

GONZAGA FATHERS CLUB NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 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:

Kudos: Our thanks go out to several Dads for leading our December events - Erik Kreil for the Gala Raffle, Pat McCullough for the Gala clean-up, John McLaughlin for the DC Classic, and Bob Johnson for the Freshman Father/Son Service Project -- all successful examples of our commitment to be 'Men for Others'

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- *Gonzaga Business Network Meeting, January 4, (5:30 pm)*

The Gonzaga Business Network is having its next meeting in the lower commons on January 4, 2012. Registration starts at 5:30 pm, followed by the program at 6:30 featuring a GBN sponsored job fair for recent Gonzaga grads.

- *GFC Beer and Brat Membership Meeting, January 18, (6:30 pm)*

The next monthly meeting will feature international cuisine and beverage and be followed by the GFC meeting that will welcome Fr. Planning and feature the once postponed appearance of a former Gonzaga Dad speaking on a variety of legal topics of interest to high school students and their parents.

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.