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# President's Message

Dear Lusitano Members and Friends,

Welcome to another year of celebrating our Proud Macanese Culture and Heritage. I am honored to represent our Macanese Community as President of the Lusitano Club of California. We have had an amazing year in 2024 where we had over 350 members join us in our ancestral home of Macau for the Encontro das Comunidades Macaenses. Being back in Macau has always been a bitter sweet memory for me. It has rekindled many members' pride in being a Maquista from Macau. I would personally like to thank our outgoing President Maria Roliz for her tremendous efforts in spearheading the enormous logistical efforts in the organization of this past year's 2024 Encontro trip. Your ongoing effort to preserve our unique Macanese traditions and culture is irreplaceable. A Huge Muito Obrigado to You Maria Roliz!! Viva!!!



This past October, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary of the Lusitano Club of California at Dominic's in San Francisco. It was an honor to have had the new Portuguese Consul General of San Francisco, Filipe Ramalheira, join us in our celebration dinner dance and several Club events so far in 2025. A Big Welcome to you and your lovely family to California!

I would like to thank all the outgoing directors who helped serve on the Board and all the new directors and officers on this year's Board. I look forward in maintaining our traditions with everyone's help and dedication to assist in keeping our club vibrant and relevant. Thank you also to Fundação Oriente Portugal for sponsoring our quarterly bulletins so we can keep everyone informed.

We have our upcoming annual Clambake scheduled for Saturday April 26th from 12-4pm at the Macau Cultural Center in Fremont (see flyer page 4) amongst the many planned events for 2025. Please come out and join us!

Yours truly, Leonardo Xavier, President

# **2025** Calendar of Events

Sat, Apr 26 12-4pm: Annual Clambake, Macau Cultural Center Sat, May 17 8am-5pm: Casino Day Trip to Cache Creek. Coach pickups from Daly City or El Cerrito. Cost \$38. Casino will rebate \$20 for slots/table games. RSVP to lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com by April 15 for full details.

**Sat, Jun 14**: **Dia de Portugal**, Portuguese Historical Museum, San Jose. Volunteers are needed at our food booth. Please email us!

Sat, Jun 21 11am-2pm: Dia de São João Mass & Lunch, Macau Cultural Center, Fremont

**Sat, Jun 21 3pm**: Lusitano Cooking Class, Macau Cultural Center, Fremont. Learn how to make the delicious dessert "Brisas do Lis" with Dorothy or let us know if you have a special request. Cost \$15. Please RSVP by June 12th.

Jul 9-13: Luso-American Education Foundation Cultural Youth Summer Camp. Lusitano will pay for the first four qualified youth members to register by April 26.

Sun, Jul 20: Annual Picnic, San Mateo Beresford Park

**Thu, Jul 31: Application deadline for Lusitano Scholarship Grant**. Lusitano offers two \$1000 scholarship grants each year towards a trade school or college tuition for current Lusitano members ages 18 & over. Applications for the school year 2025-2026 are now available. Email lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com to apply.

Aug/Sept\*: Bowling Social

Sun, Oct 12: Our Lady of Fatima Mass & Lunch, Walnut Creek Oct 19-26 \*: Trip to Toronto/Niagara Falls/Ottawa/Quebec/Montreal

Sat, Dec 13: Annual Christmas Dinner Dance, San Mateo Elks

\* Tentative dates subject to change

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# Lusitano Annual Clambake Saturday, April 26, 2025

12 – 4 pm Macau Cultural Center 109 J Street, Fremont, CA



#### Cost per member \$25.00 Cost per non-member \$30.00

Come and enjoy a delicious Macanese lunch with us plus savor our featured specialty clams "Amêijoas na Cataplana a Algarvia"
Soft drinks & wine provided

Please RSVP by April 12, 2025

to Jessica Xavier at 925.354.7999 or lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com
Please make check payable to "Lusitano" and mail by April 12th
to Lusitano, 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530



Lusitano will sponsor 4 qualified youth members to this Summer Camp. It's a great and fun experience! Please email lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com

Registration ends April 26, 2025

#### **DIA DE PORTUGAL FESTIVAL** SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

History Park San Jose 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose

Come visit us at the Lusitano food booth. Volunteers welcome!

