

April 2024 Newsletter

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President's Message...

Hello David,

Amity had a busy March with a monthly dinner/speaker event, the annual Amity Charitable Foundation meeting, a pop-up March Madness get together, and our now annual March Madness 50/50 Pool.



We have 43 Amity members participating in this year's March Madness pool. Prize money will go to the top five finishers. Most importantly, we raised \$780 for the Amity Club Foundation.

On March 6, **Mitch Morris**, as the immediate Amity past President, convened the Amity Charitable Foundation to allocate charitable funds raised by Amity over the past year through our membership dues, 50/50 raffles, and other fundraising activities such as the NFL and March Madness pools.

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We were able to allocate just over \$23,000 among 29 deserving organizations including, for example, the Anti-Defamation League, the Birthright International, the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Manna Food Center, and Montgomery Hospice.

On March 11, we had our dinner/speaker event at La Ferme, featuring a packed house of over 100 Amity brothers. We first enjoyed the cocktail hour featuring top shelf drinks and some great hors d'oeuvres including stuffed mushrooms, smoked salmon, and other delectable offerings. We then sat down to a sumptuous meal featuring several delicious entrees, including sautéed filet mignon and herb roasted tournedos of Norwegian salmon.





Our evening ended with a choice of some delicious desserts and our speaker, Adam Lehman, who is the president and CEO of Hillel International, the largest Jewish student organization in the world. Adam's very informative discussion included the rising antisemitism on college campuses and what Hillel is doing to combat the trend, especially since October 7th.

The 50/50 raffle collected \$420 for charity and congratulations to our winners: Ken Popkin, Scott Rabin, and Alan Weiss.



Thanks to a host of guys for making all of this happen -- **Steve Strickman, Steve Feldman, Dan Ellenbogen, Neil Brami, Bob Moses, Adam Abrahams, Steve Wollins, Barry Sandler, Jerry Frishman, Tony Marill, and Albert Bloomfield.** Special thanks to **David Grover**, who very capably coordinated the evening in my absence.

On Thursday March 21, 30 Amity members and guests gathered at The Barking Dog in Bethesda for a March Madness Pop-up event. We reserved the top floor with four televisions for the four games that night. Those who came enjoyed a drink as well as an appetizer buffet. It was an enjoyable time to nosh and enjoy the games together. Thanks to **Ron Zeigel** who did an incredible job pulling this event off in a week!

On Sunday, March 24th, we had our first ever Amity Walk around Rockville, featuring the Amity Prez with Amity members and some of their spouses including: **Ron Ginsburg, Tony Marill, Barry Sandler, Don Klein and his wife Lisa, Harold Berger and his wife Sherri, and Charlie Meyers, his wife Dawn and their dog Tobias.** It was a great time had by all and

we got to enjoy a bright sunny early Spring afternoon gabbing and laughing with our friends as we did a 3-mile hike through Potomac and Rockville. We will try and do this again in the future.

Upcoming Events:

April Induction Dinner -- To be held at Manor CC. on Thursday April 18th. The invites are already out for this event.

Rebuilding Together - Amity annually partners with our friends at Beth Ami and Shaare Torah and Rebuilding Together Montgomery, to rebuild a home. This year's building for our group will take place in Tobyetown, off River Road, on Sunday, April 28th, all day. You have a choice of shifts from 8 am - 12:30 pm; 12:30 pm - 5 pm; or all day. If you would like to volunteer, please email Lynne Wyntraub, lrwlynn@verizon.net for which shift you want to volunteer. Please let them know you are with Amity and please also email, the Amity coordinator, Bryan Aaron, bpaaron@gmail.com. There are also opportunities to volunteer on April 21st or May 5th, if you can't make the 28th. Please note, you must register in advance.

Poker Night and Dinner -- at the Progress Club, on Wednesday, May 8th from 5:30 - 10 pm, which includes several different small pot poker games as well as a Texas Hold'em buy-in game for \$40. The Invitation is already out.

Second Annual Amity Member-Guest Golf Event -- at spectacular PB Dye Golf Club on Thursday, May 16th. Invitations are already out.

I'm excited to announce that we are bringing back an **Amity Night at National's Park**. On Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:45, we have reserved tickets in Section 113, in the shade under cover, for the Nationals versus the Minnesota Twins (the original Washington Senators). Tickets cost \$37 for members or \$47 for all guests. Please note that there will not be bus transportation or a required meal. Invitations are already out.

The **Amity Couples Club** is coming back thanks to our new Chairman Larry Wolk. The dinner will be on **Sunday, May 19th** at 6:00 pm, at **The Parthenon Restaurant**, 5510 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington DC 20015 and will feature as our Guest Speaker, **former NBC4 News Reporter Pat Collins**. Dinner is going to cost \$99/couple, which includes appetizers, a Greek Salad, and a choice of 5 separate entrees, coffee, tea and dessert. Like all previous Couples Club events, alcoholic beverages are not included in the meal price.

