



# POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## Quarterly Newsletter – July 2019

### Second Annual PMAAA Mixer Held at All Hallows High School.

The Association held the second annual social mixer on June 15<sup>th</sup> at All Hallows High School, Bronx, N.Y. Although the attendance for this event was lower than last year's, it was well received by those who did attend.

The intention for this event was to increase participation from the alumni of later graduating classes. The event was flawlessly organized by PMAAA Board members Carl Hall and Rick Martin.

The attendees were treated with free food and refreshments, including sandwiches, salads, and pasta. The PMAAA Board members were graciously assisted in the set-up for the event by many All Hallows High School student volunteers. New PMA



PMAAA Board member, Carl Hall, is joined by PMAAA Scholarship recipients Jaden Kempson and Jeremy Sanchez



All Hallows H.S. Director of Development, Bernie Ramirez, addresses the Group

merchandise was available for purchase by all attendees. Ron Schutte, president of All Hallows H.S., kindly provided the venue for this event again this year. In addressing the group, Mr. Schutte stressed the importance of continuing the relationship between PMA Alumni Association and All Hallows. He was also very grateful for the support from the Association in providing scholarships to deserving students.

While addressing the group, the All Hallows' Director of



Development, Bernie Ramirez, enlightened the group on the cost to educate each All Hallows student. The cost per student greatly exceeds the tuition income. Accordingly, All Hallows relies on fundraising events to reduce the deficit.

The afternoon was highlighted by raffling off a ticket to the upcoming 2019 PMAAA Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner and the 50-50 Raffle. The Luck of the Irish was with alumni Thomas Feeley. Tom won both the free ticket and the 50-50 Raffle. He generously donated the proceeds to the two scholarship recipients, Jaden Kempson and Jeremy Sanchez, both of All Hallows Class of 2023.

PMAAA President, Chick Pisani, expressed his appreciation to all who attended and vowed to continue PMAAA’s scholarship support to All Hallows.



PMA Alumni Tom Feeley accepts the winning ticket for the PMAAA HOF Dinner from Jeremy Sanchez

## Annual PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Held

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association, the annual Board of Directors meeting convened on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The meeting was held at All Hallows High School located in the Bronx, New York.

The primary objective of this meeting was to reelect half of the existing Board members for a two year term. Reacting to an appeal by several concerned alumni to stagger the terms of the Directors, the bylaws were amended to divide the existing Board members into two groups. Accordingly, the Directors were classified as either *Class A* or *Class B* members. The term of the Directors designated as *Class A* expired as of May 31, 2019, while the *Class B* member’s term will expire May 31, 2020.

The following *Class A* directors were unanimously re-elected to a two year term, effective June 1, 2019: John Begley, Carl Hall, Norm Jardine, Steven Kallas, Richard Martin, Brian McCann and Dennis Mooney.

The remaining Board members, including Kevin Bollbach, Sean Crowley, Joseph DeFazio, Michael Kelly, Kevin McGear, Andrew Pisani and John Torres will continue their term, which will expire May 31, 2020.

**There is still one open position on the Board of Directors. A nominating committee has been established to evaluate potential candidates. If you know of anyone that is interested in serving on the board, please send their name and contact information to Andrew “Chick” Pisani at: [chick.pisani@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:chick.pisani@powermemorialacademy.com) or, Joseph DeFazio at: [joseph.defazio@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:joseph.defazio@powermemorialacademy.com).**

The Board of Directors also held the regular quarterly meeting immediately following the annual meeting. PMAAA Treasurer Kevin Bollbach provided the following update of the finances of the Association:

Checking & Savings	\$80,885.00
Restricted Cash Donations	31,199.00
Unrestricted Cash & Savings	\$49,686.00

As of this date \$125,000 has been disbursed for scholarships including \$110,000 awarded to All Hallows and \$15,000 to Rice High School.



