

Active 20-30 Club of Greater Sacramento #1032 Presents 16th Annual Crab Feed

Sacramento, California, February 28, 2009 — The Active 2030 Club #1032, a local non-profit women's organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the special needs of children in the Sacramento community, invites local residents to the 16th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser.



This sell-out fundraising event will be held at Giovanni Hall — St. Mary's Church: 1333 58th Street, Sacramento, CA. Doors open at 5pm and unlimited crab dinner begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased for \$45 at www.sacwomens2030.org, or for \$60 at the door. Tickets include, all you can eat crab, salad, pasta, clam chowder, beer, wine, and coffee. The evening also includes a silent auction, dessert auction, a special "Split the Pot" 50/50 raffle, and a DJ to dance the night away.

Proceeds benefit:

- ☉ St. John's Shelter
- ☉ Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education
- ☉ Native Daughter's of Golden West Children's Foundation
- ☉ And other local children's charities.

Active 20-30 is an international, non-profit organization that raises money for disabled, handicapped, disadvantaged and at-risk youth. Each club has members between the ages of 20 and 39 who volunteer their time for fundraising events and "hands-on" events, where the members actively participate in events that assist youth (such as shopping sprees for disadvantaged youth, holiday parties for children fighting cancer, etc.). The organization was founded in Sacramento in 1922 and the Greater Sacramento #1032 chapter has been helping Sacramento children since 1940.

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Dear Sisters:

Greetings for a Happy New Year! We are at the half-way point in this term, still determined that "We Can Make a Difference!" in our membership, the key to our survival. A challenge has been sent out to all Native Daughters to sponsor new Members for our Order. Many Parlors have had Initiations at their Official Visit; some of the new Sisters were born out-of-state to parents in the Military. It is so encouraging to see our legislation passed at our GPAM come to fruition. Don't forget to ask people if they were born in California; I just turned over another completed application to a Parlor for someone "who had never been asked." Please carry those applications in your purse, or at least, in your car to be prepared.



All of our committees have been busy with promotion of their programs and fundraising. You will soon be receiving a pamphlet on flag etiquette from the Americanism and Civic Participation Committee which is easy to reproduce for distribution to schools and clubs.

Is your Parlor going to sponsor an essay contest this year for the first time? Does your Parlor have a nomination for the Roll of Honor or the Image Award? Are you planning a special drive for Membership in your Parlor? Have you participated in a local parade for the first time? Has your Parlor adopted a Veteran or a convalescent home? Let us make this year a year of firsts, one of change for your Parlor and our Order.

A special thank you goes to the Home Committee for the beautiful Christmas tree-lighting reception help at our Home. The committee made sure there were cookies and cider, a sing-along, and beautiful decorations to warmly greet all who attended.

As we look forward to entering 2009, please keep your Sisters who might need some extra help in your mind. Some may only need help with their dues or are just looking for a friendly visit or note. We have had three Sisters lose their homes and possessions to wild fires this year and continue to keep them in our prayers as they try to recover. The latest was Gloria Hulbert of Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304.

Jean E. Koeh, Grand President

Crab FEED 16th Annual

Saturday 2009 February 28

**Giovanni Hall
St. Mary's Church**
1333 58th Street
Sacramento
California

**Dancing, DJ,
Silent Auction, Raffle**

**Dinner includes:
all you can eat crab,
salad, pasta,
clam chowder,
beer, wine and coffee**

Proceeds benefit:

- St. John's Shelter
- Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education
- Native Daughters of Golden West Children's Foundation
- And other local children's charities.

**ADULTS ONLY
MUST BE 21 OR OLDER**
Doors Open at 5:00 pm
Dinner Served at 6:30 pm
Seating Closes at 6:45 pm
Event Ends at 11:00 pm

Tickets available online at www.sacwomens2030.org

\$45
\$60 at the door

Just a Reminder: February is "Love a Child" Month

The Childrens Foundation Committee is challenging all Native Daughters to support children in your local areas by participating in our Love A Child campaign in February. This special project allows each Parlor, District or even individual Native Daughters, to be creative and find a way to reach out to the children in your community. Proceeds from your efforts can be donated to the Childrens Foundation or local charities in your area as well. Contact the Childrens Foundation via the Grand Parlor Office or check out our website at www.ndgw.org for more details.

