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**Patricia Larson**  
Financial President

## FINANCIAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As my term draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the years served on the board and these past few years where so much has seemed to change. I'm reminded of the most recent youth performance, and the inspiration and sense of pride it brings to so many of us. This year their performances gave us a few messages to reflect on as well:

**-Not to take things for granted, like time...and those that we love**

**-Enjoy the moments we have with each other**

**-Be kind to one another**

These points should resonate with all of us...not just because we are human, but because we are a part of a large LUSO family. Fraternal organizations are founded upon the principle that "every individual is his 'brothers or sisters' keeper' and that each of us has a responsibility to help each other".

As the leading Portuguese fraternal in the nation, I believe our Society lives up to that principle, not just through the outreach and volunteer efforts of our members, but in the mission and values we look to uphold and model for LUSO.

While keeping those values in mind, we must look to the future and consider the upcoming change in leadership of our Society. This year we will hold our Triennial meeting, where delegates will nominate and elect new Directors to our Financial Board. We need fresh ideas and bold leadership to help us write the new chapter of our organization and I encourage you to become involved, at any level within our Society.

Thank you to all our membership for your continued support in promoting our financial products and continuing to strengthen the bonds of fraternalism. Thank you as well to all the outgoing and incoming presidents and officers of this past year. We recognize and appreciate your dedication to our Society. Let us not forget our dedicated staff, thank you for your tireless efforts throughout the year.

It has truly been a privilege and an honor to be President of this great society whose rich history we are all proud of. And I pray we continue to bring our mission and vision to life with the support and dedication of each of you.

Fraternally yours,  
Patricia

# FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



**Tony Sozinho**  
Financial Chairman

Hello Everyone,

**Our Luso-American family is so proud to be building on our traditions and heritage. On behalf of Luso-American Financial, I can't say enough on how hard our staff, members, directors, and leadership is working together to build this great society.**

**The Luso-American Financial Board of Directors would like to thank all the State Presidents on the West and East coast for doing an excellent job in promoting our society.**

**The 2023 Tri Annual is coming very soon. There will be many new faces on the Board of Directors for the upcoming years. I, as Chairman, would like to thank the outgoing directors Aires Pavao, Patricia Larson, Tanya Guadalupe, Manny Vieira, Liz Motta, Gerard Batista, and Joe F. Machado for their years of service to the society. Manny Vieira and Tanya Guadalupe will be running for another remaining term. Please thank these individuals for their time and effort to make Luso a better company financially and fraternally. To the incoming future board members, we look forward to working with you to build a better future together. I want to thank John Perdigao for his on-going service, we are the two remaining board members for three more years.**

**I can't say enough about our home office staff. They have survived many challenges of 2022 and together created a strong team to build a brighter future for Luso. I would like to thank Sue Nichols, Esther Mahler, Dan Sequeira, Connie DaRocha, Rosemary Salaiz, Geeta Sharma, Hannah Renner, Joshua Mahler along with our part time staff Bernice Pelicas, Anthony Pio, Cindy Temple, and Devan Yarnell.**

**We all look forward to the future. Together we can make Luso a household name within our community. Please spread the good word of Luso with your family, friends, and acquaintances to help grow this beautiful organization.**

**I can't leave without thanking all the spouses, partners, family and friends for supporting us as we work hard to create a better Luso. Your understanding and support helped us continue our journey with Luso. I look forward to seeing everyone at the conventions and future events.**

Respectfully,  
Tony G. Sozinho  
Chairman of the Board  
Luso American Financial



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Assistant



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Assistant



**Geeta Sharma**  
Accounting  
Representative



**Rosemary Salaiz**  
Administrative  
Assistant



**Cindy Temple**  
Human Resources  
Admin



**Anthony Pio**  
Fraternal Advisor

## IN MEMORY OF

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Council	Council Location
01/02/2022	ALZIRA C BRANCO	32P	HARTFORD
01/04/2022	MARGARIDA R BORGES	31B	SANTA MARIA
01/10/2022	RAYMOND J MACHADO	6L	TULARE COUNTY
01/10/2022	ANTONIO F NUNES	10P	PEABODY
01/13/2022	JOE M ESCOBAR	47B	SAN JOSE
01/16/2022	ELSIE SOUZA	15S	SANTA CLARA
01/19/2022	DONALD O GERMINO	21B	LOS BANOS
01/20/2022	ROSALIE A ORMONDE	47B	SAN JOSE
01/21/2022	DOROTHY E FERREIRA	2-79S	PLEASANTON
01/21/2022	DOROTHY FERREIRA	2-79S	PLEASANTON
01/22/2022	ROSA GOMES	70P	NEW JERSEY
01/23/2022	MARIO PEDRO VENTURA	70P	NEW JERSEY
01/24/2022	JAMES M SYLVESTER	31B	SANTA MARIA
01/25/2022	FIRMO M BORGES	6L	TULARE COUNTY
01/27/2022	ALBERTO M CARDOSO	6L	TULARE COUNTY
01/28/2022	LEONARD NUNES MELO	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW-SANTA CLARA
01/30/2022	JOSEPH D AVILA	31B	SANTA MARIA
01/31/2022	NORBERTO BETTENCOURT	47B	SAN JOSE
02/02/2022	EDUARDA A ALVES	4P	NEW BEDFORD
02/04/2022	FRANK S CHAVES	34B	MANTECA
02/04/2022	ANGELINA GONSALVES	6L	TULARE COUNTY
02/07/2022	JOHN MENDOSA JR	34B	MANTECA
02/07/2022	ANNA IRENE GUARINO	5P	HUDSON
02/08/2022	EMILY J SILVA	5C	SAN PABLO
02/08/2022	AIDA MARIA SILVEIRA	13S	SAN JOSE
02/11/2022	EDWARD J GOMES	14-15B	CENTRAL VALLEY
02/15/2022	GENEVIEVE D BETTENCOURT	34B	MANTECA
02/18/2022	RENA A. SILVA	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
02/18/2022	MARIE SUMMERSETT	0C-8B	OAKLAND
02/18/2022	MARIA C REZENTES	41C	REDWOOD CITY
02/18/2022	MARIA CANDIDA VA ROGERS	1-89S	OAKLAND
02/22/2022	JOHN C COUTO	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
02/27/2022	ROSE MARIE TEIXEIRA	5C	SAN PABLO
02/27/2022	ROSE M TEIXEIRA	37B-46C	ANTIOCH
03/01/2022	ANTONIO V DINIZ	49B-55C	MODESTO
03/04/2022	BELMIRO S SOUSA	31P	BETHLEHEM
03/08/2022	ROSE MARIE LUCAS	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
03/10/2022	MARIO TEQUES	70P	NEW JERSEY
03/12/2022	RUBY E NEWBERRY	87B	MAXWELL
03/15/2022	ROSE MARIE EVANS	58B-75B-46S	SALINAS-WATSONVILLE
03/16/2022	MARIA N MCDANIEL	32P	HARTFORD
03/16/2022	BERNADETTE MARIE DE SOUZA	112S	MARTINEZ
03/20/2022	MARIA ALVES	0	CENTRAL
03/20/2022	MARIE REA	42S	HANFORD
03/25/2022	DOLOR ALMEIDA	21B	LOS BANOS
03/26/2022	HERCULANA F DE MELO	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW-SANTA CLARA
03/28/2022	TONY B CASTRO	49B-55C	MODESTO
04/02/2022	GERALDINE QUARESMA	31B	SANTA MARIA
04/03/2022	ADELAIDE FERREIRA	2P	CAMBRIDGE