The Amazon Smile account that benefits the PMAAA has yielded \$27.68 to date. A push will be made to encourage all alumni and their families to participate in this program. (See page 8)

An update was provided by Carl Hall and Sean Crowley with respect to alternate scholarship fundraising methods. They have consulted financial advisors from Wells Fargo who assists organizations in developing programs to raise funds to support their goals. In addition, Sean Crowley provided legal language that Alumni can use in their wills for the benefit of the Association.

Complete meeting minutes to both the Annual and Regular meetings may be found on the PMAAA website: [www.PowerMemorialAcademy.com](http://www.PowerMemorialAcademy.com)

## Shop at Amazon Smile and Donate to PMAAA

The PMAAA Board has established a fundraising function with Amazon through “Amazon Smile.” By selecting PMAAA as your charity of choice, 0.5% of each eligible sale is donated to the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association.

It is important that you shop on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for the donation to take place. There is no additional cost to the Amazon shopper, so if you are already an Amazon shopper, why not sign

up at Amazon Smile and at the same time donate to a good cause.



As a Power Alumni and an Amazon shopper, we encourage you to register and shop Smile.Amazon.com where the donations will add up for us. Please

spread this information to your family members who shop Amazon, as well. Every little bit helps. **Remember, always start at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)** and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases.

The directions to start with Smile.Amazon.com are simple: Copy and bookmark the following link:

[https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/dashboard/ref=smi\\_se\\_ssr\\_btnr1\\_setch?ie=UTF8&pldnNewSubDash=1](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/dashboard/ref=smi_se_ssr_btnr1_setch?ie=UTF8&pldnNewSubDash=1)

Once on the registration page, there is a box/section to search for your charity. We are listed as Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association Inc.

Once you make PMAAA your charity, you fill out some other minor info, then you are set.

**Very Important:** You must shop at <Smile.Amazon.com> for us to receive the donation. It is the same procedure as shopping on the regular Amazon.

## Prime Day is July 15 & 16

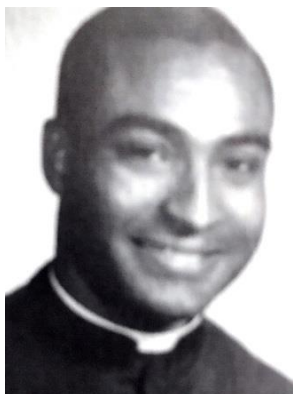
Shop epic deals at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates.





## Faculty and Alumni to be Honored at Next HOF Dinner

The PMAAA Board of Directors has announced the 2019 Hall of Fame inductees. The nominees will officially be installed at the annual 2019 PMAAA Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner which is scheduled to take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at the Immaculate Conception Center located in Douglaston, New York. This year's inductees include the following:



### **Br. Thomas Jensen – Faculty 1967-1977**

Br. Jensen came to Power in September of 1967 and over the following 10 years taught Mathematics, Religion, English and Latin across all four grade levels. Equally versatile in the athletic arena as he was in the classroom, he coached Freshman, JV and Varsity B basketball, winning 3 City Championships along the way. More significantly, it was his coaching of young players in their formative years that helped lay the foundation for the '70, '72 and '76 Varsity City Championship teams. He had the same effect coaching JV baseball, honing skills and instilling confidence in his players on their way to the Varsity team. Br. Jensen, a member of the CHSAA Hall of Fame, went on to teach and coach at Iona Prep and Bergen Catholic High School until his death in 2011.

### **Mr. Gerald Grimmeyer – Faculty 1959-1984**

Having attended All Hallows and Iona College, it was only fitting that Mr. Grimmeyer would, in the fall of 1959, come to teach at Power Memorial Academy. Over the next 25 years he taught Social Studies, A.P. European History, English and French, to name a few subjects, but is best remembered for developing and teaching his Modern Russian History course. After Power closed its' doors in 1984, Mr. Grimmeyer returned to his roots to teach, and eventually become principal, at All Hallows High School.



