Hello Sisters,

The spring edition of the California Star is here! Complementing the "R" for REJUVENATION in the T.R.A.I.L.S. acronym, spring is all about rejuvenation. It’s time to reflect on our accomplishments and plant seeds for our future. Stay optimistic with your Parlors and find ways to inspire, motivate, educate and demonstrate to others the core principals of our Order: Love of Home, Devotion to the Flag, Veneration of the Pioneers and an abiding Faith in the Existence of God.

Our sisters are going the extra mile to rejuvenate their Parlors and find new Members. Thank you to those who have met the goal to bring in ONE new Member. To those who still need to work on this challenge, there is plenty of time — don’t give up! We are counting on you!

The institution of a new Parlor is a monumental occasion. Please check inside this edition for the invitation to join us on Sunday, March 26th to witness the rejuvenation of Amapola Parlor No. 338 in Sutter Creek. We will be using the proposed Initiation and Installation ceremonies (Refer to January mailing: GPAM 2017 addendums "B" and "C").

The Parlor Passports will focus on the following projects in the upcoming months:

- February — N.D.G.W. Children’s Foundation
- March — Education and Scholarships
- April — Environmental Issues

As we move into daylight savings time, may the golden light of California shine down on the trail to the door of your Parlor!

Happy Golden Trails to You!

Sherry A. Farley
Grand President

Kudos to Our Honorary & New Members

Submitted by Kathy McCloskey - Publicity

On Saturday, October 8th, five local parlors of the Native Daughters of the Golden West welcomed Grand President Sherry Farley upon her Official Visit. Held at the Native Sons Hall in Napa, the highlight of the event honored four ladies who became 50 year members of the Order. It was with great pleasure that GP Sherry presented 50 year pins to each lady.

On Wednesday, November 16th, Jenny Hernandez was initiated as a member of Calistoga Parlor No. 145. We look forward to her participating in our activities as we welcomed her into our Parlor. It was President Barbara Maxfield’s honor to present Jenny with her pins.

Mid-Valley Childrens Foundation Luncheon is a Success!

Fresno Parlor No. 187 and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 were pleased to host the Mid-State Childrens Foundation Luncheon on October 1st. It had been almost 20 years since a luncheon was held for the Childrens Foundation in the Central Valley, but we were thrilled to have members and guests from far and wide attend the luncheon and help us raise $2,240 for this Committee.

One special guest was a beautiful young lady, named Jacqueline, who had been helped by our Childrens Foundation. She had just turned sixteen. It was amazing to see her smile as everyone present sang her “Happy Birthday!”

Smiles from San Juan Bautista

Submitted by Ceci Johnston

San Juan Bautista Parlor members Ceci Johnston, President Roberta Paul, and Claudia Fisher stand in front of their historic Adobe with the barrels of canned goods their Parlor Sisters and friends donated to the Community Food Bank and Pantry of San Benito County.

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Bonita Parlor Happenings!

Submitted by PGP Suzi Riley

Friend of Bonita Parlor, Bob Amaya shared a special presentation in memory of his mother, Marie Amaya, beloved, longtime member and recording secretary. Bonita’s room at the N.D.G.W. Home (409) is dedicated in her memory of her many years of dedicated service to our Parlor and to our Order. Bob presented a lovely shadow box showcasing all of Marie’s personal collection of Native Daughter pins. The beautiful display will proudly hang in room 409 for all visitors and guests to enjoy. Stop by and visit soon!

Bonita Parlor No. 10 is thrilled to welcome six new Sisters to our Order! These lovely ladies bring a long history of volunteering and since 2017 marks the 150th Anniversary of Redwood City, we are proud to begin our Sesquicentennial celebration with some new friends. It’s Time! Sponsored by: Barbara Carpenter; Helen Cocco; Edythe Miller and Janice Fager; we are glad to be building our Sisterhood for the next 150 years!

From left standing: President Joyce James; Barbara Gabriel; Bob Amaya; Marian Wydo; Helen Cocco; Deanna Liotta; Edythe Miller; Laura Galey; and Barbara Carpenter.

South Butte Parlor No. 226

Submitted by Gail Kunsman, President & Publicity

South Butte Parlor No. 226 has been busy these past few months.

On October 24, 2016, Grand President Sherry Farley visited South Butte Parlor. The Parlor had a lasagna dinner prepared by the members. They spent an evening of friendship and sisterhood. Members Erin Cucchi and her grandmother Mary Lou Byer received the John Garamendi Women of the Year Award for 2016. Both Parlor Members are leaders making a difference in their community. They are extraordinary women, advocates in community service and an inspiration to all women.

