



WORLD CUP  
2026

# PORTUGAL

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PFSA Newsletter

June  
2026



## New Members

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 20 - Merced                     | 2 |
| 26 - Stevinson/Turlock/Hilmar   | 1 |
| 38 - Modesto                    | 8 |
| 44 - San Jose                   | 1 |
| 53 - Hughson                    | 1 |
| 76 - Artesia                    | 1 |
| 98 - Ferndale                   | 3 |
| 100 - Oakdale/Escalon/Riverbank | 9 |
| 118 - Elk Grove                 | 1 |

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 6/6 - Hilmar Dairy Farm Festival
- 6/6 - 6/7 Watermelon Festival, Manteca
- 6/9 - San Jose City Hall Proclamation
- 6/13 - Dia De Portugal Festival, San Jose
- 6/20 - 6/21 - Hayward Festa
- 6/27 - Tailgate Crew World Cup Watch Party, San Jose

### July

- 7/12 - Lathrop OV
- 7/25 - Eureka/Arcata/Ferndale OV

### August

- 8/9 - Turlock OV
- 8/10 - Padres Portuguese Heritage Tailgate Crew, San Diego
- 8/14 - Pauleto Dinner
- 8/14 - 8/16 Pismo Festa
- 8/15 - Quakes Portuguese Heritage Tailgate Crew, San Jose
- 8/22 - Battle of Bifanas Festival San Jose
- 8/23 - Merced/Madera OV

## Monthly Challenges

### June

Celebrate Father's Day

Post pictures of your favorite Hawaiian shirt to welcome summer.

Celebrate Dia de Portugal in San Jose, June 13, and post pics of your Portuguese flag and shirts for Portuguese Heritage Month.

### July

Celebrate Independence Day, Hot Dog Month, and Ice Cream Day by having a picnic.

Donate to the Ronald McDonald House Youth Charity—Pop tops, hygiene products, or blankets.

Post a patriotic outfit picture.

# Happy Birthday to our Members born in June!



**Dave Valadao**

June 3rd



**Steve Macias**

June 4th



**Mary Teixeira**

June 8th



**Ann Escobar**

June 15th



**Sandra Crivello**

June 23rd



**Danae Underwood**

June 24th



**Logan Mendes**

June 24th



**John Neto**

June 25th



**Joe Rodrigues**

June 28th



**Isaiah Reyes**

June 29th



# LEADERSHIP & UPDATES



Leading the Way

## Executive Corner

**Bernice Armas-Martinez, CEO**

**Miriam Ramos, Interim CFMO**

**Jerry Escobar, CMO**



**Delegate Packets:** You will be receiving your Council's Elected Delegate Roster. They must be completed and returned to the Home Office by August 15th.

- Each PFSA Fraternal Council, **MUST** be in good standing **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- Automatic Delegates must have attended the majority of your regular council meetings as required by the Rules of Procedures.

**Board Elections:** The PFSA Board of Directors currently has one open position. Nominations are being accepted through September 1st. Packets will be mailed out on July 1st.

Please view the following requirements:

- Must have a clear understanding of the duties of the Board of Directors and understand the structure, operation, and requirements of Fraternal Benefit Societies.
- Must be able to devote time to the board activities and attend meetings.
- Must be a current member of PFSA.

**Forms:** Please note that Form 5498 were distributed May 31, 2026. These forms are for informational purposes only.

**Payments:** Any checks that remain outstanding for more than 180 days (6mo) will be voided. If you have an outstanding check, please deposit or cash it as soon as possible.

**Membership Referral Program:** PFSA members will receive a gift card for referring applicants for life or annuity policies. Contact a Sales Agent to refer a potential member.

**Member Experience Survey:** Coming soon, the home office will be conducting member surveys to gather input on the member experience. Further details coming soon.

**Member rosters:** The home office will be reaching out to council secretaries to initiate a roster review process. More details to follow.

**Newsletter Publications:** PFSA is excited to include birthdays and flyers in the newsletter. Please submit your **NEW** 2026 pictures, documents, and information by the 15th of each month. Email them to **[publishing@mypfsa.org](mailto:publishing@mypfsa.org)**.

**Concerns:** We would love to hear directly from you. Please contact the home office with any concerns or compliments at (209) 702-6364 or email [mypfsa@mypfsa.org](mailto:mypfsa@mypfsa.org).



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## Ted Pedrozo

### Chairman of the Board



Dear Members of Portuguese Fraternal Society of America,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who joined us for the Past Supreme Presidents and Spouses Association meeting and the Annual Corporate Meeting. It was a privilege to meet with you and to share the direction of our company and society. The Board of Directors remains firmly committed to maintaining fiscal strength and ensuring the long-term success of our organization. We also encourage all members to continue sharing their questions and concerns. As Chairman of the Board, I believe it is essential that we remain actively engaged in our events and continue to support the financial and fraternal strength of the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America.

It is a distinct honor to represent the Board of Directors during Council Visits. These visits provide a valuable opportunity to connect with our members, listen to your experiences, and further strengthen our sense of community. I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome extended at each visit. Our Councils are a vital part of our society, and I encourage all members to participate in the many activities being planned. I also wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Family Picnic. It is always gratifying to see so many families come together each year. I would also like to encourage our Youth Officers to continue expanding their group, as their presence was a meaningful addition to that day. Their dedication and commitment to our society are truly commendable. In addition, I extend my gratitude to the Traveling Fraternals for their support throughout the weekend. The opportunity to share your traditions, food, and spirit of fraternalism with all of us was sincerely appreciated.

I encourage all members to support the Fraternal Committee and our Governors. Their efforts to strengthen and support our councils merit our full encouragement and appreciation. Through these efforts, we can continue to instill our traditions and culture in our youth and preserve them for future generations. I also encourage our council secretaries to contact the Governors whenever assistance is needed, as they stand ready to provide support.

