



April 2009

Upcoming Events

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Universal Notre Dame Night : May 22, 2009

Where: Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
35 West Fifth Street / Cincinnati, OH 45202

Cost: \$25 Early Bird RSVP due by May 1st
\$30 Regular RSVP due by May 15th

When: Cash Bar opens 6:00 pm – Buffet dinner 6:30 pm
UND Program 7:45 pm – Dessert to follow

Reservations: www.ndcincy.com or return the form below

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UNIVERSAL NOTRE DAME NIGHT REGISTRATION FORM

Register online or complete this form and return with payment to Kevin McManus (3734 Aylesboro Avenue/Cinti, OH 45208)

Name		Phone
Street	City, State	Zip
Email	# Guests	

Cost: \$25/person by May 1st OR \$30/person until May 15th
RSVPs after May 15th made on a space available basis - RSVP Today!

Total Enclosed: \$ _____
Checks payable to the Notre Dame Club of Cincinnati

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Cincinnati Celebrates UND Night – May 22nd, 2009!

Join the Notre Dame Club of Cincinnati on Friday, May 22nd, at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza to celebrate our annual Universal Notre Dame Night!

We are honored to have Rev. William M. Lies, CSC, director of the Center for Social Concerns, as our keynote speaker. Fr. Lies has directed the Center, a leading institution for research, learning and service in the Catholic Social Tradition, since 2002. Over that time scores of students have participated in community-based learning programs such as the Appalachia Seminar, Washington DC Seminar: Human Rights, Policy, and Faithful Citizenship, and Summer Service projects (including service projects here in Cincinnati). Fr. Lies is also a political science instructor and fellow of the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. He lives in Alumni Hall.

In addition to hearing Fr. Lies, we will be presenting the Club’s 2009 Award of the Year to Nick Schrantz! Please see the article below about Nick.

Come, socialize with fellow alums and enjoy great food at a historic venue! Cost for the event is \$25 if RSVP is made via mail or online by May 1st. After May 1st RSVPs will be \$30 and are due by May 15th.

Questions about the event? Contact Kevin McManus at (513) 295-6690, mcmami22@hotmail.com, or visit www.ndcincy.com



Award of the Year 2009: Nick Schrantz



Nick is a 1986 graduate of Notre Dame and has been an exceptional leader in our club and our community for many, many years.

Nick was the Community Service chair for several years and planned a great many very successful quarterly service projects that gave members of our ND family an opportunity to learn and serve at many venues throughout the tri-state. After the riots in Over-the-Rhine, Tender Mercies asked the community for more help and Nick expanded the Club’s program to a monthly commitment to provide dinner for 40 residents. Even after stepping down as Community Service chair, Nick has stayed on as the Tender Mercies coordinator and has personally driven the process to deliver 40 meals on the second Sunday every single month since. He has recruited a core group of club members who regularly donate food, as well as a few members who occasionally go with Nick and his family once a month to haul the food down and serve it to the appreciative residents. Beyond Nick’s amazing monthly efforts for Tender Mercies on our club’s behalf, he is also very involved in the community-based youth sports groups his three children are involved with. He has coached many teams in the local soccer and basketball leagues as well as helping coach the swim team. He has also been involved as a volunteer and a leader of the Kids on Bikes junior racing club co-sponsored by Queen City Wheels and the City of Montgomery. He is an active parishioner at Good Shepherd and a supporter of scouting. *Congratulations, Nick!*

Attn: Class of 2013!

2009 Accepted Students Night for the Incoming Class of 2013

Monday, April 20
7:00-9:00pm
Ursuline Academy (*Blue Ash*)

Accepted students (congrats!), parents, and families should NOT miss this award-winning event! Our one hour and fifteen minute program will feature a wide variety of speakers from the University and the Cincinnati Alumni Club. Numerous other alumni will be present to meet with you and to answer any questions you may have.

We'll talk about academics, athletics, student life, spirituality, leadership opportunities, overseas programs, and virtually every other topic that you may find of interest. Snacks and drinks will be provided after the formal program.

This is the very best way to experience what Notre Dame is all about, both during the next four years and for the rest of your lives.

We have found this evening to be very beneficial in helping families reach final college decisions, regardless of whether or not Notre Dame ends up being your final choice.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Justen Cheers (513-545-7735 or cheers.js@pg.com)

Congratulations once again, and we hope to meet you on the 20th!

Notre Dame Book Club Awards *ongoing event*

Through the generosity of our local alums and the great work of the Alumni Schools Committee, the Club presented 31 Book Awards to deserving high school juniors in the Greater Cincinnati Area. Individual high schools presented their very best students for this honor. The criteria used to nominate these deserving students are high academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and a commitment to community service.

Congratulations to all the Awardees and their High Schools! And a big *thank you* as well, to all the members of the Notre Dame family who made these awards possible.

If you are interested in helping our program continue to grow by sponsoring a school, please call Mary Beth Lucian at (513) 469-8431 or email to mblucian@cinci.rr.com. You may nominate any school in the Greater Cincinnati area that does not already have a sponsor. The cost is \$25 to sponsor a school and the check can be mailed to Mary Beth Lucian, 8431 Preakness Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45249. Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile program.

