



# NDSEVA Newsletter

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## Greetings!

Happy New Year to all! Here's this quarter's update of the many events of our the Notre Dame Club of Southeastern Virginia.

## Upcoming Events

Please make sure you have the following upcoming events marked on your calendar! Be sure to check [www.ndseva.com](http://www.ndseva.com) for the latest calendar of events, as the winter and spring will be filled with many family events:

Date	Time	Event
Fri., Jan. 9	7:00 pm	Norfolk Admirals Game and Reception
Mon., Jan 12	7:00 pm	NDSEVA Board Meeting  Mike Carlson 4176 Cheswick Lane Virginia Beach, VA
Fri., Feb. 20	6:00 pm	"Any Sailor" Care Packages and Young Alumni Happy Hour (Catch 31 - Oceanfront)
TBD	11:00	Oasis Soup Kitchen  1020 High Street Portsmouth, VA 23704
Sat., Mar 14	TBD	Young Alumni Happy Hour/"Greening of Ghent" Parade

Sun. Mar 22	TBD	Shamrock Festival •Water Stop...email Todd Parker for details!
April TBD		Virginia Beer Festival
April TBD		Tides Baseball Game and Refreshment Stand Fundraising

## President's Corner...the beginning

The year of 2008 passed all too swiftly, leaving us with many memories. While the saddest was that of the passing of our beloved Chaplain, Fr. Richardson, there were many highlights capturing the full spectrum of Notre Dame Alumni Association's "Six C's". Many events grew enormously, while others are now beginning to assert themselves as club traditions as we celebrate the Notre Dame Spirit:

- √ **Continuing Education** – We offered NDSEVA's own David Fautua of Christ the King's Parish Council facilitating a six-session "History of the Catholic Church- An Ecclesiastical Perspective on the Rise of the Roman Catholic Church" in addition to the annual Fr. Hesburgh Lecture at Princess Anne High School.

- √ **Community Service** – the Shamrock Marathon, four students in the Summer Service Learning Project at the Hampton Roads Youth Center, Prostrate and Cancer Education at the Tides game, put ND in the community...
- √ **Current Students** – We hosted the Student Sendoff, Pool Party, “Guidebook” for incoming students and parents, Christmas Study Break...and added another student to our scholarship roster
- √ **Camaraderie** – The Weis Dinner, the Universal ND Night, GameWatches, Young Alumni Baseball Night, Happy Hours, and Communion Breakfast were events that helped bring us together...
- √ **Catholic/Christian Spirituality** – The Oasis Soup Kitchen in Portsmouth and the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Norfolk benefited from our Services while we celebrated Communion Mass ...
- √ **Communications**—continued to keep in contact with current members, found many “lost” members from Irish Online, and kept members up to date on NDSEVA and ND events via newsletters.

But there are many areas we look to improve upon next year. We are particularly in need of a Senior Alumni

Representative, especially as we’ll be hosting the Region 12 Senior Alumni Meeting in May. Please consider this (no need to be a senior) and the other ways you can help us. It only takes a couple of hours a year at one or two events!

Of course, the Shamrock Marathon is right around the corner. And after the bowl game, who isn’t looking forward to the season. *Heads up-* the success of our club last year has earned us **50 USC tickets** to distribute! So, please get your membership dues in soonest.

Yours in Notre Dame

Mike Carlson, '80

## **Young Alumni Coordinator News**

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We look forward to a very active 2009 for the young alumni club!

### Survey

While we very much appreciate the 8 responses we received to our informal 2009 survey, we are hoping for a few more responses from our 119 young alumni in the area! (defined as anyone who graduated in the last ten years) To facilitate getting more responses, we’ve improved the survey and placed it on survey monkey – please complete the survey at the following address:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ryVUzXu89E0mQubBnJRlhQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ryVUzXu89E0mQubBnJRlhQ_3d_3d)

We can only make the young alumni club better with your suggestions and feedback!

## Calendar

Our calendar of the first quarter's event is included on the cover page . Other YA upcoming events we are planning for 2009 are:

Other events we are considering participating in include:

- Happy Hours
- Winery Wine Tour
- Student Send Off Picnic
- Game Watches
- Norfolk Wine Festival
- Oktoberfest Celebration
- Soup Kitchen
- Toys for Tots
- Skiing Trip
- Deep Sea Fishing

As always, if you have any suggestions for events you'd like to see the young alumni club participate in, please email me at [ya@ndseva.com](mailto:ya@ndseva.com) or [amymholcomb@gmail.com](mailto:amymholcomb@gmail.com).

Here's the scoop on the first quarter events!

