



# POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## Quarterly Newsletter- October 2018

### Quarterly PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting

On July 14, 2018, the PMAAA Board of Directors met at the St. Joseph's Residence located in New Rochelle, NY. Reacting to concerns by some of the alumni that there was a lack of creativity and transparency, the Board approved the following amendments to the organization's Bylaws:

1. Terms of Board members will terminate on alternate years instead of terminating concurrently. This will allow for better continuity and inject fresh ideas from new Board members.
2. A nominating committee will be created to research potential board member candidates. The nominating committee will consist of two Board members and two non-Board members. This will increase the field of potential Board members.
3. In an effort to bring further transparency to the Alumni, the following financial information will be published: Cash flow, Available Funds; and Known Commitments.

A fourth amendment involving term limits of Board members was proposed. This amendment would've limited the Board members term in office to three, two year terms. However, this amendment was shelved until next year pending the success of the nominating committee providing additional candidates.

The full meeting minutes may be found on the PMAAA website:  
[www.powermemorialacademy.com](http://www.powermemorialacademy.com) under the *Minutes* tab.

### 2018 Annual Hall of Fame Induction and Alumni Dinner

Arrangements for the 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PMA Reunion Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony have been finalized. The celebration will take place on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6 PM. The Dinner will be held at the Immaculate Conception Center located 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY.

This year's Hall of Fame Inductees will be:

- ❖ Br. Arthur Loftus -- Faculty/Baseball Coach
- ❖ Andrew Altenberg -- Class of '50
- ❖ Julio Alonso -- Class of '73
- ❖ Thomas Gorman -- Class of '38
- ❖ Richard Lombardi -- Class of '60
- ❖ John Mulligan -- Faculty/Track Coach
- ❖ 1937 and 1939 CHSAA Varsity Baseball City Champions

Please note the it was initially announced that Mario Elie, PMA Class of '81 would be honored at this year's HOF Dinner. However, due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Elie's induction will be held at the 2019 dinner.

The cost of the event is \$95.00 per person which includes food and refreshments. Parking at the Immaculate Conception Center is free.



Payments by check are to be made to the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Assoc. and mailed to:

Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 20493 Cherokee Station  
New York, NY 10021-0068

If paying by PayPal, please use the following steps:

1. Click <Money> at top of page
2. Click <Send/Request Money>
3. Choose <Send money to friends or family> function.
4. Enter the amount and our email address [PMAAlumniAssoc@aol.com](mailto:PMAAlumniAssoc@aol.com)

*NOTE: The payment page has a note section. Please include a note of what you are paying for (Hall of Fame dinner) and a list of names of whom you are paying for.*

*Also, please send an email to notify us of your PayPal payment to Kevin Bollbach at [Kevin.Bollbach@PowerMemorialAcademy.Com](mailto:Kevin.Bollbach@PowerMemorialAcademy.Com)*

You can also register and pay for the dinner on the PMAAA website: [www.powermemorialacademy.com](http://www.powermemorialacademy.com)  
Go to the bottom of this Events Page to register and use the PayPal button.

**Walk-ins are will be accepted, however, please register ahead of time to provide the caterer with an accurate count.**

**There will be PMA merchandise for sale at the dinner**

## **2018 Hall of Fame Journal**

If you wish to purchase a page in this year's HOF Journal, please contact Joe DeFazio at [JCDeFazio@aol.com](mailto:JCDeFazio@aol.com) or call him at 201-920-2220. You can send your ad in a Word or .pdf document. **All submissions must be sent to Joe DeFazio not later than Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Payment by check to Power Memorial Academy Alumni Assoc. and mail it to: **Joe DeFazio, 14 E. Park Place, Rutherford, NJ 07070**

If you wish to pay by credit card, you can call Joe to process your card through our account. If you use PayPal, please notify him of this transaction via phone or email.

The cost for the Journal ads Are as follows:

Back Cover	\$1,000.00
Inside front cover	\$ 500.00
Inside back cover	\$ 500.00
Full page	\$ 150.00
Half page	\$ 75.00

## **Help Needed!**

**We are seeking volunteers who can assist with the upcoming PMAAA Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner. Specifically, assistance is needed to organize and set up the hall, help with the registration process and selling of merchandise. Alumni who wish to offer their time to help make this event successful, please contact Norm Jardine @ [norm.jardine@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:norm.jardine@powermemorialacademy.com)**



## Power Alumni Shine at Nassau Pops and Symphony Orchestra Concert

On August 10, 2018, the Nassau Pops and Symphony Orchestra, led by Maestro Lou Panaccuilli, PMA '68 and Hall of Fame inductee, performed a free concert in Memorial Park located in Mineola, NY.



Norm Jardine, PMA '65, began the evening by singing the National Anthem. Norm then introduced the Maestro as a fellow high school classmate. The Maestro then went on to explain that both he and Norm attended Power Memorial in the sixties. This drew the applause of many members of the audience in recognition to PMA's prodigious reputation.

The orchestra played many musical favorites from many popular composers such as Gershwin, Copeland, Bernstein, Sousa etc. that was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience of approximately 500 people.

Norm Jardine (l.) is joined by the Honor Guard from Norm's Williston Park American Legion Post prior to the singing of the National Anthem at the NPSO concert.

After the concert, the Maestro was joined by fellow PMA alumni, Arthur

Amidano, PMA Class of '78 and Norm Jardine, PMA Class of '65. Arthur Amidano reminisced with the group about the days he spent at Power and how much he enjoyed being part of the PMA Band.