I would also like to extend my best wishes to all fathers of the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America on Father's Day. You are an important part of our society, and your example and support continue to strengthen our families and communities. I encourage all members to take a moment to honor the special men who have helped shape their lives. Best wishes for a blessed and meaningful Father's Day.

Respectfully,

Ted A. Pedrozo  
Chairman of the Board of Directors



## PFSA Supreme President Donald Costa



## Northern California

On April 1, 2026, I met with council #138 members to put two new members.

On April 2, 2026, on a zoom meeting, I attended a sales meeting to learn of policy changes and updates. Truly appreciated the information.

On April 6, 2026, I attended council #138 Stratford meeting. Continued working with committee on testimonial information on September 12, 2026. Truly appreciate all the support.

On April 7, 2026, I continued my supreme president's activities by attending the convention meeting at the site for the 2026 convention – Visalia Marriott hotel with chairperson, MaryAnne Whiteside; CEO, Bernice Armas-Martinez; CMO, Jerry Escobar; CFMO, Miriam Ramos. Further discussion of rooms, activities, meals, changes, etc. was discussed and confirmed.

On April 7, 2026, I was honored to attend the book presentation of *Shades of Black and Gray* by author Joel Silveira Avila. Thank you Deniz Borges for the opportunity to meet such a gifted Portuguese author.

On April 8, 2026, I attended council #66, Visalia meeting. Continued discussion of convention activities and official visit information. Bingo was enjoyed by all, especially the winners!

On April 17, 2026, I attended the PFSA family picnic at Casa De Fruta. Rolling fraternally had a nice dinner meeting (Portuguese themed) including the special Portuguese doughnut, Filhoses. Thank you Linda and all the ladies who made them.

On April 18, 2026, I attended the picnic, which was well attended by so many. I was truly happy to see my cousin Danny and Gloria Gomes, and his sister Doris Blevins. The food was fantastic. I truly enjoyed seeing my partners, the two supreme presidents there. I also attended the youth meeting, which had numerous activities and games. Thank you to the committee and Jerry who did all the behind-the-scenes work. It was very much appreciated by all. Weather was perfect!

On April 19, 2026, I attended the official visit of councils Mountain View #14 and San Jose #44. When entering the hall, it was beautifully decorated. It was emotional for me not seeing several people who I associate the council, past supreme presidents and spouses. Again, the two supreme presidents did a fantastic job with their speeches and youth president got a \$100 donation for not using notes with his speech. Thank you for your charity donations.

On April 20, 2026, I stopped by a couple of members of Madera to service their policies, however no one was home. Maybe another time.



**PFSA Supreme President**  
**Donald Costa**



**Northern California**

On April 24, 2026, I attended my council #46 wine social fund convention raiser. It was very well attended by so many. The food was outstanding, weather was great, and lots of laughs. I was very excited to see my sister, Charlene Costa, and seeing my friends. Thank you for the donations. Thank you committee members for all your support and a special thanks to the Board of Director, John Camara and Stella for hosting the event in your beautiful back yard.

On April 26, 2026, I attended the official visit of four councils located on the central coast at the beautiful Madonna Inn. Council # 8 Santa Maria; #84 San Luis Obispo; #99 Lompoc; and #140 Cayucos hosted the official visit. It was a beautiful room, which was beautifully decorated. So many people helped me carry my supplies upstairs, thank you so much. It was a pleasure to see my cousin Danny and Gloria Gomes. So happy to see you both. Again, thank you past supreme president, Ron Graham for asking for my autograph on an old IDES bulletin in 1990, when I was supreme president. I remembered so many people who I missed that weren't present. I missed past supreme president George Texeira and past first lady Leopoldina. Thank you to both supreme presidents for your gracious words. Miriam was so excited to be so close to home and not having to drive so far. Thank you for accepting my official visit. I wish I could have stayed longer in the area.

On April 30, 2026, I attended the official visit of council #28, Fresno, who had their official visit along with their council meeting. I truly enjoyed seeing this group of members who always allowed me to attend their meetings. I got a chance to service a couple of policies. Thank you so much for accepting my official visits.

Thank you for all the courtesies, donations, and most important the welcoming I felt at all the events this month.

Please update your policies: PFSA, former societies: IDES, SES, UPEC, and UPPEC. Contact any agent, the office or myself.

Fraternally yours,

Donald J. Costa

PFSA Supreme President

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## 2026 Past Supreme Presidents & Spouses Association Meeting



## 2026 PFSA Annual Corporate Report Meeting



# SUBMIT YOUR CONTENT TO PFSA!

Help us keep the content flowing!

Email your submissions to: **[publishing@mypfsa.org](mailto:publishing@mypfsa.org)** by the  
**15<sup>th</sup> of each month**

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Council Name
- Event Description (1-2 sentences)
- 3-5 Photos

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your great activities!



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- EVENT PHOTOS
- ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS
- VOLUNTEER PROJECTS
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES



# YOUTH & FUTURE LEADERS



Get Ahead

# PFSA Youth

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This past April, Supreme Youth President Joseph Reyes had the honor of attending the Presidential Official Visit for the councils of Lompoc, Cayucos, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Maria.

Hosted at the beautiful Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo, the gathering was a wonderful opportunity for members to reconnect, meet new faces, and celebrate the strong sense of family within the PFSA. The day was filled with great conversations, laughter, fellowship, and unforgettable hospitality.

One of the most meaningful parts of the visit for Joseph was seeing so many passionate and engaged youth members. Their enthusiasm and dedication are a true reflection of the bright future of the organization and a reminder of why these gatherings are so important.

Joseph thanks everyone who helped make the event such a success and looks forward to many more opportunities to continue strengthening the PFSA community.



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On April 25, the PFSA Youth Board proudly honored Dia da Liberdade, also known as the Carnation Revolution, one of the most meaningful and historic days for the Portuguese people.

