Dear AGC Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend as we honored and mourned the many U.S. military personnel who have died serving in the United States Armed Forces. Their sacrifices make it a real blessing to live in this great country and in the Alexandria community!

What a night we had on Saturday as we held our Welcome Back Event and Pro-shop Grand Opening. With over 300 people in attendance, it was a wonderful evening to kick off the 2023 Alexandria Golf Club season in earnest. AGC is thriving in many ways, and we are certainly appreciative to each of you as members – you are what make the club special in so many ways.

I was asked quite frequently Saturday evening how The Little Darling project is progressing, so I want to give you a quick update regarding this watershed project for our club and community.

FUND-RAISING

We are currently a little over a quarter of a million dollars short of our fund-raising goal to build this spectacular par 3 golf course. Many of you have expressed a desire to contribute to the project and I am confident we will reach our goal given the excitement so many of you have for the project along with the generosity of our members. I hope you will consider helping us as there are terrific benefits to everyone contributing to The Little Darling project. Please contact myself (jar5858@gmail.com or 216-978-5497), David Kjos (kjosnews@gmail.com or 320-760-5955) or Bruce Leland (baleland@gmail.com or 320-805-0141) to make a contribution or for any questions you may have. THANK YOU!

PROJECT TIMING

Our course design, topography mapping and major project details are almost complete. We are currently working with ALP and the City Council in an effort to confirm our water source for the critical irrigation plans for the project. A city ordinance that was put in place in 2017 requires us to secure a special exemption in order to drill a well for the project. Well water is the current source of irrigation water for our existing 18-hole golf course and is the preferred source of water for The Little Darling project due to annual operating costs and irrigation flexibility. The irrigation system is the largest cost of the project and is the most critical infrastructure required for meticulous maintenance of this extraordinary venue. We are hopeful we can successfully work through the details of this well exemption with city leaders in the next couple weeks so we can finalize plans for the exciting project construction this summer and fall.

AGC and Community Benefits

I can't overemphasize the terrific benefits this project will provide to our youth, to AGC and to the Alexandria community. I refer to The Little Darling project as a watershed project because I

am 100% convinced it will be a major turning point for long-term success of our community and club. It was inspiring to see the number of young families and youth at our Welcome Back Event Saturday evening. They are the lifeblood of our future and providing fun and wholesome venues are essential to a strong and growing community. The Little Darling Par 3 Course and Learning Center will deliver incredible benefits to our youth, our families and the community that will pay dividends for generations to come.

Like many of you did over this Memorial Day weekend, I reflected on the sacrifices that have been made by many to make our lives so much better. I'll close with the lyrics from a hymn I love because it reminds me of what we can do to help others. The title of the hymn is "Have I Done Any Good?"

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.

Thanks for all you do to make AGC and the Alexandria community the great place that it is!

All the best,

Jerry Rose
Little Darling Project Chair