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The Notre Dame Club of Maryland

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Mass and Communion Brunch on March 21

Our Club's annual Mass and Communion Brunch will be held at 10 am on Sunday, March 21, at Loyola Blakefield High School in Towson. Thanks to Club member **Steve Whalen '71**, we have once again made arrangements to have the Mass in the beautiful Chapel of our Lady of Montserrat at Loyola. Our celebrant will be our Club chaplain, **Fr. Gerry Lardner '74**. Immediately following the Mass, in an adjacent building at Loyola, we will have a brunch catered by *The Omelet Man*. The fare will be freshly made individual omelets and crepes. The price of the brunch for members and guests is just \$10 per person, with children 12 and under free of charge.

To make a reservation for the brunch, please first send an e-mail to Jim Coolahan '71 at jim.coolahan@comcast.net, providing the number of adults and children attending. Then send a check, payable to the Notre Dame Club of Maryland, to Jim at 3013 Boones Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042. We need to give a final number to the caterer by **Tuesday, March 16**. If you have any questions, please contact Jim by e-mail address given above, or by phone at 410-461-1491 (H).

Directions to Loyola Blakefield H.S.: From the Baltimore Beltway (I-695), take Exit 25 and merge onto Charles St. (MD 139) south toward Baltimore. Proceed on Charles St. for 1.7 miles, and take a left onto Chestnut Avenue. Loyola Blakefield is on the left. The chapel is located in Burk Hall.

ND Men's Basketball Game Watch on February 17

Join us to cheer on the Irish men's basketball team in the Big East. Come out to meet other young alums in the area and enjoy some **free food!**

WHEN: Wednesday, February 17 @ 7:00pm, ND vs. Louisville

WHERE: Looney's Pub in Canton, the same location as our football game watches in the fall. Looney's Pub is located at 2900 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore, MD 21224.

More information can be found on their web site at <http://www.looneyspubmd.com>. If you have any questions, please contact **Brooks Wunder '07** at bwunder@etnet.com or **Laura Vu '98** at vumeister76@gmail.com.

ND vs. Georgetown on February 27

The Fighting Irish men's basketball team will play the Georgetown Hoyas at the Verizon Center in DC at noon on Saturday, February 27. Although the Club is not purchasing a block of tickets, tickets are on sale for groups through the Verizon Center. Please see the order form on the Club web site.

Annual UND Celebration to Feature Father Malloy

The Club has just been notified that Rev. Edward A. ("Monk") Malloy, C.S.C., President Emeritus of Notre Dame, will be the speaker at our annual Universal Notre Dame Celebration. A date between mid-April and late May is anticipated. Watch Club e-mails, the Club web site, and the March newsletter for updates.

A message from the Club President ...

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Notre Dame alumni and friends a happy new year and best wishes for the new decade. Highlights from 2009 include the well-attended Hesburgh lecture that featured Professors Donald Pope-Davis and Darren Davis, who led interactive discussions regarding the current diversity climate in the United States with an audience of over 100 people at UMBC; this lecture is described in detail in this newsletter.

During the new year, the Club will continue its community service efforts, including support of Sarah's House, Beans and Bread in Baltimore, and Habitat for Humanity. We will also extend support for current students through scholarships, the Summer Service Program and on-campus study break pizza festivities. The Club will continue to promote and sponsor spiritual and social events such as the Mass and Communion Brunch, the annual family picnic and the Universal Notre Dame celebration. We will also continue to sponsor the Continuing Education program that provides insight for Maryland elementary and high-school teachers through the Excellence in Teaching conference held at Notre Dame. There are many more noteworthy activities, and I would like to extend my personal invitation to each and every one of you to pitch in and actively enjoy the spirit that is the Notre Dame Club of Maryland.

God bless and best wishes...

Mike Thompson '85, '86, Notre Dame Club of Maryland President

Large Crowd at UMBC Hears Hesburgh Lecture on a Post-Racial America

More than 100 people assembled in the campus library of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) on the evening of Nov 18 to hear the ND Club of Maryland's 2009 Hesburgh Lecture, "A Post-Racial America," by Notre Dame professors Don Pope-Davis and Darren Davis. The audience, consisting of ND club members as well as UMBC students and faculty, was challenged by the Notre Dame professors to consider whether the election of the first African-American president in the United States has really transformed us into a post-racial society. The professors engaged the audience in a long discussion of why our nation has a long way to go in achieving a broader acceptance of the positive values of diversity and multiculturalism. They submitted that we must embrace the differences in the various races and cultures in our country and urged people of different races and cultures to engage each other in honest dialogue.

Earlier in the day, both ND professors had the opportunity to meet with several groups of UMBC students and faculty. Although UMBC is a diverse community, the students admitted that people from different races and cultures tend to remain in enclaves of their own race and national origin. Davis and Pope-Davis challenged those in the UMBC community to interact more with people "who don't look like you or think like you." Pope-Davis closed the evening by describing how such multi-cultural engagement is necessary to truly reach a Post-Racial America. Thanks are due to **Bob Shedlock '71** for arranging the event, and to **Bill Boland '60** and Vice-President **Ken Goldman '76MBA** for assisting.



Professors Don Pope-Davis and Darren Davis chat with UMBC faculty (left) and meet with UMBC students (center); Professor Don Pope-Davis engages audience in discussion about a Post-Racial America (right).

