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PALCUS Participates at Dinner Meeting with Ambassadors

Chairman Fernando G. Rosa, Treasurer Manuel Geraldo and Director Jose Carlos Sousa attended a dinner in honor of U.S. Ambassador to Portugal, His Excellency Alan J. Katz on April 14th in Washington, D.C. The invitation was extended by Rosa Alves, JD, Chair of the Portuguese Program Board and Ambassador John Menzies of the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University which sponsored the event.

The occasion provided the first public opportunity for meeting between Ambassador Katz and newly arrived Ambassador of Portugal to Washington, His Excellency Nuno Brito. Also in attendance were US Congressman Jim Costa (CA-D), NY Senator Jack Martins, former Mayor of Woodsize, NJ Tom Jardim, Tony Monteiro, Donald Goncalves and Elizabeth Bakers. As a prominent member of the Portuguese-American community, PALCUS was invited to join in the conversation on topics of strengthening US-Portugal relations in new areas.

The event was the first encounter resulting from the signing of a protocol of cooperation between the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and the Instituto Diplomático of Portugal (IDI) confirming a commitment to develop cooperative programs. The Protocol allows the IDI and the Whitehead School to explore mutual interests in the research, investigation and analysis of shared foreign policy concerns.

Alice Vieira at Espirito Santo Parochial School in Fall River

As part of its mission to support the teaching of Portuguese language and culture, PALCUS Board Director Odete Amarelo participated in a visit by author Alice Vieira to the Espirito Santo School on April 7th during her recent tour of the communities in the United States and Canada. Alice Vieira is a major author of Portuguese literature for children garnering both national and international recognition.

Ms. Vieira read to students in grades 6 through 8 and answered their many questions about how her own experiences have inspired her writing. In her warm and winning way, she emphasized the importance of reading in the Portuguese language impressing upon the students the special joy that comes from reading in their ancestral language.

The author's visit was an initiative of the Coordenação do Ensino Português, EUA headed by Fernanda Costa based at the Embassy of Portugal to Washington, DC. Ms. Vieira visited numerous schools and community centers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Jersey as well as in Toronto, Canada during her stay in North America.

PALCUS "adopted" the Espirito Santo School in June of 2010 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a school and in celebration of teaching Portuguese language and culture throughout its history. Coordinated by Director Odete Amarelo, PALCUS provides direct support to the school through donation of materials, professional development for teachers, and workshops for parents. The school was recognized for its excellence at the 2010 PALCUS Leadership Awards Gala at UMass-Dartmouth last October.

Link to Story: <http://my.ojornal.com/news/%E2%80%9Cit%E2%80%99s-richness%E2%80%9D-speak-portuguese-award-winning-author-tells-students>



(L to R) Rev. James Ferry, Alice Vieira (front), Consul of Portugal to New Bedford Graça Fonseca, PALCUS Director Odete Amarelo, Fall River Mayor William Flanagan

Portuguese-American Post-Graduate Society Forum in New York

The XII edition of the annual PAPS Forum, "Harvesting the Globalized Portuguese Talent" took place in New York at the NYU Langone Medical Center on April 16 and 17. In addition to individual presentations by successful Portuguese entrepreneurs, panel sessions were presented on topics such as "*Portuguese Science: The Way Forward*", "*Impact of the Diaspora on the Portuguese Economy*" and "*Portugal: The Brand*". The speakers were prominent leaders from several fields of the globalized areas of Portuguese academia, industry and society. PALCUS Board Director Onésimo Almeida was invited to chair the session, "Portugal, the Brand" dealing with the topic of the image of Portugal abroad.

The PAPS General Assembly convened on Sunday morning and held elections to lead the organization until the next Forum in 2012. During the meeting, Director Onésimo Almeida suggested that PAPS and PALCUS find ways of cooperating that would benefit both organizations. The reaction from the PALCUS members in attendance was positive, particularly from those who are already working for US companies and/or institutions and intend to stay. Some expressed interest in individual PALCUS membership.

Founded in 1998, the Portuguese American Post-graduate Society is an independent, non-profit non-partisan organization with the objective of promoting Portuguese students, researchers and entrepreneurs working in the United States to both their host and home countries.

PAPS has been selected for the 2011 PALCUS Leadership Award for an Outstanding Organization to be presented at the 20th Anniversary Gala on November 12th at Heritage Harbor, Maryland.

PALCUS at PASF Fundraiser

The Portuguese American Scholarship Foundation (PASF) held an evening of "Wine Tasting and Fado" on Friday, April 15th to raise funds for scholarships for deserving Portuguese American college students. The wine cellar of COTALIMAR Adega in New Bedford, Ma. was the perfect setting for sampling a variety of wines and listening to selections by fadistas Ana and Jose Vinagre. The event was sponsored by LGL Luis Oliveira Imports of Fall River, Ma. and Sovereign/Santander Bank.

