

Raleigh Sports Club request to “Keep in Touch”

I received a call from a great longtime friend last week that I hadn't talked with in over four months. After a good conversation and lots of laughs, he said “keep in touch.” Later I thought about that formerly simple and maybe superficial close. In today's times it is profound!

As you are hopefully aware, your Raleigh Sports Club canceled in-person meetings for the rest of this calendar year due to Covid-19. In years past, you would have, by now, received your annual dues request for \$80.00, a list of weekly program speakers, and be excited about upcoming fall sports.

We may not be able to meet, but we are keeping last year's membership roster and not asking for annual dues. I plan to send out communications each week as it is important to continue to be engaged so that once this is all behind us, we can resume as a strong viable Club.

Regrettably, I must note the passing of members since March. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Larry Adamsick, Betty Deal, Randall Madrey, Ron Klein and Bob Jones. I fondly remember each of them and they will be truly missed.

This fall our VP, Nicholas Hulse, is trying to reach out to former speakers and friends of the Club to possibly have some interviews that we can share digitally! New Board Member John Watkins is reaching out to High School ADs and Coaches to hopefully continue to recognize local student athletes. Maybe we can give a little recognition to boost what I'm sure is a disappointing fall season.

Another idea that I would like some feedback on is having a “take-out” lunch provided at Highland United Methodist Church on a Wednesday. Our friends Tom Lamb from HUMC and David Greenwell from the Forks Cafeteria believe we can provide those at cost and in a safe manner with a drive by pick up. This may be a way to support the Forks in a difficult time AND enjoy those great lunches we are missing!

Let me know your thoughts on that possibility and please let us know any news on members, sports activities in the area, and any other things that our membership might enjoy. I can be reached at rchlapp@aol.com. Until then . . . *KEEP IN TOUCH!*

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