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I hope this finds you all well and 'recovered" from the holidays. I know it's unusual for you to hear from the Chapter at any time other than prior to the Scholar-Athlete Banquet and the December Board meeting, but there are several items of importance of which I want you to be aware.

For those of you who were in attendance at the December Board meeting, you will recall that our founder, Jack Grinold, has issued a challenge to the Board of Directors. In honor of the late Jack Daly, Jack has pledged to match any donations to the Chapter by members of the Board up to a cumulative total of \$5,000. We have already received two contributions before this official solicitation has gone out, and should we match Jack's generous offer, our treasury would be significantly bolstered.

Any contribution you can make is appreciated. Checks can be sent to:

Bill Gorman, Treasurer Jack Grinold Eastern Mass. Chapter NFF 47 Paine Street Winthrop, MA 02151-1912

For the past several years the National Football Foundation has requested that we add a college scholar-athlete award to our banquet. Beginning in 2012 we will do so. The award will be named in honor of Jack Daly. The specific criteria have not yet been finalized, but will encompass academics, citizenship/community service, and football ability. We are very excited about this addition to our honors, and we anticipate that this will assist us in further engaging the colleges and universities in the Chapter footprint.

On Wednesday, February 15, our founder will be honored for his lifetime devotion and contributions to football by the *33 Touchdown Club* at their annual "Huddle". Jack will be feted at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. In addition to Jack's award, Gil Santos and Gino Cappelletti will receive awards. Ticket information is available at <u>http://www.33touchdown.org</u>.

In our quest for new members, I would again like to ask that each of you attempt to enroll at least one new member for the Chapter. We have increased our membership by approximately 33% in the past year or so, and every person that we bring in will assist us in continuing the programs we have run in the past and assist us in making strides in the future.

Also in the membership vein, for those of you receiving this communication via US. Mail, we are setting up an e-mail list for board members who would prefer to receive our information in that manner. If you would prefer communication via e-mail, please drop me a line at rfcrosley@gmail.com.

And finally, our Chapter Clinic will be held Saturday morning, March 3 at Boston College. The facility there is magnificent and I invite you all to stop by and see the great work done by Tom Lamb and the hospitality shown by Barry Gallup in setting up the Clinic.

I wish all of you a safe, healthy, and happy 2012!

Roger