



PAPA NEWSLETTER

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Welcome



P.A.P.A. would like to welcome the following new members to our organization. We hope you're ready for all the action.

ACTIVE:

Stephen Magalhaes - Cambridge Police

Christopher Ponte – Cambridge Police

Edson Rego - Bristol County Sheriffs Office

Tony Rego – Hudson Police

Lee Vieira – Cambridge Police

SILVER:

Paul Magalhes of Cambridge

Joao Matias of New Bedford

Maria Vieira of Cambridge

hours. Their hard work and dedication helped P.A.P.A. raise over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. Thanks everyone for pitching in and doing your part to fight cancer.

If you would like to participate in this year's Relay for Life by joining the P.A.P.A. team or by making a monetary donation, please contact Pattie Medeiros at (508) 994-5390.

Golf Anyone



The fourth annual, P.A.P.A. Golf Tournament took place on Monday, June 6, 2005, at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, 685 Main Street, Acushnet, MA. The weather was wonderful, the food was terrific and it was wonderful not to have to work.

The morning started out like any other morning with all the golfer's arriving bright eyed and bushy tailed. However, as the afternoon approached, you could feel the tension in the air as each team wanted to come in first. Their smiles were slowly being replaced with looks of sheer concentration. Were they going to make it to the awards ceremony or was the pressure to win going to be too much for them?

Luckily, after some well planned visits from the golf committee, everybody became a bit friendlier, even though their game began to slip slightly -- hmm, I wonder why? – and everyone made it to the awards ceremony in time to enjoy the fabulous buffet at Café Europa.

All of the money raised at the Golf Tournament, over \$3,200, went to our scholarship fund and this year we awarded 7 scholarships to deserving area students. See Money, Money, Money.

Next year, P.A.P.A. is trying something a little different with the Golf Tournament. The fifth annual Golf Tournament will be held next year on Sunday, June 4, 2006, that's right a Sunday. Don't fret, football will be over so you won't miss much.

RELAY FOR LIFE



As some of you may already know, last year, one of our members was diagnosed with cancer. In a show of support for her and her family, this June P.A.P.A. participated in the Relay for Life which took place at New Bedford High School on June 24th and 25th. During the relay, members of the P.A.P.A. team walked consistently around the track for 22

Mark your calendars boys and girls and keep your eyes peeled for further information.

Annual Banquet



P.A.P.A.'s annual banquet was held on Saturday, October 3, 2005. At the banquet, P.A.P.A. awarded 7 scholarships to area students majoring in health care, social services, law enforcement or another related field. See Money, Money, Money.

As usual, the event was a great success. The food was terrific, i.e. surf and turf, and the beverages flowed freely. Once the band Michelle and Universe began to play, you could no longer see the dance floor itself as everyone was out there partying and having a wonderful time.

This year's banquet was especially memorable as we were joined by members of P.A.P.A. New Jersey and some of our newest members from the Cambridge Police Department. Hope you guys had a good time and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Now, if you missed the banquet this year, you missed a great time. But don't fret, we'll have another one next year and you can catch up.

If you would like to see pictures of the banquet, please visit our website at www.papamass.org.

Money, Money, Money



This year at P.A.P.A.'s 11th annual banquet, P.A.P.A. awarded 7 scholarships to deserving area students. This year's scholarship recipients were: Kayla Barnes of New Bedford, Daniel Bettencourt of Taunton, Marissa Jesus of Assonet, Vanessa Oliveira of Fall River, Crystal Simons of New Bedford, Sara Feijo of Fall River; and Matthew Barbosa of New Bedford. Please watch our website, www.papamass.org as we will be posting the 2006-

2007 school year scholarships soon. You can also obtain scholarship applications by contacting P.A.P.A. at (508) 994-5390. Please remember that all scholarship applications must be received by June 1, 2006.



Awards



Unfortunately, this year, P.A.P.A. did not award any awards to law enforcement officers. This was as a result of not receiving any nominations. Please remember to nominate your fellow officers if you feel that they are deserving of an award. P.A.P.A. presents various awards such as a Lifesaving Award, Valor Award and an Achievement Award. We know that each and every day someone out there does something to deserve an award, so please nominate your fellow officers or anyone else who you feel is deserving of such an award. You can nominate them by writing a brief description of what the person did to deserve the award and mail that information to P.A.P.A. at PO Box 51523, New Bedford, MA 02745. If you would like further information regarding the awards, please feel free to contact us at (508) 994-5390.

Santa's Coming



On December 10, 2005, Santa will be making the long trip down from the North Pole to spend time with P.A.P.A.'s children and distribute gifts to them. The Christmas Party will take place

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Portuguese American Athletic Club, located at 56 Holly Street, New Bedford, MA. Lunch will be served.

If you would like to register your children, ages 12 and under, for the Christmas party, please complete the enclosed form and mail it to P.A.P.A. by November 12, 2005 at:

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Congratulations



P.A.P.A. is proud to announce the wedding of our President, Pam, and our first Vice-President, Amos. Congratulations guys.

Congratulations to Gus Oliveira of the Massachusetts Department of Correction on his promotion to Lieutenant. Way to go.

If you have any announcements that you would like to place in the newsletter, i.e. births, marriages, engagements, promotions, awards, etc. . . please forward them to the office at:

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PAPA Meetings

Remember that P.A.P.A. general meetings are open to all members. The general meeting is held on the last Thursday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. at P.A.A.C. located on Holly Street, New Bedford, MA. Appetizers are served at each meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there. The dates for the 2005-2006 meetings are as follows:

November 17, 2005
January 26, 2006
March 30, 2006
May 25, 2006
July 27, 2006
September 28, 2006
November 23, 2006

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



PAPA reminds you to encourage new members within your department to apply and join our association or to encourage any civilian without a felony conviction to apply as an associate member. Please download our application form from our website at www.papamass.org.

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for details and dates regarding the following upcoming events. Be there or be square.

- a. P.A.P.A. Spring Fundraiser - TBA
- b. P.A.P.A. 5th Annual Golf Tournament – June 4, 2006
- c. P.A.P.A. Soccer Tournament TBA
- d. P.A.P.A. Annual Banquet – October, 2006

New Website

P.A.P.A. has replaced it's old website with a brand new website design. Make sure to check us out at www.papamass.org.

YOUR PAPA E-BOARD

President:	Pamela Melo
1 st Vice President:	Amos Melo
2 nd Vice President:	Tony Oliveira
Treasurer:	Gus Oliveira
Financial Secretary:	Patricia Medeiros
Recording Secretary:	Graciano Pereira
Sergeant at Arms:	Joao Chaves
Sergeant at Arms:	Mario Duarte
Sergeant at Arms:	Mario Paiva

P.A.P.A. Christmas Party Registration

MEMBER NAME: _____

PLEASE LIST NAME, AGE AND GENDER FOR EACH CHILD UNDER 12 ATTENDING:

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING IN TOTAL: _____

Please return this completed form by no later than November 12, 2005 to:

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