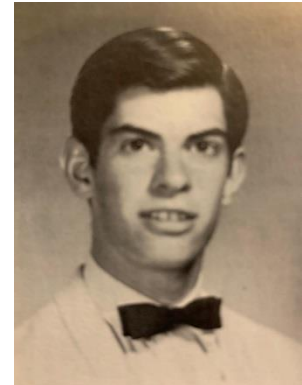
### **John Lovett – PMA '69**

Coached by both Mr. Mulligan and Br. Bielen, John was one of PMA's premier middle distance runners in the late '60's. At Manhattan College, he was a 4 time All American, a 2 time IC4A half mile champion and a member of the world record setting 1973 NCAA Indoor Championship Distance Medley Relay team. After 19 years as track coach at Bishop Kearney HS in Brooklyn, John is currently assistant coach for Manhattan's men's and women's cross country/track & field programs.



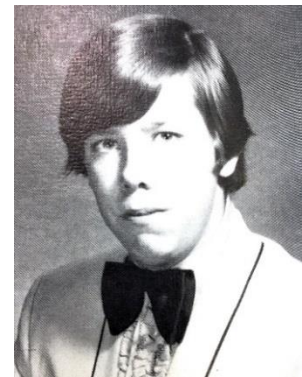
**Steven Donohue – PMA '70/Faculty 1976-1984**

Steve was a four year basketball man at Power, including his senior year as a member of the '69-'70 Varsity City Champs team, the same team that was ranked the No. 1 high school basketball team in the country that year. Following another 4 years of basketball at St. Francis College in Maine, Steve returned to Power where he taught Physical Education, Health and Social Studies, served as a Guidance Counselor and coached baseball and basketball. After Power closed in 1984, Steve taught and administered in several eastern Long Island schools, finishing his career as principal of the Wading River Elementary School.



**Julio Alonso – PMA '73**

While Julio followed the traditional path of high school basketball, playing Freshman, JV and Varsity "B" ball, baseball was a different matter entirely. Starting with his freshman year, Julio played on the varsity team for 3 straight years, being named a CHSAA All City pitcher each year. Side lined by injuries in his senior year, Julio went on to play 2 years of college ball before pitching 5 years for the Detroit Tigers organization, until recurring injuries forced his retirement in 1979.



**Joseph Reilly – PMA '75**

Always entrepreneurially inclined, Joe spent his early work years in the home accessories, restaurant and hospitality fields. In 1993, he started a now 25 year old business specializing in workplace drug testing for entities as varied as the transportation industry, Major/Minor League Baseball and local, state and Federal government agencies. As president of National Drug Screening, Joe continues to provide training, consulting and testing services for drug free workplaces across the country.



**1969 Penn Relays Championship Two Mile Relay Team**

When something is said to be more or greater than the sum of its parts, it means that it is better than you would expect from the individual parts, because the way they combine adds a different quality. This is certainly the case when talking about Power's '68-'69 Two Mile Relay team of Andy Walsh, Tony Colon, Pete Lovett and John Lovett. Each of them exceptional individual runners, they were the most impressive when competing as a group. This was never more evident than their 1969 Penn Relays record setting two mile relay victory, a record that stood for the next 21 years. They were inducted into the Penn Relays Hall of Fame in 1995.



## Special Events



### **Nassau Pops & Symphony Orchestra 36th Summer Concert Season**

The Nassau Pops and Symphony Orchestra, led by PMA Hall of Fame Member Lou Panacciulli, kicked-off their 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Concert Series on July 10th at 8 PM at the Valley Stream State Park, Valley Stream NY. As noted in the schedule below, there will be several concerts held during the months of July and August at various venues.

PMAAA Board Member, Norm Jardine, will be singing the National Anthem at the July 19<sup>th</sup> event in Memorial Park, Mineola, New York.

