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## GPAM 2013 and GPAM 2014 Hearst Fundraiser

By GP LINDA GALASSI AND GVP SHARON LOGAN

In November the GPAM 2013 and GPAM 2014 Sessions Committees held a joint fundraiser at the Hearst Ranch's Dairy Barn and Hearst Castle. The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. On Saturday, Nov 10th one hundred eighty five people came to San Simeon to the Dairy Barn and sat down to a luncheon of roast beef with all the trimmings. As keynote speaker for the event, Victoria Kastner, the Historian for Hearst Castle spoke to those in attendance about Julia Morgan's connection to Phoebe Hearst. Her interesting and informative speech was a prelude to the guided tours of Hearst Castle. During the luncheon, guests had a chance to bid on silent auction items, check out raffle prizes and compete during a live auction. With this large group in attendance, the event was lively, spirited and just plain fun.

The next day, guests had the opportunity to tour the famous Hearst Castle on private tours conducted by either Ms. Kastner or other expert docents. All four of the 2 ½ hour tours were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. They were treated

to sights not usually found on the public tours, such as a visit to Casa del Sol and a hidden, uncompleted terrace. One hundred and seventy four people were delighted to see the Castle partially decorated in its Christmas splendor.

The entire weekend received rave reviews from the guests and was a huge success as a fundraiser. Our sincere thanks goes out to all those who donated items for the raffle, silent and live auctions. Without your contributions this event would not have been the success it was. Our personal thanks to some very special people who gave up their Friday to help with the Dairy Barn set up, and worked on Saturday doing all the things it takes to put on a fundraiser of this scope. Our thanks to you all. To Shirley Svindal and Gayle Gleim from San Jose Parlor No. 81, and Jobena Tipp from El Vespero Parlor, No. 118, a very special thanks for all the hours of work doing invitations, tickets and all the other things in print as well as reservations, mailings and all things financial. No thank you is enough to GOS Dawn Dunlap, for everything. You ladies are the best.

## Victorian Alliance Home Tour

By SHARON LOGAN, GVP, SAN JOSE PARLOR NO. 81

For four hours on October 21st, our Native Daughters Home became part of a NoPA (North of the Panhandle neighborhood) 40th Anniversary House Tour sponsored by the Victorian Alliance of San Francisco.

For these four hours that one day, our Native Daughter Home, along with six other Victorian homes in our neighborhood, was open to Victorian Alliance members and the general public who had purchased tickets as part of the Alliance's fundraising event.

Tour goers enjoyed walking through our public rooms and peeking into some of the guest rooms. They were treated to refreshments in the downstairs dining room along with information on the work of the Victorian Alliance and the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Well informed Alliance docents told of the history of the Native Daughters Home, its architect Julia Morgan and the work of our Order.

At a follow-up Appreciation Party after the Open House, Grand President Linda Galassi was presented a donation from the Victorian Alliance on behalf of the Home Committee for our participation

in their event.

The Victorian Alliance is San Francisco's oldest all-volunteer, not-for-profit architectural preservation and education organization. This fundraising event was benefiting their Preservation Grant Fund and as reported by 2012 House Tour Co-Chairmen Anita Denz and Mike Hammond, was very successful, in part, due to the participation of the Native Daughters and our beautiful Julia Morgan designed Home.

Our association with this wonderful organization has been a delight to those involved and inspiring to our members. This hard working group is knowledgeable about buildings such as our Home and is an outstanding organization to work with.

Our Congratulations to the Victorian Alliance of San Francisco on a successful Home Tour and our thanks to Anita and Mike for allowing us to be a part of their event.

We look forward to other joint activities in the future. For anyone interested in more information on the Victorian Alliance, visit their website at [www.VictorianAlliance.org](http://www.VictorianAlliance.org).

*Dear Sisters:*

Happy New Year! My wish for all of my Sisters is that 2013 will bring you happiness, sisterly love and all the success you wish for. I hope that your holidays were filled with fun, family and friends.



Native Daughter activities are back in full swing after a short break over the holidays. For those of you who joined us at the Home for the Tree Lighting, I hope you enjoyed the beautiful decorations and the camaraderie as much as I did. For those of you who were unable to join us, the Home was a Christmas wonderland of trees decorated in my colors of blue and silver, children's paper dolls and toys, and kitties and rabbits. My sincere thanks to the Home Committee and to PGP Barbara Rowland and Carol Stacy for the many long hours and creativity that transformed our Home. The Home was absolutely spectacular.

As I begin this new year of travels, I look forward to greeting many of my Sisters at Official Visits and other events. My travels take me to both ends of the State, visiting both places I have been to before and seeing new areas of our beautiful California.

My GPAM 2013 sessions committee has been hard at work getting ready for our meeting in June. We will be at the Hilton Pleasanton again this year and I hope to see as many of you as possible throughout the week. Encourage new members to spend a day or the week with us in Pleasanton. It is a fun way for them to learn more about our Order and our activities. It is a wonderful way for them to meet Sisters from around our State and build those friendships that we all hold dear to our hearts.

