

PHCS DIRECTOR CHOSEN TO RECEIVE U.P.E.C. CAUSA PORTUGUESA AWARD

Dolores Silva Greenslate, PHCS' nominee for the annual U.P.E.C. (União Portuguesa do Estado de California) 'Causa Portuguesa' award, was selected by a four-person panel to be the recipient for 2008.

Dolores was one of three candidates statewide submitted for review by the committee. Criteria for the competition was based on the following:

- Contribution to the good name of the Portuguese people.
- Rendered services to enhance the prestige of the Portuguese in California and Nevada without compensation.
- Good moral character and high esteem in the community.
- Be a member of organized Portuguese clubs formed to promote Portuguese culture and traditions.
- Be active in civic projects resulting in good relationships between Portuguese and Americans.

In addition, the candidate must have three letters of recommendation and substantiating documentation of their activities.

The award, which includes a check in the amount of \$500 to be given to the charity of the winner's choice, will be presented at a special luncheon meeting on **Saturday, April 19, at Marriott Hotel in Newark, California.**

Dolores has been a faithful member of PHCS since its inception in 1979. She has been a diligent worker on many projects over the years, from the early days with the Camellia festival in which she participated in the parade and displays, but also chaired the Maid of California luncheons. She was an active participant in the fund raising events for the Portuguese Park project; an investigative researcher for the Portuguese Pioneers in the Sacramento Area, book. She was curator together with staff of the California State History Museum project on the Portuguese in Sacramento; chief curator for the exhibit on Portuguese in the

Sacramento area at the Folsom History Museum and other exhibits. She has written articles for the Pocket Newsletter on Portuguese in the Pocket area and for the PHCS newsletter *O Progresso*. Dolores has appeared on local television, relating stories of early Sacramento, and is often called upon to speak before school children or adult groups on local history of the Portuguese. In addition, she not only maintains the PHCS historic photographs files, but also works with the Sacramento Archives Museum and Collection Center, contributing and monitoring the Portuguese artifact collection. In addition, Dolores, as an alternate representative of PHCS to the Portuguese Heritage Publications of California, Inc., serves on the selection committee and has been one of the chief researchers for the Holy Ghost Festas book and the soon to be compiled Power of the Holy Spirit book. She is also an accomplished salesperson for the organization.

In addition to membership in PHCS, Dolores also counts herself as a member of Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society, American-Portuguese Club and Cabrillo Civic Club No. 5, Sacramento.

Congratulations, Dolores. We're proud of you and thank you for being such a fine representative of the Portuguese community and PHCS.

