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Message from the President

Welcome to the first edition of the United Portuguese SES newsletter. I am proud to serve as President of this fine organization in 2003 and again in 2004. I am pleased to have a great Board of Directors who are dedicated and committed to our goal, which is to "preserve and advance our Portuguese traditions, culture and heritage in San Diego County for our future generations."

We hope you find this newsletter informative and beneficial. The U.P.S.E.S. or United Portuguese Sociedade

do Espirito Santo dates back to 1922 when a group of Portuguese residents in the Point Loma Community sought out a permanent location to build a chapel and hall to celebrate their Festa do Espirito Santo or Festival of the Holy Spirit. It was through the vision of our original founding fathers and the support of the Portuguese community of San Diego that we have such a beautiful facility today.

Our Chapel is reminiscent of those found in the Azores Islands in the late 1800s. Our 13,500 square foot Hall is complete with a main hall that seats 500 people, a 130-seat club room, a separate 90-seat bar and lounge, new handicap-accessible restrooms, and a state-of-the-art kitchen designed to handle dinner preparations for up to 5,000 guests. The U.P.S.E.S. Hall is fondly referred to as "The Portuguese Hall" and is filled with many loving memories from long ago.

Our 94th annual Festa do Espirito Santo will be a three-day event running from May 28 through May 30, 2004. We invite all of our Portuguese neighbors throughout San Diego to come out to Point Loma and join in the celebration.

Over seventeen different Portuguese clubs and organization call the U.P.S.E.S. Hall home and hold their monthly meetings and social events in this beautiful facility. We are blessed with and proud of our own Filarmonica Band, who plays for our local Portuguese and civic events as well as in other Portuguese communities throughout California.

In closing, I would like to say that I am proud of the accomplishments that we have made these last two years. This could not have been accomplished without the financial support and the hard work of our entire Portuguese community.

We are looking forward to a very successful year and we invite you to come out and celebrate with us and support our 2004 Festa do Espirito Santo.

Sincerely,

Bud Silva, President, U.P.S.E.S.

John and I take great pride in serving the Portuguese community as Festa



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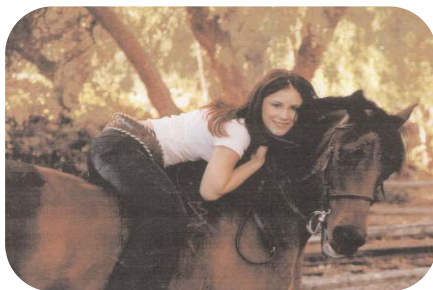
A note from your 2004 Festa Presidents

Presidents this year. We are honored for the opportunity to pass on our community's traditions to our children.

In 1967, my family and I moved here from Cape Town, South Africa. We had just missed Festa by a few weeks. We made sure not to miss it the following year.

I have many wonderful memories of my years attending Festa--walking in the parade, watching my great aunt cook in the kitchen, serving "sopas" in the hall, watching plays, and singing to the music played by the Point Loma Strings. To this day, being at the Hall brings a smile to my face as I remember the functions that brought my family and friends together; for that I am forever grateful.

It is our hope that our children, Jared and Taya, have come to understand their Portuguese heritage and that in some way, it will help them in their journey of life.



Taya Scott, 2004 Queen

Our children are very different people. Taya wants to be a Jockey. It's a hard industry to get into, but with her

Portuguese determination she

has a good chance! Our son Jared is our dreamer: he wants to be a golfer, snowboarder or possibly a traveler. Who knows, with faith and the Holy Spirit, it all might come true!

It is with faith and prayer that we are able to do this. We are very grateful to our family, friends and community for their love and support this past year.

Our Festa this year will be May 28 thru the 30th.

John & Dorothy Scott, 2004 Festa Presidents



Jared Scott, 2004 King

2004 Scholarship applications available

U.P.S.E.S. Inc. has organized a Scholarship Committee to help qualified applicants pursue a higher education.

\$5,000 per year is available to be divided among four qualified candidates. Each candidate will receive a minimum of \$1,000 per year (unless he or she chooses a junior college for his or her first two years).

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- ◆ Be in the high school graduating class of 2004
- ◆ Have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 (2.50 if the applicant has a documented learning disability)
- ◆ Be of Portuguese descent and reside in San Diego County
- ◆ Submit a completed application postmarked by June 15, 2004.

To remain eligible after receiving the scholarship, recipients must:

- ◆ Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (2.50 if the applicant has a documented learning disability)
- ◆ Volunteer 30 hours of service, every year, to the U.P.S.E.S., Inc. under the direction of the Scholarship Committee
- ◆ Be accepted to a two- or four-year institute.

Applicants can download an application from our web site at www.upses.com.

Great News! We received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that our 501 (c) (3) application was approved and that all donations made by Grantors and Contributors after January 10, 2003, are tax deductible.

Donors can deduct contributions to the U.P.S.E.S. as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to the U.P.S.E.S. or for the use of the U.P.S.E.S. are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the code.

For further information, please contact Bud Silva at President@upses.com or Scott Bier at Scholarship@upses.com.