Remember the "Personal Touch." Our Sisters have been reaching out to other Sisters and forming new bonds and friendships while strengthening old ones. Reach out to members of your Parlor who may be unable to attend meetings, are housebound, or just need a visit from a Sister. Don't forget to reach out to community members and invite them to one of your Parlor's fun activities. This may encourage some to join your Parlor. Remember to carry the new "Purse Packs" with you to exchange contact information with prospective members. Continue to promote Native Daughters whenever you are out. Wear your Native Daughter t-shirts and sweatshirts as they are a wonderful way to promote interest and open conversations about our Order.

Congratulations to those Parlors who will be installing new officers this month. I wish all of our Parlors success in the months to come. Please remember to stay warm and healthy during these very "CHILLY and WET" days ahead. Until we have a chance to meet again, hold Native Daughters in your heart!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
*Linda M. Galassi*  
Grand President

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# San Antonio Tea Fundraiser

BY BABBETTE SMITH, SAN MIGUEL PARLOR NO. 94

San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Miguel, sponsored a tea in the Rose Garden at Mission San Antonio de Padua in 2012. \$1700.00 was raised for San Antonio Mission. San Antonio de Padua is the third of California's twenty-one Missions. Founded in 1771, this Mission represents a very important piece of this nation's history and the settling of its western coastline. Mission San Antonio, like several of California's Missions, must respond to a state-issued mandate to earthquake retrofit its unreinforced masonry church and adjoining complex.

San Antonio de Padua, unlike the other Missions, does not boast a large, affluent parish. It does, in fact have only 35 registered families, most of whom are retirees. The idea that this tiny parish could even aspire to raise the estimated fifteen and half million dollars to accomplish its retrofit seems ludicrous. This parish, however, exists as the epitome of the Little Engine That Could and that "can do" spirit blended with large portions of hope and faith spur us onward.

## Poinsettia Parlor 318 News

BY JEAN E. GATES

Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 had a spectacular Halloween Party on October 23. They had a costume parade and Shirley Clark won first prize for her really spooky witch costume. Brenda Ake, Carol Harris, Mary Ann Foushee, and Lorraine Boyde all won the Halloween Trick or Treat Bingo. John Hendrickson led the group in a Great Pumpkin Sing-a-Long. President Teri Majeski's husband Alan moderated the telling of chilling true-life ghost stories related by Parlor Members. The evening ended with hot apple cobbler and punch.

Poinsettia Parlor held their annual Christmas Celebration and Dinner on Sunday, December 16 at Carrows Restaurant in Ventura. This was a wonderful time to get together with family, fellow Members, and friends. Member Evelyn Rowden and all the other helpers did a masterful job organizing this evening with dinner, raffle prizes, singing Christmas carols and just enjoying time with others.

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San Antonio Mission Check Presentation: Babbette Smith, left, is shown presenting Mission San Antonio Administrator Joan Steele with the check from the NDGW Mission Restoration Committee. Joan informed us that Mission San Antonio de Padua's mission continues...

## El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Adopts Woman Veteran's Family for Christmas

BY BARBARA MINER, CHAIRMAN

El Tejon Parlor No. 239's Veterans Welfare Committee's Christmas project was to give a Christmas Basket to a well deserving, native California woman veteran. Through the Veterans Assistance Foundation president Deborah Johnson, we were told about a young 31 year old veteran, a single parent, who had a son about 5 or 6 years old. Deborah made contact with her to see if she was OK with us coming to her home.

On December 18, 2012, President Chris Kildare and Chairperson Barbara Miner visited our veteran and were accepted with open arms, given hugs, and "Thank you's". We discovered she had

two children. A little boy, who was not at home at the time and a little girl who also gave us hugs. The ladies of El Tejon Parlor No. 239 had met earlier at a luncheon and donated a very overflowing gift box of groceries. The Parlor's Treasury donated \$230.00 toward a gift card from Wal-Mart for her to get food or clothes and some presents for the children. This was such a rewarding experience to be part of! The joy that we brought into this home was overwhelming.

The Veterans Foundation, with the help of Deborah Johnson, found a job for our veteran with a One Dollar Store. Since she got the job she has been promoted

to Assistant Supervisor. They found the apartment she is living in and they keep looking out for her. She is very appreciative of all the help they have given her.

Our veteran spent a year in Iraq and got out of the service about 2008. Following her discharge, she apparently made some bad choices, and had been estranged from her mother and family due to those choices. Deborah and another lady helped her get her life back on the right track and for that she is very grateful. Our veteran and her mother are back as a family again and she is working hard to stay a good person. She kept talking about a program the Vets had her on and how she was going to continue following the program. She seems happy and was so very thrilled and appreciative to receive all the wonderful things our Parlor did to help with a "Best Ever Christmas" for her and her children.

Chris and I were very happy to represent El Tejon Parlor No. 239 and to be a part of this wonderful adventure to bring happiness into this young lady veteran's home!

### New Members

We welcome the following Sisters to the Order who have joined the Order between October 11, 2012 and January 10, 2013.

