



NDCOC Newsletter

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Thank you to...

Silky Sullivan's for hosting the 1st Annual Signing Day Party on February 2nd! Great time & great food—Thank you.

2011 Memberships

Thank you for taking time to send in your **2011 Membership Dues** which helps fund our community service endeavors, Summer Service students & scholarships for current students with financial aid.

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Club Event Calendar

For the latest information from the ND Club of Orange County, please visit our Website at <http://www.ndcoc.com>.

February	March	April
10 HAPPY HOUR @ BJ's Irvine	6 Breakfast Club @SWCC *	3 Breakfast Club @SWCC *
13 Breakfast Club @ SWCC *	7 Board Meeting	10 Breakfast Club @SWCC *
17 <i>NDSA Luncheon (p. 4)</i>	13 Breakfast Club @ SWCC *	11 Board Meeting
Speaker: John Huarte, 1964 Heisman Trophy Winner	16- ND Softball Team in the OC	17 Breakfast Club @SWCC *
	19 (Cal State Fullerton)	
20 Breakfast Club @ SWCC*	17 St. Patrick's Day	24 Easter Sunday: Breakfast Club @SWCC *
27 Breakfast Club @ SWCC*	20 Breakfast Club @SWCC *	May
	23 Networking Lunch (<i>p. 4</i>)	Hesburgh Month of Service
	24 HAPPY HOUR @ BJ's Irvine	6 Faley Games - Volunteer Opportunity
	27 Breakfast Club @SWCC *	7 OC Food Bank- Volunteer Opportunity

- Volunteer Opportunity: Breakfast Club: **Every Sunday** the NDCOC serves breakfast for the South West Community Center *** Please see information on page 3.

Awards presented to our Club by the University of Notre Dame National Alumni Association:

Charles Lennon, Jr. Award of Merit for Sustained Excellence in all areas of Club Performance: 1990, 2005

Club of the Year Award: 2004, 2000, 1986, 1984, 1983, 1981

Club Excellence Award: Annually since 1985

Club Special Citation Award: Annually since 1994

**2010 OFFICERS****President**

Scott Giacobello '92

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VP of Academic Affairs

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Lynne Chronert (P)

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Newsletter**

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Congratulations 2010 Member of the Year *Lynne Chronert*



Chuck Lennon Presenting Lynne Chronert with her award

Every year since 1975, the NDCOC has bestowed its highest award, the "Award of the Year", to an individual who demonstrates the ideals and spirit of the University of Notre Dame, and, who consistently contributes to the University, generally, or, directly, and/or to the members of the Notre Dame Club of Orange County, and/or his or her community or church. The award is not limited to members of the NDCOC, or, to residents of Orange County.

Nominations for the award are made by previous winners. A vote is then taken from all of the previous winners to determine the winner for the current year. Nine of the previous winners were present (along with Chuck Lennon, last year's winner) for this year's announcement and presentation.

The winner of 2010 Award of the Year was Lynne Chronert, a current member of the Board of Directors of the Club, and, an active member since 1979, when her step-son Steve entered Notre Dame as a Freshman. She has served as chair-person for most of the events the club has presented including the ND-USC Weekend, USC Game trip to campus, UND Celebration, Family Picnic, etc. (Lynne's enthusiasm for Notre Dame must have been an influence on her grandson, Matt, who is now a Senior at Notre Dame!) Her community service activities have extended well beyond the NDCOC. She has been the President of the Queen of Hearts Guild for CHOC, and has been a weekly volunteer at her parish, St. Catherine of Siena in Laguna Beach, for twenty years.

Congratulations, Lynne! Thank you for all of your hard work and leadership!



