

# **May 2021**

Newsletter



**Celebrate Mothers Day!** 

"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend."
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### **Executive Secretary Corner**



- **Prior year annuity contributions**: Due by May 17th
- Membership Referral Program: Make PFSA stronger by referring members!
- Post Pandemic Events: Be on the look out for the post pandemic events in your area. Coming to:
  - 1. Northern California
  - 2. North and East Bay Area
  - 3. South Bay Area
  - 4. Modesto

- 5. Tulare/ Visalia
- 6. Central Coast
- 7. Los Angeles/ Artesia
- 8. San Diego
- Mark your calendars: Mark your calendar for June 5, 2021 June 6, 2021. Support our Agents at the Manteca Crossroads Street Fair invite your family and friends
- **Appointments:** Call the Home Office to schedule in person appointments starting June 1, 2021.
- The Board of Election Nomination: The PFSA Board of Directors will have two (2) positions open, as of December 31, 2021. Nominations will be closed as of September 1, 2021. Nomination forms will be mailed out as of July 1, 2021.

#### **ATTENTION COUNCIL SECRETARIES:**

- 25 and 50 Year Pins: 25 & 50 Year Pins were sent out to all recipients. A list of all recipients will be sent to all Council Secretaries to recognize our members during Official Visits.
- Official Visits: Council Secretaries please send to the Home Office your Official Visit invitation.
- ◆ Feedback: The Home Office is always working towards improving our services. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve, please email any suggestions to mypfsa@mypfsa.org. Positive feedback is also very well welcomed!

#### **Monthly Challenges**

# **June Challenge**

Let's see your favorite Portuguese Gear!



This June wear your Portuguese colors or share a your favorite picture with your dad on Facebook!

### **July Challenge**

Let's celebrate the 4th of July!



Upload your favorite photo wearing red, white and blue to Facebook and tag @mypfsa-modesto

# Supreme President Dr. Monique Vallance Annual Charity









#### 2019-2021 Supreme Presidents'

#### **Annual Charity**

You may donate by mailing checks payable to PFSA

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Information.

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#### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

YOU , YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED

Good Times \* Socialize \* Great Friends

IMPORTANT: Please make sure that you RSVP for the events listed as dates or times may change without notice.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	SPONSORED BY	COVER CHARGE		FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
5/8/2021	11:30 am	Official Visit	PFSA Council 2, Bakersfield	No Cover Charge	Hodel's Country Dining Restaurant – Harvest Room 5917 Knudsen Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308	RSVP by May 1, 2021 President Caron C. Dias @ (661) 201-8140 Or Secretary Trudy Mooney @ 661-428-1428
5/8/2021	6:00 pm	Official Visit	PFSA Council 46, Tulare	No Cover Charge	Residence of Council President - Mary Anne Whiteside 30220 Road 220 Exeter, CA 93221	RSVP by Monday, May 3,2021 Donald Costa 559-972-4693
5/9/2021	11:30	Official Visit	PFSA Council 106, Riverdale 138, Stratford	No Cover Charge	IDES Hall 19617 Empire St. Stratford, CA 93266	RSVP by Monday, May 3,2021 Cindy Rodrigues 559-381-0875





### **Congratulations!**

- To Alvina Junio of Council 46 of Tulare on your 50 years as a PFSA Member
- To Brian Parreira of Council 46 of Tulare on your 50 years as a PFSA Member

Thank you so much Don Costa for sending in these photos of Alvina and Brain so we can acknowledge them in this months newsletter.



If you have a 25 or 50 year members you would like to feature in the upcoming newsletters please send the photos to mypfsa@mypfsa.org.



# We will be getting together for a number of get togethers throughout California after the pandemic passes!

#### We plan to have events in the following regions:

Northern California, North and East Bay Area, South Bay Area, Modesto, Tulare/ Visalia, Central Coast, Los Angeles/ Artesia, San Diego

Stay tuned for dates and more details. It has been a long time and we miss our fraternal family. Timing will depend on when the various California counties allow for safe gathering. Stay tuned for more information in the future. Until that time, we hope you all stay safe and healthy!

# PFSA Home Office will be open As of June 1, 2021 by: APPOINTMENT ONLY!

In order to monitor the number of people in the office and allow adequate time to assist Members with their requests,

# <u>APPOINTMENTS</u> ARE REQUIRED!

Please call 866-687-7372

Or email mypfsa@mypfsa.org your request to make an appointment!



We appreciate your understanding as we work together to keep everyone safe.



### **It's Official Visit Time!**

Please send the PFSA Home Office your Official Visit Invitation/flyer to be published on our monthly Newsletter.

We will also publish the details on our social media platforms and email to our master email list!

#### Please send information to:

The PFSA Home Office 1100 14th Street, Suite E Modesto, CA 95354

> or Email:

mypfsa@mypfsa.org

# Joe Seamas Full-Time Agent



### 1. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE RULES FOR NAVIGATING LIFE?

- 1. My faith in God.
- 2. My family, spending quality time with and being there for them.
- 3. To be there for friends and family, and trying to make at least one person smile each day.