ND Men's Lacrosse in Baltimore on March 6

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will be in Baltimore on Saturday, March 6, for the Konica Minolta Face-Off Classic at M&T Bank Stadium. Notre Dame and Loyola will be the third and final game of the day at 4:00 pm. The first contest of the event will feature Maryland against Duke, and that will be followed by Princeton versus Johns Hopkins. For ticket information, go to <http://www.faceoffclassic.com>. Watch for more information from the Club by electronic mail and on the Club web site as the date approaches.

Interested in Game Tickets / Bus Trip to ND vs. Navy and/or Army?

In the fall of 2010, the Fighting Irish football team will make two appearances in the New York City area, playing Navy at the new football stadium at the Meadowlands on Saturday, October 23 (kickoff TBA), and Army at the new Yankee Stadium on Saturday, November 20 (kickoff 7:30 pm). The Club is trying to gauge interest from our Club members in either game tickets only, or a bus trip with game tickets, to one or both games. Ticket prices have not been announced. We would have bus pick-ups as dictated by interest in the Ellicott City, Catonsville, Timonium, and Bel Air areas. The cost of the bus, box lunch, and refreshments would probably add about \$50-\$60 per person to the cost of the game ticket.

Before making a commitment, we would like an expression of interest from our Club members. To make a **no-obligation expression of interest**, please send an e-mail to Jim Coolahan '71 at jim.coolahan@comcast.net, or mail a note to Jim at 3013 Boones Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042, with the following information: game (Navy, Army, or both), number of game tickets only, and/or number of bus trip packages (including game ticket) with desired pickup location. If there is sufficient interest, and the Club can obtain game tickets, a follow-up notice will be sent to all expressing interest.

Recap of Christmas Party for Sarah's House

On December 7, the Club held its annual Christmas Party for the guests of Sarah's House. A Christmas tree with lights and garland was set up in Sarah's Café. 42 parents and children attended. A dessert of chocolate cakes, apple pies, Christmas cookies, and soft drinks was served by **Linda Clelland, Marian Sullivan '77** and her children, Bill and Linda (ND hopefuls), and **Jeanie Goldman**. As the dessert service was completed, reindeer bells were heard and Santa (**Pete Kozak '64**) and his elf (wife **Charlotte**) entered the dining room bearing a sack full of gifts. Needless to say, the younger party guests were delighted. The gifts were distributed while **Peter Twohy '88** drew cartoon caricatures as handouts for the guests. His services remained in high demand throughout the festivities. A third source of fun was a craft table where Christmas tree decorations could be created from construction paper or fuzzy sticks. Craft table helpers were **Robert Pallone, Greg '76** and **Ann '76 Benz** and their son **Mike '09**, and the Sullivans. **Jim Coolahan '71** and **Ken Goldman MBA '76** provided cleanup support.



Excellence in Teaching Conference Highlights

The club was pleased to send Douglas J. McMillan, OFM Conv., Mrs. Francine Meeks, and Mr. Norman Belden to the 2009 conference this past October 9-11. Friar Douglas has been teaching at Archbishop Curley High School in Baltimore since 2005. He presently chairs the English Department, teaches English, and moderates the Speech and Debate Club at Curley. Mrs. Meeks teaches middle school science at Saint Philip Neri School in Linthicum. She is recognized for her work in the classroom and her creative teaching talent. Mr. Belden has built a highly decorated 29-year teaching career in physical education and athletics with the Howard County Public School System, most recently at Lime Kiln Middle School in Fulton. He also has given many years of service to St. Louis Parish in Clarksville.

The conference included a keynote address by Thomas Armstrong, Ph.D. Dr. Armstrong is an award-winning author and speaker with over 30 years of teaching experience from the primary through the doctoral level. He has over one million copies of his books in print on issues related to learning and human development. Dr. Armstrong presented a session on multiple intelligences in the classroom and illustrated the methods of "Awakening the Genius in Every Child." Congratulations to Friar McMillan, Mrs. Meeks and Mr. Belden on their selection for the conference. The methods and techniques presented at the conference should benefit them, as well as the staff and students at their respective schools. Thanks to **Patrick Reese '89** for organizing this program for the ND Club of Maryland again this year.

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Calendar of Events
February - April 2010

- February 11 **Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm @ USGS, near UMBC
February 17 **Basketball Game Watch**, 7:00 pm @ Looney's in Canton
February 27 **ND Men's Basketball vs. Georgetown**, 12:00 noon @
Verizon Center, Washington, DC
March 6 **ND Men's Lacrosse vs. Loyola**, 4:00 pm @ M&T Bank
Stadium
March 9 **Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm @ USGS, near UMBC
March 21 **Mass and Communion Brunch**, 10:00 am @ Loyola
Blakefield
April 5 **ND Women's Lacrosse at Loyola**, 12:00 noon
April 13 **Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm @ USGS, near UMBC
April/May **Universal Notre Dame Celebration**, featuring Father
(date TBD) Malloy

Our next newsletter will be sent to dues-paying members in March.

For updates, see the Club website at <http://maryland.undclub.org>



**ND 2009-10 Men's Basketball
Schedule (starting late January)**

Feb 4	9:00	Cincinnati
Feb 7	12:00	USF
Feb 11	7:00	@Seton Hall
Feb 14	7:30	St. John's
Feb 17	7:00	@Louisville
Feb 24	7:00	Pittsburgh
Feb 27	12:00	@Georgetown
Mar 3	7:00	Connecticut
Mar 6	2:00	@Marquette
Mar 9		Big East Tournament

All times are Maryland (EST).

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