Pictured left to right: Back Row: Rita Buttacavoli; Chris Cooley, Trustee, Junior Past President; Barbara Rogas; and Denise Sebilian, Marshall. Front Row: Beverly Kelly, Inside Sentinel; Claudia Warner, State President of Past President’s, Vice President, Trustee; Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary; Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary; Earlene Knight, Treasurer; PGP Debi Stalder, District 7 SDDGP and Sherry Farley, NDGW Grand President.

From left to right: Donna DeVoe; PGP Suzi Riley; President Joyce James; Barbara Gabriel; Bob Amaya; Marian Wydo; Helen Cocco; Deanna Liotta; Edythe Miller; Laura Galey; and Barbara Carpenter.

From left standing: President Joyce James; PGP Suzi Riley; Sponsors: Barbara Carpenter; Helen Cocco; Edythe Miller; and Janice Fager. Seated from left: New Sisters: Marge Peralta; Margaret Miranda; Sally Newman; Patricia Andersen; Susan Mitchell and Lynn Sherwood.

Home for the Holidays Trip with Veritas No. 75

Submitted by Michelle Hafer, Veritas Parlor

Veritas Parlor No. 75 enjoyed a great day with great conversation as eight members got together with a few spouses to cruise into San Francisco to enjoy a fun afternoon at the Basque Cultural Center. After a fabulous lunch, a fun afternoon and some won baskets, we hurried over to the Tree Lighting Ceremony — a fun afternoon at the Basque Cultural Center. After a fabulous lunch, a fun afternoon at the Basque Cultural Center.

A great time was had by all and we hope to do something similar again next year.

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Pictured left to right: Claudia Warner and Gail Kunsman.

Pictured left to right: Erin Cucchi, Patty Garamendi and Mary Lou Byer.

Pictured left to right: Back Row: Christine Cooley, Earlene Knight, Marie Huerta, Claudia Warner, Santa Claus (Manny Cordoza); Denise Sebilian, Shirley Jimerson, Outside Sentinel and Jennifer Robles. Front Row: Anita Tennis, Cathy Moniz, Carolyn Childers, Gail Kunsman, President, Barbara Rogas, and Vicki Tomlinson, Trustee Chairman.

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Sisterhood for the next 150 years!
Native Daughters of the Golden West Is Having Growing Pains!

Submitted by Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP

It has been my pleasure working, for the last six months, with Past Grand President Marilyn Bustillos, Nina Coffenberry and, a very excited group of more than 40 women to re-institute Ampalapa Parlor No. 338 in Sutter Creek. Grand President Sherry Farley has selected the date of Sunday, March 26, 2017 to hold the Institution Ceremonies. It is our hope that many Native Daughters up and down our glorious State will be able to attend and welcome these new Sisters to our Order. Grand President Sherry and her Corps of Grand Officers will be conducting the Institution, Initiation of Charter Members, and Installation of Charter Officers ceremonies.

Invitations and more information will be mailed in the mail soon. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this wonderful event. Sutter Creek Auditorium 18 Main Street Sutter Creek, California 95685 Sunday, March 26, 2017, 3:30 A.M. Luncheon will be served Hotels in area: Hotel Sutter, 53 Main St, Sutter Creek, CA 95685, 209-267-5211 Best Western Amador Inn, 200 S. State Hwy 49, Jackson, CA 95642, 209-223-0221 Days Inn Sutter Creek, 271 Hanford St., Sutter Creek, CA 95685, 209-267-9177.

Great Donations Bring Great “Hope”

Submitted by Helen Leiva

Grace Parlor’s annual Thanksgiving luncheon was held on Saturday, November 12th at the Claim Jumper restaurant in Fountain Valley. Mary Pat Crawford, chairman of the event, had beautifully decorated tables carrying out the theme of our member and Grand President, Sherry Farley, with “sunflowers in a pumpkin patch”. Roycene Diehuber provided the centerpieces and Joan Benson brought darling favors for everyone. A silent auction was held and many door prizes were given. However, the main purpose of the luncheon was the canned goods drive. “Project Hope,” a program of St. Boneventure Church of Huntington Beach was the beneficiary of this bountiful donation of canned food for the needy at this holiday time. A very generous donation was also collected of many turkeys for “Project Hope”.

Thank you cards and Christmas cards were also signed by all the members and sent to the USO for holiday cheer. Celebrating with us was PGP Marie Otto, who with our many members and guests, enjoyed the delicious turkey buffet.

