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Installation Speech

Sharon D. Logan, Grand President

WOW! I have to tell you for many years I have sat out there, and listened to new Grand Presidents standing up here, say how honored they are and how humbled they are to be standing here as your Grand President. Well I'm here to tell you, they weren't kidding. I feel so honored to have been given this opportunity to serve the Order. I would also like to tell you that the vow just taken is not something the Grand Officers take lightly. Isn't that right Grand Officers? We will work hard to make this Order strong, healthy and active.

As you can see, my emblem shows the state of California, surrounded by shooting stars, with the initials of Native Daughters spread around the state. I feel that Native Daughters are all active, moving stars that also are spread around the entire state.

We have just this afternoon, completed a very successful & productive year under Jr. Past Grand President Linda's guidance. My hope

is to be able to continue with the "Personal Touch" and build on her success in a way that recognizes our Sisters for their contributions and hard work. Through my theme of "Let Your Star Shine" I hope to use the personal touch to encourage and thank Sisters and others who deserve recognition. I have always felt that the greatest wealth within Native Daughters is its members. And those members need to be treasured and commended for their work. You will shortly be receiving information on recognizing those "Shining Stars" in your Parlor and your Community.

One of my projects during my term stems from my work this last year on the Julia Morgan 2012 Project. Not only has it given me a greater appreciation of our Home and its historical value but also its needs. I will be starting a "drapery fund" to raise money to replace the drapes in the public rooms. They seriously need to be replaced in order to protect furniture and other items in the window areas. I hope to have new drapes in our Home by the end of my term.

But my main project won't be so visual. I have had the privilege and opportunity of traveling with Jr. PGP Linda this year and

it has given me an insight into the "grass roots" so to speak, of the Order. I've seen its many good sides as well the issues facing our Parlors. Sisters, our Parlors need our help! From work done by Linda and myself as we traveled from Parlor to Parlor has come a project I hope will help our Parlors grow, succeed and thrive.

I'm calling my Project C.A.R.E. And I am establishing a committee to help me with this project. Within this committee will be teams of Sisters willing and available to work with Parlors, one-on-one, over the long term, supporting and assisting them in their efforts to stabilize their Parlors, grow their membership, and become active and strong again. We've seen how the "personal touch"

works, let's see how personally working with Parlors, helps them.

I have entrusted this project to my friend PGP Marilyn Rodrigues. Working together, her and I hope to save many of our

Parlors from closure or consolidation and see as many of them as possible, be active and thrive again. The knowledgeable Sisters who have agreed to work on this project care deeply about our Order and our Sisters, have knowledge of our Order and our Constitution and are excited about the possibility of working closely with those Parlors who need their assistance.

With the many needs of our Order, it has been difficult to decide where our time and efforts should be directed this year, but I think this is the best choice. With the help of these Sisters and the cooperation of the Parlors, this project will succeed.

My experiences this last year, traveling with Jr. PGP Linda, has shown me the true meaning of Sisterhood. Our Sisters are amazing!!! The work they do for the Order, their Communities and our State is humbling in its generosity. If you ever want to remind yourself why we are Native Daughters, you are welcome to travel with us and see for yourself the "Stars" we have in this Order.

Thank you for giving me this experience and for the Honor of being your Grand President this year.



Dear Sisters:

What an Honor it is for me to have the opportunity to serve as your Grand President this year. I think this year will be an exciting one for Native Daughters. Many things are planned for the year, ending with some fun things at our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June 2014 in San Jose. For those of you who were able to attend, I hope you had a great time in Pleasanton at GPAM 2013. Jr. PGP Linda did an outstanding job with the business of the Order and her Sessions Committee entertained and amazed us all week.



As we all know, the business of the Order rolls from one year to the next at the end of Grand Parlor. This allows Native Daughters to be as timeless as we would all want it to be. To that end, legislation enacted at Grand Parlor allowing us to reorganize the Grand Parlor Office, is underway. The Personnel Committee has been hard at work with the plans. We are now accepting applications for the new "Grand Parlor Support Assistant" position, which will be a part time position focusing on Parlor and Committee Support. The application is on the Native Daughter website if you or anyone you know is interested in applying. In the meantime, we will be staffing the office with volunteer help. We would appreciate your patience and understanding during this transitional time. If you need assistance, please call the office and leave a message, someone will return your call as quickly as possible.

The Board of Directions and I have great plans for many projects this year. One such project started at Grand Parlor with new t-shirts and hooded and zipped sweatshirts going on sale. This is a fundraiser for Grand Parlor. I am also working with the Home Committee to raise funds to replace our historical drapes in the public rooms. They are in desperate need of replacement. You will read more in this issue about my C.A.R.E. project where I hope to have my Teams assist the Sisters, build, strengthen and energize their Parlors.

My theme of "Let Your Star Shine" encourages you all to acknowledge and honor members of your Parlors, Communities and others who have worked with you to do the work of the Order. Many times our Sisters and Native Daughter Friends help us and we need to recognize their contributions of help and support. **All of you** and these **Friends** are the backbone of Native Daughters. Your hard work is appreciated, recognized and gratefully accepted on behalf of Native Daughters and California. More Star information will be coming your way soon.

I am so excited about beginning my travels around the state and look forward to seeing all of you as I come to your area. It's always fun to greet the Sisters I have known from past years but if we haven't met yet, please come up and introduce yourself.

In Sisterly Love,

Sharon Logan

Grand President

C.A.R.E (Care, Assess, Revitalize, Energize)

BY SHARON LOGAN, GP

As I traveled with then GP Linda last year, I was able to see firsthand many of the issues facing our Parlors. I wondered how we could help. Many ideas came to mind but I eventually settled on a continuation of "the personal touch" approach. The per-

sonal touch had been working so well Sister to Sister and Parlor to Parlor, why wouldn't this same approach work helping Parlors grow their membership, energize their Sisters and revitalize their Parlors? And so the project begins.

Under the guidance of PGP Marilyn Rodrigues and my C.A.R.E. Team members (Care), all Parlors will be receiving information to look at the condition of your Parlors (Assess), review your activities and goals (Revitalize), and make plans to strengthen and build on the work you currently do for the Order and your communities (Energize). Membership is and always has been the glue that binds all our work together, and allows us the opportunity to do what we do.

The hope is, with this C.A.R.E. approach, that by taking a good look at your Parlor and your activities, you will be able to reach out and build on your membership. In the near future, Parlors will be receiving an Assessment Form that will act as a guideline as you

look at the condition of your Parlor, recognize your strengths, and plan for your future. I hope you will share those assessment notes with the C.A.R.E. Committee. Other support tools will also be sent to Parlors throughout the year to help you as you work to build and strengthen.

The C.A.R.E. Team is always available for additional help and assistance.

I look forward to hearing from each of you the results of your assessment and your plans for the future. Our Sisters and our Parlors are our Shining Stars and we are all capable of anything we set our minds to. I know with a little hard work, we can build our Parlors and this Order to be what we all want them to be.

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2013 Image Awards

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, GT, EL TEJON PARLOR No. 239

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of Public Relations this year. It is the duty of the committee to select the Image Awards winners to be presented at GPAM. This year the committee received 15 nominations, which were varied, diverse, and all deserving of our Image Award. However, we can only present 4 awards each year which made the choices difficult.

I commend all the Parlors who submitted so many quality nominees this year and I hope those who were not selected will again

be nominees for next year's awards. It was my pleasure to introduce the recipients and present a brief synopsis of their nominations and accomplishments.

Our first award winner was nominated by San Jose Parlor No. 81, San Jose, and was KQED/KTEH Public Television, San Francisco and Ron Blatman of Ronald M. Blatman, Inc., co-producers of the documentary Saving the Bay, the Story of San Francisco Bay.