Museum Featured Exhibit "The Azores, the Atlantic
Gateway of History"



#### FESTIVAL PROGRAM 10am-5pm

9:45am Gates open

10am Mass (Museum plaza)
11am Parade (starts at the hotel)

11:30am Opening Ceremony 12:30-4:45pm Entertainment

& Folkloric performances

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4:45pm Raffle drawing

10am-5pm Food & vendor booths, arts & crafts, exhibits, children's activities, and more

#### LUSITANO COOKING CLASS with Dorothy

Saturday, June 21, 2025 3pm Macau Cultural Center, 109J Street, Fremont, CA

Learn how to make the delicious dessert

Brisas do Lis!

Cost. \$15

**Deadline to register is June 10th!** Cost: \$15

# Lusitano Annual Pienie Sunday, July 20, 2025

12 – 5 pm Beresford Park "Shelter Area" 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA

#### Food & Soft Drinks Provided

12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch 3 - 4 pm Games

Cost per member \$15.00 Cost per non-member \$18.00 Kids of members 12 & under free Non-member kids 3-12 yrs old \$5.00



#### Please RSVP by July 10, 2025

with names of attendees including ages for kids 12 & under to Jessica Xavier at 925.354.7999 or lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com
Please make check payable to "Lusitano" and mail by July 10th
to 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530

# Lusitano Trip October 19-26, 2025 8 days to Toronto, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec, and Montreal

#### **ITINERARY:**

#### DAY 1. OCT 19 - TORONTO AIRPORT & TORONTO

Welcome to Toronto. Group transfer from the airport to the hotel (Additional cost for individual transfers). Free time to explore the city. Overnight in Toronto.

#### DÁY 2. OCT 20 - TORONTO & NIAGARA (132 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. The tour starts by visiting Toronto, tour of the old and new City Hall, the Parliament, Chinatown, the University of Toronto, entrance fee to the CN Tower. We will continue our tour to reach Niagara Falls. Free time to explore Niagara and see the falls illuminated at night. Overnight in Niagara Falls.

#### DAY 3. OCT 21 - TORONTO, 1000 ISLANDS, OTTAWA (577 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. The tour continues to Mil Islas. One-hour cruise through the Islands where you can appreciate various landscapes. At the end of the cruise, depart for Ottawa to see the Parliament of Canada, the Prime Minister's Residence, the Governor General's Residence and other government buildings. At the end of the tour, you will be able to visit the Byward Market. Free time in the evening. Overnight in Ottawa.

#### DAY 4. OCT 22 - OTTAWA & QUEBEC (440 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart to Quebec City. Tour of Place d'Armes, Place Royal, Petit Champlain neighborhood, Quebec Parliament, Dufferin Terrace, Château Frontenac, Rue Saint-Jean and Rue Grande-Allée and the Old Port. Free time in the evening. Overnight in Quebec.

#### DAY 5. OCT 23 - QUEBEC

Breakfast at the hotel. Half day excursion to Côte-de-Beaupré (included entrances at Sainte-Anne Canyon, Basilica Sainte-Anne & Montmorency Falls Park). Overnight in Quebec.

#### DAY 6. OCT 24 - QUEBEC & MONTREAL (252 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Montreal to visit the city of Montreal passing through the historic district called Vieux-Montreal, entrance fee to the Notre-Dame Basilica, the Mont-Royal Park, the underground network of tunnels and galleries that link more than 2000 shops, restaurants, museums, universities and buildings in the city center.

#### DAY 7. OCT 25 - MONTREAL

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day to explore the city at your leisure. Overnight in Montréal.

#### DAY 8. OCT 26 - MONTREAL & MONTREAL AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. Group transfer to the airport.