Lou graduated from PMA in 1968. As a member of the PMA Band, he was greatly influenced by the school's then music department director, Mr. Gene Morra. If you have the opportunity to attend any of the NPSO summer concerts you will immediately recognize the similarities in the musical arrangements to those we heard at the PMA Christmas Concerts conducted by Mr. Morra.

<b>Nassau Pops and Symphony Orchestra 36th Summer Concert Season</b>			
<b>Series I</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	
July 14th	8:00 PM	Heckscher Park, Huntington NY	
July 19th	8:00 PM	Memorial Park, Mineola, NY	
<b>Series II</b>			
TBA*	7:00 PM	Chelsea Mansion, East Norwich, NY	
TBA*	8:00 PM	Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY	
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM	Malverne Station Park, Malverne, NY	
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	Memorial Park, Mineola, NY	

\*Visit the NPSO website [www.nassaupops.com](http://www.nassaupops.com) or call their office 516-565-0646 for these dates.

#### **Directions**

**Huntington** - On Northern Blvd. (Route 25A) 1/4 mile east of Route 110.

**Mineola** - On Marcellus Rd. One block south of Jericho Turnpike. (Route 25).

Rain location is Mineola Middle School, corner of Emory Rd. & Garfield Ave.

**East Norwich** – Northern State Parkway to Exit 35 North. Follow Route 106 and turn left onto Northern Blvd. (Route 25A). Proceed one block and turn left onto Muttontown Ln. for 1/4 mile.

**East Meadow** – Lakeside Theater in Eisenhower Park. Just east of Meadowbrook Parkway. Enter from Hempstead Turnpike. (Route 24) or Merrick Ave.

**Malverne** – At Malverne LIRR Station on Hempstead Avenue Southern State Parkway Exit 17 South.



## Alumni Spotlight



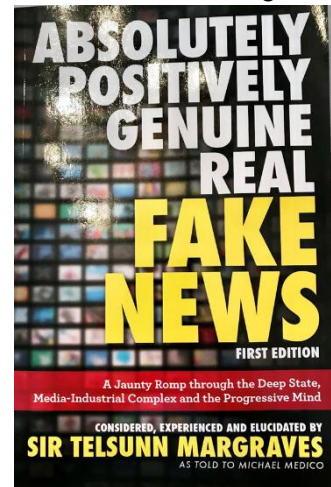
Michael Medico

### PMA Class of '65 Alumni Pens Book

Alumni Michael Medico, collaborated with Sir Telsunn Margraves to publish a book titled ***Absolutely Positively Genuine Real Fake News***. This book, as stated on the cover, is “a Jaunty Romp through the Deep State, Media-Industrial Complex and the Progressive Mind.” The book is a very entertaining fiction published by Harbour Point Publishing and can be purchased online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Michael Medico graduated from Power Memorial Academy in 1965. He joined the U.S. Navy after graduation and served stateside during the Vietnam War. After being honorably discharged from the service, he attended Pace University and graduated with a degree in marketing and advertising. Michael founded an advertising agency and served as CEO for 35 years.

He has also written the suspense/thriller trilogy, ***The Sainted*** published by Brick Tower Press and eBooks can be seen at [www.thesaintednovel.com](http://www.thesaintednovel.com). Michael has also written numerous articles published in trade journals and has been a featured participant on many panels discussion and advertising industry workshops.



## Powerful Thoughts 4

by Dr. John R. Cleary, PMA '57

“Don’t say anything! Don’t do anything! Don’t neglect anything that could cause you to lose your place in school!” admonished (in his thick Irish brogue) an authoritative Brother Alphonsus L. Pakenham, Principal of Power Memorial Academy in 1953, when my brother Jim and I entered its doors to begin our liberal arts education.

It seemed a rather intimidating, powerful caveat by an administrator. Jim and I had just cut short our LaSalle Junior High School # 17 days by leaving after grade eight. We were good students there, but our parents felt a more parochial high school education would be more beneficial.

