

GONZAGA FATHERS CLUB NEWSLETTER- FEBRUARY 2012

Membership in the **Gonzaga Fathers' Club** is open to all Dads, step Dads and guardians of current and former Gonzaga students. Our mission is to serve, support, and advance the ideals of the **Jesuit** community and the student body of Gonzaga. We do that by directing efforts to serve, providing the financial means to support, and creating an environment to advance the spirit of "**men for others**" through the involvement of students and Dads, step Dads, and guardians together.

ITEMS of NOTE:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Freshman Retreat, February 17 – 19

The Freshman Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of February 17-19, 2012. The GFC supports this event by providing daytime drivers and overnight chaperones on Saturday (February 18). The daytime drivers transport the students to/from the homes of Gonzaga parents hosting off-site activities and the overnight chaperones provide oversight for the students sleeping over at Gonzaga. Neither of these commitments requires a great deal of time yet both provide support essential to a successful Retreat. If you can help out, contact Brian Cashmere at bcashmer@wthf.com to volunteer.

- GFC Membership Meeting, February 22, (6:30 pm)

The next monthly meeting will feature the dads gathering with Father Planning for a night of reflection on Ash Wednesday (February 22) - Mass/ashes/discussion and a light meal will be the order of the evening. Come out and join the GFC for a reflective evening to start the Lenten season.

- Father/Son Service Project, March 3

We need your help! Once again, the Gonzaga Fathers' Club has come up with what we believe is a unique opportunity for Fathers and Sons to work together in the spirit and tradition of our Gonzaga community. Our objective is to assist a local service agency by providing facility maintenance and refurbishment. We will be assisting the Gift of Peace Home, 2800 Otis Street NE, Washington, DC 20018 with a variety of projects. Our first priority is to encourage you, the Fathers and Sons of Gonzaga, to volunteer for an active, on-site, all day role in this project. To join us in this endeavor, email Phil McCarthy at phil.mccarthy@transwestern.net

- Bull & Oyster Roast, March 3

The Fathers club will participate as volunteer support to the Gonzaga Development Office for the 25th Annual Bull & Oyster Roast on Saturday March 3rd from 6:00-11:00pm. The Fathers Club will provide volunteer support for check in and the 50/50 raffle to benefit Sister Seton. In years past we have been able to donate over \$600 dollars. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by THE B STREET BAND, a tribute to the Boss, and catering by Jerry D's of Baltimore. The event is an

opportunity for Alumni, Parents and Friends of Gonzaga to celebrate a night at Gonzaga for only \$50.00 with endless food and beer. Register at www.gonzaga.org/bullandoysterroast

PARTICIPATE IN THE FATHERS CLUB!!

The Gonzaga Mothers Club and Gonzaga Fathers Club are the sponsors of numerous activities throughout the year (e.g., Christmas Gala, D.C. Classic Basketball Tournament) each with the single focus of helping to make a difference in our sons' high school experience. In addition to the many social and service events hosted each year, the GMC and GFC sponsor several fund raising activities that collectively contribute annually nearly \$250,000 to support various needs of the school.

However, the success of the GMC and GFC can only be achieved through the involvement of the mothers, fathers and guardians of Gonzaga students. As a member of the GFC, you are invited to participate in our monthly meetings, our Father-Son service projects and the multiple opportunities to volunteer at and for Gonzaga. There is a great need to support our many activities and we ask that you choose an activity that is right for you. Our website www.gonzagafathers.com shows what is available and where you are needed. And as a member of the GFC, your efforts to encourage other Gonzaga Dads to join are critical to our growth and ability to serve Gonzaga and our sons. As one who has experienced the benefits of the GFC, you are uniquely positioned to convince other dads to enjoy the rewards of service to others while staying connected in a significant way to your son's life.