**COST from BRAGA TRAVEL** (based on minimum 35 passengers).

The trip will start from Toronto on October 19th and end in Montreal on October 26th on a Private English Canadian Bus Tour. Consider arriving Toronto few days earlier to explore on your own. Please email lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com asap to book your trip with Braga Travel!

# NET COST PER PERSON FOR LAND PORTION ONLY! Airfare not included

(Approximate airfare on Air Canada from/to SFO \$730 as of Mar 21) **Double/Twin sharing a room:** \$2,500.00 per person **Single occupancy room:** \$3,335.00 per person

Deposit and payment should be made payable to Braga Travel c/o Lusitano, 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530. \$100 Deposit required by May 30. 20% Deposit required by July 1. 50% Deposit required by Aug 10. Final Payment required by Sept 1. Cancellation policy - the following penalties will apply: Cancellation between July 2-Aug 10: 20% of the package value Cancellation between Aug 11-Sept 1: 50% of the package value Cancellation Sept 2 and after: 100% of the package value

#### **INCLUDED IN THE RATE:**

- 7 nights of accommodation at suggested hotels (or similar)
- 7 American breakfasts at the hotels
- 6 lunches (3 course meals or buffet with tea or American coffee incl.)
- Transportation by high quality 54 seaters coach during the whole duration of the tour. Days 1 & 8 are only airport transfers.
- English speaking tour escort/guide the whole duration of the tour.
- 1 hour cruise in 1000 islands
- All applicable gratuities & taxes included

#### NOT INCLUDED IN THE RATE:

- Personal expenses
- Any meal or activity not mentioned in the program
- Travel insurance
- International/domestic flights
- Everything not mentioned in "included in the rate"
- Any additional service

#### **SUGGESTED HOTELS OR SIMILAR:**

- Toronto 1-night: Hotel Chelsea Toronto 4\* or similar
- Niagara 1-night: Hotel Crowne Plaza 3\* or similar
- Ottawa 1-night: Hotel Courtyard Downtown 3\* or similar
- Quebec 2-nights: Hotel Le Concorde 3\* or similar
- Montreal 2-nights: Le Nouvel Hotel 3\* or similar

# Macau Cultural Center "MCC"

by Maria Roliz, President

The Macau Cultural Center in Fremont is running smoothly and we are still looking to restart our Portuguese and Mandarin classes once we have enough interest. Please drop us a line if you are ready to learn a new language or brush up on your Portuguese or Mandarin. You can contact us at macauculturalcenter@gmail.com

Our next event will be on June 21st as we celebrate Dia de São João (Macau Day). Hope to see you there!

# Come Join Us for a Day of Celebration on

Saturday, June 21, 2025

# DIA DE SÃO JOÃO

at the

#### MACAU CULTURAL CENTER

109 J Street (corner of 37695 Niles Blvd), Fremont, CA 94536

Event organized by the Macau Cultural Center

11:00 – 12:00 PM Mass Celebration 12:30 – 2:00 PM Macanese Lunch

Cost per Person: \$15.00 Casa de Macau, Lusitano & UMA Members

\$20.00 Non-Members

RSVP by June 10, 2025 to Joanne Ribeiro

Tel: 925-639-2464 Email: macauculturalcenter@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to

#### Macau Cultural Center

and mail to 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530 Please list names of attendees and contact info when making your reservations.

Thank you.

# RECIPE Cream Puffs by Dorothy Oliveira



#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup self raising flour
- 1/4 lb butter
- 16 oz cool whip
- 4 eggs
- Icing sugar

#### Method:

Boil water and butter. Mix in flour.

When all mixed, remove from fire.

Add eggs one at a time, making sure you stir through after each egg.

Spoon onto a baking sheet. Bake at 450° for 15 mins.

Then turn oven down to 350° and bake for another 25 mins.

Let cool and then cut in half and fill with cool whip.

Using a small sift and teaspoon, coat top with icing sugar.

