

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER RECOGNIZES LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, will feature a slightly different format this year. The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until the dinner at 7:00 o'clock giving more time to socialize. Three community leaders will be recognized this year:

Neighborhood Health Plan: For their leadership and commitment to bring freedom and independence to persons with disabilities.



Donald D. Deignan, Ph.D: For his leadership and wisdom, his dedication to PARI, for his example as an advocate and community voice.



Donald Deignan Daniel Del Prete

Daniel B. Del Prete and The Del Prete Family Foundation: By example, inspirational leaders in caring and support of the mission of PARI and for persons with disabilities.

Entertainment this year will showcase "The Vanderbilt" featuring Jordan Nunes and Mary Andrews, nationally known jazz pianist and vocalist. Enjoy the music throughout dinner with a set to end the evening.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Annual Awards Dinner
October 16, 2008

Consumer Holiday Party
December 3, 2008

22ND ANNUAL RHODE ISLAND INDEPENDENT LIVING CONFERENCE AWARDS GIVEN

The 22nd annual Rhode Island Independent Living Conference was well attended. The Providence Marriott was the site for a series of workshops on work, recreation and travel—in keeping with the theme of the conference: Live Your Best Life At Home, Work and Play. The Steven A. Hook Memorial Award was presented to David Austin, Lift and Care Systems, Inc. and is awarded to the person whose professional contributions exemplify Steve Hook's dedication

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PARI-TICULARS

SAVE THE DATE

Holiday party, December 3, 2008, 12 Noon until 3 p.m. at the PARI Gym. More information to follow.

RIPTA

Fall is always the busiest time of the year for RIde, so please be patient when calling for a ride. Passengers calling to check on next-day pickup times are encouraged to call between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Trip request may be called in up to 28 days in advance. The office no longer takes requests more than four weeks early.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Many movie theaters offer reduced rates: Patriot Cinemas of East Providence offer movies every day at \$1.99 and a special rate of \$1.00 on Tuesdays. Call to check: 401-438-1100. Warwick Showcase Cinemas offers Senior Wednesdays for \$4.50 and Silver Screen Specials at 1 p.m. on Mondays for \$2.00. Call to check: 401-885-1621.



PERSONALCHOICE ADVISORY PANEL—GUEST SPEAKERS

Christina Battista writes:

The PersonalChoice Advisory Panel is a cross disability panel, and includes individuals who are in the health care profession, personal care assistants, etc. who come together once a month to discuss the PersonalChoice program, and other topics/concerns



in the "disability" community, and all related topics. Occasionally, we have guest speakers from different organizations come to speak about different areas of interest. For further information contact Christina Battista at her e-mail address cbat19@aol.com.

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Margaret E. Kane, a member of the Dinner Committee and **Leo Canuel**,



Executive Director of PARI will be Mistress and Master of Ceremonies.

Ernest Letendre, Jr., President of the Board of PARI and Kathleen Fahey, Treasurer of the Board are the Chairs of the Evening. "With this much talent and dedication we feel sure this will be a wonderful event," they predicted.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



by Leo Canuel

Dear Friends,

As I look back on the Independent Living Conference and look forward to the Annual Awards Dinner, I am struck by the fact that we never are at a loss for people to honor. The number of people who are associated with us willing to give generously of their time, talent and treasure appears to be infinite. And, for the most part, these are people with very busy lives. But they direct part of their energy to PARI and to many other organizations in the community.

This year has been a particularly hard year for fund raising. People are anxious about the upcoming heating season and worried about what the elections will bring. That is why we are so grateful for the three ts: time, talent and treasure that you share with us.

If you have any time to spare in the Fall, please assist in the voting process. Rhode Island is one of the States with the most accessible polling places, so please, for yourself and your community, vote on November 4th. And, as always, I look forward to seeing you at this year's annual dinner.

GET MOVIN' 2008

Team Buchanan raised over \$700 for Get Movin' with PARI. Save the Date in 2009: June 6, 2009!



Team
Fahey



Team
Bray

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**PARI ANNUAL
COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARDS**

2002

Paul DePace
Alan Hassenfeld and
Hasbro, Inc.
Congressman
James Langevin

2003

Cardi's Furniture
Superstores
Donald T. Cordner
Clay Osborne

2004

Robert DeBlois
Barnaby Evans
Noah Temkin

2005

Betsy Dalton
Ben Mondor and
the PawSox
Barbara Morse Silva

2006

Andrew Bateson
and Mark Patinkin
Pam Malcolm and
Bryant University

2007

CVS/pharmacy
Congressman
Patrick Kennedy
Kathleen P. Leonard



Front row left to right: Barbara Sullivan, PARI, Leo Canuel, Executive Director, PARI, Kristin Connors. Back row left to right: David Austin, Ruth Clark, Lorna Ricci, Executive Director, OSCIL, Judith Boucher and Linda Bradley

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to individuals with disabilities. The Special Recognition Award was presented to Kristin Connors whose professional contribution helped to advance the independence of all individuals with disabilities. The Special

Appreciation Award was presented to Judith Boucher and is awarded to an individual who has helped advance the independence of all individuals with disabilities. The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Ruth Clark for volunteerism and dedication to Independent Living and the people it benefits.

THE DEL PRETE FAMILY FOUNDATION AND THE ZANGRILLI FUND

One of this year's honorees, Daniel Del Prete, administers The Del Prete Family Foundation. Each year the foundation contributes to The Zangrilli Fund at PARI. The late Mr. Zangrilli was the father of Lynda Andrade a member of the PARI Board of Directors. In the report for annual giving (2007) a \$4,000.00 donation from the foundation to the Zangrilli fund was omitted. The Zangrilli Fund is PARI's place of last resort when all other areas of the funding have been exhausted. It has provided consumers with adaptive equipment, heating assistance and myriad necessities of life that otherwise could not be provided.

PCA OF THE YEAR AWARD



Lulu, a Therapy/Literacy Dog, and friend at Sargent Rehabilitation Center. PARI Board member, Susan Olson, and Lulu the Wonder Dog have been involved with pet assisted therapy/literacy since 2003.