

UPSES BAR COMMITTEE REPORT

The UPSES Bar has had a great 2023. We want to thank Tom Madruga, Barbara Hosaka, Maria Drummond and Julieanne Souza who come down to the bar when needed to stock, accept shipments and do inventory. Thank you to Manuel Balelo who helped Tommy this past Festa as his runner. They truly are a help to the Bar Committee and I am very grateful to have them on my committee this past year. I apologize to the bar committee that I didn't utilize you all more due to the events being less and not as active as 2022.

Secondly, I would like to thank our hardworking bartenders, Austin, Frankie, J.D., Mundo and our new edition Nathan Rayle who work extremely hard throughout the year keeping the bar open and running. Every Thursday the bar opens at 5 for bingo and has done extremely well thanks to Austin and J.D. that rotate every Thursday. In 2023 we held a few Friday night events with different music playing from 9-12 giving our bar and hall great exposure in our community. We have also been reaching out to our local brewing companies to sell there beers in the bar, serving a variety of Portuguese wines, and adding Ricava Tequila which is a local distributor that was showcased at our last 2 Festa Cork & Brew events. Our annual Festa Da Lapa is still taking place the second Saturday in September which benefits the bar. Thank you to Therese Garces and Daniel Silva for chairing that event.

In 2023 the bar made a net profit of \$39,646.52 a decrease from 2022 due to the hall being closed for over 3 weeks to redo the flooring.

Finally, we would to thank the rest of the committee for all their work and doing their best in brainstorming new fundraising ideas for 2024 especially Ashley Barandiaran Stricker for her marketing skills and ideas to get us out there on social media. My co-chair Marissa Bagaso even from Elk Grove still flies down to help with bar events and gives her input. Our Board President Daniel Silva who is Amazing and we will miss tremendously is always there to except my texts (when the POS is not working) and emails LOL.

Respectfully Submitted,

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