

NDSA REGION DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PART B

REGION 7 DIRECTOR **GEORGE KOCH** DATE **January 10,2008**

1. NDSA INITIATIVES STATUS OVERVIEW

INITIATIVE	CLUBS WITH ACTIVE PROGRAMS	CLUBS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING
PACE	DETROIT	ANN ARBOR LANSING
TAP	DETROIT ANN ARBOR	
MENTORING		DETROIT
HOSPITAL SUPPORT	ANN ARBOR	DETROIT LANSING
CORP VOLUNTEER		
GOD, COUNTRY, ND	ANN ARBOR	DETROIT

2. NEW CLUB INITIATIVES, BEST PRACTICES, SUCCESS STORIES, CLUB ISSUES

ANN ARBOR

- The Ann Arbor Club collaborated with the Lansing Club to co-host a pre-game tailgate gathering, prior to the Notre Dame- Michigan Game, focusing on current students (in excess of 1000 student attended at no charge) in an effort to prevent previous confrontations with Michigan students and their supporters. It was very successful in achieving its objective.
- The Club will again offer TAP but a stimulus is required to re-energize this program.
- Seniors continue to visit veterans in the Ann Arbor VA Hospital on the second Sunday of each month as part of their God, Country, Notre Dame activity.
- John Freitas '67 will again co-chair the Club's UND Celebration
- John Freitas also was in charge of "One can make a difference Food Drive" collection at the Club Mass and the Notre Dame Day of Service fix up project within the Ann Arbor community. Twenty people were involved in each of these projects.

DETROIT

- Two seminars were conducted at the Sacred Heart Seminary, one on Ethical Leadership by Chris Walsh '59 and one by Don Condit '60 on Organization and Business Practices.
- Thirteen seniors mentored at risk students in 2007, bringing the total to 67 and a graduation rate of 99% graduating from high school with many going on to college, many with scholarships.
- Dave Hennessy '69 has agreed to take over the TAP program being conducted at two inner Detroit City parishes. Total refunds during the past 5 years are \$344,000.00 and taxes paid of \$30,165.00.
- Charlie Kitz '58, Pete Higgins '54 and Ron Wagner '59, Steve Harvath '59, John Hammond '73 and Stacey Peterson have completed a marketing plan for the Everest Academy, a Catholic elementary school in Clarkston.
- 360 turkeys were "picked up" at the Lighthouse of Oakland County and delivered to the Knights of Columbus in Clarkston for distribution to those in need. Activity was participated in and directed by George Koch '54 with support from Tom Lyman '56 and other parish seniors.
- PACE meeting scheduled for April 2008
- Fred Gade '60 directed the Clubs efforts at Gleaners Community Food Bank whose mission is to turn surplus food into meals for persons in need. In one year the Bank collects 25 million pounds of food, equivalent to 65,000 meals per day.

GRAND RAPIDS

- Mark Levandoski '66, the Club's NDSA Coordinator continues to run the Club's Outreach Program tutoring young people and adults in literacy reading.
- Mark Levandoski '66, Joel Blair, Tim McMorrow '71, and Kevin McDonald '73 are volunteers for the Club's Habitat for Humanity project.

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- John Chmiel '52, the Club's NDSA Coordinator heads up the Club's Community Outreach program which serves meals 4 times per year to 250 persons each time.

3 STATUS OF PERSONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Continue efforts to get Chair Persons from the Detroit Club for Student Career Mentoring, Hospital Support Ministry and God, Country & Notre Dame Initiatives. The Club President and Board are in strong support of these Initiatives.
- Attended NDAA Regional meeting on December 1, 2007 and was given opportunity to promote NDSA in general and our Initiatives. Distributed updated list of seniors reported to be living in each of

the Club's areas of responsibility. Follow-up will be made with Club Presidents and Senior Club Coordinators.

- Held meeting on November 30 with core group of senior Detroit Club volunteers to discuss the poor response from the Detroit Archdiocese and the possible need for us to take a different approach to Giving Back. The problem appears to be at the Top of the chain, coupled with an overload at the working level. WE WILL RESOLVE!!

4 VISITS AND KEY INTERACTIONS WITH CLUB LEADERSHIP

- Capitalize on the fact that several of the Clubs have new presidents who may be more receptive to the NDSA and our Initiatives.
- The Lansing Club president and the senior club coordinator both seem very interested in undertaking new activities. Another visit will be made to Lansing to focus on getting "something" moving.
- Having a senior club coordinator for the Jackson Club should help our efforts.
- The Muskegon Club poses a significant challenge because of a club member who is a significant contributor to the University BUT because of his behavior has "turned off" graduates off from getting involved in Club activities.
- During the next quarter make an effort to attend Club meetings in Ann Arbor, Lansing, Jackson, as well as continue to attend Detroit Club Meetings
- Work with the NDAA Regional Director to determine if the Clubs in Flint, Monroe and Saginaw Valley are viable or not. Also during the Senate Meeting meet with, if they attend, the presidents of the Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan Clubs