This four episode production was narrated for television by Robert Redford. The

show is about one of California's greatest natural resources, San Francisco Bay. The story focuses on the geological, cultural and developmental history of San Francisco Bay and the large northern California watershed from the Sierra Nevada mountains to the Farallon Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

From Gold Rush days to the Golden Gate Bridge and through World Fairs, and world wars, San Francisco Bay has been central to the identity of one of the world's leading economic, academic recreational and cultural regions. The document explores its evolution and how the Bay was almost lost and then was saved by three local women who rallied the entire Bay Area to save the bay from becoming not much more than a river. Their efforts during the birth of the national environmental movement in the 1960's offer a valuable lesson of how ordinary citizens can have an impact on protecting and enhancing our natural resources. Accepting for KQED and Ron Blatman Productions was Delinda M'Rowka, Exec Director of Communications of KQED Public television, San Francisco.

The second award recipient was nominated by Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, and was presented to Jacquie Williams-Courtright of Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. The nursery is planted among a large collection of Oaks over 100 years old, lending its grounds to special events. Each Arbor Day, in March, the nursery holds a celebration and hands out poppy seed to be scattered in the winds.

Throughout the valley, Livermore, Pleasanton and Sunol, they handed out 300 California redwood Saplings to second graders, along with an adoption certificate for the child to record the planting thus encouraging the children to expand the growth of this native plant around the valley. Jacquie's family started the nursery in 1955 with no previous experience. When Jacquie went to college, she decided to study horticulture and became the family's expert. Jacquie also appears locally on TV as the "Valley Gardner offering tips and gardening suggestions. She surprised us at the end of her acceptance by announcing she had brought enough saplings for each of the 200 attendees to have one to take home. Our members were very excited.

Our third recipient was nominated by Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton. You may recall seeing the space shuttle Endeavour, on top of a NASA Boeing 747 flying over our beloved state on Friday, September 12, 2013, on its final mission. It flew over the State Capital in Sacramento, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, the central valley and central coast, and Southern California landmarks before touching down for a final landing at LAX, thus returning home. The shuttle was then transported to the California Science Center where it is now housed, along with other memorabilia. This flyover was sponsored by the California Science Center and helped to highlight the contributions to NASA by California companies including JPL in Pasadena and placed California in the national media spotlight as well as instilling in those who witnessed the flyover a renewed sense of pride and patriotism.

Our award goes to the California Science Center which now houses the space shuttle, Endeavor, and The California Story, a companion exhibit featuring images and artifacts that relate to the shuttle program in California where the orbiters were built. The California Story Gallery will also feature components that flew into space with Endeavor such as Endeavor's potty, and the tires from STS-134, Endeavor's final mission. They were unable to attend, but sent a message that was read by Grace Parlor Member, Sherry Farley, GT. Grace Parlor No. 242 will present the award at a later date.

Our fourth candidate was nominated by five Parlors: Poppy Trail No. 266, Montebello; Poinsettia Parlor No. 317, Ventura; Hayward Parlor No. 122, Hayward; Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City; and Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton. This very deserving award goes to the Jeep Division of Chrysler Corporation for its excellence in promoting California, with a commercial which showcases the Jeep vehicle in various scenic locations throughout our State, including our snow capped Sierras, valley vineyards, poppy fields, majestic redwoods, and our rugged shores. This commercial also introduced millions of Californians to the state's official song, "I love you California" which was written in 1913. This commercial showcases the beauty of California and presents the state song to a whole new audience. If California had a State vehicle, it would be a Jeep!

Jeep Division of Chrysler was honored and commended, along with its advertising agency, for the promotion of our glorious State. The award was accepted by Greg Goebel, Jeep/Ram Marketing and Communications Director. While not a native of our State, he spoke of his many years in California and the beauty of our State. We concluded by singing, "I Love You California" by a standing and rousing crowd.

The committee was also able to award two special recognition and thank you awards to Georgette Petropoulos and Leonard Sullivan. The Official Publication of NDGW is the California Star which for many years was printed by Howard Quinn Company in San Francisco.

In early October of 2012, we were notified that Howard Quinn Company was closing on October, 19, 2012, which made it impossible for them to print the October 10 issue. Our point person at Howard Quinn was Georgette Petropoulos, who stepped in quickly to identify printers in the area and obtain bids which allowed the Star to be printed by a new printer and be distributed timely. Thankfully Georgette and Leonard Sullivan who had been formatting the Star for several years at Howard Quinn, agreed to continue formatting the paper and readying it for the printer.

Georgette and Leonard are both native San Franciscans with extensive experience in journalism, layouts, graphic design software, databases, and navigating the US Postal service, all of which are required to publish the Star. We are grateful to them for their dedication to the Star and to Native daughters of the Golden West. Thank you Georgette and Leonard.

Centennial Cookbook Now Available

BY MARIE M. OTTO, PAST GRAND PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO PARLOR No. 208

You've been hearing about it, you've submitted your favorite family recipes to be included in it, and now it's available for you to purchase. San Diego Parlor No. 208's Centennial Cookbook made its premiere appearance at the "Hop To It Marketplace" Parlor sales at the recent 2013 GPAM in Pleasanton. Letters were sent to our Order's Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, and Subordinate Parlors announcing our Parlor's project to commemorate our forthcoming 100th anniversary April 10, 2015 by contributing favorite tried and true family recipes and the history/story behind the recipes for inclusion in our Centennial Cookbook. The response we received was overwhelming to say the least as you will find out when you place an order for the cookbook.

Many of our Sisters who attended the 2013 GPAM gave rave reviews once they saw it for sale at the Marketplace and even spoke

to many of our Parlor Members during the week asking for additional copies. Well, now is your chance to see what all the excitement is all about. **San Diego Parlor No. 208's Centennial Cookbook is available for \$15 each, plus \$5 for shipping and postage; send your check payable to "San Diego Parlor No. 208, NDGW" in the correct amount and send it to Marie M. Otto, Recording Secretary, San Diego Parlor No. 208, 3265 Casa Bonita Drive, Bonita, California 91902-1732; be sure to include your name, Parlor name and your mailing address.** Once your order with your check and pertinent shipping information is received, your Centennial Cookbook(s) will immediately be shipped to you. As our Parlor's 100th anniversary celebration event approaches, rest assured sisters throughout our state will hear all about it and want to attend our Parlor's anniversary "Where California Began".

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Welcomes GP Linda Galassi in April

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, GT

Grand President Linda Galassi made her official visit to El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield on April 22. The event was a luncheon held at the Hungry Hunter. Also in attendance were several Grand Officers: Jr. PGP Marilynn Rodrigues, GVP Sharon Logan, sGT Bonnie Tabor, GT Dorothy Rogers, and our Member, GT Darleen Carpenter along with PGP Joan Hall. Chris Kildare, the President, conducted the OV meeting which was attended by 26 Native Daughters. The table was decorated in GP Linda's colors of blue and silver. GP Linda was presented with a beautifully framed poppy picture, a

flower arrangement in her colors, and the coin march raised \$90.00 for the Voss Garden at the Home, which is being readied for the brick project. GP Linda made a donation in our name to the Home. Her theme is the personal touch and it was very evident. We concluded with a wonderful cake in her honor. Pictured below are Linda Galassi, GP, Chris Kildare, Pres. El Tejon Parlor, Darleen Carpenter, GT.



New Members: April 11 to July 10, 2013

Welcome to our new Members!

Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Denise Aguilera
Teresa Standart
Patricia Wallace

Eshcol Parlor No. 6
Janet 'Sunny' Crowley

Marguerite Parlor No. 12
Marie Beals-Basinger
Elizabeth Gifford
Judy Muetz
Evvazee Veerkamp

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
Michele Conroy

Ruby Parlor No. 46
Donna Ogilvie
Cathy Sage Ruby
Darlene Sanders

Mariposa Parlor No. 63
Chancelyn McDonald

Veritas Parlor No. 75
Robyn Farnsworth
Cynthia Glasgow-Ragus
Gail Pitts-Thorn

San Jose Parlor No. 81
Christine Benoit
Eric Stokesberry

San Miguel Parlor No. 94
Sarah Shepherd

Vendome Parlor No. 100
Arjana Sanfilippo
Isabella Yosucio

San Luisita Parlor No. 108
Jacqueline Thomson

Eschschoitzia Parlor No. 112
Mary Meek

Darina Parlor No. 114
Frances Solem

Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126
Susan Bellman
Mary Carbajal
Judy Miller

Calistoga Parlor No. 145
Lucinda Yant
Megan Yant

El Pinal Parlor No. 163
Elizabeth Tolerton

Argonaut Parlor No. 166
Rachel Cabral-Healy
Celeste Martin

San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179
Angela Burton
Mary Foletta
Amanda Lara

La Junta Parlor No. 203
Rebecca Brown Lee

Sonoma Parlor No. 209
Jeanne Everidge

Petaluma Parlor No. 222
Carla Grube
Betty Soldate

Grace Parlor No. 242
Carol Markel

Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266
Susana Burciaga

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The 2013 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting

BY SHARON M. JOHNSTON, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179

The 127th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting of the Native Daughters of the Golden West was held at the Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton. It was a very successful and productive Grand Parlor with Grand President Linda Galassi of El Vespero Parlor No. 118, San Francisco presiding in a most commendable manner. The meeting hall was decorated with stuffed bunnies at each station and across the stage, since Grand President Linda had rabbits as pets while growing up. At the back of the stage were several silver hearts accented with blue that kept with the theme of the year — Open Your Hearts and give the Personal Touch to all our Sisters.

The Hop to It Marketplace was hugely successful with dozens of Parlors and Committees having an incredible array of items for purchase. There was glassware, tote bags, aprons, T-shirts, raffle baskets, notebooks, jewelry, scarves, and myriad other items available, and the Parlors and Committees participating in the marketplace realized significant proceeds. The Credentials Committee registration process was capably handled by PGPs Joan Hall and Dolores Ferenz with assistance from Brandi Fleischmann, and the Transportation Committee responsibilities were attended to by Janet Somavia. The Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee assisted the Credentials and Transportation Committees with the distribution of the tote bags, hand-outs, and meal and special event tickets. They were exceptional at fulfilling their responsibilities. There was a wide variety of snacks, and the attendees enjoyed them at the morning and afternoon breaks.

The legislation presented for consideration of the voting members of the Grand Parlor was handled very well by the State Chairmen responsible for the presentation of each of the proposals, and the attention and dedication of the voting members is to be commended. Please look for the Summary of Legislation coming in the mail from the Grand Parlor Office at the end of July. In addition, the updates to the Books of the Order will be published and distributed soon.

The Monday evening reception honored our Veterans, and it was a wonderful evening organized by Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City. Brett Benoit and Veterans Welfare State Chairman Marie Mackey, both retired United States Marines, represented those who have served and are serving in the United States Military Services. Judy Cain of San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 provided patriotic musical accompaniment, and the assembly sang several patriotic songs, which added to the meaningfulness of the evening.

The reception honoring Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Dorothy Coats was hosted by her daughter Pam Van De Kamp and her son Benjamin Coats. Her son-in-law Vim and granddaughter Dora were present as was her grandson Samuel, and everyone enjoyed their hospitality in great measure. The Tuesday morning Opening was conducted in accordance with the Grand Parlor Ceremonies, and the Memorial Service was beautiful in its simplicity. The Funeral Ceremony of the Order was conducted by six Sisters chosen earlier this year by Grand President Linda to conduct the Service for her mother Rose C. Galassi, and the Choir offered several lovely hymns, which were appropriate tributes to our departed Sisters.

The lunches at the Hilton Hotel were well-attended and enjoyable. Several prizes were awarded to lucky raffle winners, and the CFIC Committee, Childrens Foundation Committee, and the Native Daughters Home Committee, as well as Grace Parlor No. 242 are to be commended for their efforts in behalf of the Grand Parlor. The food was very good, the decorations added to our enjoyment, and the programs were exceptional.

The "Dinner at Nonna's" Banquet was truly a typical Italian evening with music, laughter, and plenty of friendly conversation. The food, entertainment, and decorations were fit complements for the theme, and the entire attendance enjoyed a wonderful evening. Gold Dust Girls had their usual "gastronomic extravaganza" with the food prepared by Las Positas Parlor No. 94, NSGW, and the fun provided by all in attendance. Both evenings were truly nights to remember!

Visitation of the Native Sons was held. Grand President Dwight Dutschke, as well as several Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents were present, and they enjoyed a reception later that afternoon. Victoria Kastner, historian at Hearst Castle, was one of two guest speakers during the Grand Parlor. She presented a slide show and spoke about Phoebe Apperson Hearst and her son William Randolph Hearst and their contributions to the people of the State of California. Additionally, Major General Anthony L. Jackson, a retired United States Marine, and director of California State Parks and Recreation was a guest speaker. He spoke of his background, years spent in the Marine Corps, and how he came to be appointed to his current position. The

remarks of both guest speakers were very well received, and they both received ovations for their talks.

Of special interest to those present were the presentation of the Roll of Honor designation to Gail Fiorini-Jenner, submitted by Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112, for her work researching and writing of the history of the area of northern California around Etna and to Donna J. Axelson, submitted by El Vespero Parlor No. 118, for her work in support of our Fallen Special Service Veterans and their families. Donna Axelson was present to receive her award from State Chairman Cecilia Johnston and was given appreciative rounds of applause for her diligent work. Grand President Sharon Logan will present the award to Gail Fiorini-Jenner during her Official Visit to Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112. The California Image awards were presented by State Chairman Grand Trustee Darleen Carpenter, and the recipients received the appreciative applause of the Grand Parlor. The awards in the shape of the state of California were presented to KQED/KTEH Public Television, San Francisco, and Ron Blatman co-producers of the documentary *Saving the Bay, The Story of San Francisco Bay*; Jacquie Williams-Cartwright of Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore; the California Science Center in Los Angeles which sponsored the fly-over of California by the space shuttle Endeavour, and its final location at the Science Center; and the Jeep Division of Chrysler for their commercial featuring the California State Song and scenes of the state. A special award was given to Georgette Petropoulos and Leonard Sullivan for their work on the *California Star*.

The Installation of Grand President Sharon Logan was the final major event of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. There was a large number of silver stars affixed to the walls that had the names of State Chairmen, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Presidents, and a sheer blue drape with silver stars was hung behind the station of the Grand President in keeping with the emblem of the year — a silver star. Grand President Sharon's pin is a horizontal oval with a blue border, a blue state of California in the center, and an array of four shooting stars in silver, each having one of the letters of our Order's acronym on it. Our newly-installed Grand President spoke of her goals for the term and invited all to remain in the room to enjoy the Starlight Lounge, which featured music of the sixties and finger foods for all to enjoy.

It seems like only a few weeks ago that the Annual Meeting Committee began preparing for June 17 through 21, 2013, and now that week is over. I am hopeful everyone had a wonderful stay in Pleasanton, and that the Grand Parlor Sessions and the special events met your expectations. I thank all who had a part in planning for this 127th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and all of you who attended. It was a distinct privilege to serve Grand President Linda Galassi and our Order as the State Chairman of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2013.

Photos courtesy of Shirley Svindal, San Jose Parlor No. 81, and Sherry Farley, GT, and Judi Smedley, Grace Parlor No. 242.



2013 Roll of Honor Winners: Donna J. Axelson and Gail L. Fiorini-Jenner

SUBMITTED BY CECILIA JOHNSTON, STATE CHAIRMAN, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179

El Vespero Parlor No. 118, San Francisco, nominated Donna J. Axelson for the Roll of Honor in 2013. Donna was born in 1946, Bridgeport, Maryland. She and her husband, Cordell, came to California over 40 years ago, and settled in Cupertino, where they raised their two sons, Jeff and Matt.