Veterans Welfare Committee

BY NOREEN SANCHEZ, STATE CHAIRMAN

March 2009 has been chosen to become Native Daughters of the Golden West Veterans Welfare month. The Veterans Welfare Committee will be holding a Tri-Tip Bar-B-Que fund-raiser in Stockton on March 1st, 2009 at the American Legion Hall, Karl Ross Post 16, at 2020 Plymouth Rd., Stockton. Tickets are \$15 per person, with a raffle and door prizes to round out the event. Anyone who is able to travel to Stockton on March

1st and would like to participate in or help with this fund-raiser, please call me, Noreen Sanchez at 209-464-0929. For Tickets to the Bar-B-Que, please contact Donna Goyette at 209-477-4174.

The committee is asking all Parlors and Districts to support this worthy cause by holding a fund-raiser for Veterans Welfare in the Month of March. Thank you all for your support of this worthy cause. "Help the Native Daughters of the Golden West to support our California Veterans."

NDGW Home Tree Lighting

The NDGW Home Committee hosted a Tree lighting event complete with a sing-a-long, refreshments and a fabulous raffle. The event on Dec. 7th was held in our beautifully decorated for Christmas Home on Baker Street



A History Of NDGW Official Publications

By MARY LOUISE DAYS
HISTORIAN OF THE ORDER

As a longtime member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and a collector of printed ephemera, I have been interested in the different forms that the official publications of the Order have taken. Many of our members undoubtedly possess collections of the Grizzly Bear, the California Herald, and the California Star. Our Order's centennial book, published in 1986, reports that the publisher of a circular called the Golden State contacted our Founder Lily O. Reichling in 1886 and offered to print information on the founding of the new women's Order. The centennial book states, "That paper, published by the Native Sons, was used as a means of communication by our Order for several years."

The Grizzly Bear a tabloid-sized news magazine was published regularly for the Native Sons of the Golden West beginning in May, 1907. Its offices were at the Native Sons Building in San Francisco, and its publication office was in Los Angeles. During the 1906-1907 Grand Parlor year of the Native Daughters of the Golden West the Grizzly Bear magazine was adopted as the official organ of the Order. The same action was taken during the 1909-1910 year. The magazine contained California history stories, sections pertaining to Native Sons news, and advertisements. Issues from 1930, 1931, and 1932 in my collection also contain sections on activities in Los Angeles and San Francisco. There were also a few photographs included.

At the 1917 Grand Parlor sessions the Native Daughters adopted a recommendation, "That the Grizzly Bear Magazine be retained as the official organ ... and that the sum of \$25.00 be contributed monthly toward paying for the publication of the Official Directory." Advertising was not to exceed \$300.00. At the 1920 Grand Parlor essentially the same recommendation was adopted, with added language about sending a copy to each Subordinate Parlor. The Order's 1947-48 budget still listed an amount for Grizzly Bear expense.

Beginning in September 1956, the California Herald magazine became the Official Publication of the Order. Our organization's name was on the front cover, and the entire issue was devoted to Native Daughters articles, California history stories, the official directory, photographs, advertisements, a "Grand President's Corner" and short pieces of interest to members. The first few

issues measured 12 inches by 9 1/2 inches, but soon the size was reduced to 11 inches by 8 1/2 inches. James J. Friis was publisher and business manager, and Leo J. Friis was co-publisher and editor. The offices of the Friis and Friis firm were in Anaheim, and a representative of the family would frequently be seen at Grand Parlor and at social events. Each Parlor was encouraged to sell subscriptions to the members, to give subscriptions to libraries, and to sell advertising.

