

GONZAGA FATHERS CLUB NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 2011

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:

Ongoing thanks to Erik Kreil and Duane Clark for their tireless efforts in organizing the selling and collecting of tickets at the home varsity football games, culminating at the last regular game against St. John's at Blair High School.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- *Gonzaga Business Network Meeting, November 1 (5:30 pm)*

The Gonzaga Business Network is having its next meeting in the lower commons on Tuesday, 11/1. Registration starts at 5:30 pm, followed by the program at 6:30 featuring speaker Vince Sheehy, President of Sheehy Auto Stores. For \$25 you also may enjoy dinner provided by Wing Hub Sports Bar and Grill.

- *Father/Son Pep Rally & Hall of Fame Night, November 4 (6:00 pm)*

The Gonzaga Fathers' Club proudly announces the 2011 Annual Father/Son Pep Rally and Hall of Fame Induction. The event will take place in the Theater on Friday, November 4, 2011 on the Gonzaga College High School campus. The Alumni Association will recognize outstanding inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's honorees include:

- Michael Svec '85 – Golf
- Alvin Brown '97 – Basketball
- The 1996 W.C.A.C. Championship Football Team

The Pep Rally will motivate our Varsity football team on the eve of its game against rival St. John's College High School. This will be the 94th meeting of the two teams. Other entertainment will include a skit performed by the Gonzaga Booster Club and cheers led by the Gonzaga Booster Club and athletes from various Gonzaga sports teams. Join us at 6:00 PM before the Pep Rally for a Tail Gate party to include hot dogs, drinks and good company in the Lower Commons. **Any students & coaches wearing athletic apparel – game jersey, sweats, golf shirt – will be admitted & eat free of charge!!!!** The program will commence at 7 PM.

- *Ticket Sales at final Gonzaga home football game – November 5 at 3PM against St. John's at Blair High School*

Enjoy Gonzaga football, grilled hamburgers and the convivial company of other Gonzaga dads while helping out the football program and doing something good for the GFC. Contact Erik Kreil at erik.kreil@eia.gov or 202-557-1186.

- [GFC Membership Meeting, November 9 \(6:30 pm\)](#)

The next monthly meeting will be in the lower commons. Come on over to Eye Street to enjoy some Novemberfest food, German beers, and listen to a presentation from a former Gonzaga Dad on a variety of legal topics that might be of interest to high school students and their parents,

- [Gonzaga Classic Planning Meetings, November 14 \(6:30 pm\)](#)

This is another in a series of important meetings to plan for a major basketball tournament and critical fund raising event. The meeting will be held in Cleary room 122. Contact John McLaughlin at jmclaughlin@cavlog.com or 703-733-4048.

- [Gonzaga Open House, November 20 \(10:00 am - 2:00 pm\)](#)

This event, that helps to renew the life blood of Gonzaga, is one of the most important days of the year for the future of the school. It's the day we welcome prospective students and their parents to visit campus and feel the power of the Gonzaga spirit. We need Fathers' Club volunteers to serve as hosts from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. You can sign up for the full 5 hours or you can choose either the early (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) or late shift (12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.). Rick Ruzicka and Jerry Echols are the Fathers' Club co-chairmen of this event. If you can help, contact Rick at ruzickaff@state.gov.

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.