After the concert, the Maestro was joined by fellow PMA alumni pictured above (left to right) Arthur Amidano PMA '78, the Maestro Lou Panaccuilli- PMA Class of '68 and Norm Jardine-PMA '65.



## Class of '65....at the *Copa—Copa Cabana!* ♪ ♪

Members of the Class of 1965 (pictured below) continued their prom celebration at the world famous Copa Cabana night club located on East 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan. The group was



Enjoying the post prom celebration at the Copa Cabana are: (L to R) Ken Carroll, Artie Brennan and Joe Vidal all members of the PMA Class of '65. (Photo courtesy of Joe Vidal.)

entertained by the talented Johnny Mathis. According to PMA Class of '65 member, Joe Vidal, the photo brought back great memories of a wonderful evening.

*If you have any memories that you would like to share for future newsletters, please send to:*  
[brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)

## Class Captains Wanted

We are still seeking volunteers to be Class Captains for their respective classes. These Captains play an important role in communicating with their classmates and getting the word out on various PMAAA events. Anyone who volunteers to be a Class Captain will be provided with contact information of 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)





## Save the Date

Looking forward to 2019 events, please save the date for the following PMAAA activities:

- **Annual PMAAA Mass of Remembrance – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019\***

\*Since St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday, the parade is moved to Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

## Powerful Thoughts 1

by Dr. John R. Cleary, '57

I am Dr. John R. Cleary age 78, class of '57, (my brother Jim is 79, class of '57 as well.). I see little published or even mentioned when reading about what's up with older alumni in PMAAA newsletter.

I don't know if anything has been discussed in the Power family before the Lew Alcindor days and that phenomenal basketball team. I was freshman basketball coach in 1964 at Xavier Military Academy the day Power broke the NYC record of 71 consecutive wins against Xavier varsity.

In 1960, I became a February Freshman at St. Peter's College (now University). It is THE Jesuit liberal arts college of Jersey City. Xavier Military Academy is also a Jesuit liberal arts high school on 16<sup>th</sup> Street in lower Manhattan. You've got to remember them!

I majored in English and minored in education in college. In 1963, while I was student teaching at Dickinson High School in Jersey City, St. Pete's education department received a call that Xavier needed a long-term sub in English and economic geography.

My student teaching was crammed into six weeks (from the traditional eight) and I stepped into XMA in March. After my St. Pete's graduation in June 1963, I was rehired at XMA full-time for 1963-1964 school year and volunteered to coach the frosh basketball team -- a \$150 stipend, great supplement to my \$100 per week salary.

Unfortunately, the day XMA was to play PMA, I had to march my boys up to take on Power frosh. My kids wanted to watch the varsity game at Xavier and were ready to forfeit theirs to do it. Coach Cleary prevailed!

Ironically, as we ascended the subway steps at Columbus Circle, we ran into Lew and a teammate descending. I stopped and introduced my boys to them. All my guys could do was stare with jaws agape.

We too lost our game -- but my kids got to see Lew, up close and personal.

**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.**



## Final Dismissal

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

- ✚ Paul J. Drollinger – Class of 1957
- ✚ Robert Arvedlund – Class of 1963
- ✚ Timothy O'Brien – Class of 1974

*May they rest in peace.*

## President's Letter

Dear Brother Panthers,

I trust everyone had an enjoyable summer. For those of us still living in the Northeast, we now move on to our Fall activities of weekend excursions of apple and pumpkin picking with our families.

The Fall also brings us the reminders of “back to school” and the memories of classroom hopping through the corridors of Power.

The PMAAA Board has formed a committee to seek new candidates to join the PMAAA Board. The committee members are Joe DeFazio '71, Kevin McGearly '72, Carl Hall '83, Jack Haren '65 and Mike Martin '65. Currently, there are two seats available. Any alumnus who wishes to join the Board, please submit your name to the committee members through our website.

We have noticed a bug on our website concerning registration onto the new database. Some alumni have accidentally hit the button which precludes you from receiving the newsletter. We have removed the button to prevent any further confusion. If you know of any alumnus who does not receive the newsletter, please notify him to contact John Torres at [John.Torres@PowerMemorialAcademy.com](mailto:John.Torres@PowerMemorialAcademy.com)

I wish to extend my gratitude to Ron Schutte and Bernie Ramirez of All Hallows. They have been and continue to be very enthusiastic with PMAAA and the preservation of Power history. We have a display case containing Power memorabilia at All Hallows. There are plans to expand into another showcase and to use wall space to display our history. If you are ever in the neighborhood, feel free to stop in All Hallows to meet Bernie and Ron. They love nothing more than to take Powermen on a little tour of the school.

I wish to remind you of our Annual Hall of Fame/Reunion Dinner being held at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Queens, NY on Saturday November 3, 2018 at 6pm. This year, we are honoring Br. Loftus, Mr John Mulligan, Tom Gorman, Rich Lombardi, Andy Altenberg and Julio Alonso. At this year's dinner, we will hold a special recognition to Robert Shearn '35 who is our oldest living alumnus. Robert is a member of the very first graduating class of Power.

## Pro Christo Rege

Andrew “Chick” Pisani '70



## Social Media

PMAAA has taken to social media to help spread the word about the association. Board member, Rick Martin, spearheads 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 PMA, personal situations (including grandchildren, anniversaries, retirements etc.) to Brian McCann at [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)

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