

GONZAGA FATHERS CLUB NEWSLETTER- SEPTEMBER 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:

KUDOS to Phil Beauboeuf, Duane Clark and all GFC members and volunteers for a very successful contribution to the Freshman Welcome Picnic last Tuesday, August 23rd -- efforts above and beyond the call of duty in the face of earthquakes and local traffic.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- GFC Steak & Ale, September 7 (6:30 pm)

The GFC kick-off membership meeting will provide the chance to hear from Fr. Planning, Joe Reyda and key event chairs as we set the new school year in motion.

- Gonzaga/Visitation Family Picnic, September 11 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

The GFC continues its support of the school at the Gonzaga/Visitation Picnic on September 11. Volunteers are welcome and needed. Please plan on attending this traditional event with your entire family. Mass, a cookout and a few competitive games between the girls and the boys! Great fun for everyone! Contact Tom Loranger at 202-441-7089 or toloranger@aol.com.

- Ticket Sales at all Gonzaga home football games, starting September 3 at 2PM against McDonogh.

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.

- Jesuit Gridiron Classic, September 17 (2:00 pm)

Come to Gonzaga to watch this year's version of a crucial rivalry and assist in ticket sales to the betterment of Gonzaga's football student-athletes. Contact Erik Kreil at erik.kreil@eia.gov or 202-557-1186.

- 2011 Gonzaga D.C. Classic Planning Meeting, September 22 (6:30)

An important meeting 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.

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.