#### Makes 12

# **Celebrating the Year of the Snake at Lusitano Chinese Year Party**

by Vic Boisseree



Well, its officially 2025, according to the Gregorian New Year. While many turn to Western astrology, Chinese astrology offers a rich cultural perspective with it own wisdom and guidance, and the Chinese New Year is here. In 2025 the Chinese New Year began on January 29, ushering in the Year of the Wood Snake. The Snake, the 6th animal in the Chinese zodiac, symbolizes traits like

intuition and strategy. With the influence of the Wood element, 2025 emphasizes growth and planning.

We are entering into a year of death and rebirth. A year to make responsible decisions to evolve spiritually, moving away from old ways and habits that no longer serve us well. Among all living creatures, the Snake is the best equipped due to its magnetic resonance to hear the heartbeat of Mother Earth. It is a dynamic year to learn from the past, moving forward with wisdom, awareness, transformation and compassion.

Mythology recognizes the Snake as a creature of healing, which influences the physical body to shift to a more spiritual outlook. A great deal of quiet progress can be made in 2025 with the help of this planetary energy. Honor this transformative beginning every day with positive thoughts.

The Snake also represents wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, intuition and creativity. Snakes are associated with good luck, prosperity, fertility and longevity. In some legends, snakes are considered divine messengers and guardians of sacred places. Snakes are also revered for their ability to shed their skin and renew themselves, symbolizing transformation and rebirth.

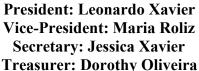
While the Year of the Snake will be less noisy than last year's Dragon year, it will be no less deadly. The Snake is a double-edged creature, embodying both wisdom and danger. While it offers opportunities for growth and insight, it will require careful navigation to avoid its hidden perils. It's also worth noting snakes have been

important to ecosystems and a myriad of cultures over the centuries. Some snakes have been worshiped as gods in India, with offering of milk occasionally poured in snake pits. They can also be seen as a symbol of virility and fertility and are even prayed to during a Hindu festival Naga Panchami. Ancient Greek used snakes to ward off evil and other cultures around the world have associated snakes with wisdom and healing.

And if you're lucky enough to find a snake in your yard this year, you've just discovered a harbinger of favorable luck.



The Lusitano Club welcomed the Year of the Snake and its newly elected 2025 Board of Directors on February 2nd at its Chinese New Year Party at the Macau Cultural Center. Congratulations to the Board!





Directors: Michael Carion, Chris daRoza, Maria Joao da Cruz, Justin Estep, Jackie Gutierrez, Ken Harper, and Kirk Harper

It was great to see some of our members from Hawaii, Los Angeles, and Toronto present along with our Consul General of Portugal, Filipe Ramalheira, and his lovely family. A sumptuous Chinese buffet dinner was served and many danced the night away with music provided by DJ "Matt" of FM 94.9, a Bay Area Hit Music Station.

Gung Hei Fat Choy! and a Happy New Year to All!

















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# Golden State Warriors Portuguese Heritage Night



Thank you to all our members and friends of the Portuguese community in celebrating another fun evening celebrating our Portuguese Heritage with the Golden State Warriors on February 3rd at San Francisco Chase Center.









#### **BOOKS for Sale!**

We carry a lot of interesting books instock on Macanese Cuisine and History. Email us if there is a particular book you like to purchase.

# **Word Scramble**

Find the words below associated with Easter scrambled upwards, downwards, across, backwards, or diagonally EASTER BUNNY CHICK EGG CHOCOLATE HOP CANDY SPRING BASKET CARROT DECORATE TREATS HUNT SHEEP CROSS RISEN CHRIST

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#### WEBSITES OF INTEREST

**Consulate General of Portugal in San Francisco** 

https://www.saofrancisco.consuladoportugal.mne.pt/en/

#### **Macanese Families**

(A website dedicated to preserving and disseminating our Macanese culture, history, and genealogy)

http://www.macaneselibrary.org

#### **Macanese Recipes**

http://www.macaneserecipes.org

Instituto Internacional Macau (IIM)

(Published books on this website may be available from Lusitano)

https://www.iimacau.org.mo/

# **Portuguese Immigrant Week**

California houses the largest population of Portuguese Americans across the nation. Since the inception of Portuguese Immigrant Week (2nd week in March) in 1967 by then Governor of California Ronald Reagan, the Portuguese American community has proudly attended a wreath ceremony annually to recognize and celebrate all the courageous Portuguese immigrants at Root Park in San Leandro.