PALCUS, represented by Vice-Chair Marie Fraley, recognized the outstanding work of PASF in providing scholarships for Portuguese-American students and presented a donation to President Grace Fernandes towards the fundraising effort. PALCUS shares the mission of providing opportunities for Portuguese-American college students through its internship program.

The Portuguese American Scholarship Foundation (PASF) was established in 1996, with the support of the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) of Lisbon, Portugal, in partnership with the Portuguese -American community in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Since its creation, fifteen years ago, PASF has awarded over \$750,000 in scholarships. PASF is a non-profit organization under IRS code section 501(c)(3).

PALCUS Intern Attends Brookings Conference

PALCUS intern and student member, George Russo, III, recently attended "Immigrant Children Falling Behind: Implications and Policy Prescriptions" at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. and posted this report to the Board of Directors:

"On Wednesday April 20th, 2011 at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. there was a discussion entitled "Immigrant Children Falling Behind: Implications and Policy Prescriptions." Nearly a quarter of schoolchildren in the U.S. are immigrants or children of immigrants. A substantial percentage of those children are falling behind in school and thus face a bleak economic future. This event was a joint project of Princeton University and the Brookings Institution that was devoted to analyzing the status and well-being of immigrant children. The event started with an overview of the journal being published and a policy brief by the editors Marta Tienda of Princeton and Ron Haskins of Brookings. This was followed by a panel of experts arguing both for and against the DREAM Act and how the educational achievement of immigrant children can be improved." George Russo III

A book on Portuguese-American issues by Onésimo Almeida

PALCUS Board Director Onésimo Almeida, of the Department of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies, Brown University, recently published the book *O Peso do Hífen. Ensaios sobre a experiência luso-americana* ("The Weight of the Hyphen. Essays on the Luso-American Experience") in Lisbon. It was published by the Imprensa das Ciências Sociais, the prestigious press of the Instituto de Ciências Sociais, of the University of Lisbon. The 380 page volume is a collection of essays written over the last two decades on Portuguese-(North)American themes such as acculturation and assimilation of the successive waves of Portuguese immigrants, aspects of the history of the Portuguese in the US and Canada, as well as on a variety of social and cultural issues. Some of the essays revisit particularly important events in the Portuguese-American world such as the US activity of FLA, the Azorean Liberation Movement in the mid-seventies, as well as the infamous Big Dan's rape case in the early 80's in New Bedford.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

CONGRATULATIONS

Attorney Susan Antonio Pacheco has been re-elected as president of the Portuguese American Women's Association (PAWA). Based in Providence, RI and Southeastern Massachusetts, PAWA's mission is to create among women of Portuguese origin a strong bond of solidarity and recognition of the importance of their roles in society as mothers, educators, business and professional women, artists, writers, and workers in general. For more information, visit <http://pawa.org/>

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS GALA AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011
Venue: Sunset Room, National Harbour, Maryland
Chairman: Manuel Geraldo
For sponsorship opportunities, contact palcus@palcus.org

PALCUS is planning a "Portuguese Week" in Washington, DC leading up to the Leadership Awards Gala on November 12th in celebration of its 20 years of service to the Portuguese-American community of the United States.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is a free service provided by PALCUS. If you would like to post your event, please send name of event, date, time, location, price, details and contact information to palcus@palcus.org.

May 1 - Festival de Gastronomia e Folclore

Local organizations prepare and sell their most treasured regional dishes while traditional folkloric dance groups entertain. Includes art exhibit showing fine art, photography, jewelry design, ceramics and needlework.

Sponsored by: Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc.

Place: Clube Juventude Lusitana, 10 Chase St., Cumberland, RI 02864

Time: 12 noon - 6:00 pm

Price: per plate as determined by each organization

Go to www.dayofportugal.org for menus

Contact: Al Oliveira, President (401) 347-4539 or aloliveira60@yahoo.com

May 1 - 20th Annual Scholarship Banquet

Awarding of scholarships to several students from CT, who trace their ancestry to Portugal.

Sponsored by: Portuguese Foundation of CT.