The California Herald ended its service as the Official Publication with the August/September 1971 issue. Its final issue for the Native Daughters was reduced to 8 1/2 inches by 5 1/2 inches in size. Nancy Wells as Saint Barbara (Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126) was portrayed in the cover photograph. Feature stories included "The History of Santa Barbara's Fiestas" by Courtenay Monsen and "Pre-Fiesta Tea" by Mary Louise Days. Several photographs of former Saint Barbaras were inserted. Included in the issue was a reproduction of the letter written to the Grand Secretary of the N.D.G.W. by the Friis family, giving their financial reasons why the affiliation could not continue.

In September 1972 Ellen Guthrie of El Aliso Parlor No. 314, Santa Paula, began privately printing and disseminating the California Courier. This compact 7 inch by 4 1/4 inch magazine was a typed, duplicated and stapled effort. Miss Guthrie and her committee, for a donation of \$1.00 per year, published it for one year. Eight issues were produced containing directories, event calendars, and Parlor news, primarily from Southern California Parlors. In the final issue, dated July 15, 1973, the coordinator announced that permission had not been granted by the Grand President for further publication of the Courier because she "feels it does not conform with constitutional requirements." Miss Guthrie expressed her deep gratitude for the experience.

In 1973 the California Star newspaper became the Order's Official Publication. Named for Samuel Brannan's weekly newspaper, first published in San Francisco in January 1847, the newspaper-style organ is published by the Order exclusively for its members. Produced under the direction of a State Chairman and her committee, it contains stories and photographs submitted by Parlors, State Chairmen, and Members, and is published four times a year. A great deal of work goes into producing the Official Publication, but it adds immeasurably to the history of the Order.

S.H.A.R.E.S. Update

By JENNIFER WALKER,
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Childrens Foundation Committee will soon be ordering more of the S.H.A.R.E.S. cards, so if you or your Parlor members are interested in obtaining cards please contact Karen Fini by either phone or email. Her information is (559) 431-7646,

karen8740@aol.com.

Just a reminder, these cards are a great way to contribute to the Childrens Foundation, just by doing your grocery shopping. The cards can be used at all Lucky and SaveMart stores. See the article in the last issue of the California Star or the Native Daughter's of the Golden West website for more information.

Important Notice

Please note!

There has been a change in the email address for the grand parlor office. The new address is ndgwgpo@att.net

The NDGW bookkeeper's email address has changed as well. Her new email is ndgwbkpr@att.net

The old email addresses using aol will no longer be active.

Parlor Items Available

There are Ritual items available to Parlors that are currently being stored at the Grand Parlor office. If any Parlor would like to replace worn or broken items with working, or newer items please contact the Executive Secretary at 415-563-9091. Some of the items available are Initiation Banners, stands and poles, ballot boxes, and Regalia.

Correction to the Winter issue of the California Star.

On page 6 the picture showing in Poinsettia Parlor's article was actually the Initiation of new members of Encinal Parlor and belonged with the article at the bottom of the page.

The picture of PGP Estella Moreno and Dolly Attaway at the bottom of the page actually belonged in the Poinsettia Parlor's article.

My apologies for the mixup.

—Editor

San Miguel Parlor's Butterflies

By Barbara Rowland, GM

Members of San Miguel Parlor No. 94 recently took a trip to the winter home of the Monarch Butterflies in Pismo Beach on a sunny Central Coast day in January. They were in time to listen to a speech given by a Park Ranger who spoke about the migration patterns of these butterflies who travel up to 1000 miles from the north to reach their winter destinations.

Everyone who attended marveled at the 22,000 butterflies who were in the eucalyptus trees, perched on branches soaking up the sun or hanging in beehive-like formations

for protection and warmth. The fourteen Members attending this outing enjoyed a seafood lunch at a local cafe before returning home.