San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Celebrates Halloween

Submitted by Ann Fritch

In a decidedly different twist on the usual trick or treating activities, Halloween evening saw sisters from Native Daughters Parlor No. 179, San Juan Bautista, providing entertainment for the children in town with their popular “decorate the pumpkin” booth at the city’s Community Center. Tables were laid out with pieces of ribbon, yarn, pins, cloth scraps and many other sundry items. The intent was to encourage creativity from children and parents alike. Pumpkins of just the right size were obtained from local farm Tonsia. After decorating their pumpkins, which have now become “jack-o-lanterns,” each child can take home their very own creation. This yearly function has become much anticipated in the community and our booth is now a highlight of the festivities. Sisters volunteering to gather materials and help on that night were Mary Gibson, Marianne Steeger, Shawa Freds, Valerie Egland, her daughter Laura DeCuzman and grandsons Edward and Kamoana, Ann Fritch, Bonnie Campbell, and Virgie Alosi. We are all looking forward to next year’s festivities.

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield Had a Busy Holiday Season

By Darleen Carpenter

Our Parlor sponsored a $100.00 food gift basket for a Kern County Veteran through the VFW Post in Bakersfield. They have an annual food basket program, and our donation sponsored a basket for one veteran and his family. We raised the funds from selling Macy’s Shopping Passes.

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 also sponsored a tree at the Bakersfield Woman’s Club Festival of Trees event held on November 19, 2016. The event was attended by 1700 women and a few men, and was very successful. The winner of our tree was very pleased with our crystal-themed tree and the gifts. Our tree really sparkled. There were 62 trees awarded at this event. The entertainment was an “Elvis Impersonator” which proved to be very popular. Thanks to Chris Kidcare, Chairman, Ethel White, and Lorraine Webb for decorating and all the members who donated gifts and assisted with the decorating of the tree.

We also selected a 12-year Army Vet for our Christmas project this year. She is a single mom with two children, ages 6 months and 3 years old. Her name is Sophia Ruiz. After our Christmas luncheon, Ethel White, Denise Mettle, and Phyllis Henley presented her with a $200.00 Walmart gift card, a Christmas wreath, presents for the kids, and a food basket. She was delighted to receive these gifts for Christmas. Pictured below is our Vet receiving the gift card from President Ethel, some of the food items, and gifts for the kids. Thank you, Sophia for your service.

List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlor:

Berendos Parlor No. 26
Bisbee Parlor No. 11
Laurel Parlor No. 34
The Parlor No. 36
Bakersfield Parlor No. 99
Ann Builders
Keegan Collins
Kristina Collins
Janet Eckart
Amy Stewart
Karen Zett
Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112
Christina Filipone
Golden Era Parlor No. 99
Mary Paxon-Froem
Jeanette Taylor
Grace Parlor No. 242
Sherry Johnson
Jupean Parlor No. 5
Suzanne Cistino
Timothy Donnington
Maeve Gill
Barbara Morrow
Jupara Parlor No. 296
Linda Wallace
Liberty Parlor No. 213
Diane Campbell
Blinda Farardo
Lomitas Parlor No. 255
Victoria Allen
Joanna Borja
Solveil Gilbert
Patty Lewis
Mariano Marshall
Mara Morgan
Darken O’Brien
Diane Pimentel
Shelly Weather
Nancy Williamson
Mazanita Parlor No. 29
Diane Mancini
Martpea Parlor No. 6.5
Lee Allen
Orake Phillips
Oakdale Parlor No. 123
Diane Noon
Paczek Parlor No. 138
Donna Kimmich
Cindy Noon
Elie Van Camp
Reclining Parlor No. 97
Laura Armerino
Fay Curtis
Baby Parlor No. 46
Deezae Tassell
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 23
Geoffa Cooper
Cullen Douglas
Karen Herman
Pat MacNeil
Jacqueline Ral
Uralo Parlor No. 1
Viyalla Leal
Vista del Mar Parlor No. 135
Lucia Meier
Kerry Tof
Woodland Parlor No. 90
Kaitlyn Castillo
Eileen Gibb
Zinfandel Parlor No. 337
Jennifer Krantz

San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Celebrates Halloween

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The Welfare Committee was the November 2016 Project of the Order. Parlors and our members were encouraged to have a canned food drive for a local food bank or to conduct a Community Welfare Project, such as saving “pull tabs” for a Ronald McDonald House. I hope that many of the Parlors participated in this project and were able to add another check in your Parlor Passport.

The Committee is aware that especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, our membership is mindful of needed welfare in their communities and are always generous. Food, warm clothing, toys for children, and financial assistance are many of the “welfare” items that we contribute during this time. However, the need for welfare does not end with the holidays season, nor with the cold weather. It should be a year-long project as the need is year-long.

The need and the list are endless. Give it some thought and decide what welfare project would work best for you and your Parlor.

