



West Point Parent Club of MA Meeting Minutes—October 19, 2008

A meeting of the West Point Parent Club of MA was held at Shaw Group in Stoughton on October 19, 2008

In attendance were:

Pat & Alan Small, Chet & Pam Chin, Viv & Jim Rezendez, Martha Laughna, Kathy & Jerry Bowling, Nina Johannessen, Debi Brandt, Mitch & Kathy Allison, Walter & Marsha Ciccolo, Tom & Kelly Curran, Barb Davis, Bob & Ann Marie Gallo, Barbara Gallo, Steve & Helen Maxwell, Mitch Medow & Janet Sobel-Medow, Patty Miner, Dave & Linda Shea, Tim & Carla McMahon, Paula Thimble, Sharon Verash, Travis Veigas, Bill Yeo

Tailgate: Alan Small thanked Jodi Deuger for planning the excellent tailgate party after the Akron football game. The party was held under a large tent on Buffalo Soldier Field. He reflected that planning was difficult because we didn't have real solid numbers. The weather was great and not only did we serve many parent club members but also close to 50 hungry cadets.

Holly Ball: Martha Laughna updated the group on the plans for the All Academies Holly Ball. Invitations will be sent on November 7. Currently families of cadets in the classes of 2008-2012 are on the mailing list, plus a few extras known to be involved with the parent club. This event, however, is not intended to be exclusive so any families who wish to be added to the mailing list for invitations should contact Martha Laughna at rlaughna@verizon.net. Further information about the Holly Ball can be found at www.hollyball.org. All West Point families are encouraged to attend since Army is hosting this year.

Alan Small added that all members should be aware of fundraising opportunities. If you work for a company who might like to donate to our event, please contact Alan Small (asmall@verizon.net) with the pertinent information. He also indicated that he is working on a speaker for the event and has two strong possibilities.

Thanksgiving Bus: Paula Thimble reported that we will run a bus from and to West Point for Thanksgiving weekend. The bus will depart from Trophy Point at 1:30 on Wednesday, November 26 and will begin the return trip from the Riverside Station in Newton at noon on Sunday, November 30. The cost of the bus is \$100 round trip. For a registration form, go to <http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-mass/pdfs/WPPCbusform.pdf>. Any questions, contact Paula Thimble at kpthim@comcast.net. Email response is due to Paula by October 31 and form and check due by November 10. One way transportation is available.

Army-Navy Football: The Bowlings are planning a breakfast in their room at the Doubletree Hotel at 8:30 on the morning of the Army Navy game. All WPPC-MA parents and cadets are invited. Pete Fitzpatrick is selling squares on a board for this game. You may buy a square on the board and if your square matches up with the score of the game, you win big bucks. Each square is \$5. See Pete the morning of the game at the Bowlings' room if you want to participate.

WPPC-MA website (<http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-mass/index.html>): After two years of searching, we have found ourselves a new website administrator; Nina Johannessen. The website has been updated and will be improved on a regular basis. Thank you Nina for some great improvements!

Finally, the parents present shared their experiences with the group and then there was.....

Boodle, Boodle everywhere. The Yuks will be incredibly happy with the mounds of treats and toys provided by the WPPC-MA. If your cadet is not a Yuk but needs a sugar fix, tell him/her to find a yuk from MA and they will be connected to lots of treats! Thank you to Debi Brandt and Barb Davis for transporting the goodies to West Point next weekend.

The next WPPC-MA meeting is the Cow Loan celebration scheduled for February. Watch the website for details.

Respectfully submitted: Martha Laughna