

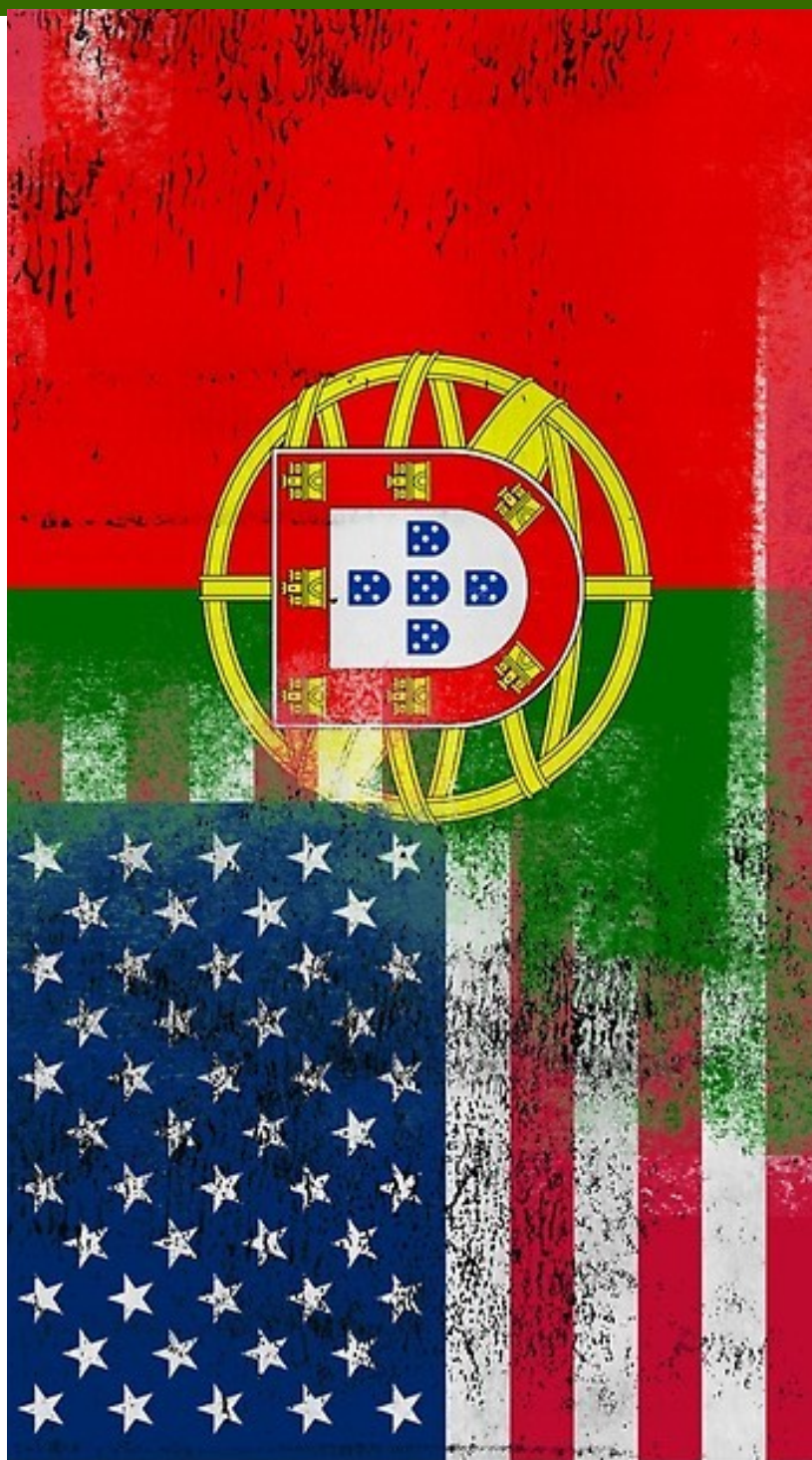


FINANCIAL
PRODUCTS

MARCH 2022

Newsletter

Immigrants have
enriched and
strengthened the
fabric of
American Life





Executive Secretary Corner:

Bernice Armas-Martinez

Official Visits:

Council Secretaries, it is **very important** that you send your Official Visit Invitation to the home office

Supreme President, Council Secretaries and Members, Kindly share your Official Visit pictures on PFSA Facebook (mypfsa modesto) or submit them to Sandra.crivello@mypfsa.org

2021 Council Annual Report:

2021 Annual Reports have been emailed and mailed to all Council Secretaries. The due date is March 31, 2022. Thank you to those councils who submitted your Annual Report

Membership Roster

Have been mailed out. Hope you like the new look!!

