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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It has been quite a year for the entire Notre Dame community, here in the greater Boston area and beyond.

We have offered a number of service events and happy hours. Game watches at the Bleacher Bar have been fun for all who have attended and we've even attracted a few out of town visitors to come and join us. We visited college fairs to spread the word about Our Lady's University and celebrated the Notre Dame class of 2013 with a Mass and a picnic. We have held events for the not quite yet alumni, young alumni, senior alumni and everyone in between.

Here in Boston, we are extremely fortunate to have a large, active group of alumni, many of whom regularly take part in the Club's activities, but additional input and new volunteers are always welcome. Board meetings are held every other month and the meeting schedule is posted on our website (www.ndboston.com). If you're interested in attending, the meetings are open to all Club members. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th. Come and help us plan for a fantastic 2010, including another trip to Chestnut Hill for our beloved Fighting Irish Football Team. Remember the Club is here to serve you and help you connect with the University, fellow alumni and current students. As always, please let us know how to serve you better as we need your input to make the Club the best it can be.

Please read through the rest of the newsletter. Hopefully, you'll find something of interest among the many things we have planned for the next couple of months. The Advent Season is always a particularly special time for the local Notre Dame community. This year, we have two different communion breakfasts planned, as well as our traditional Christmas Party to benefit Boston Health Care for the Homeless. All of the important information including dates and times can be found in this newsletter and on the Club's website. We truly hope that you will consider joining us to celebrate this joyous time of year. If you cannot make it to one of our events during this busy time of year, we look forward to seeing you soon at another upcoming event.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas season with your family and loved ones.

Yours in Notre Dame,

Lauren Mack '98

If you can type, you can help! We need a newsletter coordinator. The newsletter is produced quarterly and the coordinator's role is to edit content provided by the board, officers, and committees and then to coordinate printing and mailing with our vendors. All tasks can be done electronically from the comfort of your home. Contact Jim Mills (webmaster@ndboston.com) if you are interested.

CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

The Club held its annual elections on Monday November 9th and the results are in! We would like to thank all of those who ran and congratulate those who were elected to their respective positions.

The following members were re-elected to their positions as officers: Lauren Mack '98, President; Joe Eddy '00, Vice President; and Joe DiMaria '90, Treasurer. Hal Munger '07, who previously served as a Director, was elected as Secretary.

In addition to the four officers, four Directors were also elected: Susan Burke '87, Linda Douglas '86, Leigh Moreno Lewis '02, and Katie Thompson '04. All of these Directors will serve three-year terms.

The incoming officers may appoint additional 1-year Director seats. Decisions on any such appointments are expected in January. If you have interest in being considered for one of these positions, please contact Lauren.

We would like to thank all those outgoing Board members and officers for their hard work and dedication, and wish the newly elected luck as they serve the University and the Club.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Club's annual Christmas party will be held at Mr. Dooley's Tavern on Thursday, December 10th. The Christmas party benefits the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless and provides a great opportunity to celebrate the holidays with fellow Domers and their families. The party will include raffle prizes and appetizers. You may buy tickets via PayPal ahead of time until December 9th for a reduced price of \$15 (which includes a \$5 drink coupon); the link to the PayPal site can be found on the Club's website. Raffle prize sponsors will be recognized on the Club's website for their support. If you're interested in sponsoring a raffle prize or have further questions, please contact the event coordinator, Bridget Brennan, at brennan.bridget@gmail.com.

HESBURGH LECTURE SERIES

Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C., '80 M.Div., Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, will present a lecture titled, "Contemporary College Student Life: Challenges and Opportunities", at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 15, at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA. The event is free and open to the public and an informal reception will follow the lecture. For further information and/or questions, please contact either Susan Burke at irish13sb@yahoo.com or Christina McFarlane at cmcfarlane3@gmail.com.

UND CELEBRATION

Bill Lewis, Manager, Athletic Community Relations (and former Irish assistant football coach), was the guest speaker at our annual UND Celebration at the Bleacher Bar in Fenway Park on September 23. Bill shared the latest news and updates from campus and probably spent more time than he expected answering questions and talking Irish football before and after his formal presentation! The Club also used the event as an opportunity to collect non-perishable food donations to benefit the Lazarus House Food Pantry. We've already starting planning for next year's UND Celebration speaker!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Club will sponsor two separate opportunities to celebrate Christmas Mass – both open to all members; one is the continuation of our traditional celebration including a visitor from the North Pole and the other is hosted by our Senior Alumni representatives. Details are as follows:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS & BRUNCH

Date & Time: Sunday, December 6th at 10 AM

(New!) Location: The Marian Center (Betania II) in Medway (154 Summer Street)

Pricing: \$25 for adults and \$12 for children

This is always a wonderful time to gather with the Notre Dame family in preparation for Christmas. It is a fun time for the little ones, too, since we always have a visitor from the North Pole. Share the Notre Dame and Christmas Spirit by bringing an unwrapped children's Christmas gift. To purchase tickets, please send a check to our P.O. Box with a note indicating the number of people attending. Contact Leigh Lewis at Leighliund@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

SCRAMBLED EGGS, DRY TOAST AND PRUNE JUICE

OLD-TIMERS' COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Date & Time: Sunday, December 13th at 11 AM

(New!) Location: Andover Country Club, Andover, MA

Pricing: \$25 per person

Once again, Fr. Mark Cregan, CSC, President of Stonehill College, will celebrate the Mass beginning at 11 am. This event has become quite popular, and Fr. Mark alone is worth the price of admission.