This peaceful revolution in 1974 restored freedom and democracy to Portugal after decades of dictatorship. It became a symbol of courage, hope, unity, and the strength of a people determined to create a better future for generations to come. For Portuguese families around the world, April 25 is not just a date in history, it is a reminder of the sacrifices made so future generations could live with freedom, opportunity, and pride in their heritage.

The PFSA Youth shared:

*"TODAY, THE PFSA YOUTH BOARD PROUDLY HONORS DIA DA LIBERDADE, THE CARNATION REVOLUTION, A POWERFUL AND PEACEFUL MOMENT IN HISTORY THAT RESTORED FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND HOPE TO PORTUGAL. IT STANDS AS A LASTING REMINDER OF THE COURAGE, UNITY, AND RESILIENCE OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US—WHO CHOSE STRENGTH, CONVICTION, AND PEACE TO SHAPE A BETTER FUTURE.*

*FOR US, THIS DAY IS MORE THAN HISTORY—IT'S PERSONAL. IT'S ABOUT EMBRACING OUR ROOTS, HONORING OUR FAMILIES, AND RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICES THAT MADE THE LIVES WE LIVE TODAY POSSIBLE. IT'S ABOUT CARRYING THAT LEGACY FORWARD, INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION, AND NEVER TAKING OUR FREEDOMS FOR GRANTED.*

*AS YOUTH LEADERS, WE ARE PROUD TO CELEBRATE OUR CULTURE, OUR FAITH, AND OUR TRADITIONS—AND TO KEEP THE PORTUGUESE SPIRIT ALIVE IN EVERYTHING WE DO. TODAY, WE CELEBRATE BEING PORTUGUESE. TODAY, WE CELEBRATE FREEDOM. VIVA PORTUGAL. ❤️💚"*



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This Mother's Day, the PFSA Youth shared a heartfelt tribute honoring the incredible mothers who continue to guide, support, and inspire them every day.

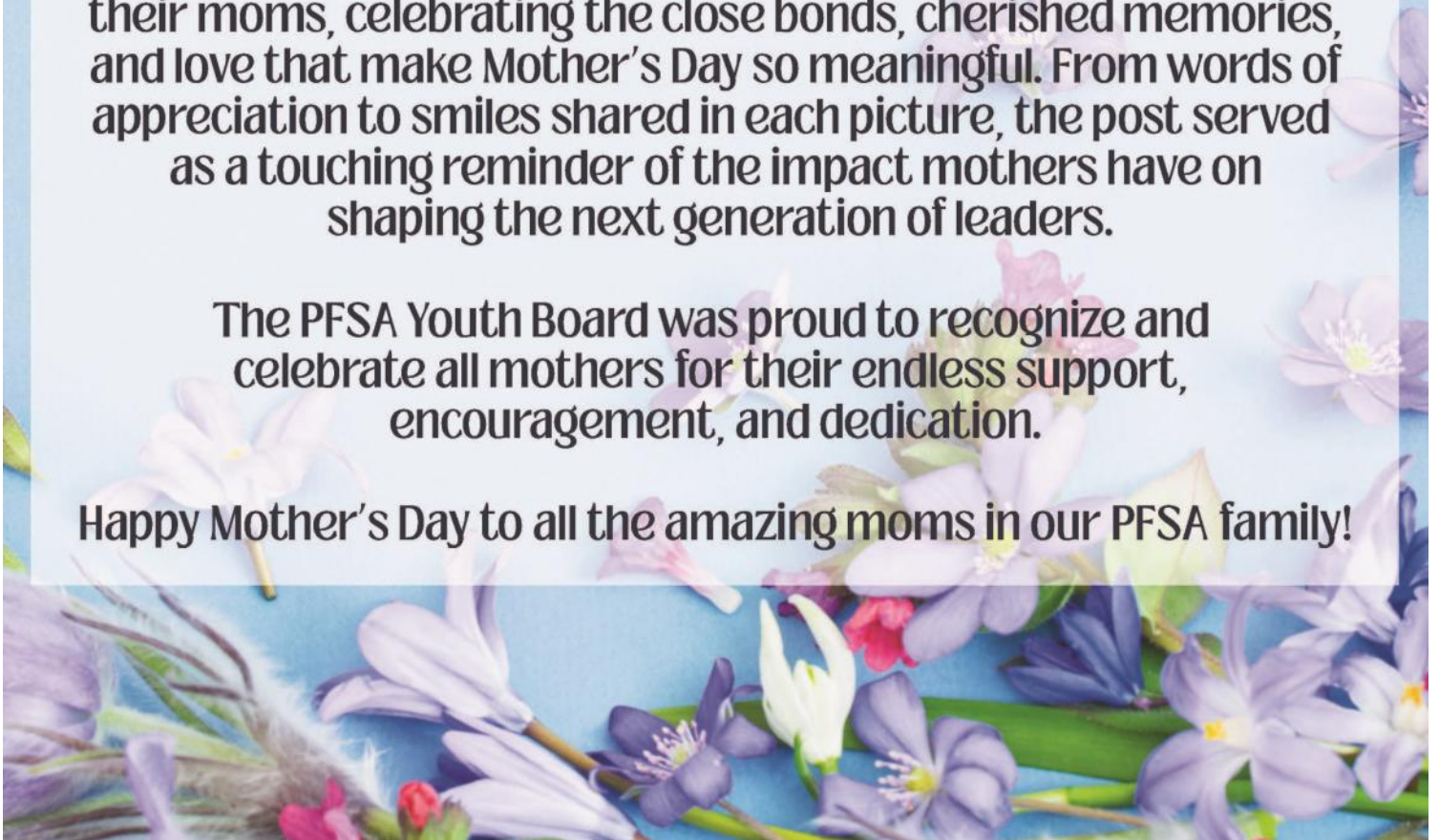
Through meaningful messages and special photos shared on social media, the youth expressed their gratitude for the unconditional love, sacrifices, strength, and faith that their mothers have instilled in their lives.

