

**On Receiving P.A.L.'s Lifetime Achievement**  
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Friends,

It has been a privilege to be on the P.A.L. team during these important decades, when the concept of “recreation” for under-served youngsters has evolved from “time-killing” to “psyche-building.” Today P.A.L. helps prepare youngsters for lives that are satisfying, fulfilling and productive.

When P.A.L. helps a young person develop the self-confidence that comes with achievement of goals—flowing from self-discipline, sustained effort and the rebounding from failure—that youngster is changed!

When P.A.L. encourages high aspirations that are related to one’s future life, that young person is changed!

The short term results? Fewer teenage pregnancies, fewer high school dropouts. The long term results? Better citizens and better neighbors.

In America today, we confuse “education” with “schooling,” just as we fail to distinguish between “teaching” (which someone performs at a blackboard) and “learning” (which takes place in the mind of the student). When P.A.L. is successful, our youngsters approach school with a constructive attitude and a desire to learn how to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and they learn more.

In inculcating sound values, attitudes and mindsets, P.A.L. is fighting the important battle of our time. It spends your money wisely and effectively, and it justifies your generous help.

Thank you, Bob Morgenthau, for your generous remarks; and thank you all here today for being on the Police Athletic League team!

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