

NDCOC Thanks Leyva Family

Since 1988, the Southwest Community Center (SWCC) in Santa Ana has been a primary beneficiary of the NDCOC's community service efforts. ND Club members have faithfully and enthusiastically managed the "Breakfast Club" on Sunday mornings at the SWCC for these past twenty-three years. "The Breakfast Club" prepares and serves breakfast to over a hundred people every Sunday. Last year, the SWCC building was severely damaged by fire. A new building was quickly constructed and is now open to serve the community. However, while the building was under construction, the NDCOC crew of volunteers continued to serve breakfast.



Ed Graham presents Paul Leyva a "Thank You" acknowledgement from the club

NDCOC members, Paul and Katie Leyva, and, their son, Christopher, ND '09, opened the kitchen in their home every Sunday, and, prepared the breakfasts which were then served at a location near the SWCC. The NDCOC presented Paul Leyva and family with a "Thank You" acknowledgement on Sunday, March 20th. Mike Felix, a member of the club's Board of Directors, made the presentation on behalf of the entire club. Here is but another example of how your club dues are used to serve the Orange County Community! Thanks to all dues-paying members for your support!

Club Event Calendar

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

April	May	June
3 Breakfast Club @SWCC *	Hesburgh Month of Service	18 UND Celebration
10 Breakfast Club @SWCC *	6 Faley Games - Volunteer Opportunity	July
14 Hesburgh Lecture "The Noble Death of Jesus"	7 OC Food Bank- Volunteer Opportunity	17 Family Picnic & Student Send-off
17 Breakfast Club @SWCC *	8 Breakfast Club @ SWCC *	August
24 Easter Sunday: Breakfast Club @SWCC *	15 Breakfast Club @ SWCC *	11 Hesburgh Lecture "Science vs. Religion"
27 NDSA Lunch w/ Rick Thues '75 @ King's Fish House— Huntington Beach	22 Breakfast Club @ SWCC *	September
	29 Breakfast Club @ SWCC *	26 Annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction

Volunteer Opportunity: Breakfast Club: Every Sunday NDCOC members serve breakfast at the Southwest Community Center. If you would like to help cook, serve, wash dishes, or whatever, please call Ed Graham '74 at (714) 838-5583 (h) or (714) 633-8544 (w) to volunteer.

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

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

2011 is upon us and we are looking forward to an exciting and challenging year. It is once again membership enrollment time. This is the time of year that we all come together as a Notre Dame family and renew our commitment to our University, our community and our club. Today, our club needs your help to ensure our service projects and charitable works result in a positive impact on our community. We realize it is difficult to maintain a giving spirit in these tough economic times and we have had to trim our budget like many of you. We will not have the benefit of the USC Weekend events for fundraising in 2011 so we ask that you help us to support our events and activities by maintaining your membership this year. Club members who have maintained some membership level in 2011 will be given priority in the allocation of ND-USC football tickets in 2012.

We have several outstanding events planned as the Club continues to strive toward our goal: providing activities grounded in our Catholic faith promoting Camaraderie, Catholic/Christian Spirituality, Continuing Education, Communications, Community Service and Current Student Support. These great events include:

- Scholarship Fundraising Program/Summer Service Projects
- The Faley Games for Special Students
- Hesburgh Lectures
- Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction
- Annual UND Celebration
- Student Send-off / Family Picnic & Mass
- Sunday Breakfast Club at the Southwest Community Center

Your involvement in the Club activities is more important than ever. Please remember that your membership dues are the primary way we fund our scholarship endowment and community service programs. Membership applications and dues can be submitted either on-line at www.ndcoc.com or by mailing in the application on the back of this newsletter. We have provided a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Please submit your annual dues by May 31st.

Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C. said, "This college will be one of the most powerful means for doing good in this country." Let's come together to keep that spirit alive within our community.

WE ARE THE FIGHTING IRISH!

Tom Walsh '89

2011 President

May: Hesburgh Month of Service Volunteer Opportunities



Faley Games—"A Special Day for Special Athletes" Friday, May 6th

Once again the NDCOC will participate in the **Kathleen E. Faley Games on Friday, May 6, 2011** at Cal State University Fullerton. This is our Club's ninth consecutive year of involvement in the Faley Games. 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.

We will meet between 8:00-8:15am at the Registration Booth on the soccer practice field north of the main gym. Free parking is available at the adjoining parking lot with entrance on St. College Blvd. We invite our NDCOC members to attend this truly inspiring event that grows in popularity every year. The Board once again has approved a \$25 contribution for all members who attend.

We need your help! Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make this day a rewarding experience for our special athletes. We can use your help as early as possible. 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*

Volunteer Parking Directions

From Yorba Linda Blvd or Nutwood Avenue, turn onto State College Blvd. and enter the campus on the Access Road for Lot A. Park in the south end of Lot A. Parking permits are required. Please obtain a No Cost Parking Permit from the parking officer as you enter Lot A from State College. Walk over to Games Site.



OC Food Bank—Helping People. Changing Lives. Saturday, May 7th—Need 25 volunteers!

Sign up for a fun day of service with fellow ND friends & family. Help at the Orange County Food Bank which provides food for thousands of hungry people in our community. We have reserved for a time slot for 25 volunteers on Saturday morning, May 7th from 8:30am to 11:30. We hope families will be able to volunteer together as children ages 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.