## Admirals Game and Pre-Game Reception

Please join us on January 9, 2009 for the Norfolk Admirals game against Manchester. Our first young alumni event of the New Year! Game time is 7:15 pm. Group tickets are \$15/each and we are planning on organizing a pre-game catered private party. Everyone pays their own way for the ticket, but the ND club will pick up the tab on the catered reception beforehand for ND club members!

Please respond if you'd like to participate by December 27 with the number of participants. (Respond to [ya@ndseva.com](mailto:ya@ndseva.com) or [amymholcomb@gmail.com](mailto:amymholcomb@gmail.com).)

The admirals website is - <http://www.norfolkadmirals.com/index.php>

## "Any Sailor" Care Packages

We want to show our support of the military this year, by putting together care packages for the men and women serving overseas. Unfortunately, not all of those serving in the military receive regular emails and packages from their family and friends, so we are hoping to send care packages to those sailors who need of some cheer from home!

Packages should be prepared (but boxes not sealed) and can be provided to me at the February happy hour (location - Catch 31 on the Oceanfront). Please indicate on the box whether the package is for a male, female or either.

A few hints when preparing your care packages -

- Do send undershirts and white athletic socks (you can never have too many!)
- Do send military exchange prepaid cards
- Do send candy, books or magazines (what would a care package be without some candy?)
- Do send health/hygiene items (think - soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, shave gel, sunscreen etc.)
- Do send movies, cards, or things to do in their spare time

- Don't send holiday candy (it usually takes 2-3 weeks for the mail to arrive, and the holiday will have likely passed by the time they receive their boxes)
- Don't send chocolate or candy that may melt in transit.
- Don't send any alcohol, drugs, contraband magazines or any illegal items (hopefully a no brainer, but I needed to say it).
- Don't send any home-made food.

The NDSEVA club will pay the cost of shipping our packages to these sailors!

### Young Alumni News

If you have any news you'd like to celebrate with the rest of the club (i.e. weddings, birth announcements, promotions, etc.), please email me so I can include your exciting news in our upcoming newsletters!

GO IRISH!

Amy Holcomb (Milcetic '01)  
Young Alumni Coordinator

## **Alumni Schools Committee Coordinator News**

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First I want to thank those who volunteered to assist at some of the college fairs put on in the area. Our club represented ND at fairs in James City County, Hampton/Newport News, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. This created visibility for ND with thousands of students in the area.

This was my first year as ASC and I will find out information about Norfolk and Portsmouth as well as any other local areas that members recommend to me. The more fairs we contact the higher the probability that there will be multiple fairs on the same evening which will require some assistance but I will cross that bridge when we come to it.

We also received information from ND that eleven high school seniors from our club area applied for early admissions and four were accepted. We are in the process of contacting them now and offering congratulations and any assistance or information.

With regard to information, if you are aware of any high school students that are interested in ND and have questions please do not hesitate to put them in contact with me. I have contacts at ND who can help me with the latest information. You can reach me by phone at 757-467-0665 or e-mail me at [JNDHurley@cox.net](mailto:JNDHurley@cox.net). Again thanks to all those who have helped me.

Joe Hurley '76  
Alumni School Committee  
Coordinator

## **Treasurer's Report**

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2009 Memberships are now being taken. You can pay online at our website or mail the attached form. Either way, please provide an email address if you have one!

The following is a summary CY 2008 of financial action:

Account Balance as of 01 January 2008	\$2,806.67
Donations	287.98
Football Ticket Sales	9,330.00
Hat Sales	361.00
Membership Dues	6,965.00
Shamrock Marathon Winnings	400.00
UND Night Income	1,200.00
Weis Dinner Revenue	7,790.00
Weis Dinner – Auction	675.00
Income this year	\$27,008.98
Alumni Senate	737.66
Board Meeting – Expense	25.10
Charity	500.00
Father Richardson Flowers	99.99
Hesburgh Lecture	300.00
Newsletter Cost	361.88
Paypal Fees	314.34
Shamrock Marathon	100.00
Student Sendoff	164.00
Study Break	90.00
SSLP Fees	2,200.00
SSLP Gas Money	600.00
Ticket purchase from ND	6,440.00
Transfer to ND Endowment	2,000.00
Universal ND Night	1,695.78
Weis Dinner - Expense	4,511.25
YA Event	171.41
Expenses this year	\$20,311.41
Account Balance as of 31 Dec 2008	\$9,504.24

## Senior Alumni Coordinator News

We are currently looking for a Senior Alumni Coordinator. This position is not limited to Senior Alumni, but to anybody interested in supporting the many superb programs they sponsor. These include support to the Diocese, a hospital liaison for any ND family member in need, a career mentoring program, Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) or Tax Assistance Program (TAP).