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04/08/2022	ANTONIO J CASTRO	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
04/13/2022	MANUEL J VIERRA	17B	GUSTINE
04/19/2022	ISABEL SOARES	13S	SAN JOSE
04/21/2022	HELEN TAVARES	0C-8B	OAKLAND
04/23/2022	JOSE L VALADAO	7L	HUMBOLDT COUNTY
04/28/2022	JOSE M B SILVEIRA	31B	SANTA MARIA
05/10/2022	JOHN G RELVAS	17B	GUSTINE
05/18/2022	JOSE E SOUSA	14-15B	CENTRAL VALLEY
05/18/2022	JOHN FERRERIA JR	87B	MAXWELL
05/18/2022	JOE A CAMARA	49B-55C	MODESTO
05/23/2022	MADLINE L FARIA	17B	GUSTINE
05/23/2022	DELFIN FIDALGO	10P	PEABODY
05/25/2022	EZEQUIEL M FREITAS	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW-STA CLARA
05/26/2022	ANTONIO RODA	5P	HUDSON
05/29/2022	SHANNON D SEQUEIRA	47B	SAN JOSE
05/31/2022	ISABELLE PERRY	58B-75B-46S	SALINAS-WATSONVILLE
06/02/2022	TONY E VARGAS	3C-33B	SACRAMENTO
06/02/2022	MARIANNE SOUZA	15S	SANTA CLARA
06/03/2022	PHYLLIS FRANCES BREVES	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
06/06/2022	KATHERINE ANN REDFERN	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
06/06/2022	JUDITH A CAIN	2-79S	PLEASANTON
06/07/2022	ALBINA ENGLE	31P	BETHLEHEM
06/09/2022	ELEANOR A RIBEIRO	6L	TULARE COUNTY
06/16/2022	MARY M. DIAS	59S	SANTA HERMINIA, FRESNO
06/16/2022	BARBARA JEAN RELVA	114S	CERES MODESTO
06/20/2022	ROSEMARY WESCOTT	5C	SAN PABLO
06/23/2022	BEVERLY J ORR	21B	LOS BANOS
06/24/2022	FLORA A. SAUERS	7L	HUMBOLDT COUNTY
06/24/2022	FLORA A SAUERS	7L	HUMBOLDT COUNTY
06/26/2022	FRANK G MACHADO	3C-33B	SACRAMENTO
06/29/2022	NADINE ANN SILVA	31B	SANTA MARIA
06/29/2022	LINDA C MENDONCA	6L	TULARE COUNTY
06/30/2022	PHILIP J NUNEZ	58B-75B-46S	SALINAS-WATSONVILLE
07/05/2022	ILDA F NUNES	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW-STA CLARA
07/05/2022	ILDA F. NUNES	13S	FLOR DA SOCIEDAD, SAN JOSE
07/07/2022	MARY COUTO	87B	MAXWELL
07/08/2022	ANTHONY BARCELLOS	49B-55C	MODESTO
07/18/2022	JOE A DUARTE	49B-55C	MODESTO
07/21/2022	EDESIA TERRA	21B	LOS BANOS
07/22/2022	TRAJANO R VIVEIROS	92B	CHINO
07/22/2022	MARIA L ALVES	26-72B	ARTESIA
07/23/2022	MARY C LAWRENCE	6L	TULARE COUNTY
07/26/2022	IRENE A GRECO	31B	SANTA MARIA
07/31/2022	IDA BRAZIL LUIS	59C-64B	NOVATO
08/04/2022	JIMMA S BETTENCOURT	6L	TULARE COUNTY
08/05/2022	ALFRED J TENTE	49P	PAWTUCKET
08/12/2022	PAUL S ENOS	2P	CAMBRIDGE
08/13/2022	ADELINA D REBOLO	5L	IDAHO
08/13/2022	ROSEMARY G A HUERTAS	31P	BETHLEHEM