Other suggestions include:
• Volunteer at a local hospital or nursing home.
• Visit or call a shut-in.
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• Volunteer at a local hospital or nursing home.
• Offer to shop for groceries or other necessities for someone who is unable to do so on their own.
• Offer to purchase a container of hot chocolate or coffee for someone out in the cold weather would do more than warm the tummy. Offer to purchase a container of warm soup. We all have extra gloves, hats or scarves. Put some in your car and have them ready to give to someone you see who is cold and without one. Other suggestions include:
• Send greeting cards for Valentine’s Day, Easter, or other holidays to some of your members who are unable to attend meetings.
• Visit or call a shut-in.

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between October 10, 2016 — January 10, 2017.
Joaquin Parlor No. 5

ANNUAL FALL TEA

Stockton's Joaquin Parlor No. 5's Annual Fall Tea was a huge success this year! This year's tea theme was Blue Hawaiian Tropical Tea and benefited Valley CAPS, the local day program for developmentally disabled adults. It was chair- man, Carol Bone's second year as chair.

"Elvis" entertained guests with his Hawaiian songs! and it was just as lovely and well-organized as the first. Our generous members donated 36 gift baskets to our tea! Our sold-out event was held at the Stockton Elk's Lodge and catered by their in-house caterer. Delicious authentic Hawaiian Tropical Tea was served by our member, Ardelie McCurdy, Ida Evans, and Michelle Okazaki's daughters, Carole and Carol Bone. Everyone who participated for your support for this worthy cause!

VETERAN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 15, 2016, Veteran's Committee Co-Chairs, Roberta Taylor and Donalee McGary hosted a Christmas tea for residents of Dignity Alcove in Stockton. Additionally, sisters from Joaquin Parlor brought food, served, and shared in the fun. The menu included deli sandwiches, meatballs, cocktail wieners, fruit salad, macaroni salad, three bean salad, coleslaw, and cupcakes for dessert. Special thanks to Roberta Taylor, Donalee McGary, Heidi Dillon, Vicky Cesena, and Marta Banning for providing homemade dishes made with love. Juanita Case, Ida Evans, and Linda Stirm served and made sure all guests were enjoying the event.

After lunch, George, a resident at Dignity Alcove, sang Christmas Carols to the delight of the audience. As the spirit of Christmas warmed the room, more and more of the audience members joined in the caroling. Afterwards, the group played bingo, led by Joaquin member Carol Bickey. Several prizes, such as warm winter slippers, new leather wallets, and boxes of See's chocolates, were won. Many Joaquin Parlor sisters donated to Operation Secret Santa, which provided each Veteran with a Christmas gift of a new hooded sweatshirt.

The Veterans group graciously thanked Donalee McGary and Roberta Taylor for their unselfish acts of devotion to the Dignity Alcove program. In unison, they stood and saluted the two women as a sign of respect, honor, and devotion. Both received a plaque of appreciation. In addition, Gail and Flo, from the Quilts of Honor Organization, awarded a graduate of the program a signed and numbered, handmade quilt that is bestowed to those Veterans who have gone above and beyond. The Dignity Alcove resident was acknowledged for his success in the program and his steadfast service to the other residents. It was truly an inspiring day that highlighted the true meaning of Christmas.

NDGW HOME PROJECT

To place a checkmark for the December Passport Project, Home Chairman Vicky Cesena designed a t-shirt for a fundraiser. The design is based upon Grand President Sherry Farley's term's theme. The colors used in the design are purple and gold and feature a bouquet of five sunflowers, to highlight Joaquin Parlor as the fifth organized parlor in the state. The large letters across the front are large and meant to be seen. The state butterfly, the dogface butterfly, flutterers above the letters. As members proudly wear the t-shirts at community events, they will be delighted to share information to those unfamiliar with our organization. Besides identifying us as sisters, it reminds us to smile and stay on "the sunny side of sisterhood."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The sisters of Joaquin Parlor welcomed the new year and two new members, Gina Grilli and Joyce Harvis-Gruzas. Gina was recommended by members Marlene Good and Wendy Woodrum. Joyce was introduced to the members during a Parlor visit with her sponsor, Elaine Hench, and requested a membership application. It is our pleasure to welcome both to those unfamiliar with our organization. Besides identification as sisters, it reminds us to smile and stay on "the sunny side of sisterhood."

- Gina Grilli and Joaquin member sponsor receive their new Parlor Pins during initiation ceremony.
- Joyce Harvis-Gruzas is welcomed to Joaquin Parlor by sponsor, Elaine Hench.

California Lighthouse Preservation Committee

By Christine Tripod, P.G.P. State Chairman

On November 12, 2016 members of the California Lighthouse Preservation Committee, Grand Officers and members of the Order were present at the 144th Anniversary of Pigeon Point Lighthouse. The Native Daughters were able to donate to the Light Up the Future program at Pigeon Point. There will be a plaque in recognition of our donation in the Fog Signal Building. This recognition will remain on display for five years or for the duration of the temporary lens display in the Fog Signal Building until the lens returns to the top of the tower.

