



Frank Teixeira and his wife Ronnie, the owners of Fagundes Meats and Catering – a friendly and generous staple of the Manteca community for nearly a half-century – are this year’s honorees for the 26th annual Antone Raymus Golf Tournament held on Friday, June 20, at the Manteca Park Golf Course.

Frank, born on the Azores Island of Terceira, was brought here by his mother when he was 14 so he and his older brother Paul could have a better life. The Fagundes Meats business was started by Frank’s stepfather Americo Fagundes and his brother Gil Fagundes in 1978. They both were butchers in Brazil before they came to the USA. Their experience in the meat industry was instrumental in the creation of the popular Manteca catering company that began in 1978.

The business now is run by Frank and Ronnie. Frank’s role has been virtually life-long. He began by cleaning and packing meat as a teenager before he learned the other aspects of the business.

Frank and Ronnie have raised twin sons, Cooper and Spencer. Spencer, a recent high school graduate, has worked off and on at the shop for four years as the family chain to the company continues. Frank and Ronnie also have heavily supported Autism Awareness in the wake of Cooper’s ASD.