

Notre Dame Senior Alumni
Region 2 Report
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The results of the Senior Alumni Survey conducted in the fall produced approximately ninety responses. This was not as good as many of the other regions. From these survey responses six people volunteered to be the senior representative for their clubs. Unfortunately three of these volunteers were from the same club, that club being Denver. Copies of the information brochure produced by the Harveys have been distributed to these individuals and I am anxious to see if this produces positive results. I must compliment both JoAnn and George Harvey for the work they put in on producing this outstanding document.

Six of the nine clubs in the region had representatives at Alumni Senate. Only two of the twelve people attending the region meeting at Senate were seniors, both from Denver. As stated in many of our meetings most of the other representatives were not aware of the Senior Alumni component or had very little knowledge of it is trying to accomplish. This will be a continuing struggle to succeed with this communication but this year we have the added advantage of having the Notre Dame vs Air Force game in Colorado Springs. We will have a regional meeting at this event and this is a meeting where **every club** will be represented.

The population of the Denver club is greater than the population of the other eight clubs in the region. With this many small clubs it is difficult to have "separate" senior projects or events. It can be done but it is difficult when the club is struggling to stay afloat.

The following report is on those clubs that have separate senior activities:

Black Hills Club Typical of everything they do, the Black Hills Club has two excellent senior projects. They conduct a very successful TAP program at one of the local Indian reservations for six Saturdays. The total amount of taxes refunded to clients is approximately \$36,000. The club has run this program continuously since the Alumni Association introduced it.

The other project the club does is to provide birthday cakes once a month for a local nursing home. Twelve families each take one month to bring birthday cakes to the nursing home and those residents who have birthdays that month are celebrated.

Denver Club The Denver Club has three senior projects. The oldest of these is a food distribution program called Share Colorado. Individuals volunteer to package food for the monthly distribution. Recent participation has dwindled and there is planned a renewed effort in this project.

The club has been working with Annunciation School for several years. Various events are a Christmas Party, Career Fair, and facility cleanup, among others. This volunteer

connection with the school is being taken over by the seniors since they were the primary individuals involved.

The third project is a basketball watch. This activity has been conducted for the past three years and is showing considerable success. About half of the Notre Dame men's basketball games are telecast or obtainable at the local sports bars. The "commissioner"(event coordinator) designates which games we will watch and makes the arrangements with the local sports bar. Game starting times are approximately 5-6pm Denver time, which makes it convenient for after work. Most will order dinner during the game. This activity is held about once a week and averages 12-15 people per game. A great camaraderie event.