The tribute highlighted the important role mothers play not only within their families, but also in preserving Portuguese traditions, values, and faith for future generations.

The photos captured beautiful moments between the youth and their moms, celebrating the close bonds, cherished memories, and love that make Mother's Day so meaningful. From words of appreciation to smiles shared in each picture, the post served as a touching reminder of the impact mothers have on shaping the next generation of leaders.

The PFSA Youth Board was proud to recognize and celebrate all mothers for their endless support, encouragement, and dedication.

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms in our PFSA family!



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I appreciate my mom for always being my #1 supporter to everything I do. from cheer, soccer and everything else I do, I always have her cheering me on. she's always there to help me no matter what it is.

thank you for everything you do for me mom and i love you so much

Happy Mother's Day



I love how my mom is always there for me, between sports and school and everything else.

Love you mom and thanks for being my best friend.

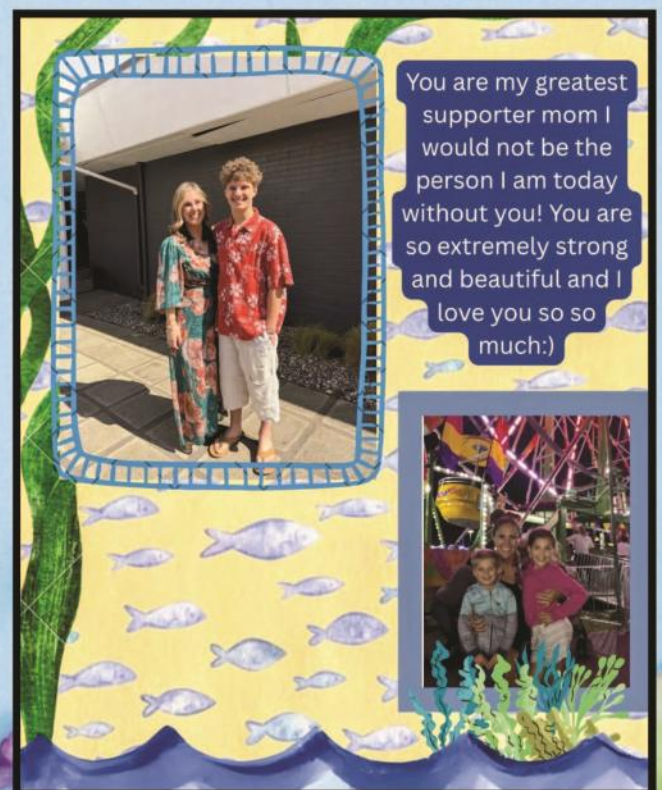
- Kaden



I love how hard my mom works and how loving she is.

I love you, momma

-Claire



You are my greatest supporter mom I would not be the person I am today without you! You are so extremely strong and beautiful and I love you so so much:)

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I love you so much. You've been such an inspiration and a role model in my life, and I truly don't know where I'd be without you.

You've always been my hero, and the way you handle everything with strength, care, and love shows me every day what I'm capable of becoming. I'm so grateful for your love, your support, and everything you've done for me. Thank you for always being there for me no matter what. I love you forever



I love how strong she is  
I love you

-Xavier



I love my mom because she is always there for me. She gets me through the ups and downs even though at times it may be difficult. She's loving, caring and understanding and would do anything for me like I would for her. She's the best mom I could ever ask for, love you always momma



I love you so so very much mom and am so happy that you are my mom! You are just so wonderful mom and I love you to the moon and back!

# UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS



**Grace Katzer**  
Co. 9 San Rafael



**Sean Freitas**  
Co. 16 Newark



**Matthew Reicks**  
Co. 16 Newark



**Isabella Matos**  
Co. 51 Sacramento



**Henry Garcia**  
Co. 20 Merced



**Ty Ketchum**  
Co. 21 Los  
Banos/Bos Palos



**Josiana Dias**  
Co. 28 Fresno



**Olivia Lourenco**  
Co. 20 Merced



**Madison Dutra**  
Co. 29 Watsonville



**Brennan Mann**  
Co. 1 San Diego



**Sarah Alves**  
Co. 138 Stratford



**Aaron Castro Jr.**  
Co. 26 Stevenson/  
Turlock/Hilmar



**RubyLove Koch**  
Co. 3 Eureka



**Ryan Ferreira**  
Co. 51 Sacramento



**Delaney Medeiros**  
Co. 7 Gustine/  
Newman



**Emilio Perez**  
Co. 69 Manteca



**Lina Coelho**  
Co. 24 San Leandro



**Jadyn Collins**  
Co. 113 Bayliss



**Tinnley Pidgeon**  
Co. 98 Ferndale



**Mallory Solano**  
Co. 7 Gustine/  
Newman



**Natalie Da Silva**  
Co. 16 Newark



**Megan Alves**  
Co. 138  
Stratford



**Emma  
Gomes**  
Co. 38  
Modesto



**Brooklynn  
Avila**  
Co. 138  
Stratford



**Sabrina Sancho  
Gomes**  
Co. 13 Tracy



**Ema Silva**  
Co. 200 Lathrop

 **20  
26  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

# JUNIOR/COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



**Joseph  
Reyes Jr.**  
Co. 44  
San Jose



**Gwendolyn  
Barcelos**  
Co. 7  
Gustine/  
Newman



**Olivia  
Duffek**  
Co. 118  
Elk  
Grove



**Gennediy  
Vieira**  
Co. 26  
Stevinson/  
Hilmar/Turlock



**Cianna  
Leonardo**  
Co. 26  
Stevinson/  
Hilmar/  
Turlock



**Elena  
Mendes**  
Co. 106  
Riverdale

## GRANTS



**Allyson  
Petersen**  
Co. 7  
Gustine/  
Newman



**Bryce  
Campbell**  
Co. 26  
Stevinson/  
Hilmar/  
Turlock



**Aaron  
Dutra**  
Co. 29  
Watsonville

## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

### Madison Dutra

Alice Sahalin

### Henry T Garcia

Ernie Mendes Memorial

### Emma Gomes

Co. 38/52

### Emilio Machado Perez

Simones Family

### Matthew Reicks

PFSA/Goulart Family

### Lina Coelho

ICDES

### Ryan Ferreira

Co. 51

### Joseph Reyes Jr.

Jose Camara Memorial

Past Supreme Presidents

### Sarah Alves

Shirley Perry Memorial

### Tinnley Pidgeon

Joe & Mary Fagundes  
Memorial

### Aaron Castro

Joe & Mary Souza Memorial

### Sabrina Sancho-Gomes

Jack Perry Memorial

### Natalie DaSilva

Bill & Frances Drake Memorial

### Rubylove Koch

PFSA/Max Gracio Memorial

### Ty Ketchum

Joe I Silva Memorial

### Cianna Leonardo

Co. 26 Frank Perreira Memorial

### Brooklyn Avila

Jim Johnson Memorial

### Megan Alves

Tony & Florinda Alamo Memorial

### Brennan Mann

Mary Bertao/George Teixeira  
Memorial

### Sean D Freitas

Jim Carvalho Memorial

### Ema Silva

Jim Carvalho Memorial

### Olivia Duffek

Tony & Evelyn Luis Memorial

### Gennediy A Viera

PFSA/Isolate Gracio

### Olivia Lourenco

Tony Alameda Memorial

**PFSA Scholarship Foundation Awarded 34  
scholarships totaling \$122,900 and 5 grants totaling  
\$4,250!**

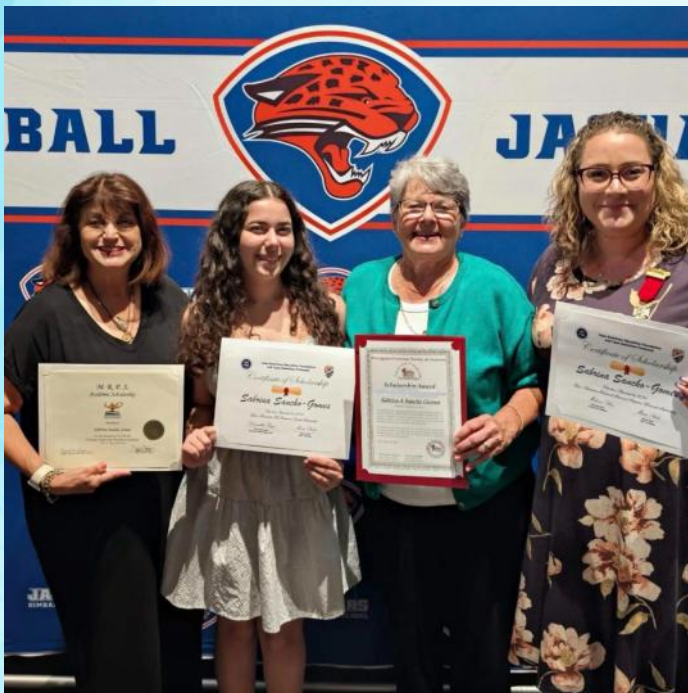
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**Congratulations Molly Solano from Co. 7 and Orestimba High School for receiving the PFSA Scholarship.**



**Emma Gomes of Hilmar High School received an award from the PFSA Scholarship Foundation and local scholarship from PFSA Co. 38.**



**Congratulations! Kimball High School Senior Sabrina Sancho Gomes received multiple scholarships! Thank you Antoinette Duarte for presenting the award.**



**The PFSA Scholarship Foundation awarded Gwendolyn Barcelos and Delaney Mederios from Gustine High their scholarships. Both seniors are from Co. 7! Thank you Luisiana Drumonde for presenting awards to recipients.**



**Congratulations to PFSA Youth President Joseph Reyes for receiving PFSA Educational Scholarship. Juanita C. Pedrozo of the PFSA Scholarship Foundation and PFSA Chairman Ted Pedrozo were on stage to honor Joseph on this wonderful achievement!**



**Congratulations to Henry Thomas Garcia of PFSA Council 20, Merced! He graduated from El Capitan High School. He will be attending Cornell University. Thank you Mary Ann Navarra for presenting the award.**



# PORTUGUÊS EM CAMPO!

APRENDA  
PORTUGUÊS  
COM FUTEBOL!



Aprende palavras em português enquanto falas de futebol! ★



## 1. VOCABULÁRIO DO FUTEBOL

Lê, repete e aprende!

|                                                                                     |                |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|    | Futebol        | Soccer / Football   |
|    | Chuteiras      | Cleats              |
|    | Golo           | Goal                |
|    | Camisola       | Jersey              |
|   | Campo          | Field               |
|  | Festa          | Party / Celebration |
|  | Pintura Facial | Face paint          |
|  | Televisao      | Television          |
|  | Bandeira       | Flag                |
|  | Canto          | Chant / Cheer       |
|  | Bola           | Ball                |

## 4. FRASE RÁPIDA! ★

Usa esta frase:

**Eu adoro futebol!**  
I love soccer!



## 2. VAMOS PRATICAR!

Liga a palavra à imagem certa!

Golo

•



Camisola

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Campo

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Bola

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Bandeira

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Festa

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VAMOS  
LÁ!



## 3. CANTO DA TORCIDA!

Lê em voz alta como uma verdadeira torcida!



## 5. USA NUMA FRASE!

Escolhe 2 palavras da lista e escreve uma frase em português!

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## 6. VAMOS FALAR!

- Qual é o teu jogador favorito? (Who is your favorite player?)
- Onde gostas de ver futebol? (Where do you like to watch soccer?)
- Já foste a um jogo? (Have you ever been to a game?)