#### Joaquin Parlor No. 5

Theresa Bromme  
Juanita Case  
Elizabeth Hausauer  
Beverly Marini  
Carol Migliore  
Diane Thompson  
Marilyn Vargem  
Carrie Wager

#### Bonita Parlor No. 10

Jeannette Laharty

#### Marguerite Parlor No. 12

Patricia Pfost

#### Angelita Parlor No. 32

Rose Brandi

#### Ruby Parlor No. 46

Dana Davis  
Kathie Giove  
Jeane Kennedy  
Billie McArthur  
Patricia Osterhoat

#### San Jose Parlor No. 81

Suzanne Adaysh  
Anhela Oropeza  
Cynthia Selleos  
Robyn Zamora

#### San Miguel Parlor No. 94

Brianna Birks  
Jody Birks  
Sandra Culver  
Corma Graf  
Elizabeth Root

#### Reichling Parlor No. 97

Lola Cathey

#### Golden Era Parlor No. 99

Frances Bryant

#### Calistoga Parlor No. 145

Dona Mitchell  
Pauline Pena-Harris

#### Nataqua Parlor No. 152

Katheryn Hart

#### Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155

Sharon Udovich

#### Encinal Parlor No. 156

Laurie Prescott

#### Marinita Parlor No. 198

Theresa Cordes  
Nita (Juanita) Tolson

#### Morada Parlor No. 199

Debbie Chin  
Pamela Guevara  
Margaret Luis  
Andrea Raven  
Alyssa Wallace  
Lois Wooden

#### El Tejon Parlor No. 239

Linda McNeill  
Patricia Mungary  
Diane Swan

#### Grace Parlor No. 242

RoseAnn Zimmerman

#### Lomitas Parlor No. 255

Danielle Fagundes  
Joanne Limperio  
Deborah McDonald-Bik

#### Toluca Parlor No. 279

Deborah Hemela

#### Gilroy Parlor No. 312

Ruby Domino  
Susan Long

#### George C Yount Parlor No. 322

Caryl Corder  
Danyell Washburn  
Rebecka Woods

#### Lupoyoma Parlor No. 329

Marcia Chauvin

#### Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331

Maria Gaytan  
Veronica Rodriguez

#### El Paso de Robles Parlor No. 335

Beverly Alderson  
Carol Bower  
Mary Elle Johnson

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Form available from

Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office

or NDGW Home Office

# Fresno Parlor 187 Helps Historic Millerton Courthouse

BY BRENDA KATTENHORN-GREEN

Much to the California State Park Rangers delight, Fresno Parlor No. 187 has answered a call to community service and performed seasonal cleaning of the Millerton Courthouse. As the courthouse was moved from its original site, now underwater because of a dam, it is not eligible for funding as a historic building. With so much heavy usage by school groups and our community, Fresno Parlor takes great pride in making the interior of the building appealing for tourists and students. Cleaning sessions began in November, 2012 with the Eagle and Hawk tours, again in December, and another is scheduled in March, 2013. The Parlor anticipates this will become an annual, purely "elbow grease", project with Member workers bringing their own brooms, buckets, dust mops; donating furniture polish for the vast array of beautiful wood pieces and Windex for several glass cases. We are also thankful for two active Mister Sisters in our Parlor who eagerly climb ladders and run the State Park-owned shop vac.

The previous Native Sons Parlor No. 25 and the Fresno-Yosemite Parlor 187 have a lengthy association with the courthouse, laying a commemorative plaque at the base of the flag pole in 1971. An Eagle Scout project has recently restored the flag pole with Fresno Parlor No. 187 donating new American and California State Bear Flags. Following the recent cleaning sessions, Member workers enjoyed a hearty lunch together at the Dam Diner in the new lake-supported community of Millerton.

The now non-existent town of Millerton, California evolved from the outpost of Fort Miller that was established by the U.S. Army, into Fresno's first County Seat. A courthouse was built in 1867 to serve the small community, and the sometimes violent local mining area. Over the years, the County Seat moved elsewhere and Friant Dam was built in 1944 across the San Joaquin River. Just as Millerton Lake began to fill, the stately brick and granite foundation courthouse was rescued by preservationists and moved up to the beautiful vista of Mariner's Point, overlooking almost 70% of Millerton Lake and the back side of the dam. At the high water level, the lake is almost three miles wide and backs up sixteen miles into the river's canyon, and the view

from Mariner's Point partially extends into that canyon.

The surrounding habitat is now a California State Park and is considered "Upper Sonoran Life Cycle" with Valley Oak, Live Oak, Blue Oak trees and Digger Pine trees; in addition to much chaparral undergrowth. Very few lake-front homes have been built over the years, leaving the area to natural tranquility. Millerton Lake is a popular summer recreational destination and several hundred thousand people annually enjoy boating, fishing, and waterskiing; camping, day-use picnic areas and hiking trails are also available to those seeking picturesque and meditative reflection in the nearly geographical center our wonderful Golden State. During the winter, State Park officials give tours aboard pontoon-type boats to view the Bald Eagle and Hawk habitats. Many school groups take advantage of this for biology field trips on weekdays, and the general public often fills the tours to capacity on weekends.

Originally, the Millerton Courthouse provided offices for the local Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor, in addition to an upstairs courtroom and judge's chambers. Many of the original record books are on display and available to researchers.

Nowadays, the avian viewing tours begin in the courthouse with a ranger explaining the flora and fauna of the area, and showing the tourists examples of preserved animals up close, in a small natural history museum setting. Previous Image Award winner, Bill Choate, also conducts the Madera Method Wagon Train pulled by mules, for fifth grade students in the Madera School District. This ingenious educator ends his week-long wagon camping trips through old gold mining areas and Native American Indian areas at the historic Millerton Courthouse. (Madera County is the immediate northern neighbor, just across the San Joaquin River.)