NDCOC and the Southwest Community Center

‘Helping people, help themselves...’

www.swcommunitycenter.org

Thanksgiving: Once again the NDCOC helped the poor and disadvantaged in Orange County during the holidays. As we do every year, at the request of the Southwest Community Center (SWCC), NDCOC volunteers cooked and carved eleven turkeys for the homeless. We then delivered the carved turkey meat Thanksgiving morning to the SWCC. How about a New Years resolution to think about: Cook a turkey next Thanksgiving for the SWCC. Volunteers are always needed for this important service to our poor brothers and sisters.

Christmas: This year, as in past years, we “adopted” a family through the SWCC for Christmas. Our family consisted of Mom, Dad and their five children. These special parents had taken in two other children from another family who were about to be separated and are now taking care of these two additional kids along with their five. The family is struggling even though both parents work. The children’s ages are: 3, 4, 5, 5, 9, 10 and 11. The SWCC presented this family with needed gift certificates so they could enjoy a “**Merry Irish Christmas**” because of the generosity of the NDCOC.

Sunday Breakfast: We continue to prepare and serve breakfast every Sunday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The SWCC burned just before Christmas last year. But like a Phoenix rising from the ashes the new SWCC is soon to reopen. Come and join us any Sunday to cook and serve.

Thank You: We would like to thank some of our club members who have tirelessly volunteered at the SWCC during this past year after the devastating fire. One of our volunteers is an ND architect graduate, **Chip Clitheroe**, who was significantly instrumental in the creation of their new facilities. We also want to recognize **Paul & Katie Leyva** who volunteered their kitchen Sunday mornings since the fire a year ago. Paul and his family have been doing all the needed cooking at their home and it was then transported to the Masonic Lodge during the construction. Katie & Paul, you will have your kitchen back on Sunday mornings! You and your family have been just amazing for over a year.

Questions or to volunteer: Contact Ed Graham eagram@sbcglobal.net, work (714)633-8544; home (714) 838-5583.

*** The first Sunday ND Breakfast Club breakfast in the new facility was held on Sunday the 30th. The grand opening will be in March to coincide with the 40th anniversary and Annie Mae Tripp's birthday .*

Save the Dates for May—Hesburgh Month of Service

Kathleen E. Faley Memorial Games—Friday, May 6th

We will once again participate in the Faley Games scheduled for Friday May 6, 2011 at Cal State University in Fullerton. This is our club’s ninth consecutive year of involvement in this “Special Day for Special Athletes” event. Our members play an important role directing the actual non-competitive sporting events that take place. We invite our members who have never attended to be with us this year. To volunteer, please contact Jim Kinnane '57 at (714) 525-3000 or by email at jkinnanend57@gmail.com. More information can be found at www.csufspecialgames.org.

Orange County Food Bank—Saturday, May 7th

Another service opportunity we are offering is to go to the Orange County Food Bank which provides food for thousands of hungry people in our community. We have reserved a group 25 volunteers from 8:30am to 11:30. Children age 8 and up are welcome. To volunteer, please contact Monica Giacobello at (949) 481-4025 or by email at ndadmin@ndcoc.com. More information can be found at www.ocfoodbank.org.

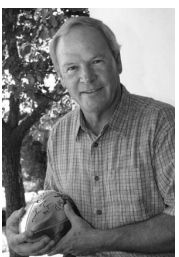


Recap of Lunch with Chuck Lennon and February Lunch with John Huarte



Chuck Lennon, was our guest speaker and honoree at the November meeting of the Notre Dame Senior Alumni (NDSA). Chuck, who was joined by his wife, Joan, will retire in June of this year after thirty years as the Executive Director of the Alumni Association, and, Associate Vice-President of University Relations. A crowd of sixty alumni and friends was in attendance. Chuck gave a wonderful "verbal tour" of the campus, and, all the changes and additions that have taken place. The ND Club of Orange County appreciates all the guidance and support that Chuck has given us through the years. We will miss his presence, although he promised to "always be around"! Father Eamon O'Gorman, Club Chaplain, led the Invocation which was a prayer actually written by Chuck Lennon several years ago. The NDSA will continue to meet monthly. It is "open" to non-alumni as well as those under the age of 55. It serves as a great way to meet old friends, make new ones, and, to stay in touch with Notre Dame.