PRÁTICA TODOS OS DIAS  
E SERÁS UM CAMPEÃO  
EM PORTUGUÊS! ★





# CULTURE & COMMUNITY



Celebrate Culture

# Why do we celebrate Dia De Portugal?

On June 10th 1580, poet Luis de Camoes passed. After that, June 10th began as a municipal holiday in Lisbon, dedicated to Camoes and was later made by the Estado Novo regime to a national holiday, known as "the Day of Camoes, Portugal, and the Portuguese race." After the April 25th Revolution, this day became known as Dia De Portugal, the Day of Portugal, Portuguese communities, and Camoes. It is now celebrated worldwide.



**Dia De Portugal Parade, Newark NJ  
1997**



**Portugal embracing democracy after  
the April 25th Revolution, 1978**



**Dia De Portugal Parade, Toronto 1977**



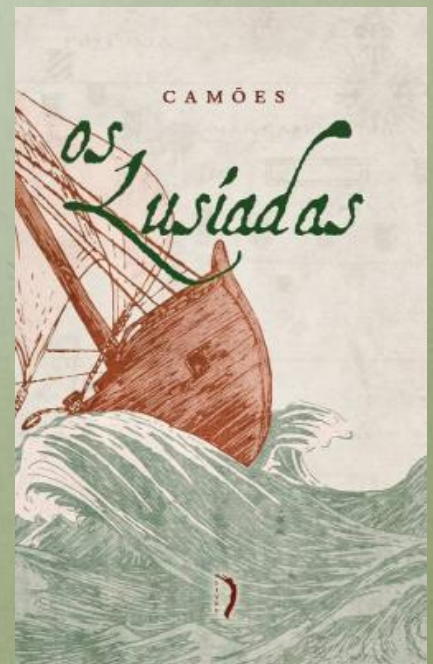
**Dia De Portugal Parade, San Jose 2025**

## Who was Luis de Camoes?

Luis de Camoes is considered one of the Portuguese languages greatest poets. He was so great, that his skill has been compared to the works of Shakespeare and Dante. The 16th-century poet is mostly remembered for his work *Os Lusíadas*, which describes Vasco da Gama's discovery of the sea route to India, a text that is read by most Portuguese in school.

## Will I recognize any of his works?

- ***Os Lusíadas***: A 10-canto epic celebrating Portuguese history and Vasco da Gama's voyage to India.
- ***Rimas***: The collection of his lyric poetry, first published in 1595, containing sonnets, canciones (songs), eclogues, and elegies.
- ***Amor é um fogo que arde sem se ver*** ("Love is a fire that burns unseen")
- ***Alma minha gentil, que te partiste*** ("My gentle spirit, you who departed")
- ***Mudam-se os tempos, mudam-se as vontades*** ("Times change, desires change")
- ***Eu cantarei do amor tão docemente*** ("I shall sing of love so sweetly")



**PFSA Supreme Officers & Past Supreme Presidents  
Marching at Casa Dos Acores Hilmar Festa**



**PFSA sponsored the Portuguese Book Presentation in Hilmar! Thank you authors, PFSA Youth Advisor Paula Silva & Youth Vice President Mia Silva, along with Sales Agents Susan Gonzales & Monica Cochran, and CMO, Jerry Escobar for leading this wonderful cultural event.**



## 2026 Festa Da Bola Artesia





Reception for the Secretary of State for Portuguese Communities, Emidio Sousa and the Consul-General of Portugal in SF, Filipe Ramalheira. Hosted by Sr. Manuel Eduardo Vieira and Casa dos Açores da California. Thank you to all who planned this evening and our PFSA leaders for representing PFSA.



## SES Santa Clara 130th Festa do Espirito Santo, May 31st





# PATTERSON APRICOT FIESTA ENTERTAINMENT



SATURDAY, MAY 30TH





## COUNCILS IN ACTION



**PFSA Co. 44 San Jose participating in the Mother's Day monthly challenge!**



**Co. 7 Gustine/Newman celebrated Mother's Day with pizza, dessert, and flowers!**

Co. 12 Oakland celebrated Easter and Mother's Day at their meetings



**PFSA Co. 20 Merced celebrated all of the mothers at their recent gathering!**



**PFSA Co. 24 San Leandro celebrated Mother's Day at their monthly meeting!**



**PFSA Co. 84 San Luis Obispo celebrated Mother's Day with flowers and celebrated teacher appreciation week with Joseph Pinheiro, Professor at Cal Poly SLO and Secretary of the Board!**



**PFSA Co. 90 Salinas celebrating Mother's Day at their monthly meeting!!**



## PFSA Home Office celebrating Mother's Day!!



**PFSA CEO Bernice Armas-Martinez celebrating teacher appreciation week with her son, Mr. Martinez!!**

Thank you PFSA Co. 2, Bakersfield for hosting a wonderful Official Visit welcoming our Supreme Presidents, Officers, Board, and members! A great time was had by all! Thank you to everyone who planned the event.





# MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Co. 100 Oakdale/Escalon/Riverbank collected items for their local pregnancy center!

Assistance—Give Back

**PFSA Council 100 had the amazing opportunity to sponsor the Lucille Whitehead School's 6th Grade end of the year Dance! They provided pizza and dessert for all the kiddos to enjoy!!**