25 years ago ... 1979 Festa Presidents Joe and Lorraine Lewis Reminisce

I was born in San Diego and raised in Point Loma. My parents were from Paul do Mar, Madeira, Portugal and immigrated to America. They taught their children traditions of their country. My favorite was the "Festa do Espirito Santo."

While growing up, I participated in every Festa Parade that I can remember, and served in many capacities. I loved it! For the 1949 Festa, I was Queen at age 14. That was when I had my first thoughts of someday being Festa President. The desire grew stronger as the years passed.



Lorraine Lewis,
1949 Queen



Lorraine and Joe Lewis,
1979 Festa Presidents

In 1978, my husband Joe and I put our names into the hat for our chance at Festa President. I was so excited when our name was drawn! We had a year to plan the Parade for 600 participants. With help from the community and many volunteers, we held numerous fundraisers and soon I became an "old pro" at asking for donations. It was a busy year to say the least, and a most memorable and gratifying one as well.

The Festa, held on June 3, 1979, was a complete success, with only a few minor glitches. My youngest daughter Michele was our Queen. All day, I had a feeling of glorious pride, gratification, and complete satisfaction.

My love for the Holy Spirit became stronger.

I was so sorry to see the 1979 Festa come to an end. That evening I said that if a time ever came when no one put their names in the hat, my husband and I would be honored to be Festa Presidents again. Sure enough, in 1986 we were asked to be Presidents for the 1987 Festa. Of course, we said yes! That year, the Festa was dedicated to the memory of my father, Manuel Silva, "Frizado," who had passed away 2 ½ years before. Our niece Kristie Lyn Pringle was our Queen that year. With our 1979 Festa experience, the 1987 Festa was a little easier and a complete success.

My parents Manuel and Mary Silva were the 1931 Festa Presidents and my brother Manuel and sister-in-law, Mary Silva, were 1965 Festa Presidents. I feel very blessed to have been President of two Festas. I have a great devotion to the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit bless each and every one of you.

Lorraine Silva Lewis



Michele Codinha,
1979 Queen

Events and Activities

Azores Today - On Saturday, May 1, 2004, our community gathered at the U.P.S.E.S. Hall to hear a perspective on the "Azores Today" from Azore dignitaries.

The presenters discussed the progress of the modernization taking place in the Azores. Thanks to all who helped put this informative community event together.

Candidates for 2005 Festa President - We are looking for candidates for Festa President 2005. As most of you know, this is a major undertaking and requires a full year of commitment and planning.

If you and your family are interested, please contact an Executive Board Director by Friday, May 28.

Our Heritage Walk of Faith - The front entrance to the U.P.S.E.S. Portuguese Hall has been remodeled and the custom landscape design is complete. Approximately 2,250 bricks and brick tiles have been included in the design, and you will soon be able to purchase a permanently engraved tile.

Please look for more information in the next issue of this newsletter or on our web site. Do not call the Hall for information, as we are currently working out the donation / pricing structure.

Trinity Sunday - Trinity Sunday Festa is Sunday, June 6. There will be a High Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Agnus Church, followed by a procession to the Portuguese Hall and a Queen's luncheon at noon. This year's Trinity Sunday Festa Queen is Jenessa Camacho.

Monthly dinners at the Hall

On Friday evening, April 30, our community celebrated the beautification of the U.P.S.E.S. Hall front exterior & interior with a scrumptious "Bacalhau" dinner, dance and show featuring Chico Avila and his Merry Band of Portuguese Entertainers.

The event was a sell out and over 225 members of our community attended. This was the first of an ongoing program to offer regular monthly dinners. If we continue to receive a good response from our community, we want to make this into a weekly event with traditional Portuguese foods every Thursday night. Our next dinner will be June 10 in celebration of "Dia de Portugal." If you would like to attend, please contact the U.P.S.E.S. Hall office. Seating is limited. Reservation deadline is Friday, June 4th.

U.P.S.E.S. Calendar

May 23 - 30 Festa do Espirito Santo (see enclosed itinerary)

June 1 - 4 Trinity Sunday Rosary
6 Trinity Sunday Festa
9 U.P.S.E.S. Board Meeting
10 Dia da Portugal Celebration
13 Cabrillo Civic Club # 16
Fathers Day Breakfast
19 Alianca Acoreana Sao Joao Dinner
23 Festa do Santo Amaro, Inc.
"Sao Joao na Praia"
Shelter Island - Tunaman's Memorial
27 Portuguese American Social
Civic Club Dinner

July 8 U.P.S.E.S. Board Meeting
25 Portuguese American Social
Civic Club Dinner

Aug 12 U.P.S.E.S. Board Meeting
22 Portuguese American Social
Civic Club Dinner

Did you know?

Our U.P.S.E.S. Hall is ideal for wedding receptions, meetings, banquets or social functions. Plan the event yourself and use our kitchen facilities, or we can make arrangements to cater your event.

Two different meeting facilities are available. The Meeting Room holds up to 72 people for a sit down dinner and 130 in theater seating. Our main Hall, with an elevated stage and speaker system, holds up to 375 guests for dinner or 500 in conference seating configuration.

We have a fully stocked bar that can be rented for events, with a seating capacity of 80.

Send us an e-mail or call at the number below for more information about renting our facility.

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