

GONZAGA FATHERS CLUB NEWSLETTER- OCTOBER 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:

Thanks to Tom Loranger for his stellar leadership in making the Gonzaga/Visitation Family Picnic on September 11 a great success and also to Erik Kreil and Duane Clark for their tireless efforts in organizing the selling and collecting of tickets at the home varsity football games. Also a note of appreciation to all who supported the inaugural 'Ride to Remember' in memory of Fr. Novotny.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- *Gonzaga Classic Planning Meetings, October 11 & October 24 (6:30 pm)*

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.

- *Carmody Open (October 14, 2011)*

Enjoy some time away from the office at the Carmody Open - a great event.

- *Ticket Sales at upcoming Gonzaga home football games – October 15 at 2PM against O'Connell*

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.

- *Joint Meeting with Mothers' Club, October 19 (6:30 pm)*

This will be the first combined GMC/GFC meeting of the school year; aside from the opportunity to enjoy the company, expect to hear from a social media expert about the potential risks facing our sons through unguarded use of the sites AND how we as parents can help advise our sons and mitigate these risks.

- *Freshman Father-Son Service Project,*

The Freshman Service Project traditionally scheduled for October will now take place in December as the focus of the effort will be the Capitol Area Food Bank where their greatest need is shortly before the Christmas holidays.

Thanks again to Bob Johnson for leading this effort - expect to hear more over the next month as we and our sons can experience together what it means to be 'Men for Others'.

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.