**PFSA Co. 66 Visalia celebrated Mother's Day and collected toiletries for the Visalia Women's Shelter!!**





# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



## 2026 Official Visits

| Council | City                          | Dates       |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 21      | Los Banos/Dos Palos           | 1/11/2026   |
| 118     | Elk Grove                     | 1/25/2026   |
| 34      | Freeport/Clarksburg           |             |
| 51      | Sacramento                    |             |
| 5/36    | Hayward                       | 2/22/2026   |
| 13      | Tracy                         | 3/15/2026   |
| 18      | Stockton                      |             |
| 1       | San Diego                     | 3/21/2026   |
| 90      | Salinas                       | 3/28/2026   |
| 14      | Mountain View                 | 4/19/2026   |
| 44      | San Jose                      |             |
| 8       | Santa Maria                   | 4/26/2026   |
| 84      | San Luis Obispo               |             |
| 99      | Lompoc                        |             |
| 140     | Cayucos                       |             |
| 2       | Bakersfield                   | 5/30/2026   |
| 200     | Lathrop                       | 7/12/2026   |
| 3       | Eureka                        | 7/25/2026   |
| 4       | Arcata                        |             |
| 98      | Ferndale                      |             |
| 11      | Turlock                       | 8/9/2026    |
| 20      | Merced                        | 8/23/2026   |
| 108     | Madera                        |             |
| 46      | Tulare                        | 9/12/2026   |
| 66      | Visalia                       | Testimonial |
| 138     | Stratford                     |             |
| 54      | Benicia/Vallejo               | 9/20/2026   |
| 7       | Gustine/Newman                | 9/25/2026   |
| 100     | Oakdale/Escalon/<br>Riverbank | 9/26/2026   |
| 26      | Stevinson/Turlock/<br>Hilmar  | 9/27/2026   |
| 44      | Youth President               | 10/18/2026  |
|         | Testimonial                   |             |

Have Fun – Celebrate Together

**PORTUGAL**

FIFA  
WORLD CUP  
2026

|                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 17 JUNHO 2026                                                                                                                                                            | 23 JUNHO 2026                                                                                                                                                            | 27 JUNHO 2026                                                                                                                                                               |
|  VS  |  VS  |  VS  |
| PORTUGAL VS DR CONGO<br>NRG STADIUM - HOUSTON                                                                                                                            | PORTUGAL VS UZBEQUISTÃO<br>NRG STADIUM - HOUSTON                                                                                                                         | COLÔMBIA VS PORTUGAL<br>HARD ROCK STADIUM - MIAMI                                                                                                                           |

★ SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> ★

**THE BAY AREA'S *BIG***

**PORTUGAL**

**WATCH PARTY!**

HOSTED BY TAYLOR AMARANTE

|                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>PORTUGAL</b>                                                                   | <b>VS.</b>                                                                                                     |  <b>COLOMBIA</b>      |
|  <b>2 MASSIVE SCREENS</b><br>27FT X 17FT   15FT X 9FT                              |  <b>PARTY STARTS 4:00PM</b> |  <b>KICKOFF 4:30PM</b> |
|  <b>SAN PEDRO SQUARE DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE</b><br><b>2 MILES FROM LITTLE PORTUGA!</b> |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                           |

 **DJ'S** |  **BARS** |  **RESTAURANTS**

— AMARANTE —  
EVENT PRODUCTIONS



**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 6TH, 2026**  
**5-10 PM**

**HILMAR MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**LITTLE MILKMAN & MILKMAID CONTEST**  
**FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS**  
**SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

## 2026 WATERMELON STREET FAIR

- 275+ CRAFT & COMMERCIAL VENDORS
- 30+ FOOD VENDORS
- BEER GARDEN
- LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES
- KID ZONE
- MEET OUR MASCOT "WALLY WATERMELON"
- FREE ADMISSION
- CAR SHOWS

**SATURDAY 9AM-2PM**  
**LOWRIDERS/VWS**

**SUNDAY 9AM-2PM**  
**CLASSIC CARS**



**JUNE 6 & 7**  
 FIRST WEEKEND IN JUNE



**BOTH DAYS**  
 10:00AM - 05:00PM



**DOWNTOWN**  
 MANTECA

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Manteca Watermelon Street Fair



www.manteca.org



**MANTECA**  
**WATERMELON**  
**STREET FAIR**



**SCAN  
ME!**



PFSA Past Supreme Presidents & Spouses, officers, councils, and staff are invited to join this annual tradition. If you would like to join PFSA in the parade, please assemble in front of the hotel behind the main stage at 10:45. Parade starts at 11:00. Regalia and badges welcome.

**DIA DE PORTUGAL  
FESTIVAL 2026**

PRESENTED BY THE  
PORTUGUESE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Featured Exhibit

**The Portuguese  
Media in California**

**June 13, 2026**  
10am - 5pm  
History Park, 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Museum Plaza

10:00 am Bilingual Mass with Fr. Manuel Pato



### Main Stage

11:00 am Parade (*Procession starts from Pacific Hotel*)

11:45 am Opening Ceremony

12:30 pm Ricardo Gama & João Correia  
*Classical Portuguese Guitarists*

1:10 pm Tempos de Outrora  
*Azorean folklore dancers & musicians*

1:50 pm Grupo da Musica Alentejana  
*Manuel Soares, guitar and vocals*  
*Antonio Soares, vocals*  
*Alvaro Mestre, lead guitar*  
*Mary Eiras Eubanks, ukelele and vocals*  
*Delio Monteiro, drum*  
*Rafael Soares, guitar*

2:35 pm Marisa Silva Rocha  
*Portuguese Fadista*

3:25 pm Alcides & Gilberto Machado  
*Singers - Let's Dance!*

4:45 pm Raffle drawing and closing

### Children's Area

11am-4pm Carnival Games / Coloring Booth

### Artist's Area

11am-4pm Photo Exhibit "Coragem" by Randi Lynn Beach

### Museum Hours: 1-4pm

Featured Exhibit:  
*The Portuguese Media in California*



Queens of PFSA Fraternal Council No. 5/36

Senior Queen  
Sophie Cockriel

Sidemaids  
Olivia Pereira  
Gabriela Pereira



Junior Queen  
Emmie Cockriel

Sidemaids  
Sadie Cockriel  
Taya Christensen

Little Queen  
Sierra Garcia

Sidemaids  
Sofia Garcia  
Valentina Barazza



Directors of PFSA Fraternal Council No. 5/36

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Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Mistress of Ceremonies  
Marshal

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Sophia Rosa  
Isabel Silveira

Message from the President  
and Directors

Dear Queens, Officers, Members and Families,

PFSA Fraternal Council No. 5/36, formerly Council Hayward No. 14 I.D.E.S., cordially invites you, with your flags and banners, to our 128th Annual Celebration of the Festa do Espirito Santo. This year our Festa events will be held on June 20th and June 21st, 2026.