*Information for this article and recommended further reading:*

<http://www.fresnocounty150.org/millertontour.asp>

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=25205](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25205)

## In Remembrance

# Emma Navone Parnisari

September 30, 1914 – September 30, 2012

The residents of St. Helena and the sisters of Native Daughters of the Golden West have lost a remarkable friend. Emma Parnisari died on October 21, 2012 shortly after her 98th birthday. Emma was initiated into La Junta Parlor on December 16, 1930 at the age of sixteen and maintained 82 years of membership until her recent death.



Emma Parnisari received her 75-year service emblem at a special luncheon held in St. Helena on May of 2005. Sisters and family from throughout the state were present to help her celebrate. Then Grand President Joan M. Hall was honored to have the opportunity to honor Emma for her 75 years of service to Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Emma was a native of San Francisco and moved to St. Helena as a young girl when her father relocated the family in order to find work in the Napa Valley. She was the eldest of three children: her sister Evelyn Hilker and brother Ernie Navone predeceased her as did her beloved husband, Louis.

Emma is remembered by many in St. Helena for the years she worked for Lottie and Hayden Rule as a clerk in Lottie's Dress Shop on Main Street. She could always be counted on to graciously greet and help customers who frequented the store. As a hostess, Emma was also extraordinary. Her culinary talents provided her guests with taste treats they always looked forward to with great anticipation. Her home was a mecca of true hospitality.

Emma shared her enthusiasm for the simple things in life. Many of her fraternal sisters remember well her excitement after her first airplane flight to San Diego to attend the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in 1993. Coupled with this adventure, she was thrilled to have had the opportunity to cross into Tijuana by rail for lunch with Native Daughter friends on one of the days during her week in San Diego.

Emma was always the perfect lady, adorned in her signature jewelry and appropriate classy attire. To summarize Emma in a few words would be to say she was a "class act". She was totally devoted to her family and thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories and photos of them with updates on the latest news. Her attention to the needs of others was her signature trait. She would attend parlor meetings armed with a stack of greeting cards and

take the time to address a note of interest and concern to those who needed remembering. Her kindness extended to phone calls as well, always helping those in need with a warm greeting or a friendly chat.

Over the years she held every office in the Parlor and could be relied on to assist others with the duties they needed to learn to hold an office in the parlor. Her greatest personal accomplishment was the years she served as the Recording Secretary. The members always heard a detailed rendition of the business and social activities the Order undertook. Book audits and Delegate Reports from Grand Parlor were handled with precision.

For her loyalty and friendship Emma will be remembered fondly and she will hold a special place in the hearts of the members whose lives she touched in such a profound way.

In conclusion, all the ladies of La Junta Parlor No. 203 and all the other Parlors that Emma came in contact with want to wish Emma all that is good in her heavenly adventures. We know she will be looking down on all of us and saying "way to go" when we do something right and just shake her head if we error. Either way we know that Emma will always be with us in our hearts.

God bless you Emma, you will be greatly missed by all of us who were privileged to know you.

With greatest respect.

Native Daughters  
of the Golden West

La Junta Parlor No. 203

## Deceased Members

We extend our sympathy to the Sisters and families of our deceased Sisters who have passed away between October 11, 2012 and January 10, 2013.

### Joaquin Parlor No. 5

Lena Bo  
Kristina Miller

### Bonita Parlor No. 10

Edna Mehl

### Berendos Parlor No. 23

Ruth Britt

### Mariposa Parlor No. 63

Helen Bullis  
Glenda Menzies

### Golden Era Parlor No. 99

Mary Raney

### Vendome Parlor No. 100

Evelyn Dulas  
Roberta Finn  
Jeanne McClelland

### Darina Parlor No. 114

Frances Surina

### Hayward Parlor No. 122

Mae Massie

### Oakdale Parlor No. 125

Josephine Muratore

### Junipero Parlor No. 141

Martha Lang

### San Juan Bautista

Parlor No. 179

Margaret Strohn

### Donner Parlor No. 193

Faith Mattos

### Vallejo Parlor No. 195

Charlotte Rand

### La Junta Parlor No. 203

Emma Parnisari

### Liberty Parlor No. 213

Bebe Cevola  
Janece Long

### South Butte Parlor No. 226

Teresa Dobson  
Grace Hanson  
Joann Rider

### Placerita Parlor No. 277

Warren Ehlers  
Charlotte Plekker

### Jurupa Parlor No. 296

Olivia Carter

### Tierra De Oro Parlor No. 304

Olga Giovanacci

### George C Yount

Parlor No. 322

Catherine DuBose  
Marcia Hall  
Anna Nunn

### Arcata Parlor No. 325

Emily Machado

### Lupoyoma Parlor No. 329

Carole Givich

## Estate Planning

A Gift that Provides  
for the Future  
of Native Daughters of the Golden West

When doing your Estate Planning please keep Native Daughters in your thoughts. Bequests in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy can be made to the three 501(c)(3) entities under the Native Daughters of the Golden West: the Native Daughters Charitable Foundation, Inc. and/or one of the ten Public Benefit and two Sub Committees under it, the Native Daughters Home, and the Native Daughters Childrens Foundation.