Grand President Sherry Farley and California Lighthouse Preservation Chairman Christine Tripod presented a check for $1,000.00 to the Lighthouse. While waiting for the program to begin, we spoke to many individuals about the Native Daughters and gave out applications to join our Order! The Committee looks forward to offering our help to other lighthouses in the future. We need to keep the lights shining and preserving our California history!
Congratulations!!!
By Christine Tripod, PGP, CFIC Chairman
It is my pleasure to announce the winners of our Cash for Christmas drawing held November 12, 2016. The drawing took place at Pigeon Point Lighthouse. The winners are:
1. First Prize $500  Ferndale Parlor #93 NSGW
2. Second Prize $300  Elaine Walakem
3. Third prize $100  Shelly Stewart

Congratulations to our winners and a BIG thank you to all who purchased tickets. With your support, the CRCF Committee was able to raise over $4000. The funds will be used to cover the costs of our financial audit, print new brochures and general support of the committees under our umbrella.

Grace Parlor’s Wreath Presentation
Submitted by Helen Leva
The historic Anaheim cemetery was the scene for a wreath presentation by Grace Parlor No. 225 on December 4, 2016. The cemetery was located in the original five acres of land purchased by a German colonist. A second parcel of land was purchased in 1893 to expand the cemetery property. A second parcel of land was purchased by a German colonist. A second parcel of land was purchased in 1893 to expand the cemetery property.

Our October Meeting was very festive with Sisters dressed in Halloween colors and festooned with various spooky attire. We were on hand to initiate and welcome TEN new members to Lomitas Parlor No. 255 Los Banos. We look forward to including our new members into our fold and hopefully they will gain friendships and involvement with our many Lomitas projects. Always remember that when you have an active Parlor, you attract new members.

Veritas Parlor No. 75 of Merced — News
Submitted by Margie Treanor
On November 19th, Veritas No. 75 members held a gigantic yard sale with so much stuff. It was at Amber Baker’s yard on Olive Avenue. Olive is a very busy street so it is a great location. Michelle O’Brien volunteered to pick up, store items and price things ahead of the sale date. Then came a little rain and she had to quickly move everything inside her garage. On Saturday, sale day, Lenda and the crew of workers began at 6 a.m. setting up tables, pop up tents and unloading the truckload of items in the cold and dark. Here came the buyers early too. By 1 p.m. they were sold out and very little remained to be hauled away. The hard work paid off with a profit of $480 all going to the 125th Anniversary fund.

Suzi Balestra, our Parlor President, chaired the poinsettia sale with the last date to place an order being November 26th. Suzi then heads to Southern California to spend Thanksgiving with her family thinking she will be home on the weekend with plenty of time for flowers. But, as we all know, the best plans can go astray. Suzi’s daughter asks mom to please stay the week to babysit the grandkids. The morning of December 2nd, at 3 a.m., Grandma Suzi kissed the kids good-bye and jumps into her car, speeds home from Southern California to Merced. Arriving home, she grabs her folder of orders and checks her mailbox one more time and phones in her flower order. Then she switches her car to race to Oakland to load 66 beautiful red wrapped poinsettia plants. Returning with the flowers, she knows she must be in Clovis on Saturday to start her deliveries. First stop is for 22 and she begins the countdown. She rushed around all over town and said, “Boy, I am going to bed early tonight!” The poinsettia flower sales netted $260 for the Parlor’s 125th anniversary. Good job Suzi and thanks to all who purchased.

December 11, 2016, was Veritas Parlor’s Christmas party at President Suzi’s home. With the decorations hung and the tree all so pretty and the table set with the fine white china, members all dressed in their finest sat at the dining table. Suddenly, bells began to ring and the prancing and pawing of boots on the hardwood floor, it was jolly old Santa. Each member stood with Santa by the fireplace with greener for a lovely picture and whispered what they wished for Christmas in his ear. Santa handed out the gifts with care and then we all had a beautiful, delicious lunch. Thanks to Suzi and Santa, and we wish all a very happy, healthy 2017!