As you can see, Amity is rocking this year thanks to our Board and the hard work of our volunteers! We have many events coming up including Poker Night and the start of Golf season with our Member/Guest at PB Dye. There truly is something for all of your Social and Golf Members and we hope you will take advantage and join us at these events.

2023/24 Upcoming Calendar (Tentative Calendar with More Events to be added)

4/18 - Thu - New Member Induction (Manor CC)

5/8 - Wed - Amity Poker Night (Progress Club)

5/16 - Thu - Amity Golf Member Guest and Dinner (PB Dye GC)

5/19 - Sun - *****Amity Couples Club Dinner and Speaker***Just Added (TBA but please hold the date)**

5/21 - Tue - *Amity Night at Nationals Park - Nationals v. Minnesota Twins at 6:45 pm *** - Please add to your calendar**

6/26 - Wed - Amity Golf and Crab Feast (**Note this is now AM Golf**) (Compass Point GC followed by Crab Feast at Mike's North in Pasadena)

7/14 - Sun - Amity Family Picnic (TBA)

7/24 - Wed - Amity Morning Golf and Lunch (Bretton Woods CC)

8/14 - Wed - Amity Morning Golf and Lunch (Cross Vines [Poolesville] GC)

9/16 & 9/17 - Mon-Tue - Amity Golf Overnight (Rock Harbor GC, Winchester, VA)

9/23 - Mon - Dinner and Speaker Lori Glaze of NASA (TBA location)

10/16 - Wed - Dinner and Speaker (TBA)

11/12 - Tue - Dinner and Speaker Tim Kurkjian (Manor CC)

12/9 - Mon - Dinner and Speaker (TBA)

If you know of a speaker who may be of interest to our Amity members for an upcoming event, please reach out to [Allen Orenberg](mailto:aorenberg@orenberglaw.com) at aorenberg@orenberglaw.com

Don't Forget about the Amity Facebook Group!

Please check out the AMITY GROUP Facebook page to see event photos and posts from the past and to see what your fellow Amity brothers are up to. We encourage our members to publicize upcoming non-Amity events that could be of interest to our members. (PLEASE NOTE, however, that this group is for social postings ONLY. We do not allow political rants. Thank you.) Click on this link to join the private [Amity Facebook page](#)

Board and Committee Recruitment

It takes a village to run Amity, not just the Executive Board. We have been so lucky in 2024, to have such a great group of Amity Volunteers serve on our Board and as Committee Chairs. Available committees are the following: Membership Committee; Philanthropy Committee; Speakers Committee; Hospitality Committee; and the Communications Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to help out on the Board, as a Committee Chair and/or a Committee Member, please contact Past-President Steve Wollins, sjwollins@gmail.com or President-Elect David Grover, degolf1827@verizon.net. Thanks for your consideration.

Good and Welfare

As a community, it is really important for us to communicate significant life cycle events. Simply click here and fill out the form or contact me directly.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Nothing to report.

REFUAH SHLAYMAH: We pray for a complete and peaceful healing to the following who are recuperating from recent illnesses or surgeries:

Nothing to report.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Ben Teicher whose father passed away on February 29.

Matthew Klein, whose father Joel Klein passed away on March 27th.

[Amity Roster!](#)

[Click here](#) to access the Amity roster and do the following:

- Once you have entered your user name and password, you will be taken to the Amity web page portal.
- Please click on "Amity Club of Washington" in the upper left corner and then click "Visit Site". This takes you to the Amity website.
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Your username is your email address. If you have a problem, please contact Tom Temin at RecordingSecr@AmityClubofWashington.org or Stu Kushner at stukushner@gmail.com.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Nothing to report.

Reminder this section is simply for members and not for advertising.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL TO:

- 6 - Michael Gartman 1967
- 7 - Alan Schulman 1952
- 9 - Raymond Bialek 1954
- 9 - Thomas Temin 1955
- 11 - John Harte 1963
- 16 - Howard Goldberg 1952
- 17 - David Spiegel 1954
- 17 - Harris Ammerman 1945
- 17 - Rick Melnick 1951
- 20 - Bernard Brill 1954
- 21 - Steven Friedman 1954
- 24 - Joel Morse 1962
- 26 - Roy Simon 1954

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL TO:

- 1 - Jeffrey Green and Cindy Green 1990
- 1 - Steven Friedman and Linda 1976
- 2 - Anthony Marill and Anne 1995
- 4 - Steven Feldman and Denise 1987
- 7 - Robert Shapiro and Jodi 2002
- 7 - Wayne Benjamin and Francine 1984
- 8 - Barton Trenk and Gloria 1989
- 8 - Roy Simon and Esther Simon 1979
- 10 - Andrew Simpson and Susan 2005
- 10 - David Landsman and Dawn Landsman 1983
- 12 - Jim Neustadt and Maria Chanin Neustadt 2003
- 18 - Jeffrey Rosen and Ilene 2004
- 19 - Mitchell Berman and Andrea Berman 1986
- 23 - Darren Popkin and Suzanne 1988
- 26 - Jeffrey Welan and Renee 1976

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



David Merkin,
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