A gift, when making your estate plans, will ensure the work of our beloved Order will continue well in to the future.

## La Junta Parlor No. 203

BY PAM PAGENDARM

La Junta Parlor No. 203 celebrated Christmas on Wednesday night December 5 at Lakeside Bar & Grill in Yountville, CA. Twenty-one ladies attended the dinner and festivities. Cocktails and appetizers were enjoyed prior to dinner while everyone joined in conversation. Tickets were sold for a large overstuffed gift basket full of goodies which was won by President Pam Pagendarm.

During the evening there were many more gifts given away such as live poinsettia plants, Christmas themed gifts, and bottles of wine. Everyone attending the event brought canned goods or non-perishables to be donated to the St. Helena Food Pantry to be handed out to those less fortunate people in need.

The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all, to the extent that it was decided we would go to the same restaurant again next year. At the end of the evening we all went our separate ways but feeling happy that we had a great dinner and enjoyed the evening with great friends. La Junta Parlor hopes that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. We want to wish all a Happy New Year.



Twenty-one ladies attended the dinner and festivities as La Junta Parlor No. 203 celebrated Christmas, and collected food for the St. Helena Food Pantry.

## Fresno Parlor 187 participates in Veterans Day Parade

BY BRENDA KATTENHORN GREEN

Fresno, California is home to the largest Veterans Day Parade in the nation. That claim has been made by previous parade director and publisher of Veterans Magazine, William "Bill" Dietzel for the past eleven years. The officials for the Veterans Day Parade in New York City told Bill he cannot make that claim, saying their parade is the largest parade. Bill's retort? "Prove me wrong" and only then will I back down! The Fresno Veterans Day Parade is broadcast live on the local NBC affiliate in its entirety, and on the Pentagon Channel, so everyone in the United States military can view it — worldwide!

Since participating for the first time in 2006, Fresno Parlor 187 has had five annual entries in the parade event to honor our Veterans and the military. This year, Fresno Parlor was especially proud to have Jr. PGP Marilyn Rodrigues and her Bee Keeper, Marianne Griffith, participating in our parade entry. Fresno Parlor was pleased to further publicize the efforts

Jr. PGP Marilyn Rodrigues has launched on behalf of the nation's returning veterans, when they seek to claim their education benefits offered following their sacrifices and service to our country's national security. The car Marilyn and Marianne rode in was a 1964 Chrysler 300 convertible, owned and driven by Steve Black, who is the son-in-law of our 50+ year member Pearl Helmuth, who also rode in the car.

The Chrysler has its original black paint with a big "butterfly" front grill, and made the perfect distinguished looking car for someone who has raised so much funding for Special Veterans Scholarship

Project. The other car in our unit was a 1963 Mercury Comet convertible owned and driven by Jan and Mel Smith who are a sister and brother-in-law to one of Fresno Parlor's Mister Sisters, Timothy Green. The Mercury is just cute as a button—painted red and has an elongated "v" painted white and lengthwise, down the side of the car...like a comet's tail! This year Fresno Parlor's Mister Sister Tim Green, who is a U.S. Navy Veteran, and Jan and Mel's 6th grade granddaughter, Mary Martin, carried the banner declaring the NDGW Fresno Parlor's entry.

As in previous years when Fresno Parlor has participated, Tim wore his ball cap from the USS Long Beach cruiser to which he was assigned during the late 1970's and early 1980's, and received many shout-outs from folks on the sidewalk! Tim is Fresno Parlor's current Financial Secretary.

Fresno Parlor is actively involved with supporting the families of the Army National Guard Base in Fresno, offering emergency help with donations of cash and general household items. One of our members is Sue Miguel, the Family Assistance Coordinator, who works with all branches of the military and frequently travels between Fresno and Camp Roberts near Paso Robles. We are thankful for her guidance on how to provide the best possible donations at critical times of need, and her advice for the ongoing newspaper coupon-clipping program to help families when they shop at the Post Exchange at Lemoore Naval Air Station. (The PX extends the expiration dates and doubles/triples the value of the coupons, creating a significant savings resource to military families.)

## Fresno Parlor No. 187 Christmas Drawing

BY KAREN FINI, GT

Debbie Connor, a Member of Fresno Parlor No. 187, made a wreath out of \$100 worth of California Lottery Tickets for the Parlor as a fundraiser. Parlor Members sold drawing tickets for several months, with the drawing to be held at their annual Christmas Pot-Luck on December 15th. Thanks to everyone who helped sell tickets and to Debbie for the great idea and work! The lucky winner was Parlor member Wanda Anderson! See the attached photo with Wanda and her winnings!



Wanda Anderson, Fresno Parlor No. 187 was the winner of the wreath made from \$100 worth of California Lottery Tickets.

## Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 Brings Christmas to the Veterans

BY LANA COONEY

For over 25 years Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 has packed gift bags that are given to the veterans at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and our local veterans facility. Our member Peggy Mansfield chaired this event for many years at her home and established a tradition that is still going on today.

