



Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama



March 2000

Christmas In April

I invite each Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama member to join me on April 29th to participate in Christmas in April in Morgan county. I'll be serving as a "house captain" for one of the five houses that will be worked on in Morgan county. Let me tell you some things about Christmas in April. The Christmas in April literature states:

Christmas in April provides assistance to people who own their own home but who, because of physical limitation or income, are not able to cover the costs of home repair. Christmas in April takes its cue from the old fashioned idea of "barn raising," with as many as 75 skilled and unskilled volunteers assigned to a particular project. Homeowners are frequently amazed at the sheer number of people who come out to lend them a helping hand, they are even more amazed at the massive amount of work that can be accomplished by caring volunteers in a short period of time!

Having worked on Christmas in April in the past, I can tell you there is a lot of satisfaction in personally helping someone instead of just sending a check. There are jobs for everyone. If you are a skilled professional, an amateur, or unskilled, there are jobs for you. Jobs include plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and painting. If you have a pickup truck you can help out by picking up last minute supplies.

Last year we had our best participation yet, club members Barbara '87 and Pat Breithaupt, Brian and Tom '51 Duerr, Jane Wyatt, and Andrew Sinn '94. Let's continue to show that our Notre Dame Club is more than just a club of football fans!

For more information or to volunteer contact Joe Szedula (email: joe.szedula@hsv.ast.lmco.com,

Together, we are rebuilding America...one house at a time

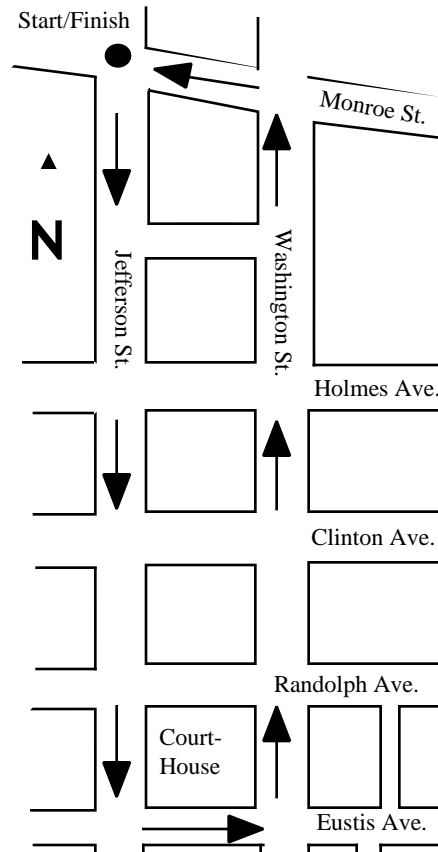
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If you wish to volunteer please do so by March 20th.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Once again it's time for the annual Madison County St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year, the parade will begin at 12 noon on Friday, March 17, in downtown Huntsville. The starting point will be the intersection of Jefferson and Monroe Streets (see the parade route illustration below). The parade will proceed south on Jefferson Street, wrap around the Courthouse, north on Washington Street, and then west on Monroe back to the starting point. Come and march with the Notre Dame Club (please come to the starting point at 11:30 AM), or just come and watch. We want to see you out there! Contact Sonnie Hereford (722-0369 home, 797-4620 cellular) for details.



Summer Service Project

For the fifth straight year, the Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama will sponsor a Summer Service Project (SSP) for a student from Notre Dame. Every summer the University's Center for Social Concerns coordinates these projects at locations around the country. Each Notre Dame student who chooses to participate spends about eight weeks performing community service in a project at a location set up by the local Notre Dame club.

We should find out by mid-March who our student will be this year. The SSP assignment is being set up through the Madison County Volunteer Center. Among our student's duties will be tutoring teenagers and teaching arts and crafts to 10-12 year old youngsters. Our student should arrive in Huntsville in early June and stay through the end of July or early August.

The Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama has several duties as an SSP host. We must set up the assignment, provide lodging for the student, and pay \$900 to Notre Dame toward school expenses. The assignment is being taken care of. We need a total of four families to volunteer to house our student for two weeks each. Also, the club will gladly accept tax-deductible donations to defray the monetary obligations for this project. For ND alumni, these donations will count toward football ticket eligibility for the 2001 season (Nebraska, Michigan State, USC, Texas A&M, Tennessee, etc).