School	Student	Sponsor
Badin HS	Matthew Roesch	Jim Mense
Batavia HS	Michelle Wright	Jennifer Hieatt
Covington Catholic	Brian Wood	Stephen Wolnitzek
Covington Latin	Kelly King	Dan Hiltz
East Central HS	Nicholas Hutchinson	Matt Marro
Elder HS	Matt Robben	Thomas McKiernan
Bishop Fenwick HS	Christopher Ventura	Doug Compton
Holy Cross HS	Steven Rickles	Jamie Eifert
Indian Hill HS	Andrew Sommerville	Kim Burke
La Salle HS	Benjamin Jelen	Robert Burger
Madeira HS	Meredith Rush	Mike Ward
Mariemont HS	Lauren Ferguson	
McAuley HS	Julie Krechting	Jack Hart
McNicholas HS	Katherine Hennekes	Jon Dannemiller
Moeller HS	Mark Nugent	Bob Tull
Mt. Healthy HS	Jacob Parmley	Tom Holubeck
Mt. Notre Dame	Maria Zarick	Gail Pryse
Notre Dame Academy	Anna Wehry	Katherine Wolnitzek
Oldenburg Academy	Julie Martin	
Princeton HS	Kathleen Ettinger	
Purcell Marian	Jean Henry	
Roger Bacon	Chelsea Hoffman	Paul Dillenburger
Seton HS	Katie Ritter	Sr. Mary Delores
St. Henry DHS	Sean Connelly	Madonna Vinicombe
St. Ursula Academy	Jennifer Head	Don Feldmann
St. Xavier HS	Elias Lewis	Pat Weber
Summit Country Day	Christopher Champlin	John Reynolds
Sycamore HS	Lauren Kley	Mike Gearin
Ursuline Academy	Michelle Merchak	Jim McGraw
Villa Madonna	Emily Schubert	Chris Hiltz
Walnut Hills HS	Joseph Holthaus	

Regional Club Meeting in Columbus *recap*

In January, representatives from Notre Dame Clubs across our region met at the Drury Inn in Columbus. 23 of the 38 registered participants were able to make the event despite snow and icy conditions, and their energetic participation was a joy to behold.

At the meeting, the group went through the 6Cs of Club Excellence (Camaraderie, Catholicity, Community Service, Continuing Education, Current Student Support, Communications) and shared event ideas, challenges, and solutions. Led by Region 9 Alumni Representative, Paul Dillenburger, the attendees shared tips and tricks, and brainstormed ways to build and better their respective clubs.

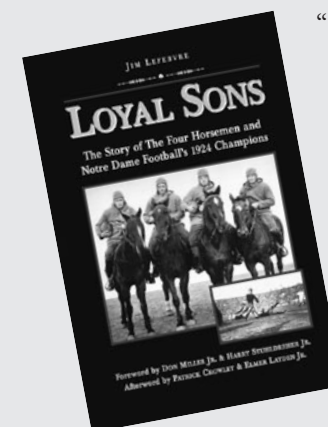
The efforts of the day were dedicated to the health of Sean Hammock of Huntington, WV. Sean is the younger brother of Josh, ND's 2008 valedictorian, and Sean is suffering from a rare type of cancer. Sean, Josh, and their mother were present at "re-founding" of the region's West Virginia Club this summer – they are wonderful people who greatly appreciate all the prayers.



Representatives from the Cincinnati Club (L to R): Carolyn White, Mike Gearin, Shannon Hart and Matt Arend

Loyal Sons Author at O'Bryon's *recap*

The Club welcomed "Loyal Sons" author Jim Lefebvre to Cincinnati on Thursday, March 12th, with a book-signing event held at O'Bryon's Irish Pub.



For more information about "Loyal Sons", please visit ndfootballhistory.com.

"Loyal Sons" tells the story of the undefeated 1924 national championship team, which featured the famed Four Horseman and the Seven Mules.

Jim brought it to life by reading selected passages from the book, and then answered questions about the team and the fascinating era of college football.

The Club would like to thank Gerry Motl and the local USNA alums for their support and attendance.



ND Glee Club Concert at St. X *recap*

One of the great Notre Dame Traditions, the University of Notre Dame Glee Club, performing since 1915, performed to rave reviews in Cincinnati as the men's vocal group kicked off their Spring Concert Tour in Cincinnati.

Over 400 attended the March 7 concert, which was held in the Performance Center at St. Xavier High School and also included two St. Xavier vocal groups, Something Blue and Shades of Blue. The concert featured two ND Freshmen, Scott Boyle and Doug Pernik, both 2008 St. X alums.

Scott's and Doug's parents, Mark and Marie Boyle and Tom and Peggy Pernik, served as co-chairs of the event, which raised nearly \$5,000 for the choral programs at Notre Dame and St. Xavier, including a stipend to the Glee Club that exceeded the Club's targeted goal by more than 25%.

Volunteers Needed! *ongoing event*

The Club is continually looking for volunteers to help prepare and/or serve dinner at **Tender Mercies** on the second Sunday of each month. The project has been a huge success due to a group of dedicated volunteers, and the Club is always in need of more help.

We need people willing to prepare one dish at home to help in our efforts to feed the forty residents of Tender Mercies. An email is sent to all of our volunteers several weeks before the event and people are able to help when their schedules allow. **The time commitment is minimal but the impact on the residents' lives is great.** If you are interested in volunteering please contact Nick Schrantz at 791-6496 or nickmegschrantz@aol.com.