



Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles

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A Newsletter for Notre Dame Alumni and Friends

Are You Ready? For IRISH FOOTBALL!

Once again, the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles will host game watches at TWO locations. Last season's experiment with split sites was a huge success and we'll do it again this year at the same South Bay and Hollywood locations in order to make it easier for alumni and fans all across Los Angeles to get out and cheer on the Fighting Irish.

The primary location for Irish fans in the South Bay and on the West Side will again be the North End Bar & Grill in northern Hermosa Beach, owned by Notre Dame Legacy John Courts. Located at 2626 Hermosa Avenue, North End is a laid-back beach bar with multiple hi-def flat screens. It's steps away from the famous Hermosa sand and surf so bring your swimsuits and hit the waves or play some beach volleyball before (or after) the ND game. And keep your eye out for a possible Club-sponsored volleyball tournament!

The primary location for Hollywood, the Valley and the Eastside will again be the Happy Ending Bar at 7038 Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. This "upscale New York dive bar" features spacious leather booths, exposed brick walls and 35 plasma screens! Located right in the heart of Hollywood, this bar offers a different experience from the beach. Shed your shorts and flip-flops, don your going-out gear and after the game you can stay for the scene at one of Hollywood's real hotspots.

We're pleased and excited to be returning to these two great locations...and we're incredibly excited about Notre Dame Football's prospects this season! We look forward to seeing you all at a game watch this fall.

Location #1

North End Bar & Grill
2626 Hermosa Avenue
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
(310) 379-5379
www.northendbar.com

Location #2

Happy Ending Bar
& Restaurant
7038 Sunset Blvd.
Hollywood CA 90028
(323) 469-7038
www.thehappyendingbar.com



Win Football Tickets

Be sure to buy raffle tickets to support NDCLA's Scholarship Fund and enhance your opportunity to make it back to the Golden Dome for a HOME FOOTBALL GAME. First Prize is the USC Trip for TWO. (See details below.) Second Prize is TWO tickets to see the Irish take on the Spartans on September 19.

Tickets must be purchased by August 24 (see www.NDCLA.com for details), or at Happy Hour on August 27. ✨

Travel Back to Campus for USC

Space is still available for our fall trip to Notre Dame for the greatest inter-sectional rivalry in college football. Notre Dame welcomes USC to campus on October 17th and the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles will be there. Our trip includes airfare, 3 or 4 nights in top hotels, an evening cruise on Lake Michigan with Notre Dame's "Play Like a Champion," the Quarterback Luncheon, pep rally, V.I.P. tailgate party and dinner on campus following the game. Wednesday and Thursday departures are available. Complete details of the trip and a reservation form can be found on the NDCLA website (www.NDCLA.com) or call Bob or Susan Byrne at 909-305-0067. Space is limited so don't delay! ✨



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends:

As we look forward to what will hopefully be our most successful football season of the past three years, let's take a moment to review some significant events and achievements of our Club over the past few months, as well as what's in store in the near future. This edition of the NDCLA Newsletter provides in-depth reports ranging from last April's Alumni Senate and our on campus luncheon with LA area Domers, to July's Freshmen Send-Off where we welcomed incoming Freshmen and their families to the Notre Dame family, to the upcoming season's Game Watch locations.

Our Club's mission includes supporting current students, representing the University's goals and values in our local community, and serving our alumni

base. This year the Club will provide over \$270,000 in scholarships to 80 LA area Notre Dame students. Your contributions have played a significant role in the ability of many students to attend our great University. We also sponsor two Summer Service Projects in Los Angeles, as well as maintaining our commitment to the Cross-Cultural Leadership Intern Program. As alumni, we organize and participate in feeding the homeless at the Samoshel shelter in Santa Monica and other community service focused events.

Though our alumni base continues to impress with your generosity and selfless spirit, we also enjoy some fun and football once in a while. To feed that desire the Club once again sanctioned two official Game Watch

locations, organized an incredible trip to South Bend for the USC weekend, is sponsoring a golf tournament at the beautiful Los Verdes golf course on October 5th, organizes monthly happy hours / networking events, and will host an appreciation dinner for our Blue and Gold members. Please continue to participate in our great events and feel free to volunteer. We're always looking for new ideas and recommendations to help us serve the students, community, and alumni.

Yours in Notre Dame,
Robert J. Menz '00
President

Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles

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Golf Anyone?

We will be holding our Annual Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles Golf Tournament at Los Verdes Golf Course on Monday, October 5, 2009. The registration fee is \$150 and includes green fees, a cart, lunch, goody bag and prizes. The proceeds are used to fund local Club sponsored community projects and scholarships for local students.