Breakfast Club at SWCC

Every Sunday we have Club members meet to help serve breakfast to the needy and homeless at the Southwest Community Center in Santa Ana. See article on front page. We meet every Sunday morning at 7am. If you would like to help cook, serve, wash dishes, or whatever, please call Ed Graham '74 at (714) 838-5583 (h) or (714) 633-8544 (w). Let this Hesburgh Month of Service bring more members to help our already incredible team of Breakfast Club volunteers.



ND Senior Alumni Group Continues to Grow!

The ND Club of Orange County's group of Senior Alumni and Friends continued to grow in size at their February and March lunch meetings.

Our **February speaker, Heisman Trophy winner, John Huarte**, drew our largest crowd since the club's inception last September. Seventy members attended the meeting at the Elks Lodge in Santa Ana, and, listened to John as he shared his thoughts about his experiences as a business-owner doing business in foreign countries such as Russia, while also commenting on the game of football as it is played today. Members of the audience were able to ask questions, which enabled John to reminisce about his career at Notre Dame, share some of the life-lessons he learned there, and, to give updates on some of his teammates.



John Huarte and former Mater Dei H.S.
Football Coach Dick Coury

The March meeting was also well-attended and very entertaining. On **March 16th, the Notre Dame Women's Softball Team** joined our group of forty-four for lunch at Ziing's Bistro in Fullerton. The team was in Orange County to participate in a six-game tourney with other major colleges at Cal-State Fullerton. Of the twenty-one members of the team, four are from Orange County (See photos below), four are from other parts of California, Head Coach Deanna Gumpf is originally from La Palma, and, Assistant Coach Lizzy Lemire is from Irvine. As each team member came to the microphone, she introduced herself, told where she was from, her major in school, and "a fun fact about herself". This was truly an entertaining and refreshing event.



Coach Deanna Gumpf,
La Palma



Dani Miller, Huntington
Beach, Edison H.S.



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Hills, Canyon H.S.



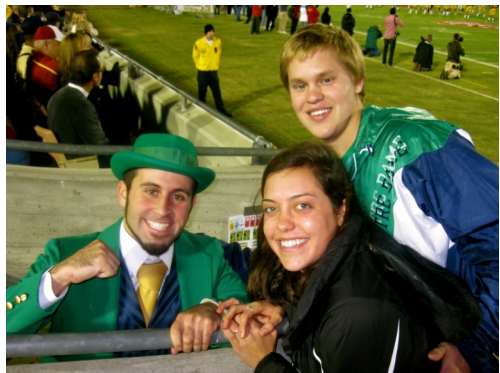
Lauren Stuhr,
Huntington Beach

Looking Ahead

The NDSA April Lunch will be held **April 27 at King's Fish House** in Huntington Beach. Member, Rick Thues '75, whose talk is entitled "We Only Fear The Unknown", will tell us about his more-than three-thousand lifetime sky-diving jumps, and, the preparation and excitement that came with them.

Alumni and friends of all ages are welcome to attend these monthly meetings. Please contact Tom Chronert at tchronert@gmail.com, or, at 949-499-4035 if you want more details, or, wish to be placed on the notification list so you will know of all our events ahead of time.

A Look at Some of Our Local ND Students



Name: Alex Brolick

Hometown: Coto de Caza

High School: St. Margaret's Episcopal School

ND Graduation Year: 2013

Dorm: O'Neill Hall

Major: Marketing

Campus Activities: Intramural Football, Softball, Lacrosse, SIBC Member, Investment Club Member, Entrepreneurship Society Case Bowl Vice President, O'Neill Hall Recorder.

Most Memorable ND Moment: My most memorable moment at ND so far would have to be beating Utah 28-3 this past fall. I have been a life-long football fan and I have always dreamt of storming the field after a huge victory. It was great to be able to share the moment with the players and all of my friends. I even snuck behind the camera and caught some TV time when NBC was interviewing Tommy Rees after the victory. It was definitely a moment I will cherish and never forget.

Career Plans: I plan on eventually going to graduate school for an MBA after I graduate, however I see myself getting some work experience before that. I have always played sports growing up and would love to be involved in sports marketing, whether it be working with athletes or working for professional teams.



Name: Michelle Marshall

Hometown: Corona del Mar

High School: Corona del Mar High School

ND Graduation Year: 2014

Dorm: Pasquerilla East Hall

Major: Business and Political Science

Campus Activities: Inter hall cross country, FUEL.

Most Memorable ND Moment: My most memorable moment this year has to be the first time I walked into the student section in the stadium. Everyone was so excited, and from the chanting and the matching shirts, it's impossible not to feel like you're part of something special. That moment really made me realize why this school is so amazing.

Career Plans: As of now I am planning on attending law school, but I am not really sure yet.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, June 18th - UND Celebration Brunch

Speaker Jill Bodensteiner, Associate Athletics Director

Sunday, July 17th- Family Picnic & Student Send-off

Monday, September 26th- Golf Tournament & Silent Auction

Our only fundraiser to support our local community service projects. If interested in helping or donations for Silent Auction, please contact ndadmin@ndcoc.com

October 22nd Weekend Back to Southbend for Notre Dame v. USC Game

Trip details to follow in next newsletter or look on website.



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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.