Donna retired in 2012 from the Cupertino School District after spending 26 years teaching K-7. In 1994 Donna was Cupertino Teacher of the Year as well as Santa Clara County Teacher of the Year, and was nominated California Teacher of the Year. Donna received her B.A. in History from San Francisco State, and an M.A. in Educational Administration from Santa Clara University. When Donna retired last year, she was the Technology Resource Teacher for the Cupertino Union School District.

In August 2005 Donna's youngest son, Matt was killed in Afghanistan. His story is told in the New York Bestseller *Lone Survivor* by Marcus Luttrell, which is the account of Operation Red Wing. Donna's son was a Navy SEAL.

The Axelson's loss was of course devastating, however Donna dove into what she could do to honor her Son and the other fallen Special Service Troops. These men and women do not get a lot of publicity because of the sensitive nature of their jobs. Donna, through Gold Star Mothers and on her own, is at the side of any fallen warrior family, as long as she is needed. An example of this has sadly happened this spring. Navy SEAL Matt Leathers was presumed lost at sea in Hawaii during a training session. Matt had given the eulogy for Donna's son. Donna immediately flew to the family's side to comfort them just as Matt had done for her. She does this with no fan fair, and never wants to accept gratitude or thanks.

Donna and a small group of Cupertino

students and citizens created the Cupertino Veterans Memorial Park; it is a tribute to all the men and women who have served our Country. It is a peaceful park with a Bronze Statue of the Navy SEALs in Operation Red Wing. Every Veterans Day, Donna plans a ceremony honoring our Veterans from all over the State. On November 11, 2011 Donna arranged for the traveling replica of the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Wall to be the backdrop of the Cupertino Veterans Day Celebration.

Each August for the past seven years Donna has put on a Golf Tournament. Navy SEALs, Naval Officers, the areas First Responders, and businessmen all gather for a quiet non-publicized day of golf and remembering of our lost Special Forces. The evening is emotional and raises money each year to pay down the cost of the Cupertino War Memorial. Donna is there, running non-stop in her combat boots, in honor of her late son.

Donna has never been recognized for her work, other than a certificate from the Native Daughters of the Golden West. She is a lovely woman. The Parlor contacted Marcus Luttrell, and he honored to be at Grand Parlor to escort Donna to the stage to receive her award.

Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112, Etna, nominated Gail L. Fiorini-Jenner for recognition of service to the Native Daughters of the Golden West organization. Gail, and her twin sister Pat, were born in Orange, New Jersey. When the twins were five months old, the family made their trek to California; in her heart, Gail feels she is a native Californian. She is a member of a fifth generation farm family that resides on the original Jenner homestead in Scott Valley near Etna, California, and she is devoted to preserving history and the rural values of our ancestors.

She exemplifies the principles of the Native Daughters of the Golden West as a dedicated Christian, author/historian, schoolteacher, farm wife, mother and grandmother.

Gail received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology/English and her Secondary Teaching Credential from California State University, Chico. She has been an active member of Women Writing the West, Pacific Northwest Writers Association, and Rogue Writers Ink. She also belongs to Siskiyou County Historical Society, The Oregon-California Trails Association, Friends of the Library, California Cattle Women, and American National Cattle Women. She was the 2011-2012 President of Siskiyou County Cattle Women. Gail is a frequent presenter at Native Daughters functions sharing her research findings and publishing skills with our local Sisters.

Gail is so passionate about the preservation of history and in celebrating the strength and accomplishments of our ancestors that she personally researches, records, and reenacts pioneer living. She researches and writes about local and regional history; through teaching at the local high school, middle school, and at regional writing workshops she is able to pass history on to others. She shares her love of history by volunteering at our local libraries - in hopes of keeping them open to the public in this time of financial crisis - and she works as a part-time curator for the Fort

Jones' Museum; and, in her "spare" time, Gail helps work the family ranch. Gail truly lives and celebrates the Native Daughters of the Golden West principles.

Gail is best noted for her historical publications and awards. She is passionate about accurately researching and preserving history and passing the information down to future generations. She loves genealogy and has been at work on both her own family history as well as that of her husband's pioneering family. She descends from William Williams, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and her mother's family helped settle such locations as Placerville and Willow Glen, California.

She is the author or co-author of seven works about California, especially Northern California.

In addition, she is a contributing author and editor of an upcoming anthology and collection of farm/rural women's stories, *Ankle High and Knee Deep*, to be released by Globe Pequot late in 2013. She writes monthly for NPR Jefferson Public Radio's Historical "As It Was" series and for *Jefferson Backroads*, a regional monthly publication.

Gail has received many awards in recognition for her endeavors. In addition, she appeared on a 2011 episode of History Channel's "How the States Got Their Shapes" and on NPR's "West Coast Live."

Lisa Burns Honored by Old Mission Santa Barbara for Her Volunteer Work at La Huerta Historic Gardens

BY BETSY GREEN, JULY 2013 OMSB GAZETTE

The following article was submitted by Lisa Burns, a Member of Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Santa Barbara. It was written by Betsy Green and printed the July issue of the Living-Mission Gazette, The Intermittent Newsletter of the Queen of the Missions: OMSB. Lisa received Betsy Green's permission to include the following in the Star.

Many people volunteer at the Old Mission Santa Barbara and help to keep history alive for visitors, both young and old. In June, longtime La Huerta Historic Gardens volunteer and UEA Board member Lisa Burns received the Volunteer of the Year award for her years of valuable contributions.

Lisa began volunteering in the garden more than four years ago and puts her degree in environmental design and her part-time job with an environmental firm to good use. Being a neighbor of the Mission, she wandered over to the garden one day and quickly became part of the La Huerta team. She learned how to prepare soil, sow seed, and add soil nutrients and water.

Lisa is now La Huerta's 'compost commander' and enjoys teaching fourth graders about macrobes (bugs that you can see without a microscope) and microbes (bugs too small to be seen with the naked eye). She says, 'I think La Huerta is a living example to schoolchildren about the history of the Chumash, Spanish, Mexican, and Pioneers of California through food and plants.'

As a native Californian and member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Lisa also oversaw the construction of the beautiful sandstone bench under the garden's ramada."



Lisa Burns, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, was named Volunteer of the Year for her efforts in La Huerta Historic Garden at Old Mission Santa Barbara. Lisa is pictured seated on the bench donate by the Parlor to the garden. The sandstone bench is made from the original foundation stones from St. Anthony's Seminary and the Old Mission, both of which were partially destroyed by the 1926 earthquake

In Memory of PGP Dorothy Ambrose

BY KATHY FELCH, PRESIDENT, ESHCOL PARLOR NO. 16

Eshcol Parlor No. 16 lost its dear Sister, PGP Dorothy Ambrose on April 20, 2013 after a long illness. The Parlor thought the message from its president, Kathy Felch, in the Parlor newsletter, Quail Quips, printed below, pretty much summed up what they all thought about this tremendous loss and wanted to share it with the rest of the Order.

"At our May (2013) meeting, we will drape our charter for our Sister Dorothy Ambrose, PGP, who passed away Saturday morning, April 20. We are a Parlor of many Dorothys, so Dorothy Ambrose told me to call her "Senior." So I did. She was a friend and a mentor and will be missed by me and all my Sisters. Senior was wise and witty. She was fun. She was incredibly insightful. Most of all, Senior was principled. Someone somewhere instilled in her a set of values that was unshakeable. Or maybe it just came naturally, maybe with her genes. Her values shined like steel in every situation no matter what. You just had to be there to know that

and we all were. Senior was a fount of Native Daughter knowledge. She spent time with us passing on her knowledge and telling us "how things worked." I know I can speak for all of us in saying that Senior may be in a better place but I wish she were still with us. We will say farewell to our Sister Dorothy "Senior" Friday, April 26, at 1:00 p.m. here in Napa at Tulocay Cemetery in the Mausoleum. Dress is informal, at Senior's request. For those who have not attended a Native Daughter funeral, this will prove to be an eye-opening event. Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents coming from all over the State of California will perform the Funeral Ceremonies. Eshcol Parlor, with the assistance of other Napa Valley parlors, will host a reception at the Native Sons Hall in Napa immediately following the service. I encourage you to set some time aside from your daily lives to say goodbye to our wonderful Past Grand President, Sister and Native Daughter of the Golden West, Dorothy Ambrose."