San Miguel Parlor has grown from 42 Members to 68 Members in the last two years because they mix pleasure with business. Their next adventure will be to the Melodrama for an afternoon of spoof and fun in February. Guests are welcome at their meetings and field trips, in fact two applications were handed out to a couple from the San Diego area while they were listening to the lecture.



Memorial Day Wreath for Veterans Day

By MARILYN MILLER

Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 presented a Memorial Day Wreath for Veterans Day — President Esther Berger and Vice President Mary Ellen Parmelee participated in the Veterans Day Program at the Golden Era Golf Course Community Center in San Jacinto on Nov. 11th at 11:00 am, the time when the Armistice was signed.

The program opened with a fly over by WWII planes from March Aero Club Riverside, followed by the National Anthem. Next came the Riderless Horse walking to the music of Amazing Grace which touched all our hearts. Songs of the Branches of Service were played and sung by all the Veterans as they stood during their song. The Veterans were offered free rounds of golf during the day. A Great Veterans Day was enjoyed by all.



Busy South Butte Parlor

By KENDRA OLLAR,
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

South Butte Parlor No. 226 has had an abundance of activity over the past few months. In September the annual spaghetti and salad bar dinner was very well received by the community. Proceeds of this event helped with the Avenue of Flags project for the Sutter Cemetery's tribute to local veterans in November.

In December the Parlor surprised several veterans at the Yountville Veterans Hospital with gifts to celebrate the holiday season.

Our members' families joined together for a bountiful celebration dinner and enjoyed good company and a visit from Santa just prior to Christmas.

In the new year our group plans include increasing our membership and raising funds to help us in serving the community. With each of our members having an application for membership on hand, we hope to generate interest among the people we meet on a daily basis. Our second annual friendship tea is in the works for spring and our monthly Bunco on the third Wednesday of each month continues through April.

Membership Numbers

Here is a summary of the membership gains and losses between July 1, 2008 and January 16, 2009.

Membership as of July 1, 2008 6,085

Initiated	151
Reinstated	20
Total gains	171
Resigned	63
Deceased	60
Suspended	64
Total losses	187
Net loss	-16

Membership as of January 16, 2009 6069.

The legislation passed in June to allow membership for Military and Medical reasons, has given us 20 new Sisters.

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Sonoma Parlor No. 209

By SHER GEISNER, GT, REC. SEC.

The members of Sonoma Parlor No. 209 have taken to heart the call for new members. In December we initiated 4 new members and in January, during our Official Visit, we initiated another 4 new members. We are vital, active and involved and will continue to march forward with continued growth and participation in our community.

With increased membership comes the possibility for more involvement and participation in the varied programs of our beloved Order. We are excited, enthused and ready to "rock-n-roll" for our Order. We have our "kick" back and we're anxious to get going with the work of our Order.

Our new members have already taken a

very active roll in our Parlor. Several were responsible for our decorations, and food for our Official Visit. They have jumped right in and have gotten involved. This is what we need from our new members. We need to make them feel welcomed and valued and a part of not only the Parlor, but of our Order.

Making our new members feel a part of our organization will enable them to work with us and contribute to the Good of Our Order and with their participation, they "get what they give"!

Sonoma Parlor No. 209 is honored to have our new members and we know that this year will continue to be a good one for us and for the Order!

You go girls..... Membership is the key to our continued success!

United Way Honors a Native Daughter of the Golden West

By ELSIE WHYTE

Yolanda Kelley, a Joaquin Parlor No. 5 member has been awarded one of the four community Star Awards at the luncheon "The Power of One" women making a difference in the community. At the annual luncheon held at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton with over 450 people in attendance a Grand Star Award is presented to the most outstanding woman in the community. Four other local community Stars are also awarded recognition for their service.

During the ceremony many of the past honorees appear on a screen with a detailed story of their community involvement. The new honorees for 2008 are then shown on the screen as a big surprise to the four chosen by the committee. What a surprise it was when suddenly Yolanda's picture appeared on the screen. She had not been told about the award when she was asked by the Executive Director of Hospice House to be their guest at the luncheon.