N.D.G.W. HOME for the Holidays!
Submitted by Suzi Riley, PGP, Home Chairman
The hardworking and dedicated N.D.G.W. HOME Committee wishes to extend our heart-felt thanks and great appreciation to everyone who attended this year’s 23rd Annual Home Tree Lighting Event. Grand President Sherry Farley’s magnificently designed and decorated tree — Created by Ceci Johnston and her Committee — added to the fun and festive atmosphere of the day. Of course, the crowd was thrilled to once again have P.G.P. Sharon Johnston leading the community singing and having the Grand President of the Native Sons, Paul Lapachet and his wife, Jayne in attendance also added to the holiday spirit. Special thanks to P.G.P. Marilyn Rodrigues and Marianne Griffith who handled all of the baking of the sweet treats for the afternoon. If you missed this wonderful event this year, add it to your calendar now and plan to join us next year. It will truly brighten your holiday season. Thank you again to all of the many Sisters and guests from Parlors around the State who attended this year’s Tree Lighting Event. The Home Committee is grateful for all of our MANY generous donors to the 2016-2017 Tree to Shining Tree project again this year. Thanks to everyone’s thoughtfulness and generosity, our Native Daughters Home will continue to sparkle as the jewel of Order for years to come. Remember, the capital improvement projects funded by this very worthwhile project include: ongoing renovations and repairs — including our boiler, painting, as well as many others. We are currently hoping to replace the carpet in the parlor and in the dining room. Thank you for your donation and please remember; it is not too late to support our beautiful, beloved Home.

El Tejon Parlor Annual Christmas Party
Submitted by Darleen Carpenter
Our Christmas Party was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at the Tea Room of the Woman’s Club with fourteen sisters in attendance. The Tea Room was festively decorated with trees, tall nutcrackers, wrapped gift boxes and live poinsettia plants for centerpieces. President Ethel welcomed everyone and Past President Laraine Webb gave the prayer. We enjoyed a wonderful catered luncheon of pork loin and accompaniments with apple crisp for dessert. It was delicious. We did our annual Toys for Tots collection and brought food and gifts for our Lady Veteran. We raised $105.00 as a donation to Toys for Tots. Not pictured; Nancy and Ruth Jacobus.
Once in a Lifetime Chance

Native Daughters of the Golden West Parlor No.187 has an opportunity to view
nesting Bald Eagles at Millerton Lake.

When: Saturday March 4, 2017 • What: A 4-hour tour guided by a Park Ranger
Time: Barge leaves at 8:00 AM • returns at 12:00 noon
Cost: $40.00 includes eagle tour, lunch, a birds of prey show by master falconer, Cat Krosschell, and a visit to historic Millerton Court House (dedicated in 1880).
Dress: Warm and casual • Paid reservations by Feb 28, 2017
to Karen Fini, 6412 Nd. Fresno, CA 93711
Seating is limited! First come First served. Questions?? Call Karen 559-392-2604

Mission Restoration Committee

By Cecil Johnston, State Chairman

Having been raised in San Juan Bautista, the Mission has been a very important part of my life for many years and I am grateful that the Preservation Parlor No.179 asked me to chair the Mission Restoration Committee.
Today, we are so fortunate to own our very comfortable cars with heating and air conditioning and are able to travel through- out our Golden State to visit and enjoy the beautiful, historic Missions of California. Pleasing as it is to visit the Missions of California, it must have been like in 1542 when a sailing expedition led by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo made it to Point Reyes just north of San Francisco Bay. Cabrillo named this region New Albion after a religious order led by Father Junipero Serra from Majorca, Spain embarked on a journey to Alta California and established a Mission system on the land.
Many died on the trip from scurvy or starvation, but the ones that survived found the first Mission in our beloved state of California, San Diego de Alcala in 1769. From there they traveled on horseback and by foot to found the second Mission in 1770 on Monterey Bay, Mission San Carlos de Borromeo in the city we now know as Carmel.
Father Serra had a dream to establish a chain of Missions along the Alta California coast to bring religion to the native peoples and teach them to be good Spanish citizens. Over the next sixty-four years the Franciscan Fathers worked valiantly to establish some missions from San Diego all the way to Sonoma.
As the Missions were built, there were appointed a迭as to ensure that they were not fast riders on horseback. They were constructed very simply with locally available materials like adobe, timber, clay, and stone.
Most Missions featured an assembly of buildings in a quadrangle with a large court- yard space in the center. The Missions were self-contained and self-sufficient communities by necessity because the nearest Spanish settlement was many miles away.
In 1794, Father Williams of Mission San Jose (left) asked for help to rebuild the Mission church which had been destroyed by an earthquake in 1868 and, again, the Native Daughters responded to the call. When the severity of earthquake continued Mission San Miguel (below left) years ago, it was closed until the fundraising began to rebuild it. The Mission has been repaired and today stands as a symbol of what communities and the Native Daughters of the Golden West can accomplish when we all work together.
During Grand Preservation Sherry’s term, two very successful Mission Restoration fundraisers have been held.
In September, the members of District 21 which includes Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Acali Parlor No. 102 of Salinas, Junipero Serra Parlor No. 141 of Monterey, and San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 held a chicken bar- beque to raise funds for Missions San Miguel and San Gabriel.
In December, the members of Escondi Parlor No. 16 of Napa got together to once again, prepare their annual Mission Restoration dinner that was absolutely delicious and very well attended. My sincere thanks to the committee members that planned, prepared and worked in order to make the fundraisers a success as well as everyone that supported and supported the events.
In this new year of 2017, I would like to invite all the members of the Native Daugh- ters of the Golden West, who live near or in a city that has a Mission, to get together and plan a fundraiser which will greatly help with restoration costs.