Place: Igreja Nossa Senhora de Fátima, Fatima Square - Madison Avenue, Hartford, CT

Time: 1:30 pm

Adults: \$35.00; Children (5-12 years old): \$20.00

Contact: Manuela Freitas 860-205-1782 / Zak Bravado 860-778-8400 / Gabriel Serrano 860-236-9350

May 4 - PAWA Tea Party and Networking Event for Women's Heart Health

Sponsored by: Portuguese American Women's Association

Place: Waterplace Restaurant and Lounge, One Financial Way, Providence, RI 02903

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Tickets: \$25 per person includes tea, coffee, finger pastries & sandwiches

Contact: Susan Pacheco, 401-435-9111 or sapacheco@cox.net

May 5 - "Tracing the Roots of Portuguese Song"

A recital of Portuguese music with Zachary Wilder, Thea Lobo and Daniel Acsadi

Sponsored by: Boston Portuguese Festival

Place: Emmanuel Church, Parish Hall, 15 Newbury St., Boston, MA

Time: Opening Reception: 6:15pm, Concert: 7pm

Seating limited to 150 seats

Free and open to the public: Donations would be appreciated.

Contact: João Caixinha, Event Coordinator (617) 775-9161; Paulo Cunha Alves (617) 536-8740X10 / info@bostonportuguesefestival.org /

www.bostonportuguesefestival.com

May 6 & 7 - Colloquium: "The End of Empires? Cold War Diplomacies, Trajectories of Development and the Third World"

Organized by: Dept. of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies and Dept. of History (Brown University) and the Institute of Social Sciences (University of Lisbon)

Sponsored by: Luso-American Foundation (FLAD)

Place: Crystal Room, Alumnae Hall, Pembroke Campus, 194 Meeting Street, Providence, RI

Time: May 6: 10 am - 4:45 pm / May 7: 9:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Armanda Silva, armanda_silva@brown.edu or Tel. 401-863-3042

May 7 - "O Dia dos Açores"

Comida à venda/Música para dançar com o famoso grupo vindo do Faial - Açores
Sponsored by: Casa dos Açores da Nova Inglaterra/Sociedade Cultural Açoriana
Place: South Main Street, Fall River, MA
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Contact: 401 435 6949 / casadosacoresni@yahoo.com

May 7 - Convívio Barrosão / The Mayors of Montalegre and Boticas (Portugal)

The Mayors are visiting the US and will gather with their constituents at the Convívio Barrosão
Place: Portuguese Club of Milford, MA 01757-3136
Contact: 508-478-4311

May 8 - Mother's Day / Dia das Mães

Menu: Sopa à Portuguesa, Salada, Filetes com Arroz, Bifes à Social com Batata frita e Vegetais, Pastelaria e Café / Rancho Folclórico do CSP / Music- Underground Sound DJ /
Place: Portuguese Social Club, 131 Social Street, Pawtucket, RI
Time: 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
Tickets: Adults \$25.00 / Children 6-12 \$10.00 / All Mothers \$10.00
Contact: 401-724-9834 / csp1918@yahoo.com

May 9 to June 22 - "Once upon a time": Art Exhibit by Ricardo Passos and Lecture by Vitor Escudero

Sponsored by: Boston Portuguese Festival
Place: Gallery 360, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA
Time: Opening Reception on May 9th - 6:00 pm; Exhibit showing until June 22nd.
Contact: 617- 536-8740 - Boston Portuguese Festival, Inc

May 9 - Lunch with Dr. Guilherme d'Oliveira Martins -Presidente of Tribunal de Contas

Sponsored by: American Club of Lisbon
Place: American Club of Lisbon, Sheraton Lisboa Hotel & Spa, R. Latino Coelho, 1, 1069-025 LISBOA
Contact: Tel: +351 21 352 93 08 Fax: +351 21 352 93 09 or
americanclub@mail.telepac.pt
<http://www.americancluboflisbon.com>

May 10 to 16 - 8th Annual BES Golf Tournament

Sponsored by: Banco Espirito Santo
Place: Praia D'el Rey Golf & Beach Resort, Obidos, Leiria, Portugal
Contact: António Gato (973) 589-6441

May 15 - 2011 Miss Day of Portugal RI Pageant

Girls and young women compete in talent and knowledge of the Portuguese language and culture in four age categories: Mini-Miss/Juvenile/Junior/Senior.
Sponsored by: Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc.
Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 463 Benefit Street, Providence, RI
Time: 12:30 pm
Tickets: Adults - \$25 / Children ages 6 - 12 - \$12
Contact: Christina Santos, 401-744-5366 , www.dayofportugal.org

May 19 - 2011 Washington D.C. Spring Job Fair

Sponsored by: LatPro

Place: The Trinity Center, 125 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington , DC 20017

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact: (954) 678-1807

May 20 - 14th Annual Senior Scholarship Dinner & Dance

Help our Portuguese Club raise funds for scholarships!

