



POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Annual Reunion Dinner was a success. As we were approaching October 23rd quite a few of us were getting nervous because not many of the Alumni had RSVP'd to Mike Kelly (parades2@verizon.net) stating that they were going to be in attendance. When the caterer was setting up I, John Torres, had stated to their crew that we were expecting somewhere between 50 to 75 people. To our surprise over 100 Alumni celebrated the festivities with us.

We had a 50/50 Raffle (as usual) and collected \$600.00. When the prize was awarded to Bob Slattery (PMA 63) he, very graciously, donated his \$300.00 winnings back to the Scholarship Fund.

PMAAA BOARD MEETING

We held our quarterly Board Meeting on September 9th and discussed the upcoming reunion, status of the PMA 61st Street Plaque, the renaming of West 61st Street to "Power Memorial Way", and our upcoming PMAAA Scholarship Fund Raiser that will be held on Friday, November 20th, 2009.

If any Alumni wish to be invited to the Fund Raiser, please contact Joe Maffia (PMA 77) at: JAM@JRLLC.com or via telephone at the following number: 917-847-6382. We will be asking any attendees to make donations to the PMAAA Scholarship Fund.

Power Notable

Jim Mellett, OLQM '50 (PMA 54), who grew up in Apt. 4-A in 16 Arden St., is now a retired professor from NYU who lives in Connecticut, was seen Monday evening Oct. 12, on the National Geographic TV cable channel in a program called "Razor Jaws" as part of their series called "Prehistoric Predators." As the expert in paleontology, Jim guided the Nat Geo crew in their 3-D reconstruction of the ferocious wild dog from its fossilized skull, teeth & bones. This pooch could sever a human arm with one chomp. Jim is also filmed as he clocks the speed of a live charging wolf. (Since both have white fur on the chin, you can tell Jim as the one without any hair on his head.) You may still be able to view any repeats of the show.

All Hallows Dinner

The High School of All Hallows celebrated their 100th year anniversary with a very large dinner in an exclusive private club in New Rochelle. Andrew (Chick) Pisani (PMA 70), Joe DeFazio (PMA 71) and John Torres (PMA 70) represented PMA to congratulate them. We were given quite a few ideas on what we may want to use for the PMAAA reunions.

Joke Spot

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart.

'What do you think you're doing?' asks the wife.

'They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans,' he replies.

'Put them back, we can't afford them,' demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping.

A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and places it in the basket.

'What do you think you're doing?' asks the husband.

'It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,' replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: 'So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price.'

Heard on the PA system: 'Cleanup on aisle 25, we have a husband down..'

A man was riding his Harley along a California beach when suddenly the sky cleared above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, 'Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'

The biker pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'

The Lord said, 'Your request is materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports require reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind.'

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, 'Lord, I wish that I and all men could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy..'

The Lord replied, 'You want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?'

PMA Class of 1955 Get Together

On November 4th the Class of 1955 had a reunion luncheon in Manhattan. The gathering was organized by Jack Sharkey and had 19 people in attendance. The event day started with cocktails at Jack's Apartment on Sutton Place overlooking the East River and then proceeded to Butler's Restaurant at 51st and First Avenue. Stories, pictures, the usual teacher stories, career and family updates filled the day.

Great job Jack! What will you do for an encore???

How To Avoid The PMA Newsletter Being Identified As SPAM

- 1.) Ensure that your Email has not reached its capacity threshold (because many of our Alumni's Mail Boxes are full and if it is then our Email is rejected).
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Note: Due to the cost of doing a mailing via the U.S. Post Office we ask that each of our Alumni provide an Email Address to us. We do not foresee doing very many mailings of our quarterly Newsletters. If you do not personally have an Email Address then please ask one of your family members if they would send an Email to PMAAlumniAssoc@AOL.COM and have them identify your name and graduation year as the person to whom they will forward the Newsletter to.

Final Dismissal

Eugene McCann (PMA 45).....2009
Bernard Dempsey.....Sept 2009
Dominic Castriota (PMA 67).....Sept 2009
Steve Conroy (PMA 71).....Aug 2006
David Gautier (PMA 70).....Aug 2009

President's Letter

Dear Brother Alumni,

The Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association has enjoyed another year of success. I wish to thank all of the board members for their continuous diligence and hard work. I also wish to extend my gratitude to Tom McGuire '49 for his dedication to the Board. Tom is a founding board member and served on several committees. He is most notable as the author of our newsletter. Tom is stepping down from the board and "retiring." We will miss his input at the meetings.

The reunion dinner was held on October 23, 2009 and as usual a good time was had by all. It was nice to see that several alumni traveled from across the country to attend. I also wish to again take this opportunity to acknowledge Connie DeFazio, wife of Joe DeFazio '71, and Randi Torres, wife of John Torres '70. Connie and Randi took charge of the memorabilia sales table for the entire night, giving board members the opportunity to visit with their classmates.

Our website has now been upgraded and moved to a new host server where many changes are still in the process. One item that has been brought to my attention about the web site, is that of donations and dedications. If you make a substantial donation of \$100 or more, you can have your name and dedication listed on our Scholarship Fund page. Please include a note with your donation or you can follow up with an email to me or to the board secretary at PMAAlumniAssoc@aol.com and we will ensure your listing.

One of our new board members, Tom Cullen '71, has become seriously ill recently; please keep him in your prayers.

As a reminder, if you are changing your address, whether home or email, please let us know so that our board secretary can update the database.

There is a new supply of Power memorabilia items such as hats, T shirts and sweatshirts, but the supplies and sizes are limited. The sweatshirts turned out to be exceptional. If you wish to purchase any, please send me an email at a.chickpisani1@verizon.net

I wish to extend to all of you my best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Purple and Gold Forever

Chick Pisani '70

POWER MEMORABILIA

Hat \$15.00

T-Shirt \$10.00 M, L, XL & 2XL

Golf Towel \$10.00 (only a few left)

Purple Polo/Golf Shirt \$25.00 M & L, (75th Anniversary Shirt)

Gold (soft pastel) Polo/Golf Shirt \$30.00

Sweatshirt (Gray) \$30.00



Varsity Jacket (wool) \$275.00 (Special order - see below)



To make things easy, please write a **separate check for \$7.50** to cover the cost of shipping and packaging of the shirts & hats, and **make this check out in my name** since I pay the post office up front. This will help prevent extra bookkeeping.

The Varsity Jacket is a custom jacket and will be a special order. It will take several weeks to make. The sizes range from S up to 5XL, regular, tall & extra tall. There will be a small modification to the collar. The colors will be reversed & the gold will be in leather.

Please note: The size L jacket is equivalent to size 42-44.

The price for size S to XL is \$275.00, add \$15.00 for sizes 2XL to 5XL, and for tall sizes (2 inches longer) or extra tall (4 inches longer) add \$15.00.

To order the jacket, please send me a minimum deposit for \$150.00.

The shipping will be \$10.00 for the jacket, which will be a separate check also.

You can make your checks out to the PMAAA and mail them to me at:

Andrew Pisani

411 Forest Ave

Lyndhurst , NJ 07071

The proceeds of the memorabilia are going into the Scholarship Fund.

Let me know your mailing address, the sizes you want and how many of each item. If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address a.chickpisani1@verizon.net

Thanks

Chick