

## May 2024 Newsletter

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## President's Message...

Hello David,

As Amity's 100th year celebration continues, we had a busy April highlighted by our new member induction dinner, our first road cleanup of the year (actually the last day of March), our annual Rebuilding charitable event, and the conclusion of our March Madness 50/50 pool. We are also looking to create some "Amity 100" apparel and we hope to share, in the near future, the information and marketplace for this. I also hope that all of you have had a Happy Pesach with your family and friends! (I'm sure by the time you get this tomorrow everyone will have had their fill of matzo.)



**Constant Contact Update** - As several of you are aware, there has been a multitude of problems since the new Constant Contact program was introduced this Spring. Needless to say, it has created almost double the work for our leadership in trying to create events and send out emails to our Amity members. We have also had difficulties for several years coordinating Constant Contact with the Amity website. I have now authorized **Bryan Aaron** to begin testing out a program called "mailer lite", a competitor to Constant Contact. Amity is definitely in the initial stages of this testing. Thanks also to **Matthew Mintz** and **Stu Kushner** for their help with this project. If any

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of our members would like to help with this project, please reach out to Bryan at bpaaron@gmail.com.

We had 43 Amity members participating in this year's March Madness pool. Prize money went to the top five finishers. Congrats to **Allen Orenberg** for his first place finish. The other top four finishers were me, Jeff Welan, Adam Abrahams, and Jim Neustadt. Most importantly, we raised \$700 for the Amity Club Foundation. Thanks again to our 50/50 Challenge Commissioner **Gary Rosen** for organizing such a fun event!

Amity had a great evening for our new member Induction Dinner at Manor Country Club on April 18 with over 90 Amity members attending. We feasted on delicious appetizers and top shelf cocktails, and then enjoyed the main course of herb crusted rockfish, roasted chicken, or filet mignon! To cap off the evening, 12 of our 18 new members of the Class of 2024 who were inducted into Amity.

Kudos to **Mike Freiman**, who again did an amazing job emceeding the intro of all of our inductees and had everyone laughing with his "newbie nicknames" and recitation of the "hallowed" traditions of Amity. The 50/50 raffle collected \$360 for charity and congratulations to our winners: Gerry Dubin (twice!) and Alan Grant (with help from John Harte).





Thanks to a host of guys for making all of this happen -- **Steve Strickman, Steve Feldman, Dan Ellenbogen, Neil Brami, Bob Moses, David Grover, Adam Abrahams, Steve Wollins, Don Klein, and Albert Bloomfield.**

On Sunday, April 28th, Amity partnered with our friends at Beth Ami and Shaare Torah and Rebuilding Together Montgomery, to rebuild a home. This year's building for our group helped to rebuild a home in Tobytown, off River Road. Thanks to **Bryan Aaron** for coordinating Amity's effort in the event and helping to install some new tile.



Also, to catch up on a late March event, I would like to report on the first road clean up of 2024 on March 31. **Bob Moses, David Landsman, Rich Schimel, Steve Walfish, Dale Ross, Mark Baron, Jon Epstein, Dan Ellenbogen** cleaned up our portion of Falls Road and then enjoyed a fun breakfast at Brooklyn's Deli. Thanks to **Bob Moses** for coordinating the event.



## Upcoming Events:

**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**. Dinner only is available to those who do not want to play golf. Invitations are already out. Golf Chair **David Gavin** is coordinating this event and feel free to reach out to him at [pdgavin@yahoo.com](mailto:pdgavin@yahoo.com) for any additional information.

**Amity Night at National's Park** -- I'm excited to announce that we are bringing an old favorite. 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.

**Amity Couples Club** -- Our first Couples Club event of 2024 is happening 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. Invitations are already out and 37 of the 40 spots are already taken.

**Philanthropy Event** -- The next Manna event is **Wednesday June 12**. Please reach out to Steven Walfish at [steven@statisticaloutsourcingservices.com](mailto:steven@statisticaloutsourcingservices.com) if you would like to participate.

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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.

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**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 (La Ferme)

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

12/9 - Mon - Dinner and Speaker (Norbeck CC)

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](mailto: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](mailto:sjwollins@gmail.com) or President-Elect David Grover, [degolf1827@verizon.net](mailto: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:**

Wayne Benjamin on the engagement of his daughter, Jessica, on April 21.

**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:**

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.
- Rosters are found in the REPORTS tab at the top center.
- Click REPORTS and select the "AMITY MEMBERSHIP ROSTER" icon and save to your desktop or print as needed.

**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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## **NUTS AND BOLTS**

Nothing to report.

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY TO:**

- 1 - Neal Brown 1947
- 3 - Lawrence Snider 1952
- 4 - Robert Shapiro 1966
- 5 - Charles Meyers 1950
- 5 - Steven Wollins 1954
- 6 - Dale Ross 1950
- 6 - Mark Levin 1955
- 6 - Steve Lorberbaum 1958
- 9 - Donald Klein 1949
- 12 - Robert Moses 1953
- 14 - Lawrence Wolk 1949
- 14 - Lonnie Greenblatt 1957
- 17 - Adam Ostrach 1959
- 17 - Steven Walfish 1965
- 18 - Allen Orenberg 1954
- 19 - David Kottler 1958
- 21 - Robert Singman 1963
- 23 - Douglas Greenhaus 1957
- 26 - Jonathan Epstein 1963
- 26 - Marty Butin 1959
- 27 - Glenn Meltzer 1954

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN MAY TO:**

- 1 - David Waghelstein and Ellen 1983
- 3 - Harold Burstein and Miriam 1997
- 7 - P. David Gavin and Jan 1978
- 9 - Ira Greenspan and Marlo 1998

- 12 - Joel Morse and Toby 1991
- 17 - Bob Levey and Jane 1980
- 20 - Donald Klein and Lisa M. Schuster 1984
- 20 - James Reznikoff and Beth 2018
- 21 - Steven Van Grack and Sue 1993
- 22 - Michael Freiman and Ann 1983
- 24 - Paul Lewis and Andrea 1997
- 26 - Allen Orenberg and Randi Demberg 2001
- 26 - Phil Magenheim and Kathy 1986
- 27 - Lance Pelter and Maureen 1973
- 28 - Alan Weiss and Karen 1978
- 28 - Daniel Ellenbogen and Emily 1988
- 28 - John Harte and Bonnie 1994
- 30 - Chris Gordon and Debra 2004

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



David Merkin,  
President

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