She was presented one of the four awards as a member of the community who has

demonstrated a passion and lifelong commitment to making a difference in the lives of those in need. Yolanda is a 53-year member of Joaquin Parlor No. 5. She has served as an Officer of her Parlor since the end of her first year of membership, including three times as their President. She has also served as State Chairman on many State Committees. Her first State Committee appointment, and her favorite, was for the Childrens Foundation. After learning of the many needs of families she was instrumental in having her Parlor host their first Childrens Foundation luncheon. For nineteen years, Yolanda has hosted the Childrens Foundation luncheon with great success financially along with the assistance of many local banks and businesses who look forward with pride to their support of this event.

Besides being involved with Native Daughters, Yolanda also finds time to work with the Women's Center for abused women and the homeless shelters. Her Native Daughter spirit is exemplified by her service to the community.

District 16's Christmas Luncheon

By JENNIFER WALKER,
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

District 16 held their annual Childrens Foundation Christmas luncheon on December 7, 2008 at the Italian American Social Club. Social hour began at 11:30 and lunch followed at noon.

The raffle gift baskets were all full of fun and unique items, which encouraged those attending to purchase more tickets. Before the raffle, Marla Weathers of the Childrens Foundation gave a compelling speech as to why the Childrens Foundation needed and appreciated all the donations these luncheons bring in.

A separate raffle was held towards the end of the luncheon for a weekend stay at Ninette Latronica's (a CF Committee Member) Grover beach, beach house. This raffle brought in over \$2,000 for the Childrens Foundation.

Grand President Jean Koehl picked the lucky winner, Pat Puthuff of Lomitas Parlor No. 255, Los Banos. Congratulations Pat. After the luncheon everyone was invited back to the Native Daughter Home for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Thank you to District 16, for a wonderful luncheon and for your support of the Childrens Foundation.

Arcata Parlor's Christmas

By ADAIR PAUL, PRESIDENT

Arcata Pallor No. 325 had a wonderful Christmas Secret Pal Dinner at the Baywood Golf and Country Club in Arcata on December 11th.



In October we had a Secret Pal dinner at the Samoa Cookhouse which everyone totally enjoyed. We are planning a Special Tea in February at the Samoa Women's Club. This Tea Party is for our New Members (we have over eight new members) and we will also include a celebration for our Twelve Charter Members at a Tea.

Looking Forward...GPAM 2009, San Jose

By Sharon M. Johnston, PGP, Sessions Co-Chairman

What's in store for Native Daughters of the Golden West at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose? The hotel is close to San Jose International Airport and is easily reached from the north or the south via U.S. Highway 101. The City of San Jose has much to offer visitors in the way of shopping, places of interest, restaurants, and tourist attractions. There is the Tech Museum of Innovation, the Winchester Mystery House, Santana Row, Valley Fair Mall, and the Prune Yard Shopping Center. Of course the wonderful Pansy Peddlers Marketplace will have Parlors, Committees and members selling delightful, not to be passed up goodies and our Committee is planning a breakfast, luncheons and a dinner that will provide fun memories to cherish.

There are two very important things offered to our Sisters at a Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. The first is the opportunity to be of service to our Order by helping determine our future. The legislation that will be submitted will need the careful consideration and the input of the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, State Chairmen, Committee members, and the Voting Members of the Grand Parlor. The voices and opinions of all present will allow legislation to be enacted that will guide and direct the future of our Sisterhood.

Besides the "business" of the Annual Meeting, is the making of new friendships and the renewing of old ones. There are many Sisters who don't have the chance to see one another during the year, and they treasure the opportunity to spend time with those they met years ago. Those Sisters who are new to the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting have the opportunity to meet other women who have mutual interests and who share a love for our Golden State.