Established during the Gold Rush Era in 1886 in Jackson, Cali- fornia, the Native Daughters of the Golden West is a State-wide fra- ternal and patriotic organization dedicated in their City, and thus began what is today the 107-year old NDGW San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179.
In 1933, the members of NDGW San Juan Bautista Parlor No.179 purchased what, at the time, was the dilapidated relic of the Pico-Boronda Adobe at 201 Fourth Street, one of the original 1840s structures in the city. This was an investment made by the women of the SJF community as a first step in reclaiming one of the most important piece of SJF history. SJF parliers called it the City of History due in part to its many outstanding historic buildings that reflect the early years of California preserved.
During the 84 years since, the NDGW members have dedicated their energy and personal resources to its reclamation and preservation because they realize the paramount importance to the community as a whole, visitors to SJF significantly help support the city, many drawn here in part by the complexion of this historic community as demonstrated by the buildings. Historians such as Charles W. Clough have underscored that such buildings dating back to the mid-19th century are not numerous in the West, yet San Juan touts a remarkable collection.
More recently, an extensive fundraising effort spanning almost a decade resulted in very costly roof work, electrical wiring, insula- tion, and bathroom improvements, which increased the Parlor’s ability to invite people from across California to many functions in their esteemed “Adobe Home”. However, the exterior walls had been gradually declining aesthetically due to its age, occasional earthquake, and simple age causing the building to become structurally unstable in several areas. In 2016, the need to retrofit the building and enhance the Parlor as a social and cultural facility, which has been a meeting place for many years, was evident. The Parlor’s Parliers decided to take action to preserve the San Juan Bautista Parlor No.179 to ensure the preservation of the once damaged adobe walls, which had been dra- matically deteriorating.
The Chris Ingram Lath and Plaster engineering team was hired and after an in-depth analysis, clarified the is- sues: “inadequate draining capabilities of incompatible and impervious materials previously applied to the structure several years prior impeded proper drainage.” Areas above the base (approximately 30”) only required minor crack repairs. In addition, the team installed expansion joints in areas where the original 1840 structure adjoins the later addition—adding on at the rear of the adobe several decades later for “indoors” kitchen and lavatory functions. These expan- sion joints will now reduce the likelihood of recurring large cracks caused by the two separate structures moving independently.
At the time the original CFSBC grant application was submitted in April 2016, the estimated timeline for the project was two-four months. The grant was approved in mid-June however, due to heavy rains, the project was finally completed in December 2016.
Much of the labor entailed placing mul- tiple layers of Adobe on the structure, each requiring extended periods for drying over several days. The outcome has been the successful repair and stabilization of the damaged base and walls of the structure.
The members of NDGW San Juan Bautista Parlor No.179 are most grateful for the financial support from the Community Foundation of San Benito County and for the team of skilled crafts men from Chris Ingram Lath and Plaster of Carmel. The Chris Ingram team enjoys a well-earned reputation as eminent restoration experts because of their considerable work repairing and restoring many of the California mis-
sions and other adobe structures of historic significance throughout the region.

Community Foundation for San Benito County Aids
NDGW Preservation of Historic SJF Building

Submitted by Lorrie O’Brien

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Veritas Parlor Presents Image Award

Submitted by Roberta Saling, Veritas Parlor No. 75 Merced

Veritas Parlor President Suzi Balestra (right) and sister Doreen Crawford prepare for one of the GPAM 2016 Image Awards to City of Merced Mayor Stan Thurstan at a recent City Council Meeting. The Award was for the G Street Undercrossing at the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe/Union Pacific (UP) railroad G Street in downtown Merced. The undercrossing features murals and street side mosaic depicting local historical landmarks and landmarks. A week later they asked me to place their marks on the inside walls of the walkway as well as landscaping at the north and south entrances to the undercrossing. This is the first crossing allowing traffic to freely cross through the city if a train is held up on the tracks or just traveling through Merced.

Don’t Forget!