# 2. WHY IS LIFE INSURANCE AND FUTURE PLANNING IMPORTANT TO YOU?

To make sure my family and friends are prepared for what ever life throws at them. Some, may brush me off. Others will pay attention to the help I am offering. I must be persistent to make sure them and their families are prepared for the worst.

#### 3. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY MEMORY?

I actually have 4.

- 1. The marriage to my beautiful wife Veronica
- 2. The birth and adoption of our daughter Angela.
- 3. The marriage of our daughter to her bride Danielle.
- 4. Attending and participating in our Festa.



# Susan Michele Gonzales Full-Time Agent

# 1. What are your top three rules for navigating life?

- 1. Always put God first
- Always smile & be kind -First impression is always important
- 3. Be Humble

# 2. Why is Life Insurance and Future Planning important to you?

Life insurance and future planning does not only provide peace of mind to you and your loved ones but can be an essential part of a sound financial plan. As you grow and move through life, you could appreciate the many benefits.

#### 3. What is your favorite family memory?

Our family trips to Oceanside/San Diego We get to spend family Quality time together and enjoying the beach.





# Donald J. Costa Full-Time Agent



## 1. WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE RULES FOR NAVIGATING LIFE?

- 1. TREAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU WANTED TO BE TREATED
- 2. TRY TO SMILE AND MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY
- 3. ENJOY LIFE REGARDING WHAT IS THROWN YOUR WAY

# 2. WHY IS LIFE INSURANCE AND FUTURE PLANNING IMPORTANT TO YOU?

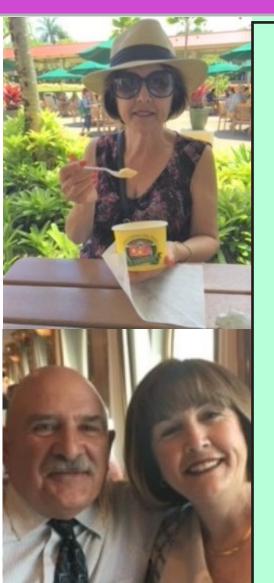
WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER AND WOULD GO WITH THE AGENTS AND PAST PRESIDENTS TO LOOK FOR MEMBERS, I WOULD SEE ON THE FACES OF THE NEW MEMBERS ASKING THEMSELVES, "WHY DIDN'T I PURCHASE LIFE INSURANCE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, PREMIUM WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH CHEAPER"?

#### 3.WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY MEMORY?

I HAVE SO MANY FAMILY MEMORIES, THE SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY WHEN I WOULD MAKE LIFE CHOICES THAT MAY NOT BE AS TRADITIONAL.



### Luisiana Drumonde Part-Time Agent



- 1. What are your top three rules for navigating life?
  - 1. I believe in living everyday to the fullest
  - 2. Love and respect others
  - 3. There is always room for ice cream!
- 2. Why is Life insurance and Future Planning important to you?

Life Insurance and Future Planning is important to me because it makes sure that my family is taken care of and does not need to be burdened with financial expenses in the future

#### 3. What is your favorite family memory?

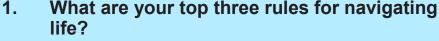
Although, I have many great family memories, the one that stands out the most recently was when my family and I went to Hawaii in 2017. My husband and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by taking the entire family on a fabulous vacation to Oahu! We had a family photoshoot on the beach, and looking back on the photos now, brings back all of the beautiful memories from that trip!



# Michael Fraga Part-Time Agent







- 1. Giving back to & supporting the community.
- 2. Family will always be there to help.
- 3.Keeping a steady routine (but some breaks are okay too!)

# 2. Why is Life Insurance and Future Planning important to you?

Growing up in agriculture and having a dairy ranch of my own, it's easy to see why having life insurance and planning for the future is important. A person never knows what's going to happen tomorrow, but in hopes of having the best outcome, we can plan for the future today.

#### 3. What is your favorite family memory?

My favorite family memories include all of the trips my family and I have taken over the years since my children were little. I enjoy sharing the history of the places we visit with them in hopes that when they come back with their children, they can pass the stories along. I can't wait to make more memories with them in 2021.





# Dominique Higgins Part-Time Agent

#### What are your top three rules for navigating life?

#### 1. Have compassion with yourself.

Often, I hear people talk down to themselves. Words can hurt even if they are pointed at yourself. Remember to be kind to yourself as you are your biggest critic.

#### 2. Practice gratitude daily.

It is easy to see what everyone else has now days with a world that posts everything good happening in their life on social media. Its easy to say why not me or feel like you are not keeping up with the Jones. I find doing a self-inventory every now and then helps stay positive, so it changes the mind set of what I do not have to what I do have.

#### 3. Pay Attention to the Moment

Stop thinking about what happened in the past or worry about what might happen in the future. Live in the moment and learn to savor each one.