Three years ago Member Barbara Miller agreed to "take up the reins" and graciously offered her home as our new gathering place. This year a big thank you to Members Jeanne Leutza, Anita Scitutto, Jeanne Thompson, Peggy Mansfield, Denise McMillan, Cynthia Stark, Barbara Miller, Nancy O'Berg, Annita Sibert, Bonnie Breda, Ann Perkins and Lana Cooney who packed the gift bags for the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and the Capitola Veterans Center. Member

Virginia Kirby signed the Christmas Cards from the Parlor that go into the gift bags and we thank her for that. Members Marlene Waite and Mary Vickers who are very talented made lap robes and quilts that were also given to the vets. Once again Debbie Mandella provided a great service as she always does and delivered the 300 gift bags to Palo Alto and Capitola.

We could not continue with this project without the help of all of our members who donate items for the gift bags as well as financial donations to help purchase items for the bags. We also want to thank Veterans State Chairman Marie Mackey and her committee who assisted us with a donation from the State Committee.

Our project was a great success and we appreciate all of the help!

# Donner Parlor No. 193 Childrens Foundation Luncheon

By JACKIE WALLACE, DGP, ANTIOCH PARLOR NO. 223

Donner Parlor No. 193 hosted a luncheon for the Childrens Foundation on Sunday, October 28th at Tahoe Joe's Steak House Restaurant in Concord. Twenty-eight Members and guests were present. Among them were Marilyn Rodrigues, Jr. PGP, Angelita Parlor No. 32, presided in the absence of Grand President Linda Galassi, who was unable to attend. Present were Donna Moir, Jurupa Parlor No.

296, State Chairman of the Childrens Foundation; Annette Hansen, Donner Parlor No. 193 and SDDGP of District 16; Brenda Long, President of Donner Parlor No. 193 and DGP to Donner No. 193; Jackie Wallace, Antioch Parlor No. 223 and DGP to Antioch No. 223; Pat Riley, Bonita Parlor No. 10; and her husband Jim Riley, PGP and GS of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Donna Moir led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Marilyn Rodrigues, Jr. PGP, gave the Invocation. Regrets and donations were read by Brenda Long.

After a delicious luncheon, Donna Moir spoke about the Childrens Foundation and some of the many things they do for needy children.

Raffle tickets for beautiful baskets

were sold by Tara Burns of Donner Parlor and her daughter Cera Burns. The total for raffle tickets netted \$135.00 for the Childrens Foundation. Five beautiful centerpieces brought in another \$75.00.

Jr. PGP Marilyn spoke briefly in behalf of GP Linda Galassi, and thanked all who attended and wished them a safe journey home.

## A Grace Parlor Christmas

By HELEN LEIVA, CHAIRMAN

Grand Trustee Sherry Farley and Members of Grace Parlor No. 242 enjoyed another Christmas luncheon at the beautiful historic Mission Inn in Riverside. The annual visit took place December 8 with Members accompanied by our friends, PGP Marie Otto, Grace Parlor's SDDGP and DGP Marti Noyes, and Children's Foundation Chairman Donna Moir.

The Mission Inn is decorated yearly for a spectacular Christmas display with 400 animated figures and 3.6 million lights transforming it into pure magic. Mr. Duane Roberts bought the Inn in 1992, renovated it and opened it shortly thereafter, thus beginning the spectacular Christmas tradition, called the "FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS". It opens yearly the day after Thanksgiving and continues throughout the holiday season.

This California and National Historical Landmark is the perfect venue for our Christmas luncheon. Sitting amongst the gorgeous decorations throughout the hotel provides us with the best of holiday cheer and starts us off to a great Christmas season.



Members of Grace Parlor No. 242 and their guests celebrated Christmas with a luncheon on December 8 at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside.



Attending Grace Parlor No. 242's Christmas Party were (clockwise from left) PGP Marie Otto, GT Sherry Farley, Donna Moir, Marti Noyes, Patty Towsley, and Pat Moore.

# El Tejon has Thanksgiving Display at Beale Library

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, GT

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield had their annual display at the Beale Main Library, put together by Kathy Puryer. We set up a display for the month of November to honor Thanksgiving and to inform the community of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and our community activities. Thousands passed by our display throughout the month of November.



# Native Daughters of the Golden West South Butte Parlor No. 226 Celebrate Christmas with a Dinner and Gift Exchange

BY GAIL KUNSMAN



Back Row (left to right): Marie Huerta, Past President; Gail Kunsman, 3rd VP; Carolyn Childers, Recording Secretary; Debbie Crabtree; Vickie Tomlinson, Trustee Chairman; Cathy Moniz, President; Earlene Knight, Treasurer; Ruby Dickey-Mena; and Emma Chenoweth, Marshall  
Front Row (left to right): Kathleen Eredia, 1st VP; Anita Tennis and Claudia Warner, Trustee, Senior Past President, and Supervising District Deputy Grand President.

# Grand President Visits South Butte Parlor No. 226

BY GAIL KUNSMAN

Grand President, Linda Galassi, El Vespero Parlor No 118, and her traveling companion Grand Vice President Sharon Logan of San Jose Parlor No. 8, visited So Butte Parlor No 226 on October 22, 2012.

Cathy Moniz welcomed all. One of the highlight of the evening included presenting a 50 year pin to Deena Arnoldy and 25 year pins to Charlotte Armaral, Christine Cooley, Michelle Buttacavoli and Diane Zanocco. A potluck dinner

followed the meeting. Tables were decorated with blue tablecloths and silver steamers. A large heart covered the head table. Blanche Palmer was presented her 75 year pin in a special presentation at her home.

