



Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama



March 2002

Christmas In April

I invite each Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama member to join me on April 27th 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 we had a small turn-out. The club members who participated were Linda Szedula (Photographer), John Delvillan, Tom Duerr '51, and Brian Duerr. 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: szedula@mindspring.com, work: 489-5832 x102). You can also find out more about Christmas in April in Morgan County or to find the volunteer sign-up form by visiting the web site:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~rt-mc/>

Or you can call the Christmas in April office at:

(256) 353-4407

If you wish to volunteer please do so by April 4th.

BBBS Bowl for Kids' Sake Outing

Congratulations to the Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama! Two ND Club teams raised over \$650 for the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake Outing at Plamor Lanes in Huntsville. Those who participated had a great time! One of our ND Club teams was made up in part by ND Club members from Birmingham! (See photo.) A special thanks to those who bowled and those who sponsored a bowler.





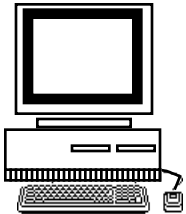
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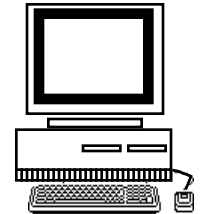


Coming Events

| <u>What</u> | <u>When</u> | <u>Where</u> |
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| • Sign-up for Christmas in April | 25 March thru 4 April | Obtain forms from: http://www.mindspring.com/~szedula/CinA/ Or call Christmas in April office: (256) 353-4407 |
| • Christmas in April | April 27, 2002 | Morgan County |



Updates to the club's "Coming Events" are regularly posted on our web site. This newsletter and information on club activities can also be found on our web site. While you're there you can sign up for the club's e-mail list. When you sign up you'll find out about the club's activities sooner. Our web site is located at:



http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc_n_al/

2002 Game Trip

This is a reminder that this year's game trip will be to the Michigan game on September 14th. The next newsletter will contain information on the details of the club trip. The cost and rules will be similar to last year's trip.

Our obtaining these tickets is due (partially) to our community service participation (see the Christmas in April article)

2003 Game Trip

We have received notification of our ticket allocation for the 2003 season. We have received 50 tickets to the BYU game on November 15th 2003. This trip will include beds at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Membership E-mail List

We are trying to compile a list of e-mail addresses for our club membership. This list will be used to keep you informed of club activities. We have also used the e-mail list to send out notices when game tickets are available. It is easy to add your name to our address list. Simply:

1. Go to our club's web site at:
http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc_n_al/
2. Click on the "Subscribe to our e-mail list" link
3. Send the e-mail message

Sending this message will automatically add your e-mail address to our list of members. You can also send an email to "szedula@mindspring.com" with the subject "Subscribe to ND Club Newsletter" (no quotes). Using either method, your e-mail address will be added to our address list.