San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento and Western Washington. I am in the midst of contacting other clubs to see if they have installed coordinators in the last year. The coordinators have been sent mailing labels for seniors in their area and the NDSA survey. Arnie Testa attended several meetings of the San Francisco Bay Area Club and the San Jose Silicon Valley Club. He also drafted a letter for coordinators to use as an introduction to NDSA as part of the mailing. I'm in the midst of establishing contact with all of the coordinators or with the presidents of clubs who do not have coordinators. Significantly, no club that I am aware of has been active promoting or engaging in the NDSLAs initiatives

Club Report:

San Jose/Silicon Valley

President:: Kenneth Holcomb '72

Senior Coordinator: Bob Geise '59

New activity:

Previous survey sent out to eligible seniors in the area indicated that there were approximately twenty senior alumni who wanted to be involved in activities, including community service, spiritual, and social activities.

San Francisco Bay Area

President: Heather Lynn Campbell '98

Senior Coordinator - Larry Soletti '62

New Activity:

This club has a large number of eligible seniors. The club held a former club presidents' breakfast on April 9, which I attended; another one is scheduled in the fall which I plan to attend. As former president of this club, I have a number of contacts and feel that this is a particularly appropriate club to identify and staff a major service project. I am personal friends with numerous former members of this club who are now retired and who, I believe, would be amenable to supporting a senior alumni project. I have spoken to several club members about working together with the Archdiocese of San Francisco and have received enthusiastic support, not only from our club members, but from representatives of the Archdiocese. The Club has an opportunity to organize a team of surgeons for work in a Guatemala Hospital which could really use their help.

Western Washington
President:: John Tombari '80
Senior Coordinator - None
New activity:

The club's President is trying to call seniors to get them active. One physician is active and may be a prospect for San Francisco's Guatemala project.

Sacramento
President: Kelly Brooks '98
Senior Coordinator - Art Halligan
New Activity:

Art was former president of the club and accepted the position of coordinator in 2005. I plan to encourage Art to develop the Tijuana Food Drive that the club has been sponsoring with the San Diego club.

Chico
President:: Jerry Converse '60
Senior Coordinator - none

This club has been recognized by the NDAA as innovative and continuous with respect to the role that senior alums have played in the club. Many seniors reside in this area.

San Joaquin/Modesto
President: Robert Allier '70
Senior Coordinator - None
New Activity: Unknown

Other Clubs:

Hawaii
Portland
Southern Oregon
Boise
Alaska
Maui
Monterey Bay
Reno

These clubs are minimally active or dormant. I have been able to make contact only with representatives from Reno, and Alaska..