

August 2024 Newsletter

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President's Message...

Hello David,

As we continue to celebrate our 100th Year of Amity, we kept busy in July with a golf outing and a Couples Club event. Before we get to a recap of these events, I would like to discuss an initiative being engineered by **Membership Chair Adam Abrahams.**



Adam's goal is to reach out to our members to get feedback about their Amity experience, including suggestions on how we can improve the organization. Some of you may not have much to say other than "Amity is great – looking forward to the upcoming events." That's ok. His goal, however, is to "show some love" to the general membership and to show you that we do not take your membership for granted.

With the exception of a few long-time members, you will be contacted over the next three months by the membership committee through a number of different ways, including phone, email, or just kibbitzing at an Amity event. Also, please note that this initiative is not for the purpose of asking for membership renewal.

We started our month on Sunday July 14 with our first Amity family picnic. This event showed the best of Amity with more than 60

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people in attendance including spouses, significant others, kids, and grandkids with great friends, noshing and kibbitzing. Although it was very hot, we had an amazing afternoon and I'm so glad we held this event for the first time.

Thanks for all the hard work of **Social Chair Ron Ziegel** as things were fantastic. The food from Peter's deli in Bethesda was terrific and plentiful as was the beer, cider and wine. Also, thanks to **David Kottler** for bringing the My Dad's chips and to **Marc Zitelman** for bringing his new toy, a 1927 Dodge, out to the event for all the kids and adult kids to swoon over.

Thanks for helping set up and clean up to **Don and Lisa Klein, David and Robin Grover, Jerry and Vicki Frishman, Ron and Linda Ginsburg and Steve Feldman, and Allen Orenberg**. Also, special thanks to **my wife Lisa** for all her help yesterday and all of her behind the scenes support the last two years.



On Wednesday July 26 we had morning golf at Bretton Woods GC, which included breakfast and a fabulous lunch. Bretton Woods was a terrific course for Amity as the pace of play was great and few people lost golf balls on the course.

Congrats to the winning team of Stu Kushner, Jeff Kushner, Dan Ellenbogen and Gary Rosen in one of the closest Amity golf competitions ever from top to bottom, to Steve Rothenberg and Alan Diamond for winning closest to the pin, and to Stuart Plotnick and David Grover and David Gavin for winning the 50/50 raffle. Overall, we raised \$180 for our charitable foundation!

Thanks to a host of guys for making all of this happen including **David Gavin, David Grover, Dan Ellenbogen and Albert Bloomfield**. We apologize for not having pictures of the event but below is one of our favorites from the past!



On Saturday July 27, the Amity Couples Club had what has become an annual event at the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown WV. After enjoying two plays, the six Amity couples had a private Q and A with the associate artistic director and most attendees stayed for dinner at a local restaurant. Special thanks to **Nancy Feldman (Cary)** for arranging the event, including discounted tickets. We look forward to working again with Nancy next year and attracting even a larger Amity group to attend the event!

Upcoming Events:

August Golf -- Morning Shotgun Golf on **Wednesday, August 14**, including breakfast and lunch at **Musket Ridge Golf Club** in Meyersville, MD (Please note the site has changed and is not at Cross Vines.) Invites are already out.

Pop-up Social Event -- Amity Social Happy Hour on **Thursday, August 22** from 6-8 pm, at **Caddies in Bethesda**, featuring a talk and book signing by noted Washington Redskins historian Mike Richman. Invites are already out.

Golf Overnight -- The invites are going out for our annual overnight golf event -- at **Rock Harbor GC in Winchester, VA** for the first time -- on **Sept 16-17 (Mon-Tue)** featuring a fun two days of golf, eating, and schmoozing with your Amity buddies!

September Dinner -- Mark your calendar for our first dinner/speaker event of the fall season on Monday September 23, at Hong Kong Pearl Restaurant in Gaithersburg featuring Lori Glaze of NASA.

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

- 8/14 - Wed - Amity Morning Golf and Lunch (Musket Ridge GC)
- 8/22 - Thur - Happy hour at Caddies in Bethesda with Redskin historian Mike Richman.
- 9/16 & 9/17 - Mon-Tue - Amity Golf Overnight (Rock Harbor GC, Winchester, VA)
- 9/23 - Mon - Dinner and Speaker Lori Glaze of NASA (Hong Kong Pearl Restaurant)
- 10/16 - Wed - Dinner and Speaker former Washington Post Editor Len Downie (La Ferme)

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 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:

Danny Laibstein who is recovering from recent shoulder surgery.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Nothing to report.

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.

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Nothing to report. Reminder this section is simply for members and not for advertising.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST TO:

- 1 - Alan Grant 1954
- 1 - Solvin Gordon 1953
- 2 - Glen Lazovick 1955
- 2 - Martin Levine 1944
- 6 - Ben Teicher 1964
- 6 - Leslie Ulanow 1954
- 8 - Chris Gordon 1948
- 10 - Daniel Goldberg 1968
- 11 - Sheldon Feldman 1935
- 12 - Mitchell Morris 1958
- 12 - Ross Levin 1969
- 15 - Mitchell Glassman 1953
- 15 - Randall Rothstein 1950
- 17 - Eugene Wishnia 1944
- 20 - Morton Faller 1946
- 23 - Jonathan Edenbaum 1962
- 23 - Stanley Abramson 1946
- 26 - Seth Price 1969
- 27 - Michael Fanaroff 1959
- 28 - Andrew Koblenz 1956
- 30 - Albert Bloomfield 1970
- 31 - Matthew Klein 1970
- 31 - Stuart Plotnick 1962

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN AUGUST TO:

- 1 - Glenn Meltzer and Jackie 1982
- 4 - Glen Kruglak and Fran 1974
- 5 - Geoffrey Azaroff and Gail 1979
- 6 - David Grover and Robin 1972
- 7 - Richard Schimel and Barbara Mulitz 1983
- 12 - Sander Davidson and Suzanne 1984
- 14 - Lawrence Tempchin and Ginger 1982
- 15 - Robert Margolis and Elizabeth 1992
- 16 - Samuel Williamowsky and Barbara 1973
- 20 - Sheldon Feldman and Robin 1983
- 23 - Andrew Koblenz and Katey 1981
- 25 - Ronald Lyons and Jill 1985

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



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