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08/15/2022	MARY I DE MATOS	48P	PHILADELPHIA
08/17/2022	MARIA L SOUSA	4L	LAS VEGAS
08/21/2022	ELIZABETH JULIA PERDONI	112S	MARTINEZ
08/21/2022	ELIZABETH J PERDONI	112S	MARTINEZ
08/26/2022	JOE S FAIAL	2L	NORCO-CORONA
08/30/2022	RICHARD L DOMINGOS	31B	SANTA MARIA
08/30/2022	IRENE M TEIXEIRA	112S	MARTINEZ
09/03/2022	MARIAN MATTOS	59S	FRESNO
09/08/2022	LUCILLE CRESPO	3C-33B	SACRAMENTO
09/09/2022	MARIE M. AGUIAR	26S	NEWCASTLE
09/11/2022	MARIA T FIALHO	21B	LOS BANOS
09/12/2022	JOHN C DE MELO	0C-8B	OAKLAND
09/15/2022	MARY P MENDES	118S	ARMONA-HANFORD
09/16/2022	MARIA ISABEL CARDOSO	59S	FRESNO
09/18/2022	CONSTANCE FREITAS	47B	SAN JOSE
09/20/2022	ALVARINA M FELIX	26-72B	ARTESIA
09/22/2022	RITA BORBA	49B-55C	MODESTO
09/24/2022	ELSIE FREITAS	34B	MANTECA
10/01/2022	MANUEL F SILVA JR	14-15B	CENTRAL VALLEY
10/03/2022	CLARA F LINDO	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
10/06/2022	CONNIE NUNES-FARIA	13S	SAN JOSE
10/08/2022	ANTONIO M BORGES	6L	TULARE COUNTY
10/16/2022	MARLENE ANN BAIROS	39-76B	ATWATER/MERCED
10/26/2022	MANUEL G VALIM	5C	SAN PABLO
10/29/2022	GLADYS I CONNER	112S	MARTINEZ
10/29/2022	GLADYS ISABEL CONNER	112S	MARTINEZ
10/31/2022	PATRICIA A SOUSA	1-89S	OAKLAND
11/04/2022	JOSE GONSALVES	20B-44C-68B	MT. VIEW-SANTA CLARA
11/05/2022	DOLORES T MASSA	41C	REDWOOD CITY
11/07/2022	JEANNE LYNN JURGENS	59S	FRESNO
11/12/2022	MARIA N VENANCIO	26S	NEWCASTLE
11/19/2022	LUIS M SIMOES	2L	NORCO-CORONA
11/23/2022	ELLEN J FISCHER	0C-8B	OAKLAND
11/23/2022	PRISCILLA D VARLEY	98-123S	POINT LOMA
11/25/2022	RONALD L OLIVEIRA	19B	NEWARK
11/25/2022	JANICE A CASTRO	23B-45C	TRACY
11/26/2022	CHARLES R BARROS	2P	CAMBRIDGE
11/27/2022	JOSEPH F MOSSO	70P	NEW JERSEY
12/03/2022	MANUEL A GONCALVES	34B	MANTECA
12/03/2022	LEONTINA Q SOARES	37B-46C	ANTIOCH
12/05/2022	MICHAEL J LAWRENCE	17B	GUSTINE
12/06/2022	WILLIAM D HERNANDEZ	3C-33B	SACRAMENTO
12/07/2022	MARY M COUTO	31B	SANTA MARIA
12/09/2022	LISA ANN COOPER	6L	TULARE COUNTY
12/18/2022	HOWARD N MILHOUS	6L	TULARE COUNTY
12/22/2022	LORRAINE SOZINHO CLAROT	6L	TULARE COUNTY
12/25/2022	WELIMINA H TOSTE	6L	TULARE COUNTY
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# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL

2022 WEST CONVENTION SANTA CLARA MARRIOTT



# Fraternal President 2022-2023

## Nuno Silveira

Luso-American Fraternal President, Nuno Silveira was born 1978 in Terceira, Azores to Jacinto Silveira and Teresa Teixeira. He immigrated to the United States with his mother in 1988. Living in Escalon, California his family relocated to Newark, California where Nuno attended elementary and junior high schools.

In 1996, he graduated from Newark Memorial High School, and following graduation enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Nuno spent four years serving our country.

In 2004, Nuno met his wife, Vivalda when they both were members of a Danca de Carnaval performing in throughout California and Terceira, Azores.

Nuno and Vivalda married in 2007 in the freguesia of Serreta in Terceira. Their family was blessed with two sons Miguel, who was born in 2010 and Tiago who was born in 2013. Both boys are active members of YC 30 since a young age performing at LUSO conventions and participating in council activities.

Nuno and his wife were Presidents of the Nossa Senhora de Fatima Festa in Newark, California. Nuno's family continues to be active and participate in the Portuguese community. He was especially proud to serve as Treasurer for the Newark Holy Ghost Society when his mother served as President in 2008-2009.

His wife, Vivalda is currently President of Luso Council 19B and Youth Director for YC#30. She served as the 2022 Convention Chairperson for Nuno's convention in Santa Clara.

Nuno has been an active member of Newark Council since 2015. The same year he joined the sales team as field representative selling over \$1 million of insurance between 2019 and 2021.

Nuno and his family currently live in Lodi, California. During his term as Luso President Nuno and his family have enjoyed traveling to Luso councils in California sharing fraternalism and enjoying company of old and new friends.

Nuno is humbled and honored to represent Luso-American Financial this year as State President. He looks forward to the 2023 Convention in Los Angeles.



## Alice Freitas

**Maria Alice (Alves) Freitas was born on August 10, 1964 in Terceira, Azores. In 1969, she immigrated to the United States, settling in New Bedford, Massachusetts with her parents, Armando and Maria Eduarda Alves and her siblings. In 1970, the family became proud members of the Portuguese Continental Union, Lodge #4. At the age of 6 a fond memory was created when Alice was gifted a homemade apron for the monthly fraternal dinners at Lodge #4. Alice was honored to wear this apron as she helped set the tables and eventually was given the responsibility of serving the dinners to members.**

**Alice made lifelong friendships with the fraternal society. She often speaks of having a secret recipe that was given to her at the age of 18, this recipe was for Mrs. Martin's bread pudding. This bread pudding delight was served at every dinner and this tradition has been continued by Alice for 35 years. The recipe has only been shared with Alice's closest family and friends.**

**Alice graduated from New Bedford High School in 1983. She went on to attend Southeastern Massachusetts University (now UMASS Dartmouth) graduating in 1987. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work at Boston University in 1992 and continues to practice as a licensed therapist.**