The tournament format is a four person scramble. Special prizes will be awarded to the winning team and for the longest drive, closest to pin and much more. The deadline to register is Friday, September 25, 2009.

Volunteers are also needed to help plan the 2009 golf tournament. Previous experience is not required so if you are interested in participating or are interested in sponsorship, please contact Robert Yang at 818-635-3425 or e-mail to nd93@yahoo.com. ♣

Recruit Future Alumni!

The Class of 2013 has been finalized, and this year's delegation of freshmen will be one of the largest the L.A. area has ever produced. 101 applicants were admitted with 29% through Early Action, and 52 total applicants went on to enroll for Freshmen Year Of Studies. Our College Fair Committee worked tirelessly to cover local events - over 25 fairs last year - and to encourage students who had been accepted to commit to Notre Dame. Some examples of student feedback to these efforts are listed below. The Committee will be meeting in late August to plan for fair coverage this fall. The Club welcomes anyone who would like to volunteer to attend this meeting - time and date to be announced. If you cannot attend but would like to volunteer, please contact our ASC Chair - Dennis Wolfe at atwas@aol.com, 310-463-6793.

· *The University of Notre Dame's communication to its newly admitted students is fantastic. I loved getting personal phone calls from alumni of the University congratulating me on my admission.*

· *Fantastic communication with alumni network, the 'recruiting', if you will, after being admitted was very persuasive in my decision, I felt very wanted by Notre Dame.*

· *After I was admitted under early action, I received ample contact from the alumni club from my region. Their enthusiasm significantly impacted my decision.* ♣

Recent Past Summertime Events

Day at the Races

On April 4, NDCLA and the Irish American Bar Association held their annual Day at the Races at Santa Anita. The event coincided with the Santa Anita Derby and proved once again to be a fun and exiting day for 55 members and their families. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Club. We look forward to doing this again next year and hope you are able to make it! ♣



NDCLA Fans at Dodger Stadium

Dodger Day

Thank you to all who made it out to Dodger Stadium on June 6 to see the Dodgers beat the defending World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies in 12 innings on a walk-off home run by Andre Ethier! It was a great day of fun at the stadium, and one in which the usual early summer heat was not a factor. Ninety-six Club members added to the thousands, but only our lucky ones won raffle prizes! We look forward to seeing you all again around the same time next year! ♣



Young Alum Corner:

Get Involved...

“Empowering people to rebuild lives” is OPCC Samoshel’s motto. Samoshel became a part of OPCC (Ocean Park Community Center) in 2005 and was established in 1994. The program was created to assist homeless men and women obtain jobs, permanent housing and provide case management, counseling, 12-step meetings, therapy, legal assistance, and housing referrals. The Notre Dame Club of LA has supported OPCC’s mission every month since December of 2008. On the 3rd Sunday of every month, NDCLA volunteers host a dinner at the shelter located in Santa Monica, California. For the month of May, the NDCLA



NDCLA Volunteers at the Shelter

decided to change up the menu and have a BBQ which received lots of positive feedback from the residents of the shelter. We had 7 Domers assist with preparing hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and jello for 60 residents. Before and after the dinner we toured the facility and mingled with the residents. Many of them had recognized a few of us that return every month to host the dinner and enjoyed asking us about Notre Dame and its football team. When we said our good-byes for the evening a few were already aware of our schedule and simply said “see you next month.” NDCLA’s commitment to host a dinner for Samoshel is just one of the many community service projects that have been going on throughout the year. If you’re interested in joining NDCLA at Samoshel or interested in any other service projects please reach out to Maria Joyce at maria.k.joyce@gmail.com. ❀

Get Social...

As the last Young Alum coordinator moves onto Presidency, the Club would like to introduce our new YA coordinator, Ned Hawley. Ned is a Class of 2008 graduate and

a newly elected Board Member that graciously jumped right in by volunteering to take over YA activities planning. Ned is a lifelong Los Angelean so he has insider knowledge of all the best locations and events in LA!

To get started two Happy Hours / Networking events have been scheduled for August 6th and August 25th. The event on the 25th will host the scholarship raffle drawing, which is your last chance to win the all expenses paid trip to the USC game or game tickets to Michigan State. Keep an eye out for the exact location of each event via e-vite, Facebook, our web site and/or Irish On-Line blasts. Come on out to our events and welcome Ned to the Club and thank him for volunteering. ❀

Get Informed...

Tune in to NDCLA and all its events through various networking services. Be sure to check out the website – www.NDCLA.com - which is frequently updated for upcoming activities.

