

REGION 7 DIRECTOR'S PLAN  
JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

- Background & Editorial Comment

In Region 7 we have Senior Club Coordinators in Detroit (AA), Ann Arbor (B), Grand Rapids (B), Kalamazoo (B), Lansing (B) but do not have Club Coordinators for Muskegon (E), Northern Michigan (D), Flint (E), Jackson (E), Saginaw Valley (D) and Monroe(F).

I have learned that having a coordinator does not mean action is being taken to promote our NDSA Initiatives and increasing senior alumni participation. Positive results will only be obtained through direct contact via the phone, e mail or face to face meetings and discussion, coupled with reinforcement and support from the Club President & NDAA Regional Director.

- Planned Actions

Detroit Club

- PACE meeting will be held end of September '07 for club members, friends and family. George Koch will M.C. & Dr James Boutrous '60 will again be our speaker. Another PACE meeting may be required for the Detroit Diocesan Clergy in conjunction with their annual health review meeting.
- Club freshman send off picnic will be held Tuesday August 21. Handout will be provided on Student Career Mentoring. In addition a separate mailing or handout will be included as part of the Club's student pre-exam gift package in January '08.
- Club will again offer a TAP program at two inner city Detroit parishes. As reported previously, total refunds for 5 years of the program are \$344,000.00 and \$30,165.00 in taxes paid. Last year we had 11 volunteers from classes '51 – '03. Our major challenge in '08 is to find a replacement chair for Pat Callahan '61.
- The Club Officers very much want to become active in the Hospital Support Ministry Initiative. Our challenge is to find a Chair and or Co-Chairs. This Initiative WILL become a reality during the coming year.
- The Lighthouse of Oakland County has been successful in obtaining the Concession Stand contract for the PGA Event in August '08 at Oakland Hills Country Club. As with the Ryder Cup in 2004, Notre Dame Clubs & the Knights of Columbus will provide volunteers. In 2004, we provided in excess of 200 volunteers and \$51,000.00 was netted by the Lighthouse. George Koch will again coordinate and schedule people from both groups.

Ann Arbor

- Tej Mudigonda is in Pre Med at the University of Michigan and has been provided with the names of 5 Notre Dame doctors to counsel with as part of the Club's Student Career Mentoring Program

### Other Region 7 Clubs

- Each of the current club coordinators will be contacted directly and asked for their plan to introduce at least one NDSA Initiative during the coming year. Where possible, George Koch will attend individual club meetings to make a personal appeal to the coordinator and club officers.

In addition George Koch will attend the NDAA Regional Meeting to be held on October 27 to promote NDSA and our Initiatives.

- At least 2 more senior club coordinators will be added within Region 7, along with obtaining a commitment to introduce one or more initiatives

### General

- Provide recommendations & nominations of persons who should be considered as candidates for NDSA Regional Director for Region 7.
- Continue to provide support to fellow Directors and others on the implementation of the Diocesan Initiative.
- Follow-up with the Committee Chair for God, Country & Notre Dame on the inclusion of persons to visit Arlington Cemetery to support relatives and friends of those military who are buried there.
- Work with area parishes to promote the benefits of the Diocesan Initiative concept, even without the direct support and sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Detroit

This year a group of Notre Dame Volunteers chaired by Pat Callahan '61 assisted over 60 families/ individuals at 2 inner city parishes in Detroit with their tax returns. The total refunds were \$102,149 and the taxes paid \$7277. The total refunds for the 5 years of the program now exceed \$344,863 and the taxes paid total \$30,165. Many of the families didn't know they made enough money to even submit a tax return in the past.

The volunteers were:

Lou Basso, '53

Gerry Milke, '65

Dave Hennesy, '69

Jim Birney, '61

Marty Ellis, '84

John Fitzpatrick, '79

Jonathan Rock, '94

Amy Amador, '96

Nicholas Lloyd, '95, 96MBA

Tony Nguyen, '03

We owe a large thank you to these people as a further sign of giving back.

George Koch '54