

# NDBSL UPDATE

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NDBSL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mike Lemmon, '68

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## Annual Membership Meeting Report

NDBSL held its annual membership meeting January 23, 2016 in the NDHS Library. Plans were discussed to hold a membership event in the spring, possibly in conjunction with a tour of Incarnation House. Membership dues letters will be sent out in early spring. President Pete Ball announced that we now have four benefactors who wish to help fund any special projects that come before the Board. President-elect Mike Lemmon, Class of 1968, announced that our next fundraiser will be a \$2500 VISA gift card raffle; tickets cost \$25 and the drawing will be held May 1 (see story below). Financial records will be audited in March 2016.

New Board members elected are Sarah Blaser (1964), Kitty Hickerson (1965) and Nedah Moyer Rose (1964). They are joining current Board members Pete Ball, Mike Lemmon (1968), Marsue Schwille Williams (1964), Barbara Bertillion Hair (1966), Linda Burrows (1966), Susan Hall Keith (1964), Bill Williams and Madison Hunnicutt. New adjunct Board member is Brenda Seitzler Coach (1964).

Several NDHS projects have been funded this school year: debate team materials and shirts; books for the English department; classroom materials for English department; needed supplies for 2015 Valedictorian Raviola Wenno. Other projects will be funded as requests are submitted.

## Take a Chance! \$2500 VISA Raffle Tickets

NDBSL is again offering a great opportunity to support academic needs at North Dallas through the purchase of a raffle ticket. Tickets are on sale from a NDBSL Board member or on our website ([www.ndbsl.org](http://www.ndbsl.org)) for \$25 each. A random drawing will take place on May 1 and the winner will receive a \$2500 VISA gift card. Take a vacation! Pay some bills! Buy a new wardrobe! Dream big, take a chance by purchasing a ticket or two and support NDHS.

Last year's raffle winner is David Jones, Class of 1963. He used his travel voucher to take his family to Hawaii to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dream big like David did! You could be our next winner.



# Debate Team Report

By Jo Rohde - Sponsor

As we enter into the second part of the debate season, our teams have created a new plan to address this year's topic about how to reduce our government's ability to spy on us. Our plan is to repeal Section 702, also known as The Patriot Act. We have debated at two tournaments already with the new plan, and are seeing some successes! North Dallas took home several Top Speaker awards. At the Varsity City Championships held on the SMU campus, our team of Sade Varnado and Shayla Ngyuen held one of the highest records, winning 3 of their 4 debates, almost securing a position in the finals. The team continues to grow and evolve, and we are thankful for all the support we receive from NDBSL.



## NDHS State of the School 2015-2016

NDHS Principal Blanca "Patty" Rodriguez reported on the school's latest Texas Education Agency report:

- Met state performance standards on Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps and Postsecondary Readiness; missed Student Achievement standard by one percentage point.
- Accountability rating is "Met Standard" – three years in a row
- Distinctions earned in Science and Social Studies
- School size: 1209 students 9-12
- 83% are economically disadvantaged
- 28% are English language learners
- 12% are homeless (130 students)

Goals for this year:

- Parent and Community involvement
- Improving student math and English skills
- Focusing on 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Focusing on increased attendance and credit recovery

NDHS is helping to support these efforts. If you would like to contribute, information is on our website [www.ndbsl.org](http://www.ndbsl.org).



North Dallas Debate Team and their sponsor, Jo Rohde, showing off new team T-shirts purchased by NDBSL.

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