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New Board Member

PALCUS is proud to announce that António Gato, Director-Geral of Banco Espirito Santo & Comercial de Lisboa, Inc. is the newest member of the PALCUS Board of Directors. Senhor Gato joined BES in 1987, and previously held senior positions with Direcção Regional Oeiras and Direcção Balcão Sede. He arrived in the United States in 2001 to serve as General Director of BES. Senhor Gato received a Masters Degree from Villanova University, and has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Portuguese American chamber of Commerce in New Jersey.

About his election to the Board, Senhor Gato said, "I am happy and honored to join the PALCUS Board of Directors."

2010 Internship Positions Confirmed

We are excited to announce the following students have been confirmed for the 2010 PALCUS Summer Internship Program:

- Brianna Medeiros who will work in Ponta Delgada, Acores at Pousadas de Juventude

- Katherine Freitas will be at the Portuguese Consulate in San Francisco, CA
- Ana Catarina Silva Melo is a medical student who will spend 9 months working at a surgical center in New Jersey. This position is supported by FLAD.
- George N. Russo III will work in the local district office of NJ Assemblyman Albert Coutinho in Newark, NJ.
- Melissa Lopes will work at the Portuguese Consulate in Newark, NJ.

If you would like more information about our internship program, please email us at internships@palcus.org or call 202-466-4664. Or visit the [Internship Page](#) on our website.

PALCUS adopts Espirito Santo Parochial School

Keeping with its policy of commitment to the support of the teaching of the Portuguese language and culture in the United States, PALCUS has adopted the Espirito Santo Parochial School to aid it in its mission. The Espirito Santo Parochial School of Fall River, Massachusetts is celebrating 100 years of providing quality education to children of this Portuguese-American community and is the first Portuguese parochial school in the United States. The parish school located in the heart of Fall River teaches children from preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. Teaching the Portuguese language and culture at all grade levels is an integral part of the school's curriculum.

Bearing gifts of books, Portuguese flags, medals, pencils and a monetary donation, PALCUS Chairman Fernando Rosa made the announcement during ceremonies at the school on June 9th. The timing was certainly fitting as the Portuguese-speaking communities around the world celebrate the Day of Portugal commemorating the death of the epic poet Luis Camões and his contribution to Portuguese language and literature. Members of the PALCUS Board of Directors attended along with Fall River Mayor William Flanagan, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in Fall River, Dr. George Milot, state representatives as well as the Consul of Portugal to New Bedford, Dr. Graca Fonseca. School Principal Louise Kane welcomed the support of PALCUS and looks forward to our future collaboration.

Read [this article](#) about PALCUS and the Espirito Santo Parochial School in O Jornal.

PALCUS celebrates Day of Portugal in the Communities

Following through with its commitment to be engaged in our Portuguese-American communities across the United States, PALCUS participated in Day of Portugal festivities in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts and California.

In addition, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton published a letter of recognition of Portugal Day. See Secretary Clinton's letter at the end of this newsletter.

Rhode Island: PALCUS chairman, Fernando Rosa, attended the official Day of Portugal ceremonies and reception at the Rhode Island State House in Providence. Hosted by Portuguese-American legislators of the RI General Assembly, Chairman Rosa presented a plaque to President Antonio Ambrosio in recognition of thirty-three consecutive years

of celebration of the Day of Portugal, Camoes, and the Portuguese Communities in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Fall River, MA: Chairman Fernando Rosa, Vice-Chairman Marie Fraley, Asst. Treasurer Alda Petitti and Director Odete Amarelo celebrated the Day of Portugal with the Espirito Santo Parochial School in Fall River. The event was attended by dignitaries of the community including Fall River Mayor William Flanagan, representatives of MA House of Representatives and Consul of New Bedford, Dr. Graca Fonseca. In support of the Espirito Santo School, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, PALCUS Chairman Rosa announced that PALCUS is officially adopting the school to help in continuing its mission. (See more below)

New Bedford, CA: Vice-Chairman Marie Fraley attended the opening of the 13th New Bedford Day of Portugal celebrations on behalf of PALCUS. The ribbon cutting ceremony which opened the arrayal on Acushnet Avenue was attended by a host of state and city dignitaries as well as guests from the Azores. Vice-Chairman Fraley presented a plaque to 2010 Day of Portugal President Angela Amaral in recognition of the outstanding effort and success of the New Bedford Day of Portugal Committee.