Deceased Members: April 11 to July 10, 2013

We extend our sympathy to the families and Parlors of our deceased Members

Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Candace Moren

Marguerite Parlor No. 12
Donna Nicolls

Eshcol Parlor No. 16
Dorothy Ambrose, PGP
Virginia Gonyer

Berendos Parlor No. 23
Elsie Bakerville
Beverly Gordon

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
Pauline Kohen
Arlene Sharp

Forrest Parlor No. 86
Lena Esola

Woodland Parlor No. 90
Clara Landucci

Reichling Parlor No. 97
Elma Burns

Vendome Parlor No. 100
Anna Ritchison

Aleli Parlor No. 102
Theresa Giottonini

Darina Parlor No. 114
Margaret Fry
Ruth Spencer

Hiawatha Parlor No. 140
Nellie White

Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155
Dorene Pecoraro

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168
Ruth Ferris
Sally Salazar

Vallejo Parlor No. 195
Roberta Bremer

La Junta Parlor No. 203
Anne Warnes

Sonoma Parlor No. 209
Barbara Lusardi

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
Olivia Fraga
Mary Humphrey

Petaluma Parlor No. 222
Frances Ibleto

Antioch Parlor No. 223
Verna Merlini

South Butte Parlor No. 226
Mary Amarel

El Tejon Parlor No. 239
Vivian Kenneth

Lomitas Parlor No. 255
June Erreca

Lomitas Parlor No. 255
Dorothy Mallonee

Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266
Rebecca Meza

La Tijera Parlor No. 282
Maureen Burt

West Wind Parlor No. 328
Evelyn Marinovich

Lupoyoma Parlor No. 329
Nancy Pruet
Doranne Von Ende

Table At GPAM Featuring Information About Operation Interdependence

BY SHERRY FARLEY, GT

Operation Interdependence is a civilian to soldier operation. The cornerstone of Operation Interdependence is the **Civilian Ration®** (called C-rat®). Designed for delivery to the frontlines, C-rats are individual quart-sized baggies that contain a personal note from a caring civilian at home and a few treats such as snacks, games and personal care products. The most important part of the C-rat is the letter from a person who has never met that Soldier, Sailor, Marine or Airman, but takes the time to write his or her expressions of care and concern.

Here's what one California girl wrote in her letter (taken from the organization's website):

"My name is Elizabeth and I am six years old. My family and I have filled this little bag with many things just for you. There are things in this bag which you can see, like toothpaste, soap, lotion, and shampoo. But there are many things you cannot see. My heart, my love, my respect, and most importantly, my prayers for you to return home safely to your family very soon."

Guidelines for C-Rats ®

Below are general guidelines for OI C-rats. All C-rats must be coordinated through authorized OI Area Managers or OI Box Coordinators. To participate you must register (link) with OI as a volunteer.

- It goes without saying that nothing illegal or pornographic will be shipped.
- All items must be small enough to fit in a QUART SIZE (7 in. x 8 in.) zippered plastic baggie. We try to keep the baggies as flat and lightweight as possible. Remember, our troops are provided for so the C-rat is a treat! It is best to include only three or four items in each baggie. The most important part of the C-rat is the letter from a caring person back home.
- All items that go in the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, or on an open wound (band aids, Neosporin, OTC pain relievers/medications, foods, gum, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, Chapstick, Q-tips, eye drops, etc.) MUST BE SAFETY



SEALED BY THE MANUFACTURER. This is the only way we can ensure they have not been tampered with.

- Candy, gum, or foods of any kind that are twist wrapped cannot be shipped.
- Toothpaste that is in a glued box from the manufacturer is acceptable; toothpaste that is in a box secured only with tabs is unacceptable, unless the tube of toothpaste itself has a foil seal.
- Tea Bags/Coffee in sealed packages only — i.e. Maxwell House Singles or Earl Grey Tea.
- No envelopes or stamps will be sent.
- Pressurized cans of any kind will not be shipped by the post office.
- The most important items we ship to the troops are letters from the American people. The notes do not have to be long; just a short note about yourself, what's going on back "home", or some words of appreciation. Enlist the help of your family, friends, club, group, local schools, scout troops, church groups, etc.
- NOLAST NAMES, PHONENUMBERS, AND/OR ADDRESSES from anyone under 18 years of age.

Items for C-rats can be collected by Parlors and given to Beverly Pierce, Vendome Parlor No. 100, San Jose. For more information contact Bev via phone: 408-842-5545 or via email: bevpiere2002@yahoo.com. At GPAM alone, Bev collected 41 pounds of toiletries for Operation Interdependence. She sends about 1,000 zip lock bags a month. The most important item is the hand written letters. Thank you to everyone who donated items.

A Fascinating Trip for Grace Parlor No. 242

BY HELEN LEIVA

England's Royal Family has always been a fascination for all of us on this side of the "Pond". Grace Parlor No. 242 Members are no different and were off again on another trip to Long beach on Thursday, June 13, 2013 to visit the beautiful Queen Mary. An exhibit of Princess Diana's collection was the event of the day. The exhibit displayed pictures galore of the Royal Family past, present, and future. China pieces of special cups and dish sets and special commemorative plates were to be

envied. There were also small ceramic figures of each of the Royal Family throughout the exhibit. All size dolls were wearing replicas of Diana's different outfits and/or fashions. Many of her beautiful gowns were on full-size mannequins as well as a cast

display of memorabilia.

We were all amazed at the extent of the exhibit with far more on display than expected. All twenty-six Members thoroughly enjoyed this outing ending with luncheon on the Promenade Deck at the café overlooking



Twenty-six Members of Grace Parlor No. 242 toured the Princess Diana exhibit on the Queen Mary on June 13, 2013. Following the tour they enjoyed lunch at the café on the Promenade Deck.

Long Beach Harbor. Getting together for special events outside the Parlor gives everyone an opportunity to form closer friendships. We encourage all Parlors to see the wonders that California has to offer.

Grace Parlor No. 242 Members toured the Princess Diana exhibit on the Queen Mary on June 13, 2013



SJB Art Talent Winners: San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 held their Student art Talent Contest Awards ceremony on May 8, 2013. Shown (left to right) are Darlene Boyd, second place winner Mirla Ramirez, juror Shannon Grissom, and first place winner Nick De Hoyos.

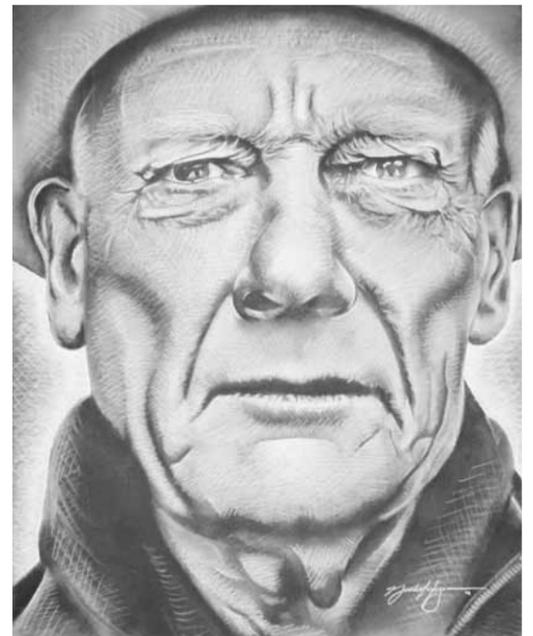
2013 Student Art Talent Contest in San Juan Bautista

BY DARLENE BOYD, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179

On May 8, the Native Daughters of the Golden West San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 were pleased to announce this year's winners of their 2013 Student Art Talent Contest. The first place winner was Nick De Hoyos, with his piece titled "49er Miner." The artist stated, "His face reflects the difficulty that the early miners in California endured. Life in the mines was not one of ease. These miners had big dreams and even bigger challenges."