**One of Alice's passions has always been working with children and families. She has been employed by New Bedford Public Schools for the last 23 years as a School Adjustment Counselor. Prior to her career with the school system, she began her clinical work as a medical social worker in numerous hospitals and Home Care Agencies.**

**Alice met her husband, the late Jose Helder Freitas, at SMU in 1985, they married in 1987 and spent 28 beautiful years together until his passing in 2015. Together, they were blessed with 3 children, Nathan, Karina and Andrea. As parents, it was always a priority to travel to Portugal for most summers and share the love for the family's Portuguese culture and heritage.**

**Alice has held numerous positions within the local board of the PCU. She has served on the fraternal board before the merge to LAL. She was the President of the Day of Portugal for New Bedford in 1994. She has volunteered her time within church youth groups and continues to dedicate her time to youth within the community.**

**As President of the LAL East Coast, Alice's goals are to increase membership from coast to coast, she is especially passionate about bringing back the youth group to the East Coast. She hopes to increase fraternal events and to maintain the Portuguese tradition of hard work and strong family values.**





## **MANUELA WYATT** **SPRSI President 2022-2023**

**Maria Manuela Sousa-Wyatt was born in Angola. Her father was from Sao Jorge, Acores, and her biological mother from Angola. After the civil war in Angola the family immigrated to Portugal, and thereafter to California and established their new roots in the Central Valley. Manuela is a proud mother of two daughters, Jessica, and Jasmine. Manuela has a brother Carlos and Irene Sousa and a sister Leonor and Kenneth Littlejohn. She is a proud Tia to 3 nephews and 2 nieces. Manuela is currently employed by the County of Kings as a Supervisor for Child Protective Services. Her mission has been to serve her community and ensuring the safety of the most vulnerable population the children.**

**Manuela has been a member of Sociadade Portuguesa Rainha Santa Isabel for almost 40 years. Her Council is #42 Flor dos Acores, Hanford, CA. She has had the privilege of belonging to a prestigious organization that was started by women and led by woman.**





## **MATTHEW TEIXEIRA** **20-30's President 2022-2023**

**Matthew Teixeira was born on June 11, 1993, in Sacramento, California. He is now engaged to Gagandeep Pabla, with whom he will wed in June of 2023. Matthew is the son of Paul Teixeira and Judy Mottini and the younger brother of Michael Teixeira (married to Anelise Teixeira). He is also an uncle to Olivia and Adrien Teixeira. Matthew is the grandson of Manuel and Luisa Teixeira and Jose and Jovina Valim. Currently, Matthew is completing his Master's Degree in Secondary Education and teaching credential so that he can be a high school English teacher.**

**Matthew became a Luso member shortly after being born. While in Luso, Matthew danced with Youth Council #4 of Sacramento. Outside of Luso, Matthew grew up being involved with his local Portuguese community of Sacramento's SPHSS Portuguese Hall. After high school, Matthew moved to Artesia and took part in many activities with the local Portuguese community. He played saxophone for the Filarmónica de Artesia DES, danced with Grupo Folclórico Retalhos Antigos, sang with the Portuguese mass choir, and performed with Grupo Carnaval de Artesia.**

**Currently, Matthew loves being a part of Sacramento's Portuguese community once again as Treasurer of the Portuguese Hall. He especially enjoys introducing his beautiful fiancé to the many aspects of the Portuguese culture and traditions. While being the Luso State 20-30's President, Matthew has enjoyed getting to know and work with many of his fellow 20-30's members throughout the state and has a firm belief in the important role they play in our fraternal organization.**



# Youth President 2022-2023

## Gianna Vasconcelos



Gianna Bebiana Vasconcelos was born on April 4th, 2006 in Lodi California. She is the youngest child of Leo and Bebiana Vasconcelos and younger sister to Garrett and Gavin Vasconcelos. Gianna is 17 and currently a junior at Lincoln High School in Stockton. In high school Gianna is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and her school's commitment to community program. She is also involved in Link Crew in which she helps guide incoming freshmen around her high school campus. Gianna currently holds the position of Junior Class Publicity in her school's leadership class. Gianna has been playing the clarinet in her school's concert and marching band for three years, she is on her high school cheer team, and she also plays on

the varsity Lincoln softball team. Gianna is very involved with her high school and loves to dress up for spirit days and represent Lincoln High School proudly. After graduation Gianna hopes to attend Fresno State and further her education, she has aspirations of studying to become an X-ray Technician.

Gianna has been involved in her Portuguese community and culture since she was born. Gianna has been Queen (2010) for FESM of Manteca, Sidemaide for SPHSS of Sacramento (2014), and both Sidemaide (2009) and Queen for OLF Thornton (2017 and 2021). Gianna continues to stay involved by helping serve at various dinners and events for all three halls. She enjoys going to festas all over California, she especially loves to dance the night away with all of her friends and family on Saturday nights. Gianna has been playing in the Azores Band of Escalon for 4 years and loves the family and traditions that she has grown up being a part of. In 2015, Gianna had the opportunity to travel to the Azores where she visited the islands of Graciosa and Terceira and had the pleasure to perform alongside her youth council YC#4 at Festa de Praia. She plans on traveling back to the Azores this summer to play with AZB at the Festa of SanJoaninas.

LUSO has always been a big part of Gianna's life, from attending practices when she was just a few months old to dancing with Youth Council #4 of Sacramento since she was only one year old. Gianna truly loves the LUSO stage and being involved in all the amazing things that come with it, such as life long friendships and late night practices. This past year was Gianna's 15th performance with YC#4 of Sacramento. Although Gianna only held the position of Vice President on the state youth board before becoming LUSO State Youth President she got the chance to feel the love and passion of the youth participants. Gianna's favorite part about LUSO is getting to meet all the youth from different councils and eventually seeing them at festas.

