



POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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2009 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

2009 Reunion

Mike Kelly Reunion Committee Chairman and PMAAA Board Vice President has announced that plans for our 20th Annual Reunion are complete.

BY POPULAR DEMAND WE ARE GOING BACK TO A FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT
It will be held on **Friday October 23rd** at **Cathedral High School, 350 E 56th St. NYC** from 6 to 10 PM. It will include a buffet dinner with two carving stations a choice of hot and cold food, an open bar, dessert and coffee/tea. Price is being held at **\$ 50 per person**. Guests are welcome. Payment at the door is allowed. **ADVANCE PAYMENT IS PREFERRED.** There will be a sports memorabilia auction, a 50-50 drawing (for the Scholarship Fund) and Power memorabilia available for purchase.

For additional information or reservations please contact Mike Kelly at 845-462-2865 or parades2@verizon.net

FOR Advance Payment.

Mail checks made out to PMAAA to Mike Kelly at 91 Hills Terrace, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. Please list names of all persons and class year as

Board of Directors

The third quarter meeting of the Board was scheduled for a date after the release of this Newsletter. Details of the meeting will appear in the next Newsletter.

On July a special meeting of the Board was held to discuss events surrounding the effort to place a remembrance plaque and add a supplemental street sign at the site of PMA.
(see below)

Recognizing PMA

After the disappointment of being turned down by the Alfred in our attempt to place a commemorative plaque at 161 W 61st Street, we now have encouraging news regarding this effort and that of adding a street sign. (Power Memorial Way) to the location. We have received unexpected support for these tasks. Discretion dictates that we cannot at this time reveal further details, but be assured that it looks like we will be successful in accomplishing our goals. We should be able to provide complete information in the next Newsletter.

Our Scholarship Schools

We recently received a message from **Karen Fredrickson**, Director of Development at **Rice HS**. She informed us of an upcoming Golf Outing. It is on Monday, September 28, 2009. Details can be obtained at: goriceraiders.com. A Silver Sponsorship for this event has been made in the name of PMAAA by an anonymous donor. Karen also gave us an update on what the students have been doing...For the third straight year, 100% of the senior class were accepted into college. The Robotics team, in partnership with the Frederick Douglass Academy, placed 6th among 67 schools participating in the Robotics Competitions. At the end of May, students staged an "Arts and Inspiration" production. In sports, the Freshman, JV and Varsity basketball teams won their respective City (a first ever!) and the Varsity went on to win the New York State Championship title. The baseball team, stepping up from Junior Varsity to Varsity competition this season, went all the way to the City Championship before losing in the final game. It's nice to know that our scholarship is helping such a successful school.

Messages From Alumni

In this issue's "Final Dismissal" we note the passing of **Ed Goonan ('59)**. We received this notification from his brother **Michael ('62)**, he also gave us the following info: Ed had a profound love for Power Memorial throughout his life. He wore his Power ring until his final days in Hospice and, as per his instructions, on his Urn was secured the Power pin he wore when he marched in 2007 – right next to his Fighting 69th Rainbow Division pin from his years in the NYS 42nd Infantry Division and next to his beloved Pan Am pin where he gave 35 years of service.

Chris Vedral ('78) is trying to help his older brother find affordable and suitable housing in NYC. Someplace he can take his dog and have a decent place to live. He is 54 years old, has a mental disability and has been on social security and disability benefits. He can no longer work or hold down a job. Chris remembers that there was, and may still be, a PMA grad who worked with Catholic Charities. This organization is known to help people that are having a tough time getting by. He would like to make contact with this person or anyone who could be of assistance. He says *"I would greatly appreciate, and the Power brothers would send you a special blessing from the Gold Star gym in the high in the heavens. This is a hard thing for me to handle alone so I am reaching out to my Power family for help and support. contact me at chris_vedral@yahoo.com or call me at #267-229-4790*

Jack O'Brien a 1964 graduate of Bergen Catholic HS is looking for **Ed "Eddie" Walsh** for a reunion at NJ, Shady Lake. He guesses Ed was Class of '64 as they were about the same age and that's when he graduated. Jack can be reached at| obcon@charter.net

Neil O'Connell writes: "I never did graduate from Power but as I told Brother Killelea, Power gave me character and strength to survive Viet Nam and finish College in 10 years, at night. My

daughter is an MD and Assistant Professor at Columbia. My son has his own Ad Agency in Philadelphia”

PMA Website

The Scholarship Page on our website has been completely redesigned in an attempt to make it simpler to identify contributors and dedications. If you have made a donation to the fund please check this webpage to be sure you are accurately represented. The Remembrance Page has also been changed. It is no longer associated with the Scholarship Fund. It now pays tribute to those deceased who are a credit to PMA.