#### Why is Life Insurance and Future Planning important to you?

Life insurance and future planning is important to me because I have seen how a passing of a loved one can cause a hardship financially. My Uncle for instance is very sick and is on dialysis and never thought about life insurance until he needed it and by then it was to late. He lives on social security and barely makes ends meet. We as a family have had to pull together to set aside funds for when that time does come as the doctors say it will be soon. It is always important to think about your future whether it be with life insurance or even retirement planning. Both scenarios seem so far away but when the time is here, we say, "Oh, How time fly's".

#### What is your favorite family memory?

My favorite family memory would have to be a Christmas memory. One year my sister told us kids we all have a dollar for each person in the family and took us to the dollar store. She did not realize how creative we would get. There were my two nephews, two nieces, my sister, my brother-in-law, and myself. That year my nephew Trevor really wanted a hamster and my niece Jessalyn really wanted \$101 dollars. So, my nephew Alec and I teamed up and bought a fake hamster that vibrated when you pulled the string and got a shoe box and poked holes in it and made it look like a real hamster was in it. Then for Jessalyn we bought a plastic piggy bank and fake money and put exactly \$101 dollars in it. The other gifts we got were thoughtful or goofy. That year we all got what we wanted for Christmas but the ones we were most excited to open were the dollar store gifts. We still talk about it to this day on how much fun those Christmas shenanigans were.



# Getting to know Sandra Crivello Part-Time Agent





#### 1. What are your top three rules for navigating life?

Practice kindness and Compassion

Don't worry about what you can't control

Don't compare your life to others, and don't judge them

# 2. Why is Life Insurance and Future Planning important to you?

I know that life insurance is not on the top of the minds of many people. But for me, it is important to help family understand the financial stability they can leave for their loved ones. I don't know how many times on Facebook I have seen Go Fund Me accounts created because they had no Life Insurance and leaving the families to struggle. Planning and having Life Insurance can give families peace of mind and financial security and why wouldn't we want to leave that kind of security for our family. When you make the time and effort to plan your life, you will identify what is important to you. It will determine exactly what kind of life you want for you and your family. If you create a plan then you can make choices and decisions, rather than leaving things up to chance.

#### 3. What is your favorite family memory?

The memories that always stand out for me are the camping trips we took to Memorial Park in San Mateo. Just having the quality time with the family with no technology was the best time. Every day we would stop at the Bakery in Pescadero and get our favorite artichoke bread and then head to the beach. Other times we would take hikes and spend time at the lagoon. But the most memories were always around the campfire at night, making smore's and telling stories. Family for me is very important and quality times is priceless.

# Stephanie Koch Part-Time Agent

## 1. What are your top three rules for navigating life?

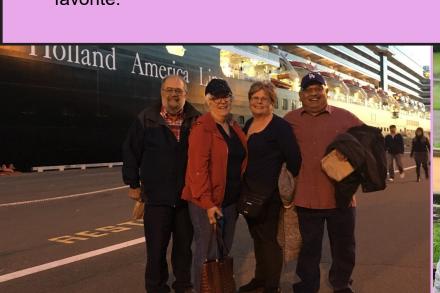
- 1.To live my life
- 2.Loving others
- 3. Honoring my Lord and Savior

# 2. Why is Life Insurance and Future Planning Important to you?

Our son passed away leaving a wife and 4 children. His in-laws gave them a substantial life insurance policy as a wedding gift and paid for it for 5 years and then my son and daughter in law paid the premium. Our grandchildren will go to college and my daughter in law was able to take almost 2 years off work after he passed. It was an incredible gift and I want others to have that same security and know that their loved ones will be cared for.

#### 3. What is your favorite family memory?

At my age I have MANY wonderful memories and I really can't pick one. Any memory where I'm together with the people I love the most is a favorite.





# **Starting now**

# All Fraternal Councils may now resume In-Person Fraternal Activities

inclusive of Official Visits, Council Meetings, and Fraternal Social Gatherings, as of May 1, 2021

PFSA Fraternal Councils are encouraged to implement the Recommendations of the County Health Department in which they are holding in-person fraternal activities and that of the CDC (Center for Disease Control), as the recommendations relate to in-person gatherings.

### **May Challenge**

Upload you favorite photo of your mom to Facebook and tag @mypfsa—modesto







The officers and members of PFSA would like to express sincere condolences to the bereaved families of PFSA Officers and Members

#### **Manuel Medeiros**

Past Supreme President (Term: 1986-1987 UPEC)

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3 Eureka	Adlena M. Ramos
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11 Turlock	Alfred D. Burtis
118 Elk Grove	Maria (Mary) P. Machado
46 Tulare /66 Visalia	Maria Medeiros
46 Tulare	Osvaldo M. Avila
21 Los Banos	John (Joao) T. Machado
11 Turlock	Manual R. Furtado
38 Modesto	Marie Furtado
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17 Fremont /16 Newark	Anne Pimentel-Heir
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44 San Jose	Maria T. Borge
18 Stockton	John J. Mello
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