Connecticut: The Celebrations of the Day of Portugal in Connecticut took place on June 5/6. The parade took place on the 6th and for the first time the Connecticut PALCUS members marched with PALCUS Banner, being led by the Chairman. On June 10th, the Portuguese flag was flying high on the main mast of the State Capitol, and at the Hall of the Flags, Chairman Fernando G. Rosa and State Representative Rosa Rebimbas were hosting the second consecutive reception for the Day of Portugal. Among the many attendees were Lt. Governor Fidele, Attorney General Blumenthal and State Comptroller Wyman. The Keynote speaker was engineer Carlos Batista and the mcee was Gina J of WTIC FM. At the reception were honored The Philharmonic Band Sons of Portugal (Danbury) introduced by Charter member atty Patricia Cruz for its 70th anniversary and the Portuguese Foundation introduced by Alberto Costa celebrating 20 years of cultura and scholarships. To conclude the event the dancers of the Rancho folclorico performed and the elegant reception took place. all of the Connecticut Portuguese American organization were invited to The Hall of the Flags.

New Jersey: The Consul General of Portugal Dra. Maria Amelia Paiva invited the organizations, and the community for a reception that took place at the elegant and prestigious Newark Museum. the event was mcee by Luis Pires and featured the music of the fado by Nathalie Pires and the Manhanntan Camerata. PALCUS was in attendance and represented by Directors Cynthia Marques Russo, newly Elected Director Antonio Gato and the chairman Fernando G. Rosa, who presented a certificate of recognition to Fernando Grilo, presidente of the Union of the Luso American Clubs of New Jersey and several gifts to the Consul General, Dra. Maria Amelia Paiva. After the reception the chairman attended the First "Noite Portuguesa" at the Sport Club Portugues where the Grand Marshall Manuel was introduced. The Parade took place on Sunday, the 13th.

California: PALCUS had a strong presence in this year's Dia de Portugal celebrations in California. Board member Angela Costa Simoes received the Dia de Portugal Ambassador Award from the Luso-American Education Foundation for her efforts in promoting Dia de Portugal celebrations throughout the state. Former PALCUS Chairman, John Bento, attended the Dia de Portugal Festival in San Jose, California, a

festival of which PALCUS has been a partner for the past few years.

Letter from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Portugal's National Day

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
Washington, DC
June 9, 2010

On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I congratulate the people of Portugal as you celebrate your National Day on June 10. The United States and Portugal have long enjoyed a vibrant partnership rooted in shared values, mutual interests, and common history. On this occasion, we celebrate the enduring friendship between our two countries.

From the age of exploration and discovery, to Portugal's early recognition of a young United States, to the continued cultural contributions of Americans of Portuguese ancestry, Portugal has helped shaped the United States. Today, our nations continue to bridge the Atlantic as partners and allies. As a valued member of NATO and the Community of Democracies, Portugal provides leadership on a range of vital global challenges and common concerns. The United States appreciates Portugal's support of the ISAF mission in Afghanistan, assistance in the resettlement of Guantanamo detainees, and efforts to combat climate change, among its many other contributions.

On this Portugal Day, I wish Portuguese people everywhere the very best, and look forward to our continued collaboration to advance the cause of peace, security, and prosperity in the 21st century.

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PALCUS Gala - Save the Date!

This year's Annual Leadership Awards Gala will be held on October 23rd, 2010 at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

For information on sponsorships or early purchase of tickets, please email palcus@palcus.org or call 202-466-4664.

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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.