The second place winner was Mirla Ramirez, with her piece titled "Manual Labor" representing and celebrating the field laborers of our agricultural heritage. The third place winner was Amairani Resendiz with her piece titled "In Old California" representing a part of California history before the Gold Rush.

Other noted contestants in this juried exhibition were Cara Marie May Esteban and Alejandra Saldivar. The public was invited to attend an awards ceremony and viewing of the art works on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m., at 203 Fourth Street, San Juan Bautista. Two of the artists and juror Shannon Grissom were on hand to discuss the artworks and the awards.



SJB 49er Miner: Nick De Hoyos placed first in San Juan Batista Parlor No. 179's Student Art Talent Contest with his piece titled "49er Miner".

Point Cabrillo Gets New Plaque

BY SUSAN COLLINS, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210

On May 9, 2013 Members of Fort Bragg Parlor 210, Grand Officers, and Point Cabrillo Light House board members gathered in the parking lot of the Light House. At about 11:20, Parlor President Kelly Richardson unveiled the new Plaque which has been an ongoing project this year. The original plaque commemorating the light house was placed on a rock at the entrance to the light house parking lot in 2001. It was discovered that someone had taken it July 2008. Since then the local Parlor has been discussing ways to replace it. Finally this year a committee was formed and committee members Edith Goble, Marilyn Leroy, and Susan Collins met to plan the new wording. Rick Sacks from the Sign Shop was enlisted to design and install the plaque. We were pleased that this was

completed in time for our Parlor's annual visit of the Grand President.

In attendance were Native Daughters Grand President Linda Galassi, Grand Vice President Sharon Logan, and Grand Inside Sentinel Dorothy Rogers. Light House Board President Tanya Smart, Adair Paul, a representative from the Grand Parlor Light House Preservation Committee, and a representative from State Parks Department also attended. The members of Fort Bragg Parlor provided a lunch of sandwiches, salad, and cookies and the Light House Board provided a cake for us to enjoy. Docent Kevin Williams led a tour group through the East House and Steve Nielsen of the Coast Guard Auxiliary took the Grand President and several others up into the lens room for a real treat.

Shown with the newly installed Point Cabrillo Plaque are (left to right) Edith Goble, Susan Collins, Grand President Linda Galassi, Light House Board President Tanya Smart, President of Fort Bragg Parlor 210 Kelly Richardson, and Marilyn Leroy



Catching up with Bonita Parlor No. 10

BY MARIE AMAYA, RECORDING SECRETARY

The Official Visit of Grand President Linda Galassi was celebrated on Saturday February 9, 2013 at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center in the Redwood Room, Redwood City. The room was brightly decorated in red Valentine decor as the theme of the day was Hearts. The program was chaired by President Marian Wydo.

Grand president Linda Galassi, SDDGP

Pat Riley, and DGP Kathy Kelly-Brietler were presented with gifts of Heart Jewelry. Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and many Sisters from the Bay Area and South were in attendance to enjoy the day.

A gathering of Forty-Seven Members and guests was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Redwood City on Thursday evening, May 9, 2013, to celebrate Bonita Parlor's 126th Anniversary. The tables were decorated with vases of Golden Poppies. Bonita Parlor Members Barbara Falk and Loretta Russell



Parlor No. 10 Sisters Barbara Falk and Loretta Russell received their 50-year pendants and Sister Alice Parcell received her 25-year pin at the Parlor's 126th Anniversary Celebration on May 9, 2013.



Marian Wydo, President, presided at the Official Visit on February 9, 2013.



Bonita Parlor No. 10 officers are shown at the 126th Anniversary Celebration at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Shown (left to right) are Financial Secretary Pat Riley, Grand Marshal Suzi Riley, Recording Secretary Marie Amaya, and President Marian Wydo.



Bonita Parlor No. 10 hosted the Official Visit of Grand President Linda Galassi on Saturday February 9, 2013. Pictured (left to right) are Jr. Past Grand President Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP Sharon M. Johnston, and Grand President Linda Galassi.

California-Shaped Name Badges Available

As part of San Jose Parlor No. 81's Extension of the Order activities, again this year we are offering our Sisters all over the State the opportunity to purchase a personalized badge in the shape of California that identifies us and our affiliation with the Native Daughters of the Golden West.



The badge, which will show YOUR NAME and YOUR PARLOR'S NAME AND NUMBER, is approximately 3" long, 1 1/4" wide, gold in color with blue text, and it has a magnetic back so there are no pin holes in clothing. Cost remains \$20.00, but shipping has increased to \$2.00.

The next order will be placed immediately after September 10, 2013, with delivery within approximately 30 days. Don't miss your chance to have this distinctive badge to wear to NDGW and community activities as a proud member of your Parlor and the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

If you would like a badge, please complete the order form below:

San Jose Parlor No. 81, Native Daughters of the Golden West

NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

(ONE FORM PER PERSON — Please duplicate for multiple orders)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Number and Street (not P.O. Box)

City _____, CA Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

PRINT Name: _____

THIS IS HOW IT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR BADGE

PRINT Parlor Name & Number: _____

Enclosed is \$20.00 for badge + \$2.00 for shipping = **\$22.00** total
(Checks/Money Orders payable to: San Jose Parlor No. 81, NDGW)

Deadline to Place Orders: September 10, 2013

Mail order form and payment to: San Jose Parlor No. 81, NDGW

c/o Gayle Gleim, 1005 Aster Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Questions? Contact Gayle via e-mail: bandg5435@yahoo.com

were honored for their fifty years of service with each receiving her 50-year pendant. Member Alice Parcell was honored for her 25 years of service, and received her 25-year pin. Congratulations ladies.

We welcome our new Sisters, Barbra Mathewson and Gloria Dudfield who transferred into Bonita Parlor.

The Home Committee

BY JAN NOTO

The NDGW Home committee is now starting a formal waiting list binder for those Parlors and individuals who are interested in sponsoring a room. Those interested should contact the

Home office by phone or in writing indicating that they would like to be put on the list should a room become available. Also, if any Parlor is no longer interested in sponsoring their room, please contact the Home office or a member of the Committee so that we may prepare the room for another Parlor or individual. Someone from the Home Committee will contact you regarding either option.

Extension of the Order

BY ANGELA BROWN,
GOLDEN ERA PARLOR NO. 99
STATE CHAIRMAN

Like many other fraternal organizations, the Native Daughters of the Golden West has been experiencing loss of Members over the last few years. We have tried many ways to increase our membership. Last year this committee came up with the "purse packet" to hand to a prospective member with your contact information. These have worked very well. One suggestion to make these packets even more useful is have an application with you too. Many people still don't have computers to download the forms so they can complete and return them to you.

One area we would like to explore is how many Parlors are bringing in new Members. When you bring in new members please send me a note. Our committee will be meeting and coming up with ideas that will hopefully help you expand your Parlor membership.

It's Time to Wear a Native Daughters of the Golden West Wrist Watch

Have you seen a Sister sporting a wrist watch with the NDGW logo on the watch face? Here's your chance to have one, too! The 2014 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Sessions Committee has a limited number of Native Daughters of the Golden West wrist watches which we are making available to Members for the purchase price of \$30.00 each plus shipping costs.

