Dear AGC Members,

As the sun begins to set on yet another calendar year, I am reminded of the speed at which life seemingly flies by. Age has clearly accelerated my perception of time yet brings with it a perspective on life that I did not have as a younger person. I'm more grateful for an enhanced appreciation of family, friends, and health. I'm also more mindful of the importance of the legacy we leave and am hopeful it is positive and inspirational to others.

One of my favorite church hymns titled “Have I Done Any Good Today?” is a terrific reminder to me of a great way to approach our lives. Although I often fall short, this hymn inspires me to do better each day!

1. *Have I done any good in the world today?*
Have I helped anyone in need?
Have I cheered up the sad and made someone feel glad?
If not, I have failed indeed.
Has anyone's burden been lighter today
Because I was willing to share?
Have the sick and the weary been helped on their way?
When they needed my help was I there?

(Chorus)
Then wake up and do something more
Than dream of your mansion above.
Doing good is a pleasure, a joy beyond measure,
A blessing of duty and love.

2. *There are chances for work all around just now,*
Opportunities right in our way.
Do not let them pass by, saying, "Sometime I'll try,"
But go and do something today.
'Tis noble of man to work and to give.
Love's labor has merit alone.
Only he who does something helps others to live.
To God each good work will be known.

We are fortunate and blessed to be members of a club and live in a community where so many people genuinely exemplify the message of this hymn. Helping others comes naturally to so many of you!

We embarked on The Little Darling Par 3 Course project a mere 6 months ago. It began as a simple idea to create a venue that would strengthen our youth and our families while building something special to enhance our community and our golf club. The enthusiasm and progress we have made in this short period of time is amazing:

- We have completed a layout and design for the course that will be nothing short of spectacular!

- We have garnered AGC member and Alexandria community support that will be the impetus of our success for the project!
- We have had numerous AGC members and community leaders offer their professional support and expertise to help complete the project successfully and in a cost-effective manner!
- We have developed a very conservative financial operating model that will drive community appeal and long-term success for AGC.
- We have developed a fundraising model that is a win-win for AGC, the Alexandria community and future members of The Little Darling Par 3 Course!
- And thankfully, we have already received over half of what is needed to construct the golf course next year - some 50 pledges totaling over $800,000! A huge thank you to everyone who has participated thus far!

We are well on our way to making The Little Darling Project become a reality for AGC and for our community. The legacy it will leave for our youth and for our families and future generations will be something very special.

I'm so very thankful for everyone who has assisted in getting us to this point in the project. It has been an incredible 6 months of progress and excitement. I am hopeful many more of you will consider making a financial contribution to the project in the weeks ahead. Your contribution gets you terrific membership benefits to The Little Darling Course that will generate immeasurable family fun and memories to last a lifetime. And just as importantly, your contributions will help us strengthen our youth, their families, and the community for generations to come. Please contact David Kjos (Ph. 320-760-5955, email kjosnews@gmail.com) or Bruce Leland (Ph. 320-805-0141, email bruce.leland@conteches.com) to contribute to the project or get additional information.

Thanks for everything you do to make AGC and the Alexandria community such a special place.

All the best to each of you for a terrific holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Jerry Rose
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