GPAM 2018 Fundraiser

In an effort to fulfill GP Sherry Farley’s wish for all Parlors to be represented at GPAM 2017 in Buena Park, the GPAM 2018 Sessions Committee is proud to offer: 5 Nights lodging & All sponsored meals Or 5 Nights lodging & All sponsored meals Or all sponsored meals
At GPAM 2017 in Buena Park. Lodging is Monday through Friday. Meals: Reception, Luncheons Tuesday through Friday, Wednesday Fun Dinner and Sunday Banquet and ticket
Make checks payable to Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, GPAM 2018 P.O. Box 7144, Chico, California 95927 Drafting to be held on March 9, 2017 For additional tickets call: (530)547-8528 No purchase necessary to win.
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". Individu-al 16 years of age and older who were born in California are welcome to call 1-800-994-NDGW, e-mail to subgpgo@ 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.

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

Itinerary of Grand President Sherry A. Farley 2016 – 2017

January
27 Investment Meeting, 9:00 AM, San Francisco
27 Personnel Committee Meeting, 1:00 PM, San Francisco
27, 28, 29 Board of Directors Meeting, San Francisco

February
1 Official Visit Taquitz No. 333, Jurupa No. 296, and Lugonia No. 241 — Riverside
3 Official Visit — Vallejo Parlor No. 195 — Vallejo
4 Official Visit District 15 — Bonita No. 10, Darina No. 114, El Vespero No. 118, Vista Del Mar No. 155 & San Bruno No. 246
7 Official Visit — Reina Del Mar No. 126, Tierra de Oro No. 304, Poinsettia No. 318
10 CFIC Meeting — 9:00 AM, San Mateo
11 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM, San Francisco
11 District 6 — Home Luncheon - Oroville
12 Home Luncheon — Donner Parlor No 193, Byron
14 Happy Valentine’s Day!
18 Official Visit — San Juan Bautista No. 179 - San Juan Bautista
21 Official Visit — Reichling Parlor No. 97 and Arcata Parlor No. 325 — Fortuna
25 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Jackson

March
3 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM, San Francisco
4 District 17 Luncheon
6 Official Visit - Angelita Parlor No. 32 — Livermore
10 Official Visit-San Diego No. 208 — San Diego
12 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon
12 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 10:00 AM — Southern CA
15 Official Visit - Lomitas Parlor No. 255 — Los Banos
17 Official Visit-District 21 Santa Cruz No. 26, Junipero No. 141 — Santa Cruz
22 Official Visit — Placerita Parlor No. 277, Tolula Parlor No. 279 — Burbank
24 Finance Meeting — 9:00 AM, San Francisco
24 Personnel Meeting — 1:00 PM, San Francisco
24, 25, 26 Board of Directors Meeting
26 Institution of Amapola Parlor No. 338
26 Official Visit, Hayward No. 122 — Hayward

April
1 Official Visit — Fresno Parlor No. 187, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 — Visalia
4 Official Visit — Veritas No. 75 and Mariposa No. 63
5 Official Visit — Ruby Parlor No. 46, Golden Era Parlor No. 99 — Murphys
6 Poppy Day
7 Investment Meeting 9:00 AM, San Francisco
7 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM, San Francisco
8 Official Visit — Joaquin No. 5 — Stockton — 130th Anniversary
9 District 21 Home Tea-San Juan Bautista — Adobe
12 Official Visit — Morada No. 199 — Modesto
16 Happy Easter!
21, 22 Past Presidents General Assembly - Yuba City
23 Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast - Petaluma
24 Official Visit - El Teleno No. 239 - Bakersfield
28 Arbor Day
28 Finance Meeting 1:00 PM, San Francisco
28, 29 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Joint Meeting

May
1 Official Visit — Oakdale Parlor No. 125 — Oakdale
5 CFIC Meeting — 9 AM, San Mateo
5 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM, San Francisco
6 Official Visit — Sutter's Mill No. 336 — Coloma
7 District 11 — Childrens Foundation Branch — Marin/Sonoma
11 Official Visit — Fort Bragg No. 210 — Fort Bragg
13 Official Visit — Donner No. 193 — Byron
14 Happy Mother’s Day
15-18 NSGW Grand Parlor - Monterey
20 Official Visit — District 20 — Gilroy
28 Chapel of the Chimes
29 Memorial Day — Fly Your Flag!

June
3 Homecoming & Official Visit — Grace No. 242 — Orange — 90th Anniversary
14 Flag Day - Fly Your Flag!
18 Happy Fathers Day!
18 Grand Officers Meeting — Knot’s Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park
18 Grand Officers Dinner
19-23 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting — Knot’s Berry Farm, Buena Park
19 Marketplace, Seminars & Opening Reception
20 Opening Session — Memorial Service — CFIC Luncheon
21 Business Session — Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Gold Dust Girls Dinner
22 Business Session — Native Sons Visitation — Flicks from the Sticks Luncheon — Barqueet
23 Business Session - NDGW Home Luncheon
23 Installation of Grand Officers
24 Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting

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.