Pictured (left to right): Grand President Linda Galassi, Cathy Moniz, So Butte Parlor No 226 President, and Claudia Warner, Trustee, Senior Past President, and Supervising District Deputy Grand President.



## Reminder

Join Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Aleli Parlor No. 102, and Junipero Parlor No. 141



In The Sun Room  
The Historic Cocoonut Grove Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk  
Sunday  
March 17, 2013



to celebrate the  
125th Birthday of Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26  
and the  
Official Visit Of Grand President Linda Galassi

11:15 AM: Social Hour  
and No Host Bar

12:00 Noon: Buffet Lunch,  
Dress: Cruise Casual

Cost: \$35

Includes complimentary parking in the lot across the street  
For more information, please contact Santa Cruz Parlor

# Point Fermin Lighthouse Celebrates 138th Birthday

By Dee Goodspeed  
State Chairman, California Lighthouse Preservation Committee

On Saturday, December 15th, 2012, 13 Native Daughters attended a tour of Point Fermin Lighthouse to mark the 138th birthday of the commissioning of this light in San Pedro. Martha Austin McKenzie of the Point Fermin Lighthouse Society welcomed the Native Daughters to the tour followed by a pot luck, ceremonial lighting of the light at sundown and lighthouse stories. Martha's family were the last lighthouse keepers at this light and she shared many stories. Martha's Grandmother was a Native Daughter.

The California Lighthouse Preservation Committee donated \$1,000.00 in behalf of our Order for the maintenance programs at the light. Thanks to Dolores Crowell of the California Lighthouse Preservation Committee for organizing the event. All attending this event had a wonderful time.

# Official Visit: Donner Parlor No. 193 and Antioch Parlor No. 223

By JACKIE WALLACE, DGP, ANTIOCH PARLOR NO. 223

The Official Visit of Grand President Linda Galassi to Donner Parlor No. 193 and Antioch Parlor No. 223 was held on November 5th at the Antioch Golf Club Event Center, at a luncheon meeting.

Donner Parlor President and DGP to Donner Parlor Brenda Long presided. Present were GP Linda Galassi, El Vespero Parlor No. 118; GVP Sharon Logan, San Jose Parlor 81; sGT Bonnie Tabor, Morada Parlor No. 199; PGP Nancy Brown, Argonaut Parlor No. 166, and

her husband Bill Brown; PGP Lorraine Robinson, Morada Parlor No. 199; and Jackie Wallace, Antioch Parlor No. 223, DGP to Antioch Parlor.

Ten Members were present from Donner Parlor and six Members of Antioch Parlor. Also attending was Barbara Custer, Morada Parlor No. 199.

Brenda Long welcomed all present and introduced the Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and DGPs. Regrets were read. The Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag was led by PGP Lorraine Robinson, and the Invocation was given by PGP Nancy Brown. A corsage of blue and white carnations was presented to GP Linda.

After a delicious luncheon, GP Linda spoke about her Julia Morgan project and other old Victorian homes in the area of our NDGW Home, and the new Parlor, El Paso de Robles No. 335 in Paso Robles.

Parlor reports from Donner and Antioch were presented to GP Linda with donations to Americanism and Civic

Participation, Veterans Welfare, and the Native Daughter Home.

PGP Lorraine Robinson spoke for the Past Grand Presidents and GVP Sharon Logan and sGT Bonnie Tabor spoke for the Grand Officers.

GP Linda was presented with gifts from both Parlors. A Coin March was collected and the proceeds went to Veterans Welfare. GP Linda thanked all in attendance and wished all a safe journey home.

## Junipero Parlor No. 141

By ZOLA CARVER

Junipero Parlor No. 141, Monterey, decided to provide a community service, which was unsolicited. After some thought it was decided to donate to the Compassion Pregnancy Center in Monterey.

On December 19, 2012, President Marie Krumenacher and Past President Zola Carver took numerous personal checks and baby gifts to the Center. Terrie Bennett, office manager, accepted the gifts with much appreciation.

The Center offers counseling and tests to single women who are expecting babies. A woman may place here baby for adoption, or she may choose to raise the baby herself. If she chooses to raise her baby, she will receive a bag of clothes and other items each month for a total of six months.



On December 19, 2012, Junipero Parlor No. 141 delivered donated items and money to the Compassion Pregnancy Center in Monterey. Pictured (left to right) are President Marie Krumenacher, Compassion Pregnancy Center office manager Terrie Bennett, and Past President Zola Carver.

## Reminder From San Diego Parlor No. 208

### It's Not Too Late to Send in Your Favorite Recipes To be Included in Its Centennial Anniversary Cookbook

By MARIE M. OTTO, PGP

San Diego Parlor No. 208 will be celebrating its centennial anniversary in April 2015. As announced in an earlier issue of the California Star, we plan to publish a celebratory 100th anniversary cookbook of favorite recipes from our own Parlor members, past and present, along with favorite family recipes submitted by sisters of Subordinate Parlors, our Board of Directors and Past Grand Presidents. With the permission of Grand President Linda Galassi, letters were sent to all Subordinate Parlors, Board of Directors and Past Grand Presidents asking for their participation. What better way to demonstrate the personal touch that Grand President Linda asked of us upon her installation but by joining with San Diego Parlor No. 208 in this special project.