Join NDCLA on www.facebook.com, www.myspace.com and www.linkedin.com. Just search those websites for our group!

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...

Make sure you’re registered with Irish Online as living in the LA area to ensure all NDCLA communications are delivered!

If you ever have any questions, please contact our office at NDCLA@yahoo.com or 626-795-6363 (NDND). ❀

Get Official...

Join nearly 400 other alumni as members of the Notre Dame Club of LA. With all that’s going on in LA it’s important to be a member of the Club that give you opportunities to socialize with ND Alums, give back to the community, and support the University and its athletic programs. Additional information is posted on the website at www.NDCLA.com. ❀

Get a Job...

Notre Dame’s ONWARD website (alumni.nd.edu/career) is up and running and ready to assist you in finding a job, posting or job or networking with other alums. The site provides a variety of tools for job seekers, including job postings, seminars and webinars on various career topics, links to useful articles and access to the alumni mentor program. For more information, alumni can email ONWARD advisors at onward@alumni.nd.edu or call 206-350-3949. ❀



Father Willy's Corner

Dear Fellow Alums:

The "Play Like a Champion™ Today Sports as Ministry Initiative" from Notre Dame's Center for Ethical Education has come to Southern California. A number of Catholic schools have already adopted the program to their great benefit. The philosophy of "Play Like a Champion™" is that sports can help young people grow physically, emotionally, socially, morally and spiritually. The manual advises coaches to begin or end each practice session with a ten minute discussion to enhance player growth and team unity. Good "coaches guide athletes as they discuss and seek to understand the larger concepts around sport and build up values such as discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship and respect for all involved in the sporting arena."

In addition to coaches and players the program also encourages parents to be responsible and healthy in their support for their children's participation in sports.

Several interesting quotes used by "Play Like a Champion Today" evoke some of the legendary figures of Notre Dame sports history:

"Excellence takes togetherness." - Lou Holtz.

"One man practicing good sportsmanship is far better than 50 others preaching about it." - Knute Rockne

"For when the one great Scorer comes to mark against your name, He writes not that you won or lost-but how you played the game." - Grantland Rice

Finally, a moving prayer by Knute Rockne {1888-1931} Coach and Educator:

*Dear Lord,
In the struggle that goes on through life,
We ask for a field that is fair,
A chance that is equal with all the strife,
The courage to strive and to dare;
And if we should win, let it be by the code,
With our faith and our honor held high;
And if we should lose, let us stand by the road
And cheer as the winners go by.*

Fr. Willy Raymond, CSC , '71, NDCLA Chaplain. ❀

Here Come The Irish

The Women's Soccer team is headed to Santa Clara on September 11! Be sure to mark your calendars as the team finished #2 in the NCAA Women's' College Cup and hope to be #1 this year!

The Fighting Irish are heading to the West Coast to participate in the Santa Clara Adidas Classic. Notre Dame will tangle with the host Broncos on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Buck Shaw Stadium (also home to FC Gold Pride of Women's Professional Soccer and the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer). After the match, the team will head north to play on Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. against Stanford in a replay of last year's classic College Cup semifinal won by the Fighting Irish, 1-0! ❀





Students in LA

The Cross-Cultural Leadership Intern Program (CCLIP-LA) is an initiative that provides Notre Dame students with exposure to communities in need in the greater Los Angeles area. Students work with organizations in an 8-week learning experience to develop their leadership skills. The program offers three academic course credits. The internship sites were at La Opinion, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the Los Angeles Urban League.

The program was established by NDCLA in the summer of 2008. The three interns who participated were Ilse Terrazas, Aimee Brewster, and Jaime Luna. Video clips and their final papers can be found at: latinostudies.nd.edu/students/cclip.php.

Ilse will start a job with Starbucks in Seattle, WA this summer. Aimee will begin a graduate program at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, and Jaime will work with Teach for America in Houston, TX. We wish them all the best of luck.

For the summer of 2009, CCLIP-LA took place between June 7th and August 1st. The three interns were Patrick Montalvo, Michelle Saucedo, and Albert Toscano.

Patrick Montalvo

Internship Site: **La Opinion**

Patrick is originally from San Antonio, Texas. He is working toward a double major in English and Film/Television. He was thrilled to be visiting Los Angeles and working for La Opinión.

Michelle Saucedo

Internship Site: **MALDEF**

Michelle is a rising senior, originally from Phoenix, Arizona. She is majoring in sociology and interested in pursuing a law career. Michelle would like to be a resource for families who find themselves underrepresented in legal situations.