While serving as the LUSO State Youth President, Gianna hopes to excite and inspire the participants about the amazing Program and get them involved in our beautiful culture. She hopes to see more young people embracing their culture and joining their nearest youth councils. Gianna is beyond excited to travel across California and Idaho on different council visits with adult president Nuno Silveira, 20-30's president Matthew Teixeira, and the 2022 Convention Queen, Delaney Dasilva. Gianna can't wait to see all the youth participants at the 2023 LUSO convention this year!

# 2022 Convention Queen

## Delaney Da Silva

Delaney Da Silva is currently 16 years old and lives in Elk Grove, California with her parents Danny and Darla Da Silva. Her paternal grandparents are the late Manuel and Connie Da Silva of Elk Grove, who instilled in her the culture of her Portuguese roots. Delaney's first convention appearance was at 9 months old. Now, she is proud and ecstatic to hold the position as Luso Queen at the 2022 Convention representing her youth council #4 of Sacramento as well as treasurer for the Luso State Youth Board.

Outside of Luso, Delaney stays active and serves positions in other organizations at school or in her local Portuguese community. She has served as flower girl for A.P.D.E.S Lincoln Holy Ghost Festa, Sidemaide for Our Lady of Fatima of Thornton, and Sidemaide, Little Queen and upcoming Big Queen in 2024 for S.E.S Festa of Elk Grove. Delaney is attending Elk Grove High School where she is heavily involved with FFA (Future Farmers of America). During the 2023 State FFA Finals, Delaney was a part of the Ag Issues Team where they placed 2nd among the state participants. Through her local FFA chapter, she shows her hog and dairy heifer at the Sacramento County Fair. What's more, she enjoys being a part of her EGHS varsity soccer team playing in which midfield is her favorite position.

Delaney is where she is today because of the inspiration she acquired when her cousin served on the Royalty Court in 2017. Delaney took on the same challenge last year and with YC#4, she raised \$42,000 for youth scholarships knowing it would help her peers reach their educational dreams. Throughout the year Delaney embraced her Luso journey to the maximum by building new friendships and learning the fraternal aspects within Luso. She encourages her peers to participate in their youth councils as well as becoming delegates at conventions to explore the fraternal sides of Luso. Her term isn't over, but already she is extremely grateful for the relationships she has formed near and far and strives to continue her involvement in Luso for many years to come.

Delaney would like to wish each of this year's contestants the best of luck, with hope for a great summer and electrifying convention and encourages all youth councils to elect delegates to attend the 2023 Convention!



# FRIDAY - VISITORS LUNCHEON



**Pedro Pinto**  
 Consul General of Portugal  
 in San Francisco



**Jessica Lawrence**  
 2021-2022 20-30's President



**Grant Silva**  
 20-30's Treasurer



**Gavin Silva**  
 2021-2022 Youth President



**FRIDAY - GENERAL SESSIONS**



# FRIDAY - CONVENTION ROYAL COURT



**Catarina Correia**  
Royal Court Princess  
Youth Council #1 Fremont-Union City



**Morgan Ditton**  
Royal Court Princess  
Youth Council #2 San Jose



**Vanessa Sancho Gomes**  
Royal Court Princess  
Youth Council #8 Manteca



**Delaney Da Silva**  
Convention Queen  
Youth Council #4 Sacramento



## FRIDAY - SALES AWARDS

Marydonna Mattos was awarded the Sales Person of the Year, Million Dollar Club, and the Award of Merit at the 2022 Convention in Santa Clara, CA. This is her fifth consecutive year receiving the "Sales Person of the Year" award. Marydonna has been a Luso agent for the last 8 years and Luso-Member since she was only a year old. She is currently located in Tulare, California. Marydonna was also awarded Million Dollar Club award for selling over One Million dollars in premium and also given the Award of Merit for Most Sales Volume. Also winning an Award of Merit for most applications written was Brian Martins of Modesto.

Presented by Daniel Sequeira, Director of Sales



**Award of Merit**  
**Marydonna Mattos**  
Tony Sozinho accepted the awards

**Sales Person of the Year**  
**Marydonna Mattos**  
Tony Sozinho accepted the award

**Award of Merit**  
**Brian Martins**

**Million Dollar Club award for proposing more than One Million & Distinguished Service Commendation Award proposing 20+ New Members**  
Presented by Daniel Sequeira, Director of Sales



**Million Dollar Club**  
**Marydonna Mattos**  
Tony Sozinho accepted the awards



**Million Dollar Club**  
**Brian Martins**

**Distinguished Service Commendation**  
Presented by Daniel Sequeira, Director of Sales

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Presented by Daniel Sequeira, Director of Sales



**Manuel Vieira**



**Tony Sozinho**



**Dan Rocha**  
Jessica Lawrence accepted the award



**Michelle Morris-Silva**  
Brian Martins accepted the award

# FRIDAY - MANUEL REIS AWARDS & ROYAL COURT CEREMONY



**Gavin Silva**  
2021 - 2022 Youth President



**Lina P. Vieira**  
Chair of Youth Directors



**Joseph Resendes**  
Education Foundation President



**Youth Council #1 - Fremont/Union City**



**Youth Council #2 - San Jose**



**Youth Council #4 - Sacramento**



**Youth Council #8 - Manteca**



**Youth Council #11 - Mountain View / Sant Clara**



**Youth Council #24 - Northern San Joaquin Valley**





**Delaney Da Silva**  
Convention Queen



**Scholarship Recipients**

**FRIDAY - 20-30'S NEON LIGHTS**



# SATURDAY - SECRETARIES AND PAST FIRST CLUB BREAKFAST

Secretaries Breakfast



Past First Club Breakfast



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# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM



**GAVIN  
SILVA**

**YOUTH PRESIDENT  
2021 - 2022**

**Kaylah Raposo**

Portuguese National Anthem

**Isabela Caso**

American National Anthem

**Grace Silva**

Luso-American Anthem

# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM



## Act 1

### Youth Council # 2 San Jose

*"As Nossas Tradições"*

Youth Director: Ana Teresa Maciel



## Act 2

### Youth Council # 4 Sacramento

*"Sactown Featured in the Bay"*

Youth Director: Andrea Vieira

# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM



**Act 3**

**Youth Council # 13 Artesia**

*"Back to Our Roots"*

Youth Director: Justine Collins



**Act 4**

**Youth Council # 11 Mountain View / Santa Clara**

*"Lar da Saudade"*

Youth Director: Daniella Nunes



# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM



## Act 5

### Youth Council # 24 Northern San Joaquin Valley

*"Um Dia Na Casa Portuguesa"*

Youth Director: Michelle Morris Silva



## Act 6

### Youth Council # 25 Tracy

*"The Wizard of Tracy"*

Youth Director: Bernadete Rocha Tavares



**LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL  
YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM**



**Act 7**  
**Youth Council # 30 Newark**  
*"We are Familia"*  
Youth Director: Vivalda Silveira



**Act 8**  
**Youth Council # 8 Manteca / Stockton**  
*"Dancando como Encanto das Novas Mares da Nossa Cultura"*  
Youth Director: Alexandria Jones



**LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL  
YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM**



**Act 9**  
**Youth Council # 10 Tipton / Tulare**  
*"A Pequena Sereia"*  
Youth Director: Marissa Nunes



**Act 10**  
**Youth Council # 1 Fremont / Union City**  
*"Trazendo as Tradições para Nossa Baía"*  
Youth Director: Diane Pereira

# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL

## *Youth Theatrical Program*

# AWARDS



1

DANCING PERFORMANCE

**YOUTH COUNCIL  
# 24 NORTHERN SAN  
JOAQUIN VALLEY**

FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
"Um Dia Na Casa Portuguesa"

YOUTH DIRECTOR:  
Michelle Morris Silva



2

DANCING PERFORMANCE

**YOUTH COUNCIL  
# 1 FREMONT / UNION  
CITY**

FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
"Trazendo as Tradições para Nossa Baía"

YOUTH DIRECTOR:  
Diane Pereira



3

DANCING PERFORMANCE

**YOUTH COUNCIL  
# 4 SACRAMENTO**

FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
"Sactown Featured in the Bay"

YOUTH DIRECTOR:  
Andrea Vieira



# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL *Youth Theatrical Program* **AWARDS**



**1**

MUSICAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE

**YOUTH COUNCIL  
# 11 MOUNTAIN VIEW /  
SANTA CLARA**

FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
*"Iar da Saudade"*

YOUTH DIRECTOR:  
*Daniella Nunes*



**2**

MUSICAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE

**YOUTH COUNCIL  
# 10 TIPTON / TULARE**

FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
*"A Pequena Sereia"*

YOUTH DIRECTOR:  
*Marissa Nunes*



**3**

MUSICAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE

**YOUTH COUNCIL  
# 2 SAN JOSE**

FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
*"As Nossas Tradições"*

YOUTH DIRECTOR:  
*Ana Teresa Maciel*

# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL

## *Youth Theatrical Program*

# AWARDS

BEST INDIVIDUAL  
VARIETY  
PERFORMANCE

**AVA VALADAO**

FOR HER PERFORMANCE IN  
**A PEQUENA SEREIA**  
YOUTH COUNCIL # 10 TIPTON / TULARE

BEST INDIVIDUAL  
DANCING  
PERFORMANCE

**MAKAYLA SOUSA**

FOR HER PERFORMANCE IN  
**DANCANDO COMO ENCANTO  
DAS NOVAS MARES DA NOSSA  
CULTURA**  
YOUTH COUNCIL # 8 MANTECA

BEST INDIVIDUAL  
DANCING  
PERFORMANCE

**EMMA SOARES**

FOR HER PERFORMANCE IN  
**TRAZENDO AS TRADIÇÕES  
PARA NOSSA BAIA**  
YOUTH COUNCIL # 1 FREMONT / UNION CITY



# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM



# SUNDAY -SPRSI MEMORIAL SERVICE



# SUNDAY - CONVENTION MASS



Miguel Silveira



Christiana Costa



Jennifer Costa



Teresa Scruggs





**SUNDAY - CONVENTION BANQUET & INSTALLATION**



**Daniel Sequeira, Director of Sales,**  
installing new officer,  
**Nuno Silveira**



**2022-2023 Fraternal President,**  
**Nuno Silveira** with his wife, Vivalda  
and sons; Miguel & Tiago



**Matthew Teixeira**  
2022-2023 20-30's President



**Gianna Vasconcelos**  
2022-2023 Youth President



**Manuel Vieira, Financial**  
Director, presenting **Manuel**  
**Lawrence** a plaque for his  
term as Fraternal President



**Manuel Vieira, Financial**  
Director, presenting **Jessica**  
**Lawrence** a plaque for her  
term as 20-30's President



**Manuel Vieira, Financial**  
Director, presenting **Gavin**  
**Silva** a plaque for his term  
as Youth President



# SUNDAY - GRAND MARCH





**Manuela Wyatt**  
S.P.R.S.I. Grand President



**Leonor Littlejohn, Past Grand President, presenting Tamy Branstetter a plaque for her term as Grand President**



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# CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS





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# LUSO-AMERICAN FRATERNAL

2022 EAST CONVENTION  
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# SATURDAY - GENERAL SESSIONS



**SATURDAY - LUNCHEON**



# SATURDAY - INSTALLATION



**Virginia Brandao, 2020-2022 East Fraternal President, with Alice Freitas, 2022-2023 East Fraternal President**



**Albert Costa, presenting Virginia Brandao plaque for her term as East Fraternal President**



# SATURDAY - CONVENTION DINNER



# SUNDAY - CONVENTION MASS



# SUNDAY - YOUTH PERFORMANCE AND BREAKFAST



# EAST CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS





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## 2023 CONVENTION QUEEN CONTESTANTS



### Lanette Couto

Lanette Maria Couto is 16 years old and was born in Fremont, California. She is the daughter of Frank and Lilia Couto of Newark, California, and has 2 siblings, her eldest sister, Leanna; her younger brother, Lucas; and their pet Boston Terrier, Bentley.