The meal events offer all our Sisters the chance to meet and greet ladies from all over California. The Northern Counties Breakfast allows us to greet those who are seeking a position on the Board of Directors, and the Home Luncheon gives us the opportunity to hear about our beloved Home as well as meet many Native Daughter Sisters. The Gold Dust Girls Dinner is always fun, and the 2009 banquet will be a Victorian Ball. Please look for details about the events in the Summer edition of our California Star.

Room reservation information should be out and in the near future, invitations to the various events. So watch for the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting information which will be sent to the Recording Secretary of your Parlor and printed in the Summer edition of the Star. Registration and mileage information also will be sent to the Parlors.

Our Grand President Jean Koehl and the 2009 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee are excited about greeting our Sisters in San Jose. We promise you will enjoy your "Grand Parlor Experience", and have many warm memories to take home with you. We will have fun while we work.... I'll even go so far as to quote George Zimmer of Men's Wearhouse....."I guarantee it!"

Please do not hesitate to contact Sessions Co-Chairman PGP Joan Hall or myself if you have special needs or require special accommodations during the Annual Meeting. We will be happy to help you. See you in San Jose, June 15 through 19, 2009, for an exciting and enjoyable Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

New Members

Laurel Parlor No. 6
Nancy Busche-Fedon

Eshcol Parlor No. 16
Debra Re

Berendos Parlor No. 23
Beverly Watson

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
Barbara Miller
Elizabeth Pullen
Jeanne Thompson

San Jose Parlor No. 81
William Gleim
Donald Lemons
Mathew Pickett
Leland Tull

San Miguel Parlor No. 94
Shelley Batrum
Paula Fisk
Katherine Snell
Barbara Wellong

Golden Era Parlor No. 99
Nancy Bullard
Linda Crocker
Rowena Garon
Patricia Golding
Erin Koehl
Ariane Matschullat
Sandra McKernan
Ruth Mullanix
Kathy Sells
Marilyn Smith

Vendome Parlor No. 100
Catherine Davis
Kathleen Murtha

San Luisita Parlor No. 108
Michaelyn McDonnell
Cecelia Wynn

Placer Parlor No. 138
Betty Brown

Junipero Parlor No. 141
Marie Krumenacher
Nancy Springer

Encinal Parlor No. 156
Patricia Bailey-Hedl

El Pinal Parlor No. 163
Elita Balfour
Cathy Brody
Mary Brown
Judith Burley
Roxanne Camron

Fay Cheda
Lydia Chinnici
Diane Davies
Linda Finley
Elizabeth Hotaling
Shannon Jackson

Janet Johnson
Sally Knowles
Kathleen Lewis
Katherine Magnuson
Marie-Simone McCarthy
Ilene Oksen
Kristy Pedotti
Wendy Pedotti
Joyce Renshaw
Gloria Smith
Margaret Sonoda
Rene Sutherland
Amy Swanson
Rose Swanson
Carrie Vossler
Dorothy Wagner

Annie K. Bidwell
Parlor No. 168
Peggy Gorton

Yosemite Parlor No. 187
Robin Collins

Donner Parlor No. 193
Tara Burns

Sonoma Parlor No. 209
Charlene Maydole
Joanne McKenna
Susan Morgan
Lei Poncia

South Butte Parlor No. 226
Catherine Moniz
Grace Parlor No. 242
Christy Balla
Roycene Dierberger
Alicia Katz
Jennifer Ocheltree
Charyl Parsons
Ashley Perez
Francine Siverts

Lomitas Parlor No. 255
Lucy Lawrence
Cynthia Silva
Marjorie Terranova
Rose Tristao
Patricia (Darby) Worthy

Placerita Parlor No. 277
Deanna Freeman
Shelia McKeown
Linda Short

George C. Yount Parlor No. 322
Valerie Hill
Helen Vick

Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

Room Reservations

To make a Room Reservation call 415-921-2664
or E-mail ndgw-home@sbcglobal.net

or mail the Reservation Form available from
Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office or NDGW Home Office

California Missions Need Our Support!

