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PAWA Investment Club

PAWA Investment Club meets monthly at the home of PAWA investors.

Prospective members to the investment club must commit to regular attendance at meetings as well as an educational program to develop sound investment strategies. Your investment is \$100 per month. Members rotate being the hostess for cocktails and dinner. Everyone leaves with a smile, even when the stock market does not keep us smiling!

If you think that you might be interested in joining this fun group, contact Susan Pacheco, at 401-435-9111 for more details.



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2008 Annual Newsletter



Women Empowering Women

Annual Message

Over the years, PAWA has received most public recognition when we have held our Woman of the Year Awards and have honored women such as Meredith Vieira, Teresa Heinz Kerry, the First Lady of the Azores and outstanding women from our local communities.

We have also been involved in many other activities. Whether it has been organizing a community lecture, presenting career workshops, being received at a formal luncheon at the Presidential Palace in Lisbon or conducting a 3 day conference at the University of the Azores in 2001, our organization has thrived due to a core of dynamic and dedicated women. More recently our public activities have involved our support of local charities such as the food Pantry at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Providence, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, The Immigrant Assistance Center in New Bedford and Diabetes Association of Fall River.

Throughout all these activities and fundraisers, we have made lasting friendships and have provided a network of support for each other.

So my message to everyone is *become an active member of our organization and spend quality time building a better community and some lasting friendships. I look forward to seeing you!*

Dues Due!

Please mail in your 2008 annual dues of \$25 no later than February 28th so we may complete our membership database. For your convenience, we have enclosed a self addressed envelope.

PAWA— Making A Difference



In November 2007 PAWA proudly presented a check in amount of \$2,500 to the Diabetes Association Inc. of Fall River to benefit *Camp Kyle T. Woodruff for Children with Diabetes*. The money was raised through the 2nd annual Wine and Cheese Gala that was held at the Tsetse Gallery in Providence in August 2007

Ed Garcia, Executive Director of DIA was excited that the funds raised from this event benefited the camp. “Our organization is so fortunate to benefit from the diligent work of the Portuguese American Women’s Association at such a wonderful event.”, says Garcia, “The money raised will allow the DAI to provide a safe and enriching camp experience to 10 children that are living with diabetes in our area. The DAI is so very thankful and looks forward to future partnerships with PAWA in order to continue our outreach to the Portuguese community, which is at great risk for the disease.”

Susan Pacheco, President of PAWA noted, in view of the fact that the City of Fall River has the highest incidence of diabetes in Massachusetts and the third highest incidence in the United States, community groups such as PAWA need to take affirmative steps to fight this battle and to educate the community so that needless suffering can be avoided.”

PAWA also donated \$1,000 to the American Heart Association from the Wine and Cheese Gala proceeds. Remember February is Heart Health Month

Membership Dues 2008

Kindly complete the form below and mail this form along with your \$25 dues payment by February 28th, 2008. Please print

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Check all that apply

- \$25 check enclosed for dues
- E-mail PAWA Notifications and Releases
- Updated E-mail Address
- Updated Phone Number
- Update Mailing Address
- Remove PAWA membership
- Donation Enclosed

I am interested in participating in

- Fall River Fitness Challenge
- Investment Club
- Board Membership
- 2008 Fundraising/Reunion Committee