February 17th NDSA Luncheon—Speaker John Huarte—1964 Heisman Trophy Winner



Join us at our next lunch meeting which will be held on **Thursday, February 17th** at the **Elks Lodge in Santa Ana** (near E. 1st Street & 5 Fwy). **Price \$15** including buffet lunch, tax & tip. Please RSVP to Tom Chronert at tchronert@gmail.com, (949-499-4035)

As the NDSA progresses, we will be adding Community Service involvement for members who wish to participate. Please contact NDSA Co-Chairs: Tom Chronert & Gene Tidgewell for more information.

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Staff Photographer, Palisadian Post

WELCOME TO THE ND PROFESSIONALS OF ORANGE COUNTY!

Host: Michelle R. Generaux (1993, Bachelor of Arts)
When: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Where: Murtaugh Meyer Nelson & Treglia LLP
 2603 Main Street, 9th Floor Irvine, CA 92614
Cost: \$15 (payable in advance via cash or check made payable to MMNT)
Need More Info? Email Michelle Generaux at mgeneraux@mmnt.com

**COME HAVE LUNCH ON MARCH 23rd AND CONSIDER JOINING THE ND PROFESSIONALS OF ORANGE COUNTY!
 If USC and UCLA alumni have their own networking groups -- why not the Irish? You can join other Notre Dame professionals who work and live in Orange County to meet and develop business networking relationships.**

The main objective of ND Professionals will be to (further) develop professional and personal relationships between Notre Dame alumni, family and friends by expanding existing business activities and sharing referrals, resources, information, ideas and advice with each other on a regular basis. Each meeting is tentatively organized to consist of lunch, a speaker or member presentation (no sales pitches) or a discussion re current deals or hot topics (i.e. the Great Recession), assigning members to small groups to get together before the next ND Professionals meeting.

March 23, 2011 Agenda: Lunch: 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. —then we'll discuss what the ND Professionals will look like, goals/objectives, a typical ND Professional and meetings, choose next meeting date, adjournment - 1:00 p.m.

**Sponsored by the ND Club of Orange County and Murtaugh Meyer Nelson & Treglia LLP.



What a Weekend Remembering A Great Win



The ND-USC Weekend was a tremendous success thanks to all of our members who participated in the various activities sponsored by NDCOC. This year, for the first time, The Hyatt Regency - Garden Grove served as ND Headquarters for all events. It was a tremendous venue for all of our activities! It all began with the ND Senior Alumni Lunch on the day before Thanksgiving. It was wonderful to be able to show our appreciation to Chuck Lennon for all of his years of support. (See accompanying article.)



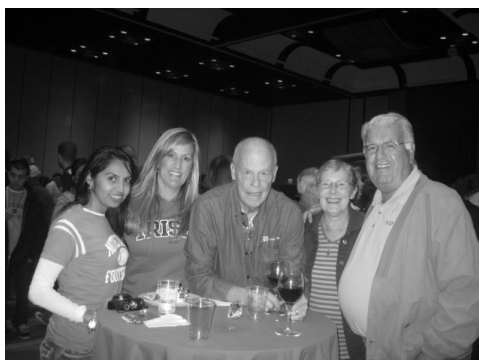
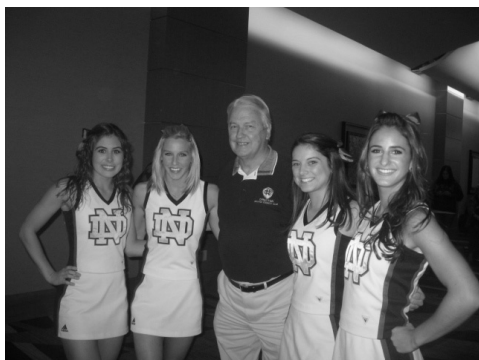
The Notre Dame Cheerleaders arrived on Thanksgiving Day and went directly to The Catholic Worker where they served meals and performed their routines for the homeless and poor. Friday night, they performed for nearly 1,000 ND club members and fans at the Pep Rally, also held at The Hyatt Regency. They were joined on stage by Chuck Lennon and an array of former ND stars including Joey Getherall, Malcolm Johnson, Derrick Mayes, Oscar McBride, Rhema McKnight, and, former ND Women's Softball Star, Stephanie Brown. In addition, the crowd was able to watch a video of the now-famous speech given by Rocket Ismail at the pep rally the night before the Utah game. There are many who feel that speech was responsible, at least in part, for the great team performance of the final four games of the season.