Since two of us would be attending, our parents had to secure financial support for tuition from NYC Catholic Charities through the intervention of Father Gallagher, assistant pastor of St. Albert’s Church. We went to his parish since it was only a block west of JHS17 which was on 47<sup>th</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues, allowing us to attend catechism classes after school and play on the church CYO basketball team.

Months into the first semester, it seemed as if Jim and I were about “to lose our place in school.” Our parents could not pay for the two of us to attend. We implored our parents that we didn’t want to go back to public school and didn’t want to take the subway by transferring to Cardinal Hayes, in the Bronx. After many tears from me, and a contact with Catholic Charities in New York, somehow Brother Pakenham reconsidered.

Jim and I graduated in 1957, having made the honor roll just about every quarter for four years. So much for first impressions!

**Note:** Dr. Cleary has volunteered to author a series of articles reflecting on his experiences at PMA. We encourage all alumni to submit articles and share their experiences at Power Memorial Academy. Send your articles to: [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)



## Remember PMAAA in Your Will or Living Trust



You can make a bequest (or a gift from your estate) to Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association (PMAAA) to help sustain the organization and its mission to provide scholarships to deserving youth for years to come. You can make a bequest to PMAAA by including language in your will or living trust. Sample bequest language is provided below. However, you are encouraged to discuss this with your attorney.

### Pecuniary Gift: Gift of a specified dollar amount

"I give to the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association ("PMAAA"), New York, New York, a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation, the pecuniary amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) to be used for its general purposes."

### Full Residuary Bequest: Leaves any remainder after all other bequests have been paid ("residuary estate")

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association, New York, New York, a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation, for its general purposes (scholarship funds for students at All Hallows High School, Bronx, NY)."

### Partial Residuary Gift: Gift of a percentage/share of residuary estate

"I give to the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association ("PMAAA"), a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation, [Percent number] Percent (\_\_\_%) of my Residuary Estate to be used for its general purposes."

### Safety Language: Language added to allow an alternate charitable beneficiary if PMAAA is no longer in existence or has merged with another organization.

"If at the time of my death PMAAA is no longer in existence or not a "qualified charitable organization" to which donations are deductible for income and/or estate tax purposes, then such organization's share is to be distributed to its successor in interest, All Hallows High School's general funds, or to such one or more qualified charitable organization(s), as my Executor, in his or her discretion, determines."

## Volunteers Needed!

The Association is seeking volunteers for the following initiatives:

### ➤ PMAAA WEBSITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In an effort to improve the PMAAA website, the Board is seeking volunteers with website design expertise to volunteer their time and knowledge to assist with this initiative. Please contact Rick Martin at:

[rick.martin@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:rick.martin@powermemorialacademy.com).

### ➤ SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISING PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to work on ad hoc committees that may be formed for special purposes. The Board is currently seeking alumnus who can bring





financial expertise to the recently formed scholarship fund raising committee. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact PMAAA Board Member Carl Hall at: [carl.hall@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:carl.hall@powermemorialacademy.com).

➤ **CLASS CAPTAIN INITIATIVE**

Class Captains are needed for each graduating class. Class Captains play an important part in communicating with their classmates and getting the word out on various PMAAA events. All Class Captain volunteers will be provided with contact information for their corresponding classmates. Alumni who may be interested in volunteering to be a Class Captain, please contact Kevin McGeary at [kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com) or Brian McCann at [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)

## Milestone Anniversaries

The 2019 PMAAA Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner, scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, will mark the milestone anniversaries for the following classes:

- Class of 1949 – 70 Years
- Class of 1959 – 60 Years
- Class of 1969 – 50 Years
- Class of 1979 – 40 Years
- Class of 1984 – 35 Years

Celebrating these anniversaries at the next HOF Dinner held at the Immaculate Conception Center located in Douglaston, NY is a perfect setting for the occasion. In recent years, both the Class of '66 and the Class of '68 successfully held their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion as part of the annual HOF dinner at the Immaculate Conception Center.

