



116 West Broad Street \* Unit B \* Falls Church, VA 22046

## Unity Club News

### It's Time to Tee Off!



June 2018

In case you haven't heard – our biggest fundraiser is here. Yes, our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday June 18 at Laurel Hills Golf Club in Lorton, VA. Join us in making this our most successful tournament ever.

- **Sign up to golf.** Looking for singles or foursomes to play in the tournament. Women golfers are especially welcome this year – receiving a 10% discount.
- **Not a golfer?** – Join us for Food and Fun at the banquet immediately following the tournament
- Sponsor a hole. This is a great way to support the Unity Club and its mission
- **Participate in our raffle.** Who knows? You may be the lucky winner of the new set of Taylor made golf clubs or the 55" color TV. 1 - \$10.00  
3- \$25.00 10 - \$80.00



Brochures are available in the Unity Club Lobby or check with the coffee bar staff for more information.

The Saturday morning Breakfast is taking a break for the summer. Look for its return starting in September. But remember our coffee bar is open 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM daily.

**Music Lovers** – Join the Music Gathering at the Unity Club Sundays at 2:30 PM in Room 3. Bring your instrument or just yourself and enjoy the creation of sober music with your fellow travelers in recovery.

Summer is right around the corner! Kids out of school, work schedules shift, vacations planned. Can't make your regular member. Remember that the Unity Club is open 7 days a week offering about 120 meetings for 15 fellowships. Our first meeting is 6AM, our last 8:30 PM and lots in between. Meeting schedules can be found in the Unity Club Lobby (left wall).

*Unity Club of Falls Church, Virginia is a meeting place for members of Alcoholics Anonymous and fifteen other recovery fellowships based on the 12-Steps of AA. It is a safe haven for people to come to while they work on a different way of life. It is a place of hope.*

### Fatherhood: A Love Story

By John Greer

*“Good Fathers not only tell us how to live, they show us.”--Mark Twain*

Having been a father for 32 years, I realize fatherhood and sobriety have changed me. If it weren't for my fatherhood I doubt whether I would have become or stayed sober.

The joys of these two opportunities, fatherhood and sobriety, are difficult to put into words, but suffice it to say, my heart knows this could never have happened without each other working together in my life. (Continued on page 2.)

## Fatherhood: A Love Story By John Greer (cont.)

So many ways of showing up, in so many difficult circumstances, made me become very aware of “Our Father” along with the many fathers in our fellowship were consistently presiding over all of my challenges. My life continues to show me that as a father, I am allowed to be a grateful trusted servant for my children, grandchildren, wife and my life.

My story as a father, really began in such a totally unforeseen way when my two sons and little daughter were 11, 8 and 6 years of age. The responsibility of care, love, and guidance was shattered by my alcoholism-- and at this point with my ”scorecard reading zero”-- a whole new love and story slowly began to evolve through the fellowship and direction of this simple, but not easy, program.

The elements of divorce are so difficult for everyone, especially the children. All the fathers in my life did not turn their backs on me and their presence allowed me to confront emotional, financial, and spiritual challenges. These factors allowed me to be the father I needed to be and changed a near tragedy into a real love story.

As I write this, I think of the Mark Twain’s quote, ““When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.”

## Happy Father’s Day!



**2018 Spring Golf**  
*Classic*  
A TOURNAMENT OF HOPE

Monday, June 18th 2018  
Tee Off @ 1:00 p.m.

LAUREL HILL GOLF CLUB  
LORTON, VIRGINIA

Number of Items	Total
Golf/Dinner Pre Pay @ \$135 = (\$145 day of event)	\$
Foursome Pre-Pay @ \$540 = (\$580 day of event)	\$
Food & Fun @ \$40 = (Non-Golfer Awards Banquet)	\$
Mulligan @ \$5 = (Limit 3 per golfer)	\$
Raffle Ticket (s) @ \$10 = (or 3 for \$25 or 10 for \$80 - no limit)	\$
Full Hole Sponsor @ \$500 =	\$
Half Hole Sponsor \$300=	\$
I'm not golfing this year, but would like to make the following donation	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

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