



PAPA NEWSLETTER

Portuguese American Police Association, Inc.

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Welcome



P.A.P.A. would like to welcome the following new member to our organization.

ACTIVE:

Angela Pereira Graham - Cambridge Police

Spring Fundraiser



Who wants to cook on a beautiful spring evening after a long day of work? Not me and I'm sure not you either. So why don't you join me at P.A.P.A.'s Spring Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at the Inner Bay Restaurant in New Bedford, MA. The food will be great and you won't have to do the dishes or take out the trash. Come eat, hang out, and socialize. The fundraiser is a buffet dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The buffet includes filet of fish, grilled chicken, pork and little necks, potatoes, and vegetables. Sounds delicious. Are you hungry yet?

If you would like to join us for some great food and enticing conversation, please

contact us at (508) 994-5390 for tickets. We look forward to seeing you there.

Officer in Need



On January 16, 2006, Officer João Ferreira, an officer with the criminal investigations division of the Guarda Nacional Republicana (the "GNR") of Vila Franca de Xira in Portugal was shot in the face while executing a search warrant of a home in Adegas, near Sobral de Monte Agraço.

The search stemmed from an ongoing investigation into the theft of motor vehicles, the falsification of motor vehicle documents, and burglaries. On January 15, 2006, the GNR arrested the primary target of the investigation. The following day, January 16, 2006, the GNR went to the target's home in order to conduct a search of the premises for stolen goods and falsified documentation. The target's father, 54 year old Manuel Gonçalves, refused entry to the GNR. The GNR then proceeded to court and obtained a search warrant for the premises. When the GNR returned with the search warrant, Officer Ferreira entered the home and Mr. Gonçalves shot Officer Ferreira in the face with a rifle at point blank range. Mr. Gonçalves then proceeded to barricade himself in his home for several hours thereafter. When Mr. Gonçalves

finally exited his home, he was arrested and remains incarcerated.

As a result of the shooting, Officer Ferreira was in a coma for several weeks. After awaking from the coma, Officer Ferreira suffered from a slight amnesia where he could not remember what occurred on January 16, 2006, nor could he remember information about his personal life such as his wife's name and that he had a 2 month old daughter.

Officer Ferreira has recently been released from the hospital but continues to suffer effects of the shooting. He is blind in one eye, his face needs to be reconstructed, he has no feeling in his right hand and bullet fragments remain lodged between his skull and his brain.

All three P.A.P.A. Lodges (NJ, MA and RI) are working together in order to provide Officer Ferreira with some financial assistance during this time of need and on Saturday, April 22, 2005, P.A.P.A., along with the Santa Cecelia Band of Fall River, will be holding a fundraising event for Officer Ferreira and his family. The event will be held at the Santa Cecelia Band Club located at 293 Almond Street, Fall River, MA. It is a sit down dinner (no dancing or entertainment) and tickets cost \$12.00 a piece. The meal choices are either shrimp with fries and rice or chicken with stuffing, potatoes and vegetables. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to Officer Ferreira and his family. If you would like tickets or to make a donation, please contact Pattie Medeiros at (508) 994-5390.

Golf Anyone



Oh my, it's that time of the year again, time for the Annual Golf Tournament. Can you believe that this our Fifth Annual? Well, this year we've decided to mix things up a bit and hold the Golf Tournament on a Sunday. Now reminder cards were sent out early enough so that you all had plenty of time to prepare your significant others for your absence on a Sunday. You had Valentine's Day to start the buttering up and I'm sure you've been taking out the trash and doing the dishes regularly so that you can ensure your attendance.

This year's Golf Tournament will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2006, at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, 685 Main Street, Acushnet, MA. As always, the proceeds from the Golf Tournament are used by P.A.P.A. to fund our annual scholarships. For more details about the golf tournament, i.e. times and prizes, just go over to page 5.

If you are interested in registering foursome for the tournament, please send the enclosed registration form back to P.A.P.A. by May 12, 2006. If you, like many of us, can't even get the ball on the green but would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, (Hello, this is tax deductible.) please return the enclosed Tee Sign Sponsor Form or contact us about donating a raffle item at (508) 994-5390.

See you on the green. Maybe you'll win that Ford in the Hole in One thanks to Ashley Ford of New Bedford, MA. Think you're that good. Come on out and give it a shot.

Money, Money Money, Money



We all remember those days as a young adult when we were strapped for cash so tightly that a date involved a walk along the beach and a \$0.29 hamburger from McDonalds. Well when you're trying to put yourself through college, it seems that money's even tighter. You stress about paying your tuition, buying your books, paying for your room and board, and if your lucky enough to get a student loan, about how you're going to repay that after you graduate.

Well P.A.P.A. wants to alleviate that burden for some students and each year at P.A.P.A.'s annual banquet, P.A.P.A. awards numerous scholarships to deserving students of Portuguese descent who choose to enter either a Heath Care, Social Service, Law Enforcement or other related field. The scholarship is available to graduating seniors entering an accredited college or university, students already enrolled in an accredited college or university, and those enrolled in a continuing education program. P.A.P.A. asks that you inform your family and your friends of the availability of this scholarship and encourage them to apply.

Applications for the 2006-2007 school year scholarships may be obtained by contacting P.A.P.A. at (508) 994-5390 or at our website www.papamass.org. Please remember that all scholarship applications must be received by June 1, 2006.

