

# NEWSLETTER

November 2023



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Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Bernice Armas-Martinez

## **PFSA Convention 2023**

Looking Forward to seeing you all at convention, please note:

**Registration**– Will ONLY be on Friday, Nov. 10th 2023

**Photo Session**– Times will be announced during General Session

**Double Tree Checkout**– Will be on Sunday, Nov. 12th 2023. For those under 300 miles one way from home council will be reimbursed mileage.

**Room Keys**– Will be required to access room floor.

**Council Secretaries** - Council Secretaries please contact the Home Office for your New Member contact information to welcome them to your Council. In addition, 2024 Official Visit requests forms were mailed to you in October.

**Newsletter publications** - We want to celebrate our Members Birthdays. Please submit your December birthdays, Council challenge photos, and any flyers to [carley.azevedo@mypfsa.org](mailto:carley.azevedo@mypfsa.org).

**Please Continue To Send Us Your Referrals**

# New Members



## Upcoming Events

### November

- 11/5 - Seed 2 Cup Event, Oakdale
- 11/10-11/12- PFSA Convention, Modesto
- 11/19 - The Portuguese Kids Comedy, Manteca
- 11/23– Thanksgiving Day

### December

- 12/25- Merry Christmas!

**Welcome To  
Our Team!**

**Nizia Hogan**  
*Sales Agent*





## **A Message From Our Supreme President Juanita Pedrozo**

Dear Members of PFSA,

Mary, Taylor, and I have had a fantastic journey this year. We have met new friends, reconnected with old friends and with all your support, ended this adventure on a very positive note. Through our travels, you shared that our Society is rooted in tradition. Our PFSA will continue to grow with the many people who have the dedication and determination to bring knowledge, faith, and understanding to the youth of our rich culture. The traditions of our societies are so important to share and remember as we continue to support what our founders stated many years ago.

Mary, Taylor, and I are so grateful for all your support and love. At our Testimonial, we celebrated with our families and friends. We were able to support our charity, the American Cancer Society. We could not have done this all without all of you. We hope that you will continue to support the American Cancer Society throughout the years to come. We know that with all the support of our beautiful society, we will see a cure for cancer in our lifetime.

As your President, I have learned so much about what PFSA and past Societies have given us all. Families have given so much time and dedication to ensure that fraternalism continues for our children. They share their stories, their heartaches, and their struggles. They have shared their joys, growth, and family memories. They have shared what they had to do for us to ensure that their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren understand where they have come from. I know that as our families move on to start their own families, we need to send with them the rich traditions of family.

This journey for Mary, Taylor, and I is ending as your Presidents. We assure you we are only closing this chapter to open a new one. This adventure has memories, experiences, and growth. I will continue to support this society with my prayers, encouragement, and positive admiration for you all. I wish Michael Fraga the best as he begins his journey. He will bring great things to our unique Portuguese Fraternal Society of America.

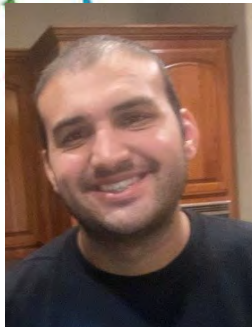
There are so many people that I want to thank as we close our year. I want to thank my family for their support and understanding. I want to also thank my outstanding Council 20 for all their encouragement, support, and never-ending drive to help me remember why we are here. I finally want to thank Mary and Taylor. It has been a privilege to share this experience with you and an honor.

As we prepare for our convention, we are excited to see everyone and to celebrate our amazing year. We hope that you can travel to Modesto and join us. If you cannot, please keep us all in your prayers as we come together to make memories, share, and celebrate. I wish you all the very best and continue the traditions of our Society, PFSA.

Fraternally yours,

Juanita C. Pedrozo  
PFSA Supreme President

# Happy Birthday to our Members born in November



**Dylan Mendes**  
Nov 13th



**Sandra Da Silva**  
Nov 15th



**Chris Cochran**  
Nov 19th



**Joseph Ichiro Xavier Young**  
Nov 21st



**Megan De Souza**  
PFSA Accountant  
Nov 22nd



**Joseph Reyes Jr.**  
Nov 22nd



**Duane S Oliveira**  
PFSA Board of Director  
Nov 26th



**Nov  
9**

# **Boot Scoot Boogie**

**Hosted by Council 20, Merced**

**Join us for an evening of fun and  
Come dressed in your favorite  
Western wear!**

# **WESTERN Dance Party!**

- **Western line dancing**
- **Portuguese Chamarita!**
- **Hors d'orves**
- **No host bar**

