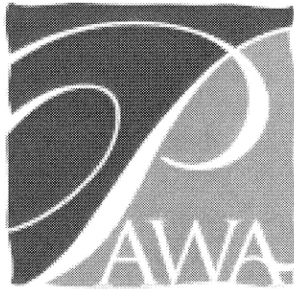


Portuguese American Women's
Association

15th Year Celebration



"Women Empowering Women"

2005 Women of the Year
Teresa Heinz Kerry

Sunday, September 18, 2005

Providence Biltmore Hotel
Providence, Rhode Island

The History of PAWA

The Portuguese American Women's Association (PAWA) is an organization of women of Portuguese descent, dedicated to the advancement and the recognition of Portuguese American women in the United States.

The organization was started in 1990 by a small group of women led by Carolina Matos, Susan A. Pacheco, Grace Fernandes, Maria Wall, Maria de Lourdes Serpa, Maria Lindia, Celeste Medina, and the late Aida Abreu. After a few months of meetings, the group selected its first Board of Directors and established itself as the Portuguese American Women's Association, Inc.

Since its inception, the Portuguese American Women's Association has provided a network of support and encouragement for Portuguese women, and has promoted cultural and social events. Its members are women who sponsor enriching community activities such as mentoring programs, conferences, international exchanges, and public events. The organization has sponsored art exhibits, lectures, book launchings, trips to Newark, New York, and Boston and social gatherings of interest to members. In 1995, PAWA was hosted at the Presidential Palace in Lisbon for a luncheon given by the First Lady, and enjoyed an elaborate dinner with the Mayor of Lisbon, Jorge Sampaio who is the current President of Portugal. In 2001, PAWA co-sponsored a conference in the Azores on the topic of women's issues both in the Azores and the United States. PAWA members made presentations alongside members of the Azorean community, on these very crucial women's issues. In addition, we were greeted by the First Lady of the Azores, Dr. Luisa Cesar, for a dinner reception at her lovely home. More recently, PAWA has sponsored several career workshops, where women of Portuguese descent discussed their careers in different fields such as banking and the medical field, and how they accomplished their goals. The purpose of the career fairs is to encourage other women to pursue their own goals, and to expand the scope of different career opportunities.

Since 1990, PAWA has honored and publicly recognized many outstanding women who serve as role models, women of character and accomplishment. They include Former First Lady of Portugal Maria Barroso; Teresa Fernandes, the Vice Consul of Portugal in Boston; Luisa Cesar, First Lady of the Azores, Meredith Vieira, co-host of *The View*; Ana C. Dyer of Fleet Bank; Senator Teresa Paiva-Weed, Majority Leader of the Rhode Island Senate; Mayor Susan Nunes Menard of Woonsocket; Mary Creed, Director of Special Education in Fall River; and Maria Chaves, a businesswoman and quiet philanthropist. In 2002, PAWA honored Katherine Vaz, novelist; and singer/songwriter Nelly Furtado.

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Welcoming Remarks

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Awards and Presentations

Heritage Award

Dolores Almeida Seabra

Presented by Ann Marie Almeida Clarkson

Outstanding Community Service

Matilde M. Amaral

Presented by Adelina Axelrod

Outstanding Educator

Silvina Estrela

Presented by

Tracy Branco

Lifetime of Exemplary Public Service

Paul Tavares

Presented by Charlene Cirillo

Woman of the Year

Teresa Heinz Kerry

Presented by

Susan A. Pacheco, Esquire
President

Teresa Heinz Kerry

Remarks by Keynote Speaker

Woman of the Year

Teresa Heinz Kerry



PAWA's Board regards Ms. Kerry as the epitome of the strength and independent spirit of the ideal Portuguese American woman in today's multi-cultural American society. Impressed with her history of philanthropy and involvement in critical community issues, proud to observe her personal strength, honesty, and candor in a highly scrutinizing public arena, and inspired by her challenges regarding the environment and health issues, PAWA recognizes Ms. Kerry for continuing to embrace the ideals of PAWA, affirming women's roles as professionals and caretakers.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, the wife of Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, is the chairman of The Howard Heinz Endowment and the Heinz Family Philanthropies. The New York Times has called her "one of the nation's leading philanthropists." Named by *Utne* magazine as one of 100 American visionaries, "people who could change your life," she is recognized as one of our premier environmental leaders. Ms. Heinz-Kerry has been a long-time, tireless educator and advocate on behalf of women's health and economic security.

After the tragic death of her husband, Senator John Heinz of Pennsylvania, in 1991, she took direction of the family's extensive philanthropic activities. She immediately launched a major reorganization designed to sharpen the foundation's strategic focus. Only two years later, *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* noted that, under her leadership, the Heinz Endowments were already "poised to become a much more influential force in the philanthropic world."

Today, the foundations she oversees are widely known for developing innovative strategies to protect the environment, improve education, enhance the lives of young children, broaden economic opportunity, and promote the arts.

Celebrating 15 years of women's efforts to empower women, PAWA is honored to recognize a woman of such stature and accomplishment as Teresa Heinz Kerry, our 2005 Woman of the Year.