Awards



In addition to awarding scholarships at our annual banquet, P.A.P.A. also presents various awards such as a Lifesaving Award and an Achievement Award. If you know of anyone who is deserving of either of those awards, please 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 by September 1, 2006. If you would like further information regarding the awards, please feel free to contact us at (508) 994-5390.

Congratulations

P.A.P.A. would like to congratulate the following individuals on their promotions:

Captain Richard Spirlet – NBPD
Captain Joseph Cordeiro – NBPD
Lieutenant John Silva II – NBPD
Lieutenant John Soares – NBPD
Sergeant Robert Aguiar - NBPD
Sergeant Scott Carola - NBPD

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

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Relay for Life

On Friday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th, P.A.P.A. will be participating in the Relay for Life which will take place at Paul Walsh Field, 230 Hathaway Road, New

Bedford, MA. The Relay for Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and to raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, team members take turns running or walking laps around a track. Each team tries to keep at least one member on the track at all times for the 24 hour event.

Last year, P.A.P.A. was able to raise over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. If you would like to be a part of P.A.P.A.'s team or would like to make a donation, please contact Pattie Medeiros at (508) 994-5390.

Soccer Tournament



On Saturday, August 26, 2006, at Rec's field in New Bedford, P.A.P.A. will be hosting a competitive soccer tournament for youth 12 and under. The tournament will be a one time elimination tournament and pre-registration is required.

Only the first eight teams to register will be allowed to participate in the tournament. Teams may be recreational, semi-competitive, or competitive. All participants must be 12 or under on August 1, 2006.

The registration fee per team is \$180. Every player will medal and receive a shirt. The first, second and third place teams will receive a trophy. For team registration information please see our website at www.papamass.org or call us at (508) 994-5390. If you would like to volunteer your time for the Soccer Tournament please call Tony Oliveira at the above number.

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 2006 meetings are as follows:

March 30, 2006
May 25, 2006
July 27, 2006
September 28, 2006
November 30, 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 find our membership applications on our website at www.papamass.org.

Upcoming Events

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

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- a. Spring Fundraiser – April 12, 2006
 - b. Fundraiser for GNR Officer João Ferreira – April 22, 2006
 - c. Fifth Annual Golf Tournament – June 4, 2006
 - d. Soccer Tournament – August 26, 2006
 - e. Banquet – October 7, 2006
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Fifth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
Sunday, June 4, 2006
Acushnet River Valley Golf Club

WIN A 2006

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AUTOMOBILE



Courtesy of
ASHLEY FORD
395 Mount Pleasant St
New Bedford, MA

Time: 7:30 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Format: Scramble Best Ball

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Teams

Entry Fee: \$110.00 per Golfer (Limited to 144 golfers)

Proper Attire Required: Collard shirts only. No T-shirts, jeans, cutoffs, tank tops, etc. . .

Please try to arrange your own foursome. We might not be able to guarantee a team for individual golfers. After the tournament, join us at Café Europa in New Bedford for a buffet and an award ceremony.

Please mail checks no later than May 12, 2006 so that we can plan accordingly.

Golf outing includes: 18 holes of golf with cart
Tournament Gift
Longest Drive Contest
Hole in One (Courtesy of Ashley Ford)
Closest to the Pin Contest
Trip Raffle
Award Ceremony Buffet

Portuguese American Police Association, Inc.
 5th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
 Acushnet River Valley Golf Club
 Sunday, June 4, 2006
GOLFER REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return with entry fee of **\$110.00 per golfer by May 12, 2006**. The tournament will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Thank you.

(Please fill out completely so that we may notify you of future events.)

Golfer 1:

First Name:	MI:	Last Name:
Street:	City:	State: Zip:
Home Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()	
Shirt/Jacket Size: (Circle One): Sm. Med. Lg. X-Lg XX-Lg. XXX-Lg		

Golfer 2:

First Name:	MI:	Last Name:
Street:	City:	State: Zip:
Home Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()	
Shirt/Jacket Size: (Circle One): Sm. Med. Lg. X-Lg XX-Lg. XXX-Lg		

Golfer 3:

First Name:	MI:	Last Name:
Street:	City:	State: Zip:
Home Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()	
Shirt/Jacket Size: (Circle One): Sm. Med. Lg. X-Lg XX-Lg. XXX-Lg		

Golfer 4:

First Name:	MI:	Last Name:
Street:	City:	State: Zip:
Home Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()	
Shirt/Jacket Size: (Circle One): Sm. Med. Lg. X-Lg XX-Lg. XXX-Lg		

Please complete and return with entry fee by May 12, 2006 to:
 PAPA GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE
 PO BOX 51523
 NEW BEDFORD, MA 02745-0045

TEAM #



2006 PAPA SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

The Portuguese American Police Association (PAPA) is a non-profit association. This tournament is being conducted on Sunday, June 4, 2006, in order to raise funds for PAPA's annual scholarships. PAPA has awarded over 60 scholarships to area students since its beginning in 1994. PAPA and its scholarship recipients greatly appreciate your anticipated sponsorship.

TEE SPONSORSHIP DONATION – \$100.00

Your name or company name along with your telephone number will appear on a sign located at one of the tee boxes.

I have enclosed \$_____ for a tee sign sponsorship.

NAME: _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Thank you for your support.

Please complete and return with donation to:

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