Council Workshop:

Excited to announce our first set of workshops!

March 25, 2022	April 6, 2022	April 30, 2022
11- Turlock	18- Stockton	7 - Gustine/Newman
26- Stevinson/Turlock/	13 - Tracy	20 - Merced
38 - Modesto	69 - Manteca	29 - Los Banos/ Dos Palos
53 - Hughson		31 - El Nido

Mark your Calendars:

March 5, 2022

- Portuguese Immigrant Week Wreath Ceremony
- Portuguese Bom Samaritano Foundation Fair and Boutique

March 12, 2022

- Open House Celebration 55th Anniversary of Portuguese Immigrant Week Co. 3 Eureka

March 20, 2022

- Co.18 Stockton, Official Visit

April 9, 2022

- San Joaquin Portuguese Festival, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

April 23, 2022

- PFSA Annual Picnic, Casa de Fruta
- PFSA Rolling Fraternals and Rvers - Casa de Fruta

May 14, 2022

- VP Fundraiser Golf Tournament, Merced Golf and Country Club

New Members


Council and City	Total Members
3- Eureka	1
12 - Oakland	1
13 - Tracy	1
16 - Newark	8
19 - Chino/Ontario	5
20 - Merced	1
21- Los Banos	2
23 - Antioch	1
24- San Leandro	3
26 - Stevinson/Turlock/ Hilmar	2
38 - Modesto	9
44 - San Jose	1
46 - Tulare	1
66 - Visalia	1

Attention Council Secretaries

If you see that your Council has New Members contact the Home Office for their contact information. Let's welcome our New Members and get them connected to our Councils.

Thank you to the Council Secretaries that have called your New Members to welcome them.

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mardi Gras	2	3	4	5 Portuguese Immigrant Week Wreath Ceremony  Portuguese Bom Samaritano Faire & Boutique
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Co. 3 Eureka, 55 th Anniversary of Portuguese Immigrant
13 Daylight Savings Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19
20 Co. 18 Stockton, Official Visit Start of Spring	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 National Joe Day	28	29	30	31		

Host a Council Charity Project!

Supreme Presidents' Charity—Together We Rise



You can help foster kids by giving them sweet cases

Each bag comes with comfort items such as a blanket, teddy bear, and toiletry bag. Then you can decorate and add any thing your group would like.

1

To get started, contact
Together We Rise

Veronica Covarrubias
(714) 340-5095
vc@togetherwerise.org

Order in sets of 10

\$300 for each 10 pack

Send payment directly to
Together We Rise.

Allow 2 weeks for delivery

2

Select a local Foster group
to pick up your decorated
bags

[https://impact.togetherwerise.org/
foster-agency-locator/](https://impact.togetherwerise.org/foster-agency-locator/)

3

**Gather your
group, stuff &
decorate bags,
and have some
fun!**



Councils may also qualify for up to \$500 annually with the PFSA Members in Action Program.

Upcoming Event

CARLOS VIEIRA
FOUNDATION

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
PORTUGUESE FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY
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PORTUGUESE FESTIVAL
SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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FREE
ADMISSION

Portuguese Fraternal Society of America
Council 18, Stockton - Official Visit

Honoring Supreme President

Dr. Monique M. Vallance

and spouse 20 - 30's Past President - David Vallance

20 - 30's Supreme President - Jason Deniz

Supreme Youth President - Justin Valadao

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Stockton Ballroom

9630 Thornton Road, Stockton

Social Hour 11:30am - Lunch 12:30pm

Reservations **MUST** be made in advance no later than
March 14, 2022

**** **RAFFLE PRIZES APPRECIATED** ***

----- cut and mail-----

Please put me down for _____ reservation(s)

Name_____ Phone#_____

Mail to:

Jack Perry, President Council 18

3271 Van Eeden Ct

Stockton, CA 95206

(209) 983-3015



Portuguese Fraternal Society of America
You, your family, and friends are invited to attend
an Open House Social Celebrating the
55th ANNIVERSARY OF PORTUGUESE IMMIGRANT WEEK

Sponsored by PFSA Council #3 Eureka

Saturday, March 12, 2022

12:00pm — 3:00pm

Ferndale Portuguese Hall, Ferndale, CA

Join us for assorted favorite foods and desserts
of our Portuguese Culture

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As a Fundraiser Project,

Fresh Baked Portuguese Donuts to Go
will be available for purchase until sold out!

Project benefits the Ferndale Portuguese Hall Building Fund

Linda Mateus, PFSA Council #3 Secretary - lmateus2001@yahoo.com

(Event to comply with Humboldt County Covid Regulations)

2022 PFSA

Annual Family Picnic

**April
23**

11:30 am

*Disney Theme!
Wear your
Favorite Disney
Gear!*

Reserve your spot!

