

*Reception
for
Mrs. Gladys Picanso*



*Holy Ghost Society Hall
Cowell, Massachusetts
April 28, 1996*



PROGRAM

National Anthem of Portugal

National Anthem of the United States

Welcome Nair Santos & Manuel Ferreira

Guest Speakers

Unveiling of Mrs. Gladys Picanso's Portrait

Benediction Rev. Frank Glynn

Dinner



Gladys Picanso was born in Cowell, on July 18, 1918. Gladys is one of three daughters of Maria Bettencourt and John Sousa Mendonca, who emigrated to the United States from Graciosa, Azores at a very young age. Gladys is a graduate from Cowell High School and the Wilfred Academy of Hair Design in Boston. She was married in March of 1936, to Cino Picanso, and had two children, Cino and Linda. She now has six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She owned and operated Anne Marie's Beauty Shop for over thirty years.

Gladys involvement with the Holy Ghost Society and the Portuguese community goes back to when she was a very young girl. She came with her parents, who were also very involved with the Holy Ghost Society. Her father was one of our past presidents. She grew up and managed to balance a household, a family, and a business, without ever forgetting the Portuguese community and its people. Gladys and her husband would sponsor many Portuguese families, often housing them in their own home. Gladys would find these families jobs, enroll their children in school, and when they were financially able, find them a place to live.

Gladys is responsible for getting the additional land in the rear of the parking lot at the Holy Ghost Park from the City of Cowell for \$1.00. She was also on the committee responsible for getting the building that now houses the St. Anthony's Boys and Girls Scouts on Central Street, also for \$1.00.

Throughout her life Gladys has been involved in many organizations, including all of the committees in charge of church events. She is one of the founders and still is on the board of the Portuguese American Youth Center, a member of the Ladies of St. John, League of Catholic Women, past president of the Holy Rosary Sodality, Eucharistic Minister, member of the Finance Committee and past member of the Pastoral Council of St. Anthony's Church of Cowell, life member of St John's Nursing Home, and life member and past president of the Holy Ghost Society, Inc. of Cowell. She was also involved with the Portuguese American Civic League, did volunteer work at many area hospitals, helped her husband with his involvement with the Portuguese Clubs of Cowell, and was recently awarded the Outstanding Community Achievement Award from the Portuguese American Women's Association.

Today we recognize and honor Mrs. Gladys Picanso, as a role model for all of us.

With Sincere Appreciation,
The Portuguese Community of Cowell



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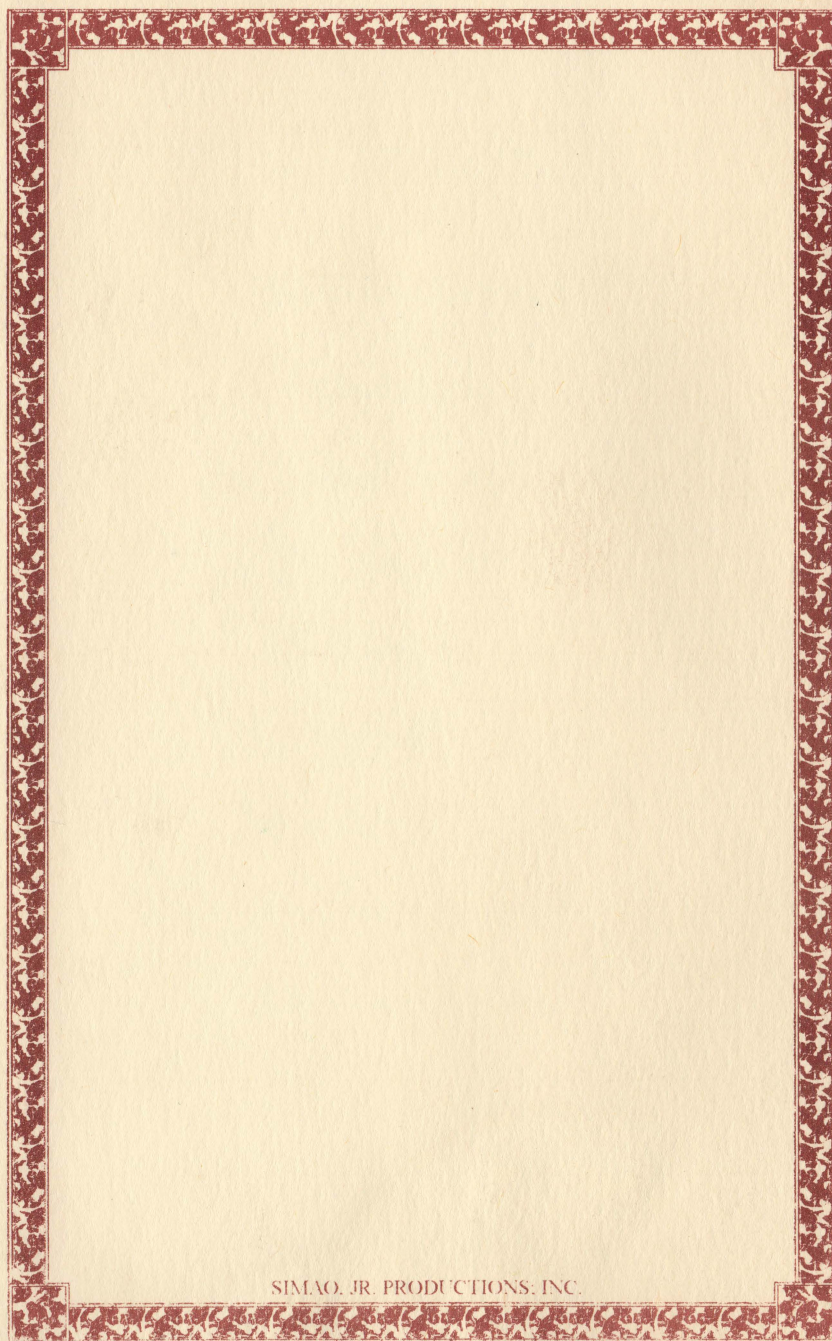
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