If anyone would like more information about this project, or would like to volunteer to help, contact Sonnie Hereford on 722-0369 (home) or 726-1063 (work). Thanks !!!

BTW: 75% of Notre Dame students perform some kind of Community Service while at ND ... and 75% of ND Alumni are actively involved in Community Service!

A Visit with Beth

Beth Skalicky our club's first summer service project student came back to visit us this past Saturday. Several club members met her and her boyfriend David at Logan's Roadhouse. They drove from Atlanta, Georgia, to see everyone. Unfortunately we did not have as good a turn out as we would have liked but we had a good time nonetheless. After graduating from Notre Dame with a bachelor of science in math she went to work for Norfolk Southern in Atlanta as a computer programmer. She is seriously considering going back to school to get her master's and is thinking about the Washington, D. C. area graduate schools. She is doing well and says hello to everyone. It was nice to see her again and we wish her all the best.

If you would like to contact Beth, her e-mail address is bskalick@email.msn.com.



A Thank You Letter from Johnny Dias

Dear Mr. Tarkowski,

I would just like to thank you and all the alumni that have given me this wonderful scholarship. My family and I greatly appreciate the faith you have in my academic ability. I am meeting so many new people here at Notre Dame and I feel so lucky to be part of such a great school. The large amount of snow was hard to deal since Alabama's climate is so much warmer, but I was able to get into the habit of bundling up before leaving the warmth of my dorm room. Classes do not seem as tough as last semester, but I think it may be that I have adjusted to college life. I am actively involved in the various intramural sports including Interhall Soccer and Volleyball. For a time I was deciding whether to enter Bengal Bouts or not. I have decided to train with them but not to fight in the tournament this year. All in all, I am having a great experience in South Bend and it wouldn't have been possible without the support from the Alumni Club. Thanks again for everything that you have done for me.

Sincerely,

Johnny A. Dias

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Membership

Every ND supporter is welcome; not just alumni. Dues are \$20 per person for the 1999-2000 year, which will keep a member in good standing until July 31, 2000. Your dues help us cover the cost of printing and mailing our newsletter, and helps to offset the expenses of our activities.

Remember, your annual membership dues for 1999-2000 must be paid if you wish to be eligible for the 2000 season football game trip. Fill out the form below and send your \$20 per member to: ND Club of Northern Alabama 2612 Craft Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35816

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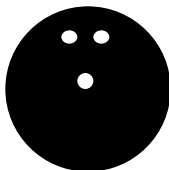
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Bowl For Kids' Sake

On Saturday, February 5, the ND Club of Northern Alabama continued its tradition of supporting the local Big Brothers Big Sisters organization in the BBBS Bowl for Kids' Sake outing. In the past, this event has been known as the Love Bowl. The ND Club assisted with setting up the bowling alley for the event, and raised over \$400 for the effort. Each year this event represents the largest fund raiser for the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.



Ice Skating Party

The Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama will host an Ice Skating Party on Sunday April 9th from 3:00 pm until 4:50 pm. The party will be held at the Municipal Ice Complex located at 3185 Leeman Ferry Road in Huntsville (behind Joe Davis Stadium). The Club has rented a party room, and will pick up the tab for pizza. Five dollars will cover the cost of the skating session and rental skates. Please bring a 2 liter soda, a dessert or bag of chips to contribute to the party and join us for an afternoon of skating and snacking!

Coming Events

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>
• St. Patrick's Day Parade	March 17 12 noon	downtown Huntsville
• Ice Skating Party	April 9 3PM	Municipal Ice Complex, 3185 Leeman Ferry Road
• Christmas in April	April 29	Morgan County
• UND Celebration	early May	tbd
• Summer Service Project	June-July	various locations in Huntsville



Updates to the club's "Coming Events" are regularly posted on our web site. The newsletter and information on club activities can also be found on our web site. You can subscribe to our electronic newsletter notice on our web site so you're notified each time something new is posted. Our web site is located at:

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