She is currently a sophomore at Newark Memorial High School. Lanette is a cheerleader on the Junior Varsity cheer squad and works part-time. Some of her hobbies include dancing, listening to music, and baking. She also enjoys cosmetology and going on camping trips with her family.

From a very young age, Lanette has been active in her local Portuguese community. She has represented the S.E.S. Council #8 (now P.F.S.A.) of Newark as baby Queen in 2010 and Junior Queen in 2013 and again in 2017 for her parent's presidential term. In 2015, Lanette also served as junior Sidemaide for P.F.S.A. Council #5/36 of Hayward and is currently the Senior Sidemaide for S.D.E.S. de Alvarado of Union City for the 2022 term. Beyond Holy Ghost festas, she has participated in the annual Festa de Nossa Senhora de Fatima for the Portuguese Cultural Center of Newark, performed in the Dancas de Carnival for the Portuguese band of San Jose and has also been the flag holder of Sociedade Filarmonica Recreio do Emigrante Portuguese (S.F.R.E.P.) of Newark.

In 2018, Lanette traveled with her family to the Azores with S.F.R.E.P. She enjoyed every moment of being immersed in her Portuguese culture. While on her trip she visited Terceira where her paternal grandparents are from and her father was born. She also had the opportunity to visit the Faial, the home of her maternal grandparents. During that summer, she also visited Pico and Sao Jorge.

Lanette has been a member of Youth Council #1 of Fremont - Union City for 13 years. She loves to dance, and this experience and memories is something that she will cherish for a lifetime. She cannot wait to meet and get to know all of the queen contestants and make new lifelong friends. She wishes them all the best in their journey in running for Luso Convention Queen.

### Jadyn Sousa

Hi, my name is Jadyn Sousa, I am currently a senior at Hilmar High School. I started dancing Luso with Youth Council No. 24 in 2019 and ever since have been getting more involved. I got the opportunity last year to be a state delegate at convention and see how things work behind the scenes. Outside of doing Luso, I am involved in my local FFA and have been showing dairy cattle for almost 10 years. I love to travel and meet new people and that is one thing Luso has brought to me. Being in Luso, I have met so many new people from different towns and have been very grateful for the opportunities Luso has brought to me. I can't wait to see where my final years of Luso take me and the opportunities that come my way.



### Makayla Sousa



My name is Makayla Sousa. I'm 15 years old. I've been dancing for Youth Council No. 8 Manteca/Stockton for 8 years. The last two years I've had the pleasure of being our Youth Council President and attending our annual convention as a delegate. I'm also a cheerleader at my high school, and I played the flute in middle school. Last year I showed a goat for FFA at the local county fair & will be showing one again this year for 4H. I enjoy dancing, listening to music and attending Portuguese Festas.



### **Nevaeh Leal Paz**

Nevaeh Leal Paz has been an active member of Luso Youth Council #2 of San Jose since the young age of three years old. She has attended many annual conventions and participates in countless council activities.

She is currently a junior at Mount Pleasant High School. Navaeh enjoys playing softball and being a part of the leadership committee and Portuguese club. She regularly participates in school functions. AS she looks to her future, she hopes one day she can be a correctional officer.

She volunteers at local Portuguese organizations in her spare time and has been a part of the Portuguese band of San Jose for several years. In the summer, Nevaeh enjoys camping at the lake with her family and friends. She is looked up to by her sister, Faith and her brother, Jeffrey, who are both active members of our council.

Navaeh is very proud of her Portuguese culture and is excited to represent her council as a Royalty contestant at this year's convention.

### **Kaliah Soares**

Kaliah Soares is 14 and will be an incoming Freshman at Dos Palos High School. Currently, she is an 8th grader at Bryant Middle School in Dos Palos. Kaliah is a member of her school volleyball and softball team. She is also on the yearbook committee. Kaliah is the daughter of Kevin & Shealyn Soares. Kaliah has 3 younger siblings a sister Jessa and brothers Bryson & Devin. She has been involved with Youth Council 18 Gustine - Los Banos since the age of two. She is a second-generation member and dancer. Kevin, her father was also a member and dancer of YC 18. Kaliah is very excited to be back dancing at convention and representing YC 18 as a 2023 Queen Contestant.



Kaliah holds the sergeant of arms position for her youth council 18 and local 4H. She represents Stevinson Pentecost Festa as big queen. She is currently representing Dos Palos as Miss Teen Dos Palos. Kaliah is a member of Dos Palos Community 4H where she shows three different species. She will be attending the Los Banos May Day Fair with her heifer Diana. She will be showing at the Chowchilla Fair with her pig Benny and the Merced County Fair her goat Button. When Kaliah is not playing volleyball, softball or working with her animals, she is competing with the DPX Cheer Comp Team. In April, Kaliah tried out for the Dos Palos High School cheer squad. Kaliah made both sideline and the competition team. She is also looking forward to joining the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and tennis team.

Kaliah would like to thank youth president Sara Azevedo and youth director Lori Costa as well as fellow members of YC 18 for the support and guidance this year. Kaliah would also like to wish all youth groups performing the best of luck and dance with your heart. To the other queen contestants, good luck and we are all winners. Kaliah feels blessed for this amazing opportunity and honored to help raise money for such a wonderful cause.