Come enjoy an afternoon with your PFSA friends and family!

Make your reservation for our PFSA Picnic

\$5.00 per adult & youth 13 and over | Youth 12 and under FREE

Please make your check payable to: PFSA

Name: _____

Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

Mail Reservation To: PFSA HOME OFFICE

1100 14th Street, Suite E Modesto, CA 95354

Telephone: 866-687-7372 or 209-702-6364

mypfsa@mypfsa.org

of Adults _____ x \$5 = _____

Youth 13 & over _____ x \$5 = _____

Youth 12 & under _____ Free

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please RSVP

by

April 15, 2022

Casa de Fruta

10021 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister, CA 95023

www.MYPFSA.org



Group participation request

Annual Family Picnic

**April
23
11:30 am**

The PFSA Annual Picnic is back for 2022!

Our theme this year is Disney and there are lots of ways to participate.

Best dressed: We invite you to wear your favorite Disney gear. We will have a winner for the best Disney outfit!

Dessert contest: You can't have a picnic without some sweets, so bring your Disney-themed dessert for our contest!

Best Disney centerpiece: For councils, we will have a contest for the best decorated "Disney" centerpiece, so get your members together to plan your art piece.

Sponsor a table or activity

Councils, committees, and groups are also welcome to sponsor a table, games, entertainment, or activities. If you are interested in participating, please submit two ideas to minimize duplication. If your council, committee, or group has sponsored a game or activity in the past; and would like to do it again, please indicate your idea and the year of first use. In the case of duplicate ideas, the group/entity which first instituted the concept will be given the first right of refusal. The Fraternal Activities Committee will review all submissions for final approval, and applicants will be notified via email of final approval, or if there are any concerns.

Please submit all applications to jerry.escobar@mypfsa.org by April 1, 2022.

APPLICATION:

Group: _____

Contact Name, Email, and Phone _____

Idea 1: _____

Idea 2: (Alternate) _____





Celebrate Portuguese Immigrant Week

55 Portuguese
Immigrant
Week
Years
1967 - 2022

March 5—12, 2022

**Celebrate Portuguese Immigrant
Week Online**

On Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 10 am

Please join us virtually on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LUSOMedia>

Portuguese History

Immigrant Week



Around 1870, Portuguese began to arrive in the United States. Most of the Portuguese immigrants were men of the Azores Islands. These men were recruited to work on American whaling ships. A small portion of Portuguese also immigrated to the Hawaiian Islands to work on the sugar plantations.

At first Portuguese tended to settle near ports such as New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Central California, and Hawaii. Some went west to obtain ownership of land. In California Portuguese Immigrants settled in the rural areas where they farmed and operated dairies. They also hired Portuguese to help on their farms and this made it easier to maintain their customs.

The Portuguese Immigrants wanted to preserve their customs of their country that had special significance to them. In the early twentieth century, they revived three celebrations from their homelands, the Festival of the Blessed Sacrament, the Festival of the Holy Ghost, and the Senhor da Pedra Festival.

The Blessed Sacrament is a celebration from Madeira Island. This is a four day festival and has grown to be one of the largest Portuguese American celebrations, attracting over 150,000 visitors to New Bedford Massachusetts each year.

The Festival of the Holy Ghost is an Azorean celebration. This festival is celebrated in California, depending on the location it is celebrated on some weekends between Easter and the end of July. Each location will have a queen to represent their town. The queen is escorted through the streets in a procession to the local church for a mass. After the mass the procession will proceed to a hall where there is a feast. There is also a dance, charity action, music, and Portuguese food.



The Festa de Senhora de Pedra is celebrated in Massachusetts. After a mass an image of Senhor da Pedra and nine other church figures are carried in a procession on floats through the streets and accompanied by a band and children dressed wearing their first communion outfits or dressed as angels. The priests in the procession carry sacraments. As the figure of Senhor da Pedra passes, onlookers attach money to the float. The money on the float is donated to the church.



This symbolic statue was created by Azorean sculptor Numidico Bessone and offered to the City of San Leandro in 1964 by União Portuguesa do Estado da California, now part of PFSA. It symbolizes a person carrying a heavy burden – the difficulties and struggles of the immigrant; yet it also shows a man in front of a ship's bow symbolizing the strength, courage, and sense of adventure of the Portuguese immigrant.