Albert Toscano

Internship Site: **Urban League**

Albert is originally from Pico Rivera, CA and just finished his Freshman year. He credits his involvement in sports with developing his discipline to pursue a degree so far away from home. Albert is majoring in Finance and is interested in sports management. His dream job would be with the Los Angeles Dodgers. ♣

LA Students on Campus

Last March, as the six-year term of our esteemed President, Kevin McBride, and our invaluable Vice-President, Tim McAdam, came to an end, our Board elected two new volunteers to fill those posts. Luckily for them, Alumni Senate took place the next month and served as a crash course in all things Notre Dame Alumni Clubs. Over the weekend of April 23rd – 25th, our new officers and one of our ASC representatives, Sarah Eno Grillo, attended Q&A sessions with the Alumni Association, University President, Fr. Jenkins and Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick. Our Club reps also participated in regional and club size idea sharing sessions, workshops ranging from increasing Senior Alumni participation to improving the Club's website, to hosting events with visiting ND athletic teams in compliance with NCAA regulations. The trip also provided an opportunity for our green officers to meet influential members of the Alumni Association and the University faculty. The annual Alumni Senate is an incredible tool available to anyone who takes an active role in our Club.

While on campus, we hosted a lunch for current ND students from the LA area. Though not everyone's schedule allowed them to attend, the Friday afternoon pizza party in the Sorin Room of La Fortune let us speak directly to the students our Club supports. Our goal was to increase current student's awareness of our role in the alumni community and the services we provide once they return to LA. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, so it's important we remain in contact with them throughout their tenure at ND. ♣





Sharing the Spirit

On April 22, 2009 the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles sponsored their annual Hesburgh Lecture. This event was held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and was geared towards the students accepted into the Class of 2013 and helping them make one of the best decisions of their lives – attending the University of Notre Dame! A total of 55 individuals attended including prospective students, their families, Board members and friends of the Club. Once again, the event’s honorary speaker was Jim Langford. Mr. Langford has authored several books, runs a camp for underprivileged children, and is a retired professor from the University. That night he spoke about the “Spirit of Notre Dame” and really provided the potential students the ability to see, hear, and feel what they could experience in the Fall. Afterwards, a panel of Alumni and their parents answered questions and provided their own insights and experiences. The event was a great success, especially since 52 students from the LA area have chosen Notre Dame. ❀

Freshman Send-Off

July 25 was a special day for the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles. This day marked the beginning of a new chapter in life for many. Over 130 people, including soon-to-be Fighting Irish Freshmen, their families, Club and Board members, current students, their families and friends, gathered at the at Southwestern Academy in San Marino for the Club’s annual Freshmen Send-Off picnic. The theme of the day was “Game Day 101” – a trivia game to enlighten the Class of ’13 on ND Football, Campus, activities and much more. Each new student was given the 2009 “Shirt”, ND beads and an informational booklet the Club has put together with pictures, contact information, insider tips, etc. In addition, the anxious Freshman were able to mingle with the alumni,

current students and others, ask questions and get prepared. Best of all, it was a beautiful summer day to welcome another 52 people into the Notre Dame Family. ❀

LA Students Heading to Notre Dame

Please congratulate the Class of 2013 - 52 Strong!

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| Ryan Anderson | Devlin Lynch |
| Victoria Anglin | Siobhan Martinez |
| Justin Barnes | Russell McFall |
| Madeline Casanova | Paul McNamara |
| Kathryn Chew | Michael Mercurio |
| Aaron Contreras | Michael Mitchell |
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| Kevin Krause | Sarah Thompson |
| Sean Kyle | Francisco Villalobos |
| Eugene Lee | Nolan Welsh |
| Claire Lis | Blakey Wilkins |



Calendar

August -

27 - Annual Scholarship Raffle

September -

5 - ND v. Nevada

11 - ND Women's Soccer Team
in Santa Clara

12 - ND @ Michigan

19 - ND v. Michigan State

26 - ND @ Purdue

October -

3 - ND v. Washington

5 - Golf Tournament

17 - ND v. USC

24 - ND v. Boston College

31 - ND @ Washington State

November -

7 - ND v. Navy

14 - ND @ Pittsburgh

21 - ND v. Connecticut

28 - ND @ Stanford



Get Involved with your Notre Dame Club!

The Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles is run primarily by volunteer Alumni, friends and family. We have more than 20 Directors as well as numerous volunteers who help run events and activities.

If you would like to get more involved, please contact the NDCLA office at ndcla@yahoo.com or 626.795.NDND (6363). ♣

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