This year the 58th Annual Portuguese Immigrant Week kicked off on March 8th with its annual wreath ceremony followed by a wonderful lunch celebration at the Portuguese Band of San Leandro Hall.

Thank you to the Portuguese Fraternal Society of Portugal (PFSA), Luso-American Financial and the Consulate General of Portugal for hosting this event.

The symbolic statue at Root Park created by Azorean sculptor Numidico Bessone was offered to the City of San Leandro in 1964 by União Portuguesa do Estado da California, now part of PFSA. This statue symbolizes a person carrying a heavy burden, the difficulties and struggles of the emigrant; yet it also shows a man in front of a ship's prow symbolizing the strength, courage and sense of adventure of the Portuguese emigrant.

Viva to our Portuguese Immigrants!



# San Jose Sharks Portuguese Heritage Night



As part of the Portuguese Immigrant Week, Lusitano Club organized once again a fun evening to celebrate our Portuguese heritage at the San Jose Sharks Portuguese Heritage Night where everyone received a Portuguese themed puck and a chance to shoot on the ice.

Thank you for celebrating with us.

Força

Portugal!









#### Portugal Restaurant Week returns April 21-27, 2025!

A variety of Portuguese eateries across California will take part in the celebration. Adega and Petiscos in San Jose, La Salette and Tasca Tasca in Sonoma, Natas Pastries and Barra Santos in Los Angeles. A perfect time to indulge in Portugal's diverse and flavorful cuisine.

# 2024 Annual Report

#### BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2024

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Checking:	
Bank of the West	15,699.51
Chase	14,305.08
Certificates of Deposit:	
Charles Schwab	30,979.29
Chase	65,000.00
Chase	213,165.27
Total Assets (Cash in Banks)	\$ 339,149.15
LIABILITIES	
Outstanding check	 622.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 622.00
Total Net Worth	\$ 338,527.15

#### **INCOME STATEMENT for year ended 12/31/2024**

#### **REVENUES:**

Donations (Scholarship)	1,650.00
Grant (Bulletin assistance) - Fundação Oriente Portugal	1,073.20
Interest from Banks	15,513.09
Membership Dues	10,800.50
Sales - Books general	250.00
Social & Cultural Functions TOTAL REVENUE: EXPENSES:	\$ 20,079.00 <b>49,365.79</b>
Bank Charges	29.80
Bulletins	2,974.41
In Memoriam - Flavia Greubel	100.00
Insurance	1,706.56
Office	360.49
Scholarship Grants	1,000.00
Social & Cultural Functions	30,335.39
Sponsorship - Luso-American Education Foundation	300.00
Sponsorship - Portuguese Heritage Society of California	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 37,006.65
NET GAIN FOR 2024	\$ 12,359.14

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#### 2024 SOCIAL & CULTURAL EVENTS PROFIT & LOSS

EVENTS	INCOME	<b>EXPENSES</b>
Chinese New Year Party	4,040.00	2,847.98
Portuguese Heritage Night GS Warriors	0.00	0.00
Portuguese Heritage Night San Jose Sharks	0.00	0.00
Clambake	1,855.00	1,100.00
Dia de Portugal	2,061.00	822.30
Cooking Class	170.00	_
Youth Cultural Summer Camp	0.00	500.00
Annual Picnic	1,476.00	836.49
40th Anniversary Party	4,500.00	7,404.49
Macau Encontro	65.00	4,011.45
Christmas Party	5,912.00	12,812.68
Totals	\$ 20,079.00	\$ 30,335.39
NET LOSS:		\$ (10,256.39)

#### **CERTIFICATION BY CORPORATE OFFICER**

I, Jessica Xavier, certify that I am an officer of Lusitano Club authorized to make this certification and that the statement in the Annual Report was prepared from the Books and Records of the Club. February 2, 2025

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