Special attention was given to the young fans this year. There was a jump house, football toss, corn-hole-toss game, and the opportunity to have their photos taken with the cheerleaders and Leprechaun. After the Pep Rally, The ND Comedians performed their routines for about forty-five minutes, and were well-received by those who attended.

The Official Notre Dame Bookstore (from campus) was open on Friday, and, did a booming business. They thank you for that! Over three-hundred people were transported from the Hyatt to and from the game by buses the club had chartered.



WASN'T IT WONDERFUL TO BE ON THE WINNING SIDE?? GO IRISH! WE CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE IRISH RETURN TO THE COLISEUM ON 11/24/2012!!



A Look at Some of Our Local ND Students

Name: Amy Anderson

Hometown: San Juan Capistrano, CA

High School: Santa Margarita Catholic High School

ND Graduation Year: 2012

Dorm: Ryan Hall

Major: Psychology and Spanish

Campus Activities: Student Caller at the Development Office Phone Center & Student Development Committee

Most Memorable ND Moment: I will always remember the ND vs. Utah football game this past season, when we beat the then-top-15 team 28-3.

What was most memorable about this game was the number of students who remained in the stadium for the duration of the game, in spite of the rainy weather, and the series of losses that the student body had witnessed in previous weeks. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the game was the flood of students who stormed the field to celebrate after the game. I feel that this game was memorable not only because it was such a cathartic victory, but also because the student body really seemed to display the unity and the school spirit that attracts so many students in the first place.

Career Plans: I hope to pursue a position in a marketing firm doing consumer research, providing reliable insight into consumer behavior that can be used for brand management. Additionally, I am considering applying to law school, however, if I did decide to pursue this career I would enter law school after gaining a few years of working experience.



Name: Mary Flynn

Hometown: Newport Beach

High School: Mater Dei

ND Grad Year: 2011

Dorm: Lyons **Major:** English

Campus Activities: Lyons Hall Council; Peer Advisor for freshmen in First Year of Studies; Campus Ministry—Retreat Leader for Notre Dame Encounter; Slice of Life—Tutor/Mentor

Most Memorable ND Moment: Typical of a Southern California domer, two of my most memorable moments revolve around the ND-SC rivalry! Freshman year we hit the ground running, body-painting ourselves for the USC game on campus. We sat in the front row of the student section, where we got on live national television. We even cropped up on Sports Illustrated Superfans website. Then, this season, I brought home a bunch of friends for Thanksgiving and the USC game. We prepared for our final Trojan showdown with a massive tailgate with friends and family. It was such a blast, and finally beating USC was a perfect end to my last season!

Career Plans: I love fashion retail, especially after interning with Quiksilver last summer, and I am excited to pursue a career in this field. I have accepted a position with Abercrombie & Fitch's Corporate Training Program in Merchandising. I will be moving to Columbus, Ohio at the end of the summer.



Name: Mike Flynn

Hometown: Newport Beach

High School: Mater Dei

ND Grad Year: 2012

Dorm: St. Edwards

Major: History

Campus Activities: London University Program—Fall 2010

Most Memorable ND Moment: Being accepted to the University. I was so excited to receive the packet that I couldn't even open it and had to have my dad do the honors. Notre Dame has always been my dream school and I am so thankful to be here.