**Thursday, November 9, 6 pm  
DoubleTree by Hilton, Modesto**



# 2023 PFSA Annual Convention

**Nov  
10—12**



## **Join us for a Western Theme Convention in Modesto**

**November 10—12**

**Recently Renovated**

**DoubleTree by Hilton, Modesto**

**Phone# 209- 526-6000**

**1150 9th St, Modesto, CA 95354**

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**\$149 Per Night + Tax**

**Please make reservations under  
PFSA Group Code: PFS to receive  
special rate by**

**10/24/23**





**Unleash Your Talent!**

**Nov  
10**

# **VARIETY** *Show*

**Calling  
All YOUTH!  
Sign up  
TODAY!!**



**Friday,  
November 10th.**

**Following the  
Grand Ball**

**DoubleTree by  
Hilton, Modesto**

**Please RSVP by October 27, 2023**

**Youth Director, Mary Ann Navarra: [maryann6767@gmail.com](mailto:maryann6767@gmail.com), (209) 205-0346, or  
Supreme President, Juanita Pedrozo: [ted1058@aol.com](mailto:ted1058@aol.com), (209) 769-9031**



**Nov  
10**

# **Funworks Youth Trip**

**\$30  
Per  
Child**

**All Youth up to 18  
RSVP today to join  
the fun!**

**Activities available:**

Mini golf, bumper cars, go-karts, arcade & XD theater.

Lunch & Transportation  
Provided.

**Friday, November 10, 10 am - 4 pm  
Funworks, 4307 Coffee Rd, Modesto**

A small number of volunteer Chaperons are needed. If you are interested, or want more information, please email or call Youth Director, Mary Ann Navarra: [maryann6767@gmail.com](mailto:maryann6767@gmail.com), (209) 205-0346



**Nov  
11**

**In the Youth President's Suite  
DoubleTree by Hilton, Modesto**

**2:00 PM  
Saturday,  
November 11**

**Youth Ice  
Cream  
Social**

Official Visit Co. 7  
Gustine/Newman  
09/29/23



**Official Visit Co. 100  
Oakdale/Riverbank/Escalon  
9/30/23**





**Manteca Pumpkin Fair**  
**10/7-10/8/23**



**Cesar Chavez Community Celebration Committee**  
**Indoor Mercado**  
**Modesto, CA 10/11/23**



# President's Testimonial Dinner

Atwater, CA

10/14/23



Board of Director's and Supreme President's (L to R): Robert Bertao, Stephanie Koch, Marie Kelly Barreiro, Juanita Pedrozo, Mary Sylvester, Taylor Avila, Al Furtado, John Camara, and Duane Oliveira









# Our Lady of Fatima Festa Thornton, CA 10/14-10/15/23





# Oakdale FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 21, 2023





# October Council Challenges



Co. 66 Visalia shared a photo from donation items they collected for August and September Challenges. Thank you for you support and hard work in the council challenges.



Co. 24 San Leandro shared a picture from their most recent meeting and celebrated Halloween for October's Challenge!



Co. 3 Eureka Celebrated October and all of the festivities by wearing fun headbands and pink! Great Job Eureka!



Co. 46 Tulare shared a photo from their most recent meeting when they celebrated breast cancer awareness month. Thank you for participating!



PFSA Home Office joined the October challenge and went all out with pink day in the office to Support of Breast Cancer Awareness!

# Council Challenges

## NOVEMBER

- Celebrate the Veteran's in your life
- Create a Thanksgiving basket or baskets to donate to a family or charity

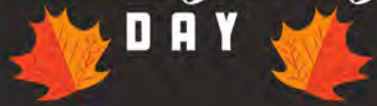
## DECEMBER

- Celebrate a Christmas cookie exchange and include your recipe
- Bring an ornament to exchange at your holiday party

  
**HAPPY**  
**VETERANS**  
**DAY**



**GIVE THANKS**  
**HAPPY**  
*Thanksgiving*  
**DAY**



# 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:               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 115 Rodeo                   | Anthony J. Fresquez |
| 24 San Leandro              | Michael David Sa    |
| 16 Newark                   | Valdemar M. Nunes   |
| 69 Manteca                  | Mary Ann Silva      |
| 26 Stevinson/Hilmar/Turlock | Carolina M. Sousa   |
| 84 San Luis Obispo          | William M. Quaresma |
| 84 San Luis Obispo          | Jack A. Trimmer     |
| 138 Stratford               | Lee Cardoso         |
| 108 Madera                  | Greta Cardoso       |
| 69 Manteca                  | Frank Brazil        |
| 138 Straford                | Mary M. Sozinho     |
| 21 Los Banos                | Craig J. LaMoglia   |
| 16 Newark                   | Bernice E.S. Myers  |
| 4 Arcata                    | Marcelino B. Viegas |
| 29 Watsonville              | Elyse A. Bailey     |



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PFSA offers financial services to protect members and their families and provides cultural, social, educational and charitable activities

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WE'RE ON THE WEB [WWW.MYPFSA.ORG](http://WWW.MYPFSA.ORG)  
@MYPFSA



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- ◇ Thanksgiving off!
- ◇ Better pay!
- ◇ Life Insurance!



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