The watch has a white face under the color logo with a gold case, gold hands, black numbers, and a black wrist band.

Don't delay — order your watch today (while supplies last) by completing the form below. You won't want to miss this opportunity to have a NDGW watch of your own.



Native Daughters of the Golden West 2014 GPAM Sessions Committee

Watch ORDER FORM

(Limited Quantity Available)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Number and Street (not P.O. Box)

City _____, CA Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

PRINT Name: _____

PRINT Parlor Name & Number: _____

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| N.D.G.W. Wrist Watch _____ | x \$30.00 each watch = | \$ _____ |
| | + Shipping | \$ _____ |
| | 1-2 watches = \$3.00 | |
| | 3-5 watches = \$6.00 | |
| | Total Enclosed _____ | \$ _____ |

Please Enclose Cash, Check or Money Order
Checks and Money Orders Payable to 2014 GPAM

Mail to: Shirley Svindal, Co-Chairman,
3274 Victoria Ave., Santa Clara CA 95051

Questions?

Contact Shirley by email @svindal2@comcast.net

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The 2013–2014 *California Star*

BY JOAN M. HALL, PGP, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292
STATE CHAIRMAN, OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

I am honored to have been re-appointed as State Chairman of the Official Publication by Grand President Sharon Logan for the 2013 – 2014 term. Grand President Sharon has chosen C.A.R.E. as her special project for the coming term. Please watch each issue of the *Star* for more information.

All Parlors, State Committees, and Members are encouraged to contribute to the four issues of the *California Star* this term. The costs of the printing and mailing each issue of the *Star* are covered by the \$3 annual assessment approved annually at the Grand Parlor Annual meeting, as well as through the \$8 fee collected for including pictures. This is your publication, and it needs your input to be successful.

The *California Star* is also a wonderful tool to keep our Members up to date on what is happening throughout the Order, as well as in helping to recruit new Members. By sub-

mitting pictures and articles, the activities taking place are highlighted, new ideas are shared, and successes are applauded.

In addition to the submissions from Parlors for each issue, Committees are asked to submit articles on what is happening. Deadlines for submitting articles are October 10, 2013, and January 10, April 10, and July 10, 2014.

Please do not send articles and pictures to the Grand Parlor office in San Francisco as this can cause a delay in my receiving them by the above deadlines. Please send all articles and pictures to me via e-mail to jandrhall@juno.com, or mail to 3511 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia, CA 93292. I am also available by phone at 559-636-9342 or cell at 559-972-6712.

The Official Publication Committee and I look forward to hearing from each one of you during this term.

Insurance

BY CYNTHIA CONNELLY, SGT, BERRYESSA PARLOR NO. 193
STATE CHAIRMAN

Insurance isn't a subject that most of us want to think about, but it is one of the "necessary evils" of this world. You will soon receive your liability renewal certificates and invoices from Grand Parlor. Please take a moment to review your coverage, so you are aware of your limits.

If your property isn't covered through Grand Parlor, you might want to consider the change. Did you know that you could realize better coverage at a lower premium by listing with Grand Parlor? Here is how it works: When multiple entities group together, they create what is referred to as a "Pool". The broker then goes looking for the best coverage and the lowest price for the pool. Because there is a broader basis, the cost per entity is lower than if you purchase on your own.

If you prefer to maintain your individual coverage, it is imperative that you so advise the Grand Parlor that we may ensure all properties of the Native Daughters are properly

covered. Should a loss occur, we need to know that adequate coverage is being provided for each of our Parlors.

Often, throughout the year, the Parlors require proof of insurance listing another entity as an "Additional Insured". Sometimes, specific language is required on the requested certificate. I suggest that when this is the case, you send a copy of the contract to my attention at the Grand Parlor office, which will allow for more expeditious handling of your certificate request. You can fax this information to (415) 563-5230 or email it to me at cynthia.connelly@att.net.

Some of you have, in the past, directly contacted our broker for certificates and I ask that, if you do continue this practice, you copy me so I can ensure timely issuance. Although we do receive a copy for our records, it is preferable that we have advance knowledge of your need.

I look forward to working with you this year and assisting with your insurance needs.

Pre-Admission Day Celebration on August 24

Alameda County Admission Day Committee invites you to "A Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. Native Sons and Native Daughters and guests will have reserved seating in the Turf Club. Valet Parking is included as well as racing forms and a full Buffet Lunch.

Date: August 24 at 11AM

Place: 1100 East Shore Hwy Berkeley

Details: Reserve Seating (table of 4), full buffet service includes carving station, salads, sides dishes and desserts. Name race for NSGW and NDGW, Turf Club dress code and handicap needs provided upon request. **Price:** \$45.00 per person adults only, paid reservations by August 14, seating is limited.

Call or e-mail Bob Santos 510-656-7392 or rrsantos@sbcglobal.net



On April 27, 2013, San Miguel Parlor No. 94 participated in the Sagebrush Parade. Carrying the NDGW Banner are (left to right) Babette Smith, Barbara Bruce, and Jan Hurl.

Sagebrush Parade

BY BABBETTE SMITH, SAN MIGUEL PARLOR NO. 94

On April 27, 2013, Jan Hurl, Barbara Bruce and Babette Smith of San Miguel, Parlor No. 94, San Miguel, proudly carried their banner in the Sagebrush Parade. The Parlor has participated in this parade for eight years. It is a small parade and everyone know everyone else, so there is a lot of fun and goodwill.

We are announced twice and they give us a good recommendation and recognized all of the NDGW projects. Since we travel the parade route two times, we, too, can view the other participating organizations. Needless to say, it is always a fun time for all!



News From the Special Electronic Communications Committee

BY GT SHERRY FARLEY, STATE CHAIRMAN

Thanks to a generous donation made to the Committee by the Gold Dust Girls, we have purchased a conference phone for the board room, plus a wand scanner for preserving important pictures and books. We extend sincere thanks to ALL the Gold Dust Girls who helped to make this possible!

The website is constantly changing with new information and forms. We invite you to visit the official website: www.NDGW.org.

Do you need to find a membership application quickly? Use the MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION link on the HOME page.

Also on the HOME page of the website, is a link to the NDGW Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor. PGP Debi Stalder has volunteered her expertise by accepting the position of Facebook Manager. And she is doing a wonderful job! Be sure to LIKE the Facebook page to receive information and participate.

Having the ability to send an email direct

Birthday Cards to the Governor

At the Grand Parlor Charitable Foundation, Inc. Luncheon, Members were asked to send birthday cards to the Governor for Admission Day. We are trying to put Native Daughters out in the public. In addition to the cards distributed at the luncheon, Susan Potter from Encinal Parlor No. 156 has gathered 185 birthday cards and is still getting more. Thank you Susan. Great Job!!!!

We need your help to gather more birthday cards.

Mail your cards to:

Governor Edmond G. Brown Jr.
c/o State Capitol Suite 11783
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please mail them by Sept 1st.

Thank you,

Angela Brown, Legislative Measures
Chairman, Golden Era Parlor No. 99



Our Guiding Star

The "Traveling Gavel" needs to be found tucked away in the Parlor's storage or wherever, dusted off and polished and brought out to start the fun again! 40 years ago the gavel was presented to Parlors from "Our Guiding Star", PGP Marie Landini, San Jose Parlor No. 81, in memory of PGP Margaret Farnsworth, the 25th Silver Anniversary PGP! I know a few districts still have the gavel traveling but let's see if we can break PGP's Marie's traveling gavel District record of 16 times changing hands!

The challenge is to see if we can get greater attendance at Official Visits, Parlor Meetings and District Functions. We need to show support for each other and enjoy our bond of sisterhood!

to a Parlor is a wonderful recruiting tool. Thanks to Committee Member Janyce Silva for managing a project to update Parlor email addresses. Parlor emails can be found on the PARLOR LIST page of the website: www.ndgw.org/parlor.htm. Does your Parlor need to provide an email address to the Committee? If so, email a request to janyce@sunset.net

Two other hard working Members on this Committee are the State Chairman for Official Publication, PGP Joan Hall, and Public Relations, Marlene Salha. They are the liaisons from their Committees providing important information to be posted on the official website, such as an on-line readable version of the CALIFORNIA STAR and Press Releases.