The PMAAA Board of Directors strongly encourages members of the classes that have upcoming milestone anniversaries to organize their fellow classmates to celebrate their anniversary. If you wish to volunteer to organize a reunion for your class, please contact Brian McCann at [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com). The PMAAA Board can assist volunteers with alumni contact information, reserving tables and providing special recognition at the event.

## Save the Date

**Please save the date for the upcoming 2019-20 PMAAA activities:**




- ❖ Annual PMAAA Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner – Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM to 11 PM, at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, New York
- ❖ Annual PMAAA Mass of Remembrance – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- ❖ St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020





## Final Dismissal

The following Alumni and Faculty have gone to their final dismissal.

-  Robert J. Troy – Class of 1958
-  John J. Lulack – Class of 1968
-  Joseph Calabrese – Class of 1979

**May they rest in peace.**

## President's Letter

July 2019

Brother Panthers,

I trust everyone is enjoying their summer activities of swimming, camping, vacations, ball games and all the other summer fun with your families.

Recently, the PMAAA board hosted our summer Social Mixer this past June 15 at All Hallows. The event chairmen Carl Hall and Rick Martin again did a wonderful job of putting things together. The event was attended by our younger alumni and some of the "older guys." Kevin McGeary, our historian/archivist brought along all the Power Memorabilia donated to us over the years. We heard comments like "Looking at all these displays has brought out a lot of memories." There are the letters to the Gold Star Gym, numerous jackets, sweaters, book covers, patches dance and game tickets. There are also office passes and, a few jug slips.

All Hallows President, Ron Schutte, and Bernie Ramirez, Asst. Director of Admissions have expressed "Power will always have a home at All Hallows." They have allocated a large display case for us where we display our items at the entrance to the cafeteria. Bernie & Ron told us the AH students express a deep interest in our display and always look forward to seeing new items. Kevin McGeary & Carl Hall usually meet at All Hallows and change the display throughout the year.

Along with the Power memorabilia and artifacts, we get some photos from our school days. Our biggest contributor is Mike Simon '70. Mike was on the yearbook staff and had a box full of B&W photos from school. Several years ago, Mike scanned every one of those pictures (over 300) and sent them to me. He even categorized them into folders. It was a true labor of love. Thanks Mike!!

If any of you have photos of Power during your time there, please scan them and share them with us.

By now, some of you may have received donation requests from the Christian Bros Foundation. They are in the process of a database project with the service of a research company to update their files. I have been in contact with Colleen Noonan and Rich Carter of the CBF who have been totally supportive of PMAAA and will help us update our database. The Brothers are amazed by us and how PMAAA continues to thrive. We will be working together to exchange ideas and information on our fundraising efforts.

At the last board meeting, Carl Hall introduced the idea of an endowment fund where we can make the PMAAA a beneficiary of an estate which can be done through a financial or estate planner. It is an interesting concept and is well established in colleges and universities.



Recently, the board welcomed our newest board member, Dennis Mooney '84 onboard. We look forward to working with him. There is one more seat available to join the board, if anyone is interested, please send me an email.

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## PMAAA on Social Media



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LinkedIn

PMAAA has taken to social media to help spread the word about the association. Board member, Rick Martin, leads the social media activities for the association. In addition to the PMA *Facebook* and *LinkedIn* accounts, PMAAA activities can now be tracked on *Twitter*. The PMAAA *Twitter* account that has been established by Rick is “#PMA4Life.”

### Announcements

Submissions from the alumni for the newsletter are always welcome. Please send any articles, pictures, memories of Power, personal situations (including grandchildren, anniversaries, retirements etc.) to Brian McCann at [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)

Please let fellow alumni who may not be aware of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association or don't receive notices about association activities to register on the PMAAA website: [www.powermemorialacademy.com](http://www.powermemorialacademy.com) with their contact information so that they receive future announcements of PMAAA activities.

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