Many Portuguese Americans went into business for themselves and opened restaurants, hotels, and banks. Portuguese Immigrants were successful farmers and in fact 34 percent of market milk produced in California came from Portuguese American dairies. The descendants of Portuguese Immigrants have gone and made their mark on American society.



Portuguese Bom Samaritano Foundation

SPRING FAIRE & BOUTIQUE

Saturday, March 5th 12 - 7PM
Buhach Portuguese Hall
2889 N Buhach Rd, Atwater, Ca 95301

\$25 per Table (Bring your own Table)

\$45 Booth + canopy (bring your own)

\$100 Food Trucks

To reserve your spot, please Contact

Mariel Fedri ASAP

(209)298-0866

Mariel4G@yahoo.com

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- PRIZE DRAWINGS**
- BAZAR**
- DINNER & DANCE \$35.**



Attention PFSA Rolling Fraternals and RVers
Save these dates for your RV or Resort Getaway to the upcoming

PFSA Annual Picnic - April 23, 2022
Casa de Fruta, Hollister

RV sites on hold for the dates of April 21 - April 24, 2022

RV site rate is \$39.96 per night

Payment in advance by check written to Linda Mateus

(A group camping procedure)

Reservations and payments are due by April 11th

(If you should need to cancel your RV reservation, a 48 hour advance notice is needed)

Plan on a “Rolling Fraternals”
Friday night campfire social

Mail reservation dates and payment by April 11th to

Linda Mateus
2133 Sheldon Drive
McKinleyville, CA 95519



Questions call 707-839-1491

or email

lmateus2001@yahoo.com

PFSA Golf Tournament

**May
14**

**Get your team together and
join us for a great day of golf!**

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Shotgun start

Entry Fee

\$150 / person

4 Player Scramble

Cart and lunch provided with fee

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers

Raffle prizes



Player Registration

Player 1:

Player 2:

Player 3:

Player 4:

Contact name and Contact #:

To reserve your place, please email
this form to Juanita Pedrozo
ted1058@aol.com, or call
(209) 769-9031.

Mail checks payable to
PFSA Council 20

**Please reserve
your foursome by
May 1, 2022**

Merced Golf & Country Club

6333 Golf Rd, Merced, CA 95340

Saturday, May 14, 2022

RSVP: Juanita Pedrozo (209) 769-9031
ted1058@aol.com



February Council Challenge

Council 24 - San Leandro Celebrating Valentines Day



Bernice and her husband JP



Council 26 - Stevinson/Turlock/Hilmar Valentines Party



Council 7 - Gustine/Newman Celebrating Valentines and showing off their Sweethearts



PFSA staff enjoying ice cream for Valentines



Susan and her husband Bill



Addie and her husband Bob



PFSA Council Challenges

Try our new Council challeng-

April

**Make Easter Baskets for Children
or
Decorate Easter Eggs**



Please email photos, event date council number and city to
sandra.crivello@mypfsa.org
Don't forget to post and tag us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

May

**Show us your Cinco de Mayo Celebration
or
Upload your favorite photo of your mom**



In Memoriam

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed.

COUNCIL	NAME
8 - Santa Maria	Margarida R. Borges
13 - Tracy	Kirk L. Olsen
14 - Mountain View	Orlando C. Pereira
16 - Newark	Phyllis S. Sousa
16 - Newark	Carol Emmett
29 - Watsonville	John G. Luiz
46 - Tulare	Linda L. Cardoza
54 - Benicia/Vallejo	Jose M. Goncalves
66. Visalia	Stanley P. Ferreira
76 - Artesia	Antonio D. Coelho
84 - San Luis Obispo	Harold Lowe
106 - Riverdale	Mannie H. Cunha
138 - Stratford	Clarence Lima

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Policy Highlights

Product Description	Simplified Employee Pension (SEP – IRA)
Issue Ages	21 to 70
Contribution Amounts	Minimum \$100 Initial Deposit available with \$25 Per Month EFT Contributions Limits on SEP IRA's as per IRS Limits The contributions you make to each employee's SEP-IRA each year cannot exceed the lesser of 25% of compensation or \$58,000 for 2021
Current Interest Rates (Guaranteed for 1 year)	Current Interest Rates determined every year by Board of Directors
Guaranteed Interest Rate	1%
Taxation	Tax deferred until withdrawal Withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income 10% IRS Tax Penalty for withdrawals Before 59 ½
Annuitization Income Options	Interest Income, Fixed Period, Specified Amount, Single and Joint life, Life Income with Guarantee period, Life income without guarantee period. Subject to RMD (Required Minimum Distribution)

Contact PFSA Home Office

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Email: mypfsa@mypfsa.org

Website: www.MYPFSA.org





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