Career Plans: I'd like to go into the hospitality/restaurant industry. I had the privilege of interning with a local restaurant group last summer and I caught the bug.




ND Club of Orange County Membership Application and Renewal 2011

Please fill out all information. Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*). Once completed, mail this form along with your payment and/or contribution to: **ND Club of Orange County, PMB #111, 25108-B Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92692-2400.** If you have any questions, you can email us at *membership@ndcoc.com*.

Check back, below address, to see if your 2011 Dues are already paid →

- 1) * Select Membership Type Irish Green (\$30.00)..... \$ _____
 ND Blue (\$60.00)..... \$ _____
 Golden Dome (\$120.00)..... \$ _____
- 2) NDCOC Scholarship Foundation Donation..... \$ _____
- 3) *Total Amount Enclosed.....* \$ _____
- 4) Will Your Company Match Your Contribution and/or Membership Fees? -Yes -No

5) *Payment Type

-  Check (Make payable to: NDCOC)
-  Visa (Please fill out *Credit Card Info*)
-  MasterCard (Please fill out *Credit Card Info*)

Credit Card Information:	
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Expiration Date:	Security Code #
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Signature:	

6) *Name and Email

Title:	* First Name:	M. I.	Last Name:
Email Address (if you have one):			<input type="checkbox"/> -Do NOT send me email announcements. <input type="checkbox"/> -Do NOT include me as a job resource for students/alumni. <input type="checkbox"/> -Do NOT post my name and email address in the online directory.

7) *Mailing Address: Home or Business

Address Line 1:		
Address Line 2:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Occupation:		

8) Phone Numbers

Home Phone:
Work Phone:
Cell Phone:
Company/Organization::

9) *Your Affiliation to the University

- ND Alumnus/a/Student
 Grad Year: _____ Major: _____
- SMC Alumna/Student
 Grad Year: _____ Major: _____
- Parent of ND Student/Alumni
 Name(s): _____
- Parent of SMC Student/Alumni
 Name(s): _____
- Friend of the University (ND or SMC)

10) Interested in Volunteering/Getting Involved

- NDCOC Community Service Activities
- Young Alumni Events
- Temporarily Housing ND Students for *Summer Service Projects* or ND Sports Teams in Town
- Corporate Sponsorship of Club Events
- ND Club Annual Golf Outing
- ND Senior Alumni - *F.I.R.S.T.*
- ND -USC Weekend
- Board of Directors
- Other _____

11) Comments/Feedback: _____



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2011 Membership Dues

Please take a moment to pay your 2011 ND Club of Orange County dues if you have not already done so. If you received this newsletter via mail, your 2011 dues status is listed just below your address. You can also check if you have paid dues on our Website at www.ndcoc.com (click the Membership link and enter your email address to have your dues status emailed to you).

Your membership dues help fund our community service endeavors in Orange County and provide scholarship money for our current students with financial need. We encourage you to visit our Community Service Page at www.ndcoc.com for more information on the events that your membership dues help to sponsor. We also have the latest Club news and event details on our Website, so please visit often.

Member-ship Level	Annual Dues	Description
Golden Dome	\$120	Access to special Gold Member events and eligible to request up to 8 football tickets.*
ND Blue	\$60	Eligible to request up to 4 football tickets.*
Irish Green	\$30	Eligible to request up to 2 football tickets.*

* Refers to football ticket requests for games that are played in Southern California when the Orange County Club is allocated at least 1,000 game tickets. As always, the availability to purchase any tickets through the Club is not guaranteed, is subject to availability, and contingent upon the ticket distribution policies adopted by the Club's Board of Directors. This applies only to the ND Club of Orange County ticket sales and is separate from the University alumni ticket lottery.