It is our sincere hope that you will be able to participate in our Festa do Espirito Santo.

May the Holy Spirit bless you and your families always.

President,  
Jose Rosa



Saturday, June 20, 2026

5:30 p.m. Procession will form at the Chapel of the hall  
6:00 p.m. Queens will exchange crowns  
8:00 p.m. Dancing with Manuel Jacinto  
9:00 p.m. Presentation of Queens

Sunday, June 21, 2026

9:30 a.m. Formation of Parade  
10:00 a.m. Parade proceeding to All Saints Catholic Church  
11:00 a.m. Mass at All Saints Catholic Church

Immediately after Mass, the procession will return to hall where traditional "Sopas & Carne" will be served

2:00 p.m. Auction  
4:00 p.m. Band Concert

Queen Saint Isabel  
Brooklynn Cockriel



PFSA CO. 200,  
Lathrop Presents

JULY 12 | 11:00 AM  
2:00 PM

# ALOHA OFFICAL VISIT!

Get ready for an afternoon full  
of fun, games, and good vibes!

Pizza, Salad,  
Drinks &  
Sweets

Games,  
Prizes & Luau  
Style Fun

Price includes  
food, drinks, and  
one raffle ticket

»»»» Deaf Puppy Comedy Club/Bar and Grill ««««  
127 N Main St, Manteca, CA 95336

**\$20 PER  
PERSON**

**PAY THROUGH VENMO,  
CHECK, OR CASH**

Please RSVP to Niecy  
(530)701-0638

RSVP by July 5<sup>th</sup>

**VENMO: @PFSACO200**



**venmo**



JOIN US FOR BRUNCH & MIMOSAS  
**COUNCILS 3 EUREKA, 4 ARCATA &  
98 FERNDALE**

TO WELCOME THE PFSA SUPREME PRESIDENT

JULY

25

10:30 A.M. SOCIAL  
11:00 A.M. BRUNCH

We will be honoring the PFSA Supreme  
President, 20-30's Supreme President &  
Supreme Youth President.

Ferndale Portuguese Hall  
355 Ocean Ave, Ferndale, CA

Raffle Prizes Welcome  
Please RSVP by July 20  
Stephanie Koch  
707-786-4964

Join us for a  
great day of  
golf!



**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 1ST**

Check-in: 8:30 am  
Shotgun starts 9:00 am



**GOLF**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**2026**

**4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE**

Cart and lunch provided with fee  
Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers

.....  
**\$125 - Per Player**  
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**Player Registration**

Player 1:

Player 2:

Player 3:

Player 4:

Contact name and number:

Please email this form to:  
Juanita Pedrozo  
jcpedrozo8@gmail.com or  
call 209.769.9031

Mail checks payable to:  
PFSA Council 20  
3642 Thrift Rd.  
Merced, CA 95351

**PLEASE RSVP**  
**FOURSOME**  
**BY 7/25**

Rancho Del Rey Golf Club  
5250 Green Sands Ave, Atwater, CA





Join the 20's 30's in supporting our president's charities  
by unleashing your inner artist! Open to all and no  
experience needed!

\$20 per person \*Includes all art materials to  
create and take home your masterpiece!  
Plus wine and non-alcoholic options served.

A portion of the proceeds will support  
Alzheimer's Association-Northern California  
and Parents Helping Parents

On Saturday August 8th  
@ 2pm  
PFSA Office 1100 14th  
Street, Suite E Modesto,  
CA 95354



RSVP by 8/3 \* Call or Text Miriam \* 805-944-0638



# INFO & PROGRAMS



## 2026 PFSA Souvenir Convention Program

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate the level of sponsorship:

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|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$100. | Full Page Ad / Black and White          | \$120. | Colored Ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 60. | Half Page Ad                            | \$ 80. | Colored Ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 40. | Quarter Page Ad                         | \$ 60. | Colored Ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 25. | Business Card                           |        |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$300. | Inside Cover / Center Page (Colored Ad) |        |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$250. | Back Cover (Colored Ad)                 |        |            |

***\*All ads are printed in black and white if not specified.** Text should be limited to advertisement for the business and/or a congratulatory message to the President(s). Photos should be limited to appropriate photos used for advertisement for the business and/or photos of the submitters choice. Convention Committee Members has final approval of the ad and photo content for the program. Digital ready artwork: high resolution pdf preferred, not less than 300 dpi. All files should be provided as an individual attachment and NOT embedded in another file (i.e. Word). Minimum requirements for jpeg or png files is 300 dpi at final print size.*

**\*\* Electronic artwork/ads should be emailed to Juanita C. Pedrozo Jcpedrozo8@gmail.com**

**DEADLINE: September 1, 2026**

Please [make check payable to PFSA Council # 46](#) and send to:

Juanita C. Pedrozo  
3642 Thrift Rd  
Merced, CA 95341  
Tel: (209) 769-9031  
Juanita C. Pedrozo



# In Memoriam

Though they may be gone, their light continues to guide us, their love remains in our hearts, and their memory becomes the treasure we carry forward.

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Co. 12 Oakland  
Co. 20 Merced  
Co. 29 Watsonville  
Co. 60 Concord  
Co. 66 Visalia  
Co. 69 Manteca  
Co. 84 San Luis Obispo  
Co. 106 Riverdale  
Co. 108 Madera  
Co. 118 Elk Grove  
Co. 138 Stratford/Hardwick

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**\*2026 Promotional Annuity**

\$10K—\$500K

2.5% Minimum Guaranteed Rate

## Great New 2026 Rates are here!

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day!**



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