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**Gavin Silva                      Marisa Adao**

## LUSO-AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION TOP SCHOLARSHIP

**Emanuelle Fernandes                      Melissa Michaelian                      Cole Costa**

## EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Elizabeth Mello                      Raul Nunes                      Andrew Olds                      Lucas Olvera                      Eric Reckers**  
**Isabella Ribeiro                      Cortlynn Sousa**

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*Herbert Fernandes                      Herbert Fernandes                      Herbert Fernandes                      Herbert Fernandes                      Herbert Fernandes                      Herbert Fernandes*  
*Memorial                      Memorial                      Memorial                      Memorial                      Memorial                      Memorial*  
**Kelsey Ferreira                      Amanda Neves                      Isaac Valim**  
*Joaquim G. Pereira                      Frank Dias                      António Mattos*  
*Memorial                      Memorial                      Memorial*

## 20-30'S SCHOLARSHIPS

**Jessica Himmelstein                      Vivian Silva-Dallenbach**  
**Sophia Rosa**

## SPRSI SCHOLARSHIPS

**April Marie Spray**



THE LUSO-AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION CONGRATULATES THE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT RECIPIENTS OF 2022. WE KNOW YOUR FUTURES ARE BRIGHT AND WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD TO SUPPORT YOUR DREAMS OF ACCESSING HIGHER EDUCATION





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# DIA DE PORTUGAL

The Portuguese culture is so special to us and we are so excited to announce Dia De Portugal's return this year. Dia de Portugal is one of the many ways that we can come together and celebrate the Portuguese culture and festivity with one another.

PORTUGUESE DAY—"Dia de Portugal, de Camões das Comunidades Portuguesas". The Luso-American Education Foundation has celebrated our Portuguese heritage within the various communities since June 8, 1966, which is the day of death of our greatest epic poet Luis Vaz de Camoes. This same day was also chosen to homage all Portuguese communities around the world. The California legislature proclaimed such date as "Portuguese Day in the State, honoring our Poet, all Luso-Americans, Portugal, and the Foundation.

## WHEN

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Place: 1401 E Santa Clara St San Jose, CA 95116

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

[www.luso-american.org](http://www.luso-american.org)



**Luso-American Financial** - *A Fraternal Benefit Society*



# LUSO-AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION CULTURAL YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

## 2023 Summer Camp

Summer Camp has returned!  
Summer Camp is taking place this year at the University of California, Santa Cruz!

This cultural youth Summer Camp gives students the opportunity to learn more about the college experience and Portuguese culture, all while creating great friendships.





## WHO WE ARE

Headquartered in Dublin, California with a branch in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Luso-American Education Foundation (LAEF), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization incorporated in 1963 to assist qualified students interested in achieving higher education.

We are a branch of Luso-American Financial (founded 1868) and proudly serve the community at large

Board of Directors and committees are made of volunteers!

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- To lead the initiatives for the advantage of the Portuguese culture and language
- To support qualified students in accessing higher education
- To foster life-long learning programs

## Laying the groundwork for Tomorrow's Leaders

### WHAT WE DO

LAEF offers Scholarships/ Grants to high school and college students of Portuguese decent or those studying Portuguese. Awards financial aid to eligible students participating in Portuguese language and culture courses in the United States and in Portugal. LAEF sponsors and holds an annual conference focusing on the Portuguese language, literature, and culture. Supports community events and projects about the Portuguese and Portuguese-Americans. Honors individuals for their continuous dedication to the Portuguese - American community. Raises funds with a variety of activities and events to support the scholarships. Organizes and sponsors an annual week long camp on a college life and Portuguese culture. Sponsors and celebrates "Dia de Portugal, de Camoes e das Comunidades Portuguesas" in conjunction with the foundation's anniversary and the honoring of scholarship recipients.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Membership allows voting rights at the Annual LAEF Membership Meeting for every year the minimum installment is made or after the pledge is paid in full. Members receive invitations to events and the opportunity to run for the Board of Directors.

### Individual Membership

An individual membership is for a single individual who pays the annual membership dues of \$50.00 per year.

### Family Membership

A family membership is comprised of 2 adults, and up to 2 children under the age of 18 who pays the annual membership dues of \$100.00 per year.

### Legal Entity

A Legal Entity membership is for Corporations, Partnerships, Associations who pays the annual membership dues of \$500.00 or more. A Legal Entity shall be entitled to one vote for each \$500.00 contribution per year, not exceeding 5 votes.

### Benefactor

A one time contribution of \$1000 or more.

### Perpetual

A one time contribution of \$2500 will be accorded a perpetual membership and will be known as a "patron." A "patron" may transfer their membership to a family member not to exceed 5 transfers.



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# Need to Contact Us? Just One Letter Away

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all boxes that apply and mail this request to the following address:  
Luso-American Education Foundation 7080 Donlon Way, Suite 200 Dublin, CA 94568

### TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50.00 per year    | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$100.00 per year       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Family \$500.00 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1,000.00 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetual \$2,500.00 per year  |   |

### DONATIONS

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to donate _____ towards |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships/Grants                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camp  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment                            | <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Conference                 |                                       |

### CREDIT CARD

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#### OFFICE LOCATIONS:

Home Office  
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Dublin, CA 94568

#### MEMBER QUESTIONS:

Call - (925) 828-3883  
Monday - Friday,  
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Send a Election of Change of Beneficiary Form  Send a Credit Card Authorization Form

Send a Change of Name Certificate  Update information on a Policy

Send a Luso-American Activities Report

Send a Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Authorization form

Send the contact information of a local Luso Agent

Send information about Luso-American Financial Whole Life Insurance Policies

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# LUSO-AMERICAN FINANCIAL

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## PART-TIME AGENT

**LIFE INSURANCE • ANNUITIES  
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***Luso-American Financial is looking for highly-motivated, service-oriented people to sell its whole life, term life and annuity products in all parts of California, Connecticut, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Rhode Island***

### **ABOUT US**

*Luso-American Financial, a fraternal provider of affordable and competitive financial protection, retirement options and the ultimate cultural experience to our members and families.*

### **HOME OFFICES**

**7080 Donlon Way Suite 200  
Dublin, CA 94568**

### **EAST COAST OFFICE**

**128 Union Street Suite 502  
New Bedford, MA 02740**



### **Earn Extra Income**

Be paid commissions competitive for the fraternal market (also earn RENEWALS for up to 10 years as long as the policies stay in force)



### **A Helping Hand**

Receive free Errors and Omissions insurance (with a minimum of 12 applications written in a calendar year) and Receive free leads



### **Resources to Succeed**

Receive Sales Training from Sales Manager, Receive field support from Area Managers, Receive free marketing materials (Business Cards, Flyers, Brochures)

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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