

**Officers and Board Members Elected
PCA (Personal Care Assistant) of the Year Awards**

Pawtucket, RI—PARI Independent Living Center, this year celebrating 35 years of service to the community, held its annual meeting recently. Officers elected were: Ernest J. Letendre, Jr., President; Kathleen Leonard, Vice President; Kathleen Fahey, Treasurer; and Louis Corvese, III, Secretary. Members at Large elected were Robert DeBlois, Executive Director of the Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program; Paula Tucci, a local realtor; and Robert Bray, Jr., a past president of PARI, is returning to the Board.

Dana Russo and Cecilia Pise were each given the PCA of the Year Award. Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts presented citations to the awardees and spoke to the group about stem cell research.

PARI is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities by removing attitudinal and architectural barriers and by providing services, peer counseling and information.

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