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have a fillable pdf of the quarterly audit and semi-annual audit forms? The forms can be found on the CONTACT AND FORMS page. Other forms that can be found on this page include *Change of Address*, *Supply Order* and *Membership*. The Committee is also working on a password protected page for the future postings of secure information.

How would you like to receive important email communications? It's as simple as joining our mailing list by entering your email address in the box located on the CONTACT AND FORMS page.

Other exciting updates to the website are Parlor pages. This opportunity allows Parlors to have a page on the NDGW website, free of charge. The goal of the Parlor page is mainly used as a membership recruiting tool to introduce prospective new members to the closest Parlor. It includes information such as meeting time and location, along with the cost of dues. Parlor pages can be accessed via the PARLOR LIST page, by clicking on the underlined city. For corrections or additions to the PARLOR LIST page, or to provide suggestions to the Committee, contact GT Sherry Farley via email: sfarley@spritewater.com

Quote from "Our Guiding Star" PGP Marie Landini in June 1974:

"I make one last request of you, keep the gavels traveling in PGP Margaret Farnsworth's memory, forever".

Prizes will be presented to the Visiting Parlors and or Districts that show improved visiting attendance at their District's events, along with other prizes for the most times the gavel is stolen by a single Sister or group of Sisters! Keep track of your travels and later in the year "Our Guiding Star" will ask for updates and stories!

Attention!!!! To the SDDGP's, DGP's and Parlor's: Announce and get the word out to the Parlors in your District as to where the Gavel is starting, get the carloads of Sisters started and let the fun begin!

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Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of 'Love of Home', 'Devotion to the Flag', 'Veneration of the Pioneers' and 'Faith in the Existence of God'. Individuals 16 years of age and older who were born in California are welcome to call 1-800-994-NDGW, e-mail to ndgwgpo@att.net or check out our web page at www.ndgw.org for more information.

Native Daughters participate in various projects throughout the State such as their Childrens Foundation, which helps children whose families could not otherwise afford medical assistance. Native Daughters also help Veterans, help restore Missions and Lighthouses, assist in other civic activities and much more.

Join Native Daughters and help us make our Golden State prosper.

Native Daughters of the Golden West – Mission Statement:

"The mission of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as one of the oldest associations of diverse California born leaders, is to preserve California's history and better the quality of life through active participation in education and community service."

Check out Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor page and click "LIKE". Great stories and information regarding our beloved State of California are posted frequently! It is a wonderful tool to share and communicate with Sisters all over the State! Join in with the technology, information and fun!

Submitted by: PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Facebook Manager www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor

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Itinerary of Grand President Sharon Logan 2013 - 2014

JULY

- 4 Happy Fourth of July
- 6 Sloat Landing Ceremony — Monterey
- 13 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 13 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 14 Home Event — East Bay Multiple Parlor Event
- 19 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 19 Finance Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 20 CFIC Committee Meeting — 10:00 AM
- 21 Yountville Veterans BBQ — Veterans Home — Yountville
- 31 Fiesta — Santa Barbara

AUGUST

- 1-4 Fiesta — Santa Barbara
- 8 Official Visit — Placer Parlor No. 138 — Lincoln
- 10 100th Anniversary Open House — La Junta Parlor No. 203 — St. Helena
- 10 Home Committee Meeting & Walk-through — 9:00 AM
- 12 Official Visit — Nataqua Parlor No. 152 — Susanville
- 23 Personnel Committee Meeting — 3:00
- 23-25 Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 Champagne Brunch — Eshcol Parlor 16 — Napa

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Official Visit — Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 — Etna
- 7-9 Native Sons and Native Daughters Admission Day Celebration — Sacramento
- 9 California Statehood Day
- 10 Official Visit — Joaquin Parlor No. 5 — Stockton
- 11 Native Daughters of the Golden West Founders Day
- 12 125th Anniversary and Official Visit — Naomi Parlor No. 36 — Downieville
- 14 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 14 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 14 Official Visit — Bonita Parlor No. 10 — Redwood City
- 17 Official Visit — Marguerite Parlor No. 12 — Placerville
- 22 Home Tea — District 21 — Salinas
- 28 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — District 13 — Sacramento

OCTOBER

- 1 Official Visit — Manzanita Parlor No. 29 & Laurel Parlor No. 6 — Grass Valley
- 3 Official Visit — Golden Era Parlor No. 99 & Ruby Parlor No. 46 — Columbia
- 5 Alvarado Dedication & 150th Anniversary Celebration — San Pablo
- 7 Official Visit — Antioch Parlor No. 223 — Antioch
- 9 Official Visit — Calistoga Parlor No. 145, Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Vallejo Parlor No. 195, La Junta Parlor No. 203, George C. Yount Parlor No. 322 & Lupoyoma Parlor No. 329 — Calistoga
- 11-13 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Retreat — Suisun City
- 12 Home Committee Meeting & Walk-through — 9:00 AM
- 15 Official Visit — Vista del Mar Parlor No. 155 — Half Moon Bay
- 16 125th Anniversary and Official Visit — Camelia Parlor No. 41 with Berendos Parlor No. 23 & Hiawatha Parlor No. 140 — Cottonwood
- 18 Investment Committee Meeting - 9:00 AM
- 18 Finance Committee Meeting - 1:00 PM
- 18 Official Visit — Argonaut Parlor No. 166 — El Cerrito
- 19 CFIC Committee Meeting - 1:00 PM
- 19 75th Anniversary and Official Visit — Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 with La Tijera Parlor No. 282 & Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 — Montebello
- 23 Official Visit — Placerita Parlor No. 277, Toluca Parlor No. 279 & San Fernando Mission Parlor No. 280 — Van Nuys
- 27 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Donner Parlor No. 193 — Byron
- 30 Official Visit — Arcata Parlor No. 325 & Reichling Parlor No. 97 — Arcata
- 31 Happy Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 2 An Evening in Paris — El Pinal Parlor No. 163 — Cambria
- 3 District 6 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Oroville
- 9 Official Visit — Vendome Parlor No. 100 & Gilroy Parlor No. 312, San Jose
- 9 Home Committee Meeting & Decorating — 9:00 AM
- 9 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 12 Official Visit — South Butte Parlor No. 226, Yuba City
- 14 Official Visit — Sutter Parlor No. 111, Califia Parlor No. 22 & Liberty Parlor No. 213 — Sacramento
- 15-17 Board of Directors Meeting

El Pinal Parlor No. 163 Beautify Cambria

Beautify Cambria: Members of Cambria's El Pinal Parlor No. 163 seasonally maintain a garden plot in a prominent place along Main Street, weeding and planting California poppies, Cistus (Rock Rose), lavender, salvia, and African daisies. Left to right are Jan Boughter, Dawn Dunlap, Denise Schaupp, President Sigrid Castaneda, and Marj Sewell; in the foreground is Kelly Johnson.



Special Notice

The Bank of America, the Order's bank, has requested that all checks sent in payment for pictures that appear in the *California Star* have "Native Daughters of the Golden West" or "NDGW" written on the Pay to the Order line. Please write indicate that the check is for a *Star* picture on the memo line of the check.

This request from the Bank of America also includes those checks written to Grand Parlor, the Charitable Foundation, the Childrens Foundation, and the Home for assessments, supplies, luncheons, donations, etc. All of the checks written from this point forward should be written to "Native Daughters of the Golden West" or "NDGW", with the specific committee or reason included on the memo line, i.e. Per Capita Tax, CFIC Donation, Home Assessment, etc. Thank you

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