Senior Alumni would serve to coordinate these efforts and the other initiatives. The first effort of the new year is to assist our Region 12 Director in the hosting of the regional Senior Alumni meeting. We've planned this for the first weekend in May. I'm looking for someone to help arrange a hotel and meeting rooms. Please contact me if you can help!

If you are interested in serving in this important club mission or in helping with the regional meeting, I ask that you please contact me at [president@ndseva.com](mailto:president@ndseva.com).

## Shamrock Festival

Come join prior champions NDSEVA at year 3 of the Shamrock Marathon!!! The Notre Dame Club of Southeastern Virginia has agreed to again host a water stop at the Shamrock Marathon/Half Marathon at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, and YOU can help us make this another memorable event!

The Shamrock Marathon is the largest and longest running local running event and attracts competitors from all over the world. We are again hosting a water stop, which supports a local event while having fun at the same time! There is a competition among the water stops for prize money (which we won last year), as well as donations to the club just for hosting the event. We will again personalize the stop to make it "Notre Dame", including a mock football

field, Notre Dame music, and even "Run Like a Champion Today" signs that runners can touch. It is a lot of work, but everyone who has volunteered in the past report that it was one of their favorite events of the year.

In addition to supporting the race and supporting your club (both GREAT causes), you will receive a FREE race volunteer T-shirt as well as free admission to the post race party, which includes tons of free food, beverages (including Yuengling, the race sponsor), and live music lasting all afternoon long.

PLEASE HELP US with this great event, and help us win that FIRST PLACE CASH PRIZE again!!! It is Sunday, March 22nd. NOTE: We will be at a new location this year TBD. The new location should bring slightly more favorable hours, since at last years stop we were the very first water stop of the day as well as the very last, making for a long day. Please contact Todd Parker at [treasurer@ndseva.com](mailto:treasurer@ndseva.com) if you wish to volunteer and the number of volunteers you will have. Right now we need at least 25 more volunteers, help us now!!!! Thanks for your support. <http://www.shamrockmarathon.com/>

## **Community Service Project Oasis Soup Kitchen**

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This community service effort has proven so popular we are now offering a program of quarterly projects. On November 9 we prepared and served lunch at Oasis in Portsmouth, which operates a soup

kitchen, pantry, thrift shop and Opportunity Center assisting homeless persons rejoin mainstream society-provides limited financial assistance for rent and utilities.

I was happy to join several Young Alumni of the Pittman clan and ever-present Vice President Kate Wiltrout as we provided a hearty meal and friendly service to those of our community. As we embark on what sadly promises to be a difficult year, this mission will become all the more critical. Please look for updates on opportunities in the coming months! ([vicepresident@ndseva.com](mailto:vicepresident@ndseva.com)).

## **Communion Mass and Breakfast**

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The annual Communion Mass and Breakfast is held every first Sunday of December. This year's 7 December Mass was again held at Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Virginia Beach.

Afterwards, nearly fifty members gathered at Murphy's Irish Pub for the champagne breakfast buffet. A roaring fire, fine food and great company made for an excellent morning brunch.

This is the third year in a row we've held this event at Star of the Sea and Murphy's, and given the continued success; we'll look to continue this event at these locations. Make sure to book next year's Mass and Breakfast into your calendar. Thanks to Andre Hutchinson for coordination with the church and Carlin Hebert for arranging the breakfast.

## President's Corner...A final note...

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On this date in 2008, when I was honored to take over the Club presidency, I put forth some indicators showing how the club has grown. Here's a review of last year comments with **2008 updates**:

- √ Membership has grown... **Membership continues to grow!**
- √ Annual contributions per member are up...**Our per-membership contribution grew, but largely thanks to the Charlie Weis Dinner. Can we continue?**
- √ Club Programs are starting and becoming NDSEVA institutions...**Thanks to members like Andre Hutchinson, Phil Russo and Kevin Zywna, our programs get better each year! Plus with ASC we are reaching out and attracting more students**
- √ The number of club activities are increasing...**And thanks to Todd Parker and Kate Wiltout NDSEVSA is getting a name in the community, and we even had our first YAC Tides' game.**
- √ New Affinity Groups...**Stephanie Welch become our Black Alumni Coordinator and Amy Holcomb step up to the Young Alumni vacancy, but we still need a new Senior Alumni Coordinator.**
- √ Our endowment reached "sustainability threshold" ...**Our endowment contributions are fully funding a four year scholarship each year. Cite "NDSEVA Endowment" on your ND Contribution so we can increase student support**
- √ We were chosen as the Outstanding Club of the Year...**We didn't win for 2007 but here's hoping 2008 rings the bell again!**

In fact, we are now moving up in Club Size for next year, which means we'll be looked to for more leadership in the ND Alumni Association. *Please help however and whenever you can*

by contacting an appropriate representative on the Board! Thanks, and Happy New Year!