Sponsored by : San Jose High School Portuguese Club

Place: Portuguese Band of San Jose, 100 North 27th Street, San Jose, CA 95116-1118

Time: 6:30 pm

Tickets: Before May 1st: General - \$23 / SJH Students- \$21 / SJH Graduating Seniors- \$18 / Children Under 12- \$12

Contact: 408-292-8905

May 21 - "Night Wanderer" Portugal and Boston at Night: Photography Exhibition by Rodney Soares

Sponsored by: Boston Portuguese Festival 2011

Place: Consulate General of Portugal, 699 Boylston Street, 7th Floor, Boston, MA

Time: Opening Reception 6:00 pm

Contact:

secretariado@cgbos.dgaccp.Pt Website: <http://www.bostonportuguese festival.org/>

May 21 - Festa de Maio - Sardinha Assada and more

Place: San Pablo Holy Ghost Association, Maple Hall 13831 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806

Time: 4:00 pm

Contact: 707-592-1799 or SPHGA@comcast.net

Notes: Bring a jacket

May 21 - Noite de Portugal with the San Jose Earthquakes

A portion of ticket sales to support the Portuguese Studies Program (PSP) at San Jose State University

Bacalhau Grill is offering a game day special of a Bifana, Fries and Soda for only \$6.00, so stop by the Grill for dinner before heading over to the game.

Place: Buck Shaw Stadium, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA

Time: 7:30 - 10:30 pm

May 21 - 2011 Miss Sport Club Português

Sponsored by: Sport Club Português

Place: Sport Club Português Hall, 55 Prospect Street, Newark, NJ 07105

Time : 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Contact: Glória Melo (973) 854-6831

May 22 - Azorean Day Conference

Sponsored by: Boston Portuguese Festival 2011

Place: Filarmónica de Santo António, 575 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA

Time: 2:00 pm

Contact: info@bostonportuguese festival.org or visit

<http://www.bostonportuguese festival.org>

May 23 - RI Day of Portugal Golf Tournament

To benefit 2011 Day of Portugal Celebrations in RI

Sponsored by: Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc.

Place: Agawam Hunt Club, 15 Roger Williams Ave., East Providence, RI

Time: Registration - 11:30 am / Free Practice Range - 11:30 - 12:30 pm / Shotgun Start - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$125 per person / \$500 per foursome includes greens fees, cart, free practice range, pre-golf snack and awards dinner

Awards dinner to follow at Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity, 59 Bightridge Ave., East Providence, RI (back hall) at 7:00 pm

Contact: Victor Rebelo at victor_rebelo@brown.edu for registration form or call at 401-255-9909

May 28 & 29 - Festas do Espirito Santo

Sponsored by: The Holy Ghost Portuguese Society

Place: 333 Forest St., East Hartford, CT 06118

Contact: (860) 568-5040

May 29 - "Uma tarde à moda de Santoinho"

A traditional Portuguese afternoon with the participation of a fado singer, folkloric rancho, various concertinas, and much more!

Sponsored by: Rancho Danças e Cantares do Clube Juventude Lusitana

Place: Clube Juventude Lusitana, 10 Chase Street, Cumberland, RI 02864

Time: 2:00 - 10:00 pm

Tickets: Prior to event \$5 / At the door \$10

Contact: Jeff Daniel, President Email: ranhocjl@gmail.com; Visit Facebook : Rancho Dancas e Cantares

June 18 & 19- Celebrations to honor Santo Antonio

Event features procession and entertainment. The music and entertainment will be provided by Jose Malhoa, a recording artist from Portugal.

Place: Hartford, CT

Contact: Our Lady of Fatima Parish at 860-236-1443

June 20- 26 - Vinho Verde Week in New York City

Promoted by: The Association of Vinho Producers and AICEP.

Time / Place - 40 NY restaurants TBA

Contact: AICEP

DAY OF PORTUGAL CELEBRATIONS IN THE COMMUNITIES:

A full schedule of Day of Portugal events will be featured in a Special Edition of the LUSUS Community Calendar to be posted soon!

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PALCUS Mission

In order to create a singular voice to advocate for the Portuguese American and Luso-American communities at large, the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States Inc. (PALCUS) was founded in 1991 as a 501 © 3 non partisan, non profit, organization headquartered in Washington D.C.

The PALCUS mission is to address domestic and international concerns of the Portuguese American Community.

The Council conducts an expanding program of educational and public affairs activities on issues of interest to the Portuguese American community and of salience to the Luso-American Relationship.

PALCUS is committed to serving the community through increasingly active government relations efforts, the promotion of a greater awareness of ethnic accomplishments and encouraging stronger ties between Portugal and the United States. In this role PALCUS advance the community professionally, politically and culturally while working to ensure that issues directly affecting our community are addressed through our network of government and community leaders.

PALCUS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. Donations are tax deductible to extent allowed by law.

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