To make a reservation, send an email to Tom Young at tomcy@tiac.net. If you would like help out in any way or have questions, you can call Tom at 978-975-0175. Checks should be sent to 246 Candlestick Rd., North Andover, MA 01845 and made payable to the ND Club of Boston

FOOTBALL GAME WATCHES IN FULL SWING

The Club's football gamewatches this year are being held at the Bleacher Bar at 4 Yawkey Way in Boston. A Boston gem, the Bleacher Bar is a restaurant during the day, located right at Fenway Park and boasting an enormous window right into center field of the park. We also expect to have some basketball gamewatches this season. So, if you want to show the kids a good time at Fenway, pack up the car and join us for a gamewatch. Go Irish!

BLUE AND GOLD MEMBER GIFTS

Members who join the Club at the Blue or Gold level receive a complimentary gift from the Club. There was a delay in securing the annual gift for our Blue level dues paid members, but we expect to mail these in the next couple of weeks. Gold member gifts are expected to be mailed around the same time. We apologize for the delay and thank you for your support.

YEAR-END DONATIONS, DUES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you from the Club to all of our dues paid members and everyone who has contributed to the Club's scholarship funds. The Club will mail acknowledgements (for your tax records) for all scholarship fund donations before the end of the year. In addition to donations directly to the Club, you may also consider a charitable donation to the Club's scholarship funds at Notre Dame:

- Gifts sent directly to the University may be allocated to the Club's endowed scholarship account (write ND Boston account #62127 on your check) or the Club's expendable scholarship account (write ND Boston account #381474 on your check).
- Gifts may be directed to the Club's Summer Service Project account (send checks to the Center for Social Concerns).

All donations should be eligible for corporate matching gift programs.

Despite a difficult year in the economy and financial markets, the Club was able to award a consistent level of scholarships in 2009, thanks to the generosity of our members. We are now accepting dues for 2010 and plan to send the annual dues notice early next year, as well as communicating our annual scholarship activities and other financial summaries.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

If you're interested in volunteering, the Club's Community Service Committee is always looking for new members who can assist with planning service events or coordinating the Christmas party, including organization of the raffle prizes. If you would like to join the Community Service Committee, please email Chris Becker at chrisb2848@yahoo.com.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE CLUB

The Club recently added several ways to stay in touch. You can now connect to the Club through a LinkedIn presence, a Facebook group, or a Twitter feed! These methods augment the existing newsletter, weekly email, and website. LinkedIn is the leading professional networking site and our Facebook group includes a new "Moms and Tots" group.

Membership for all services is free. Instructions can be found on the Club's website by clicking on LinkedIn, Facebook, or Twitter in the left hand menu.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING CONFERENCE

This past October, the Club was lucky enough to sponsor Janice Sjoberg, a religion and history teacher at Sacred Heart Middle School in Lynn to attend the Excellence In Teaching Conference at Notre Dame. This conference draws teachers and administrators from public, Catholic, and private schools nationwide and is open to all teachers, not just Notre Dame alumni. This year's conference focused on the individuality of children. The Club is deeply indebted to Greg Sebaskey '80 for his generosity. Without Mr. Sebaskey's support, the Club would not have been able to provide this incredible opportunity for a local teacher to attend this year's conference. We hope that this is the beginning of a new tradition.

DECEMBER STUDY BREAK

The Club has partnered with the Alumni Association to participate in the 2009 Study Break prior to finals for all of our 143 current undergraduate and graduate students in South Bend. Papa John's pizza, soda and a personalized note will be delivered to our on-campus students in their dorms, while off-campus students will be invited to pick up a gift card for a free small pizza. We wish all of our local students the best of luck as they finish the semester!

SENIOR ALUMS WELCOME NEW NDSA REPRESENTATIVE

The Notre Dame Senior Alumni (NDSA) will have a "seasoned" veteran assuming the role of Boston's NDSA representative in Tom Young '76. This marks Tom's second stint in an ND Boston leadership role, after serving as the ND Club of Boston President from 1978-81.

In this new post, Tom will champion the role of "senior" Domers (those over 55 years of age) in the Greater Boston area, and will look to engage the NDSA in community activities geared towards "giving back."

Tom has an active insurance and financial planning practice in North Andover, where he and his wife Judy have resided for many years. Tom is excited about the unique service opportunities that he and fellow NDSA'ers can bring to communities in the Greater Boston area. To learn more about the NDSA, please contact Tom at 978-975-0175 or at tomcy@tiac.net.



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11/28	5:00 pm	Stanford Game Watch	Katie Thompson	katie.m.thompson@gmail.com
12/6	10:00 am	Christmas Mass & Brunch	Leigh Lewis	lmoreno@alumni.nd.edu
12/10	6:00 pm	Christmas Party	Bridget Brennan	brennan.bridget@gmail.com
12/13	11:00 am	NDSA Christmas Mass	Tom Young	tomcy@tiac.net
1/11	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Hal Munger	hal.munger@gmail.com
1/15	6:30 pm	Hesburgh Lecture	Christina McFarlane	cmcfarlane3@gmail.com

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