## NDSEVA Board of Directors

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For those of you who do not know, NDSEVA's Board of Directors for the 2008/ 2009 term are:

### Officers:

- Mike Carlson –President  
[president@ndseva.com](mailto:president@ndseva.com)
- Kate Wiltout – Vice President  
[vicepresident@ndseva.com](mailto:vicepresident@ndseva.com)
- Todd Parker – Treasurer / Controller / Immediate Past President  
[treasurer@ndseva.com](mailto:treasurer@ndseva.com)
- Andre Hutchinson –Past President  
[pastpresident@ndseva.com](mailto:pastpresident@ndseva.com)
- Mike Carlson – Secretary  
[communications@ndseva.com](mailto:communications@ndseva.com)
- Tom Rumely – Membership  
[membership@ndseva.com](mailto:membership@ndseva.com)
- Amy Holcomb – Young Alumni  
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- Amy Holcomb – Senior Alumni  
[SA@ndseva.com](mailto:SA@ndseva.com)
- Stephanie Welch- Black Alumni  
[BAND@ndseva.com](mailto:BAND@ndseva.com)
- Albert Gembera – Asian Pacific  
[APA@ndseva.com](mailto:APA@ndseva.com)
- Michelle Solaroli – Monogram  
[monogram@ndseva.com](mailto:monogram@ndseva.com)
- Joe Hurley–Alumni Schools Committee  
[ASC@ndseva.com](mailto:ASC@ndseva.com)

### Committee Chairs:

- Summer Service Project - Andre Hutchinson  
[pastpresident@ndseva.com](mailto:pastpresident@ndseva.com)
- Scholarship - Kevin Zywna  
[scholarship@ndseva.com](mailto:scholarship@ndseva.com)
- Universal Notre Dame Night - Kevin Zywna  
[scholarship@ndseva.com](mailto:scholarship@ndseva.com)
- Club Chaplain- Vacant
- Hesburgh Lecture Series - Phil Russo  
[plrussojr@aol.com](mailto:plrussojr@aol.com)

## Extending Our Thanks

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The Board of Directors for the Notre Dame Club of Southeastern Virginia would like to take a moment to thank the following members for their commitment to supporting the scholarship fund in 2008. For this year we have 102 paid members and netted \$6,665 in dues:

### **GOLD**

- Al and Kay Abiouness
- Robert Ballard
- Paul and Mary Bliley
- Walter Brandt
- Mike and Sue Carlson
- Thomas Cholis
- Martha Cloudsley
- Sean and Kristen Conley
- Michael and Jackie Corcoran
- Paul Doyle
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- James and Alice Ftiscar
- Paul Graziano
- John and Barbara Hamilton
- Cate Harmeyer
- Perry and Theresa Hohman
- Richard and Amy Holcomb
- Shawn Holl
- Thomas Hubbard
- Joe and Eileen Hurley
- Andre Hutchinson
- Brendon and Amaia Johnson
- Roger and Janet Kilb
- Christopher Kolodziej
- James and Patricia Kramer
- Scott and Ann Lindsey
- John and Betsy Looney
- Dr. Joe and Cathy McDermott
- Andrew and Jean Mooney
- Dr. Patrick and Susan O'Connell
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- Dr. Todd and Joanne Parker

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- Jack and Annabelle Walsh
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- Richard Woestman
- Kevin and Debbie Zywna

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- John Anthony and Laura Eizember
- Michael and Jean Cavelli
- Matt and Karen Dolan
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- Eugene and Barbara Gerloff
- Michael and Denise Gilman
- Louis and Judi Henry
- Ed and Rita Ianni
- John and Betsy Looney
- Jesse McCarrel
- Tom and Jacqueline Meurer
- Charles and Janis O'Neill
- Jerry O'Regan
- Mary Rubino
- John Russo
- Michele Solaroli
- Tom and Charlotte Spivak
- Maria Toneatto
- Kelley Wevley
- Kate Wiltrout
- Randy Wise



# 2009 NDSEVA Membership Application

Please provide all applicable information to help keep our files up to date!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type	Description	# of Member-ships	Yearly Dues	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus	For vowed religious and graduates who have celebrated fifty years or more as an ND graduate.	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Alums	For recent graduates who celebrate their first through fifth anniversary of graduation.	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> General Membership	For our traditional membership category, open to all alumni and friends of Notre Dame.	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Membership	Members in this category will be recognized in all communications for their commitment to supporting our scholarship fund.	_____	\$50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Membership	Members in this category will be recognized in all communications and at all club events for their commitment to supporting our scholarship fund.	_____	\$100.00	\$ _____
			Total	\$ _____

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