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## WORLD NEWS

### Portuguese government to help its citizens living in Venezuela



▼ A demonstrator in Venezuela with a sign saying: There is no food.

After a recent fact-finding visit to Venezuela, a senior Portuguese official reported he found "very serious shortages of food and medical care" in that country.

José Luís Carneiro, the Portuguese Secretary of State for Communities Abroad, says Portugal's government is

providing aid to needy Portuguese immigrants living in Venezuela and is ready to increase its support.

More than 50,000 Portuguese live in Venezuela, which is in the grip of a political and economic crisis. Many of them went there from Portugal's Madeira Islands off north-

west Africa and have lived in the Latin American country for decades.

Carneiro also stated that needy Portuguese returning to Portugal will also qualify for support. The recent return of several thousand Portuguese to Madeira has placed strain on public resources.

## ST. PETERSBURG, FL

### Ashley Carvalho and Noelle Schneider receive scholarships



▼ Ashley Carvalho



▼ Noelle Schneider

The Portuguese American community of St Petersburg, CT is proud to see two scholarly young ladies continue their college careers. Both former scholarship recipients of 2014 and 2016 from PASA, when they completed high school and started their first year of college. Ashley Carvalho and Noelle Schneider, received

scholarships from the Amaral Foundation last May 21 in Palm Coast. They are both proud to be Portuguese.

Ashley Carvalho will be a senior this fall at Norwich University in Vermont as a Health Sciences major. She plays soccer, this summer she will be working and enjoying the sunshine back in Florida.

Ashley will be applying to a Masters degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics to become a Certified Prosthetist Orthotist. Paving that path, this fall she will be completing an internship with a CPO at a clinic in Vermont.

Noelle Schneider is a sophomore at the University of South Florida in Tampa, and is working towards obtaining her bachelors degree in Nursing. She plans to continue her studies through a Doctorate Nurse Practitioner (DNP) program that specializes in neonatal and pediatric medicine. Her career goal is to be working as a pediatric nurse practitioner in a children's hospital. As for the summer, she will be continuing with her position at All Children's Hospital's NICU, helping care for premature babies and eagerly learning from the doctors and nurses there.

## CONNECTICUT

### A celebration of Portuguese history and culture in Hartford

State Rep. Rosa C. Rebimbas (R-70) and Fernando G. Rosa, Director of the Portuguese-American Leadership Council of the United States (PALCUS) will be honoring Fernando Cordeiro, Fernando Rodrigues and José (Joe) Gouveia during the annual Day of Portugal ceremony at the state capitol on Friday, June 9, 2017.

This year, the Consul General of Portugal in New York, Manuela Bairos and the Tuna Académica da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Coimbra (Portugal) choir, founded in 1888, will be on hand to celebrate.

This year's event will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the North Lobby of the State Capitol building located at 300 Capitol Avenue in Hartford. The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature Portuguese food and dance performances by the Rancho Folclórico do Clube Portugues de Hartford.

RSVP is encouraged, but not required. To RSVP, please call 1-800-240-8723.

Fernando Cordeiro immigrated to the US in 1974, and with his wife Lucia has been a dedicated community contributor for many years.

His love for traditional folklore music and dance is the driving force for his devotion to the Hartford Portuguese Club's Rancho Folclórico dance company. Beginning as a Rancho performer, Cordeiro eventually rose through the ranks to become the Group's President; a distinction he has held for over 20 years. The Rancho Folclórico has enjoyed more than 40 years of continuous existence.

Fernando Rodrigues was born and raised in the village of Monsanto in Southern Portugal, then immigrated to Brazil, and later Hartford, in 1969.

He has been deeply involved in the community, serving as director of the Portuguese Club of Hartford, and has been the club's permit holder for more than 20 years. His immense dedication to the organization has seen him give many hours as a



▼ Portugal Day ceremony will take place at the state capitol

volunteer in many different chores, including cook and bartender.

He has a great love for Sport Lisboa and Benfica, Portugal's top soccer club, and helped found Casa do Benfica (Benfica's House) in New Britain. He has the distinction of being Member No. 1.

Retired for several years from Hanson and Whitney he continues to volunteer for his favorite organizations.

Jose (Joe) Gouveia was born and raised in a tiny village in Portugal. Alone at age twelve, he moved to Lisbon, Portugal to seek more opportunity, and at age fourteen, he and his family moved to New Haven, Connecticut.

After moving to Wallingford, he became immersed in the com-

munity and held a variety of jobs and titles over the years. He was nominated for Outstanding Young Men of America and in 2007 was voted Connecticut Immigrant of the year.

One of his most recognized achievements is the beautiful Gouveia Vineyards that broke ground almost seventeen years ago. In the harvest seasons and daily winemaking practices, Joe still holds true to his Portuguese heritage and traditions.

Most recently, Joe and his family renovated the vacant historic building that housed Wallingford's first library and transformed it into a beautifully restored restaurant serving many Portuguese dishes.

The State Capitol reception was initiated in 2009.



■ **JUNE 8**  
Catarina Ruela, Newark, NJ.; Emanuel Sendão, Newark, NJ.; Raquel Salvador, Casselberry, FL.

■ **JUNE 9**  
Fernanda Ramos, Gafanha da Nazaré, Portugal.

■ **JUNE 10**  
Anthony Silva, Livermore, CA; António Cabral, Pawtucket, RI; Christopher Ferreira, Newark, NJ; Diamantino Graça, Union, NJ; Manuel da Costa Nunes, Lancaster, PA; Jose Lourenco, Paula Cristina de Matos, Newark, NJ.

■ **JUNE 11**  
Catarina Nunes, Newark, NJ; Roxanne

Silva, Livermore, CA; Rui Pedro Silva, Perth Amboy, NJ; Teresa M. Oliveira, Long Branch, NJ.

■ **JUNE 12**  
Adriana Oliveira, Bristol, RI.; Cynthia Lucas, Waterbury, CT.; Fernando Cabral, Pawtucket, RI.; José Cabral, Pawtucket, RI.; Rui Amaro Silva, Perth Amboy, NJ.

■ **JUNE 13**  
José Manuel Silva, Ludlow, MA; Mário dos Santos Ferreira, Hudson, MA.

■ **JUNE 14**  
José Lino Resende, Half Moon Bay, CA; Tânia Sousa, Newark, NJ.