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Santa Barbara Resident **Alice Forbes** Elected Grand President Native Daughters of the Golden West

SAN JOSE, California – Santa Barbara Resident, Alice Forbes, was elected Grand President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West at their annual meeting held in San Jose on June 17, 2009. Alice is a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West local chapter, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, and a retired Home Health Caregiver. She is on the Board of Old Spanish Days as the Director on the committee for the Spirit of Fiesta Auditions and the Fiesta Costume Sales. Alice is a member of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities and a Past President of the Santa Barbara North Side Optimist International Club. She volunteers for Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara and this year volunteered for the Santa Barbara Film Festival.

Alice's duties as Grand President of the Native Daughters will include traveling throughout the State of California to visit the local chapters, called Parlors. Since the Native Daughters of the Golden West were instrumental in marking the historical *El Camino Real* with bells in the early 1900's, one of her goals will be to replace bells that have been stolen, and add more bells along the route.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the state with approximately 6,000 members. The group is dedicated to preserving the history of California. To find out more about the Native Daughters of the Golden West, visit their website:

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