It's not too late for you to send in your favorite family recipes, with its origination/history, if any, behind it, to my home address 3265 Casa Bonita Drive, Bonita, California 91902-1732 (as Recording Secretary for the Parlor) or my email address [MarieSisO@aol.com](mailto:MarieSisO@aol.com) (please indicate in the subject line something to let me know it's NDGW related or I won't open it). We plan on having the centennial cookbooks available for purchase by our Native Daughter sisters at the 2013 GPAM in June. Your sisters of San Diego Parlor No. 208 look forward to hearing from you so that we can each demonstrate once again the strength of the personal touch of our Sisterhood.

## El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Participates in WCB Festival of the Trees

By DARLEEN CARPENTER, GT

The 33rd Festival of the Trees, sponsored by the Bakersfield Womans Club was held on November 17, 2012, at Rabobank Arena, and was chaired by our El Tejon Member Darleen Carpenter, GT. Our Parlor sponsored the tree that is pictured above, which had a California theme.

There were 1730 attendees at the luncheon, fashion show, and drawing to win one of the 55 beautifully decorated trees and gifts under them. The winner of our tree wrote a wonderful "thank you" note to the Parlor and indicated that she had given the tree and gifts to her niece and children. Without this tree, the niece would not have had one for Christmas. They were thrilled to receive the tree.



## 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 [ndgwgp@att.net](mailto:ndgwgp@att.net) or check out our web page at [www.ndgw.org](http://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.



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*“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.”*

# Grand President Linda Galassi 2012 – 2013 Itinerary

## FEBRUARY

- 2 Official Visit — San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100, Gilroy No. 312 — Gilroy
- 3 District 16 — Donner Parlor Home Luncheon
- 6 Official Visit — Vallejo Parlor No. 195 — Vallejo
- 9 Official Visit — Bonita Parlor No. 10 — Redwood City
- 9 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 10 District 7 — Home Luncheon — Oroville; Noon
- 12 Official Visit — Reichling Parlor No. 97 and Arcata Parlor No. 325 — Fortuna
- 14 Happy Valentine’s Day
- 16 District 19 Home Luncheon
- 19 Official Visit — Darina Parlor No. 114 — San Francisco
- 23 District 15 Childrens Foundation — Jackson
- 26 Official Visit — Hayward Parlor No. 122 — Hayward

## MARCH

- 2 District 17 — Luncheon
- 5 Official Visit — Placerita No.277, Toluca No. 279, San Fernando Mission No. 280 — San Fernando
- 9 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 9 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 9 Official Visit — San Diego Parlor No. 208 — San Diego
- 10 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 11 Official Visit — Jurupa Parlor No. 296, Lugonia Parlor No. 241, Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 — Hemet
- 16 Official Visit — San Miguel No. 94, San Luisita No. 108, El Pinal No. 163 — San Miguel
- 17 Official Visit — Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 — 125th Anniversary Aleli Parlor No. 102; Junipero Parlor No. 141 — Santa Cruz

- 19 Official Visit — Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 — Santa Barbara
- 22 Personnel Meeting — 3:00 PM
- 22 - 24 Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 Official Visit — San Bruno Parlor No. 246 — San Bruno

## APRIL

- 2 Official Visit — Manzanita Parlor No. 29 125th Birthday — Grass Valley
- 3 Official Visit — Ruby Parlor No. 46; Golden Era Parlor No. 99 — Murphys
- 6 Official Visit — Ursula Parlor No. 1; Chispa Parlor No. 40; Forrest Parlor No. 86 — Plymouth
- 7 Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast
- 8 Official Visit — Marinita Parlor No. 198; Sonoma No. 209; Petalma No. 222; Cotati Parlor No. 299 — Sonoma
- 9 Official Visit — Veritas Parlor No. 75; Mariposa Parlor No.63 — Merced
- 10 Official Visit — Charter Oak Parlor No. 292; Fresno Parlor No. 187 — Visalia
- 12 CFIC Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 13 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 13 Official Visit — Grace Parlor No. 242 — Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel
- 16 Official Visit - Marguerite Parlor No.12 — Placerville
- 19 - 21 Past Presidents Assembly — El Monte
- 19 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 19 Finance Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 22 Official Visit — El Tejon Parlor No. 239 — Bakersfield
- 26 - 28 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Joint Meeting — San Francisco

## Upcoming California Lighthouse Preservation Committee Events

By Dee Goodspeed

State Chairman, California Lighthouse Preservation Committee

Veritas Parlor No. 75, Merced, is hosting a luncheon on May 4th at the Woman’s Clubhouse in Atwater (near Merced) to benefit the California Lighthouse Preservation Committee. Watch for more details in the *California Star*.

On May 7th there will be a tour of Point Cabrillo Lighthouse and dedication of a new plaque by the Fort Bragg Parlor and our Grand President during her OV. A luncheon is planned on the lighthouse grounds. We will also try to include a Point Arena Lighthouse tour and make this a two day event. More details will follow, but you now have a “heads up”

..... **Save This Date** .....

## Veritas Parlor No. 75 of Merced

is planning a luncheon on

**May 4th**

at the Atwater Woman’s Club in Atwater.

This event will be a fund raiser for the  
California Lighthouse Preservation Committee.  
Invitations and details  
will be sent out in the near future