General Treasurer of Rhode Island
Paul J. Tavares
Lifetime of Exemplary Public Service

Since PAWA's inception, General Treasurer Paul J. Tavares has been one of our strongest supporters. He has been active in the Portuguese-American community for decades and, most notably, as a founding member of the Portuguese School in East Providence. As the General Treasurer for the State of Rhode Island, he has inspired legislators of Portuguese-American descent and organized events focusing on Portuguese-American achievements and issues in the community.

After serving on the City Council and then as the Senator for the City of East Providence, in 1998, Rhode Islanders elected Paul J. Tavares to serve as their General Treasurer. Mr. Tavares, a banker 27 years, most recently at Bank Rhode Island, brought to the office a thorough knowledge of finance and investment. His top priorities included modernizing the office's technology, teaching our younger and older generations smart money management, reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owners, and providing Rhode Island families a smart and easy way to save for higher education through the state's College Bound fund.

Mr. Tavares lives in East Providence with his wife Lee and their five children.

Dolores Almeida Seabra
Heritage Award

Dolores Almeida Seabra married Antonio Seabra in 1978. In 1980, the Seabras established the Seabra Group which currently employs over 1,000 people, half of which are of Portuguese descent. Currently, there are seven divisions, ranging from the food industry to SPT Portuguese satellite and cable television.

"Importing, distributing, and serving Portuguese products promote interest in our beloved homeland, Portugal," they state. "We hope to play a continuing role in supporting and fostering interest in our Portuguese culture and heritage."

Dolores was raised in a Portuguese American home with her parents and sister Helena, speaking predominantly English. Yet, her own sons Anthony and Adam, who work in the family business, and Aaron are fluent in Portuguese and English, reflecting her commitment to enabling the next generation to preserve the culture of her heritage. Currently, Ms. Seabra works in the health and safety department of The Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross, in Fairfield, New Jersey, as community contact person for implementing The Red Cross training programs in industries and schools in the Greater New York area.

Matilde M. Amaral

Outstanding Community Service

Mathilde M. Amaral worked for many years in Community Relations at CVS, responsible for the company's charitable contributions. She coordinated many CVS-sponsored regional events such as book fairs, the American Heart Walk, the United Way and American Cancer Society campaigns, and the CVS 5K Run.

Ms. Amaral dedicates her life to those in need, giving her time to many non-profit agencies and community organizations. She initiated a fund-raiser for Habitat Humanity in Portugal. She is a member of the Holy Ghost Brotherhood Mariense, also known as the Santa Maria Cultural Center, in East Providence, and Casa dos Acores da Nova Inglaterra.

Ms. Amaral has volunteered for the Meeting Street Center and the RI Children's Crusade for Higher Education. She has received Gateway Healthcare Community's Leadership Award and has been named Ambassador of the Year by the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce.

Primarily, she has been the Director of the Our Lady of the Rosary Food Pantry since its establishment in 2000. "Our mission is to improve the quality of life of all the needy individuals in the Fox Point area and surrounding communities by providing food assistance, free clothing and furniture donations."

Ms. Amaral holds an Associates Degree in Finance and Investment and Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Johnson & Wales University.

Silvina Estrela

Outstanding Educator Award

Since 1982, Silvina Estrela has been teaching in the bilingual kindergarten at the Silvia School in Fall River, MA. She has developed curricula for pre-primary grade Title VII programs. She is also Director of Pedagogy at the Portuguese School in Fall River, and works with children on both sides of the Atlantic, bringing her educational expertise and warmth in teaching children of primary grades. She has had an important role in the seven week summer program for migrant children in Massachusetts.

In the Azores, Ms. Estrela created children's programs for choral and theater groups, school recitals, and World-Day activities. She has been invited to participate in conferences sponsored by the Portuguese government, and attended international conferences in Portugal, Brazil and Canada.

Ms. Estrela holds a Bachelors degree in Elementary and Bilingual Education from Boston State College and an Early Childhood Education license from Boston University. In February 2004, Ms. Estrela was honored by Dos Amigos de Rabo de Peixe-US with the "Emigrante Raboixeense do Ano" award.



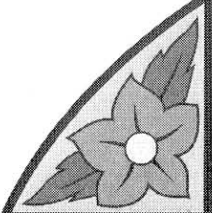
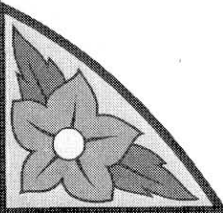
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Our Mission

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PAWA Membership Form

PAWA's Goals

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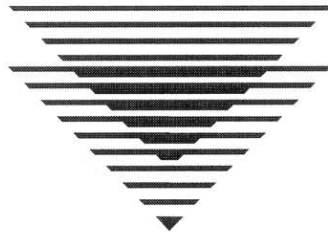
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Please check the following that apply:

- I am 18 years of age or over
- I am of Portuguese heritage
- Mother was/is Portuguese
- Father was/is Portuguese
- I am not of Portuguese heritage



I am interested in serving on the following committees:

- Education
- Community Outreach
- Elderly Outreach
- Legal
- Family Issues
- Membership
- Fundraising
- General Support
- Publicity

A \$20.00 membership fee must be included with your application and mailed to the address below. Memberships are kept current until December 31st.

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