Class Of 1961 Reunion

The Power class of 1961 is planning a 50th reunion in 2011. They have given themselves 2 1/2 years to find everyone. So far 50% of a class of 261 has been found. If you graduated in 1961 and have not been contacted about the 50th reunion please contact: Rich Deneen at rich.deneen@cox.net

The Health Spot

THE IMPORTANCE OF ASPIRIN

There are other symptoms of a heart attack besides the pain in the left arm. **One must also be aware of an intense pain in the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently.** There may be no pain in the chest during a heart attack.

The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, IMMEDIATELY DISSOLVE TWO ASPIRINS IN YOUR MOUTH and swallow them with a bit of water. **DO NOT LIE DOWN**

PMAAA Scholarship Fund

Mike Kelly reports that the new Committee is now in place. They have been meeting via email and are currently considering a fund raising event for the November or February time frame. They have continued to receive a few donations by mail, and are grateful for these. They are still driving for the additional \$ 25,000 required have the Scholarships self sustaining. Please do not holdback because you feel your donation would be considered too small, every bit helps. Believe it or not, \$ 20 from every registered Alumnus would get us close to our goal.

Mail your checks made out to the PMAAA Scholarship Fund to Kevin Bollbach, 445 East 86th Street, Apartment 4H New York, N.Y., 10028. If you are eligible for a matching gift program please send us the paper work.

The existing committee is: Mike Kelly '55 Chair., Kevin Bollbach '64, Treasurer, “Chick” Pisani '70 PMAAA President, Tom Cullen '72, Kevin McGreary '72, Angelo Pino '86, Joe Maffia '77, Gerry Mc Gee '61.

Suggestions or questions are welcome, send them to Mike Kelly at parades2@verizon.net

Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I trust everyone is in good health and enjoying the summer.

I wish to welcome Brian Kearney '84 to the Executive Board, as he brings a lot of enthusiasm and spirit, and many new ideas with him.

Thanks to Sean Crowley '83 and Joe Maffia '77, we have been moving ahead with having a street name change on 61st Street. They become the quite the spearheads of this project. We made our presentation to the City and are now waiting for their decision.

John Torres '70, our Board Secretary, has been working on a pet project which concerns our scholarship recipients, Jude Chery at Rice H.S. and Jonathan Czar at All Hallows. John came up with the idea of having each scholar make a two minute video about their educational experiences at their respective high schools. The plans are to put the videos on our website so that all of you, the Power Alumni membership, can see the results of your donations to the scholarship fund

Karen Fredrickson, who is the Director of Development at Rice High School, informed us that Rice is hosting a book signing in October 2009. The book is "The Street Stops Here" which is about Catholic high school education in Harlem. It was discussed in our Spring 2009 Newsletter.

Our shadowboxes are still being put together and I wish to thank those of you who decided to part with your Power items. These boxes should go on display at Rice and All Hallows this winter when we make our annual visit to present the scholarship checks. Please contact me at my email address, a.chickpisanil@verizon.net if you wish to part with a Power item for display.

Good news for you band members 1969 - 1973! The May 1970 Lincoln Center concert was just converted over to digital from a tape recording. The same thing was done to the 1969 Christmas concert. I have both CDs ready to burn/copy. If you want a copy, let me know. Special thanks go out to Ed Litke '70 whose Dad recorded both concerts on reel to reel. "Eddie, Thanks for trusting me with the tapes."

Again, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board members, past and present, for their input of ideas, advice and dedication to the ideals of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association.

Go Panthers!

Chick Pisani '70

President, PMAAA

Final Dismissal *(Requiescant in Pace)*

Frank Hedl ('74)..... September 2007.

Thomas J Bannon ('61)..... February 2009.

Edward J. Goonan, Sr ('59)..... February 2009
Dennis Carrol ('70)..... April 2009
Peter R. Petrich MD ('43)..... May 2009
Dennis C. Morgan ('60)..... 1970
Francis Coleman , Faculty..... July 2009
Eugene J. O'Brien ('40) November 2008
John Vint ('68) June 2009

*(If you know of any brother alumni who have passed on please forward
their names to:mactom@optonline.net)*