

## September 2024 Newsletter

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## President's Message...

Hello David,

We had something for everyone as we wrapped up the summer season -- our fourth golf event of the year and a pop up Happy Hour.



Before we get to a recap of these events, I would like to remind everyone of the ongoing membership I discussed in last month's newsletter -- to reach out to our members to get feedback about their Amity experience, including suggestions on how we can improve the organization. You will be contacted over the next couple of months by the membership committee through a number of different ways, including phone, email, or just kibbitzing at an Amity event.

We started our month on Wednesday August 14 with morning golf at Musket Ridge GC, which included breakfast and a fabulous lunch. We probably had one of the nicest August golf outings weatherwise in years on a beautifully maintained course!

Congrats to the winning team of David Grover, Glen Kruglak, Steve Strickman, and Albert Bloomfield, to Adam Abraham and Glen Kruglak for winning closest to the pin, and to Bob Moses, Gary Rosen, Jonathan Epstein, and Alan Diamond for winning the 50/50 raffle. Overall, we raised \$240 for our charitable

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foundation!

Thanks to a host of guys for making all of this happen including **David Gavin, David Grover, Dan Ellenbogen and Albert Bloomfield.**



On August 22, we had an Amity Social Happy Hour at Caddies in Bethesda, featuring a talk and book signing by noted Washington Redskins historian Mike Richman. We had more than 50 guys signed up for the event who all had a great time showcasing the best of Amity with schmoozing, noshing and collegiality in a relaxed atmosphere.

Thanks to **Dan Ellenbogen** for helping out. Special thanks to **Ron Ziegel** for all of his time and effort in putting this whole event together. Congrats to Ray Bialek, Bob Levey, and Lloyd Malech for winning the 50/50 raffle. Overall, we raised \$205 for our charitable foundation!





### **Upcoming Events:**

**NFL Survivor Pool** -- We had so much fun and success last year providing weekly challenges to our participants and more importantly raising money for Amity Charities. Thanks to **Steve Wollins and Gary Rosen** for once again administering the pool. You should already have an invite to participate.

**Golf Overnight** -- The invites are already 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 Shoshana Weider of NASA. Invites are already out.

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

- 9/16 & 9/17 - Mon-Tue - Amity Golf Overnight (Rock Harbor GC, Winchester, VA)
- 9/23 - Mon - Dinner and Speaker Shoshana Weider of NASA (Hong Kong Pearl Restaurant)
- 9/30 - Mon - New Member Appreciation Night - Just Added (401 N. Washington St., Rockville)
- 10/16 - Wed - Dinner and Speaker former Washington Post Editor Len Downie (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.

**In particular, we are looking for someone to be the Vice President of Membership for 2025. We need someone who will elevate our Membership recruiting in both quality and quantity. The ideal Membership Chair will lay the foundation for Amity for our organization and its member support network now and into the future. We need someone that is outgoing, visible and well liked and has the enthusiasm for Amity to continue to grow our great organization. Being the Membership Chair will assure you group recognition and provide a path to be President of Amity.**

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:**

Past President Steve Wollins on the birth of his granddaughter Blake Wollins.

Bob "Holy" Moses on his hole-in-one on August 27th at MCG Needwood Golf Course's 17th hole!

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

Past President Andy Bridge on his recovery from a mini stroke.

### **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.

## **NUTS AND BOLTS**

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER TO:**

- 2 - Lawrence Tempchin 1959
- 4 - Harold Berger 1958
- 7 - Stuart Kushner 1956
- 9 - Alan Weiss 1952
- 10 - Steven Groban 1944
- 15 - David Waghelstein 1958
- 15 - Neil Jacobs 1967
- 16 - Barton Trenk 1953
- 19 - Ronald Halber 1968
- 24 - Jeffrey Welan 1952
- 25 - Perry Sandler 1948
- 27 - Rand Gelber 1956
- 28 - Anthony Marill 1965

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER TO:**

- 2 - Harold Berger and Sherri 1984
- 2 - Leslie Ulanow and Lori 1990
- 5 - Rand Gelber and Nancy 1982
- 5 - Steven Schuster and Wendy 1993
- 6 - Dale Ross and Patti 1981
- 6 - Glen Lazovick and Debbie 1981
- 7 - Lawrence Wolk and Susie 1980
- 8 - Neil Berger and Leslie 1990
- 9 - John Sturc and Susan 1979
- 10 - Arthur Dykes and Eileen 1978
- 18 - Brian Jamieson and Lauren 1988
- 22 - Joel Appelbaum and Liz 1984
- 25 - Lawrence Kline and Leslie 1983

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



David Merkin,  
President

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