BY GAYLE GLEIM, MISSION RESTORATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

As reported in the last issue of the California Star, the NDGW Mission Restoration State Committee has prioritized six mission projects that will be the recipients of undesignated donations as they are received during 2008-2009. So that you can become a little more familiar with each of the six missions, the Committee members, who contacted these missions and submitted their projects to the whole Committee for funding consideration, have written thumbnail sketches of "their" missions. In keeping with Grand President Jean Koehl's focus on service to our local communities, each paragraph includes information about how the missions presently relate to and function in their communities.



Mission Santa Ines (has requested funding for the repair of adobe and tiles in the museum which were damaged due to water leaks).

Mission Santa Ines is situated at the eastern edge of the City of Solvang in central Santa Barbara County. A Danish-themed town, Solvang is a tourist attraction on its own, and further east is a Chumash reservation where the very popular Chumash Indian Casino and Hotel resort is located. The town of Santa Ynez is just a few miles further east on Highway 246 where in a beautiful setting, the Santa Inez River runs along the south side of the Mission property. Community groups are allowed to use Mission facilities for public functions such as the annual Story Telling Festival and the yearly Rancheros Visitadores horse-riding event. In addition the Mission grounds are used as staging areas for parades and cycling events. The popular Fiesta benefits restoration work at the historic Mission. Mission Santa Ines continues as an active parish church of approximately 1,000 families. It holds regular services as well as special services for baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. The mission staff conducts religious education classes, youth groups and various programs for adults. Visitors are always welcome.

— JoAnn Ponce,
Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304



San Gabriel Mission (funds are requested to paint the regularly-used baptistery ceiling which has earthquake damage)

The Mission San Gabriel Archangel was established on September 8, 1771, the 4th of the original 21 missions, near the present-day city of Montebello. Each year on Labor Day weekend a three-day fiesta is held, La Fiesta de San Gabriel, celebrating the founding of the Mission. Following these festivities, the historic Walk of Los Pobladores takes place, re-enacting the 1781 nine-mile walk of the original Spanish settlers (Los Pobladores) from San Gabriel Mission to what is now Los Angeles. The Walk is the kickoff ceremony which begins Los Angeles' birthday celebration and honors San Gabriel's place in history as the "Birthplace of the Los Angeles Region. The San Gabriel Mission has a museum that offers tours of the gardens and cemetery and a gift shop which sells mission souvenirs, books, model kits and accessories.

The Mission, museum and grounds are designated as State of California Historical Landmark 158.

— Lisa Castaneda, *Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266*



Mission Santa Clara (has requested funds to paint the ceiling and walls of the St. Joseph Chapel, which is part of a restoration project in the main nave of the Mission)

Mission Santa Clara de Asis, the 8th California to be established, is the centerpiece of the campus of Santa Clara University. The school was created around the mission in 1851, becoming the first college of higher learning in the new state of California. It currently serves as the student chapel and "spiritual heart" of the University. Because of the Mission's beauty, both interior and exterior, it is a favorite location for weddings of current and former students; and, due to its favorable acoustics, the mission also has been the site of various publicly-attended vocal concerts over the years — especially at Christmastime. Mission Santa Clara is located right on the El Camino Real in Santa Clara (follow the bells!) at the northeast side of the University campus, and although it is one of the missions that is sometimes overlooked by tourists, it is well worth a visit.

— Gayle Gleim, *San Jose Parlor No. 81*



Mission San Francisco (Mission Dolores) (would appreciate funding to construct and install signs on a 1797 reredos and two 1810 altars which would assist in the education of visitors to the Mission)

Mission Dolores is the oldest original intact mission in California, as well as the oldest building in San Francisco. Beginning with the celebration of its first Mass on June 29, 1776, Mission San Francisco de Asis (known as Mission Dolores because the Mission was established on a small San Francisco Bay inlet named "Laguna de Nuestra Senora de los Dolores" by Spanish explorer Juan Bautista de Anza) has held an important place in both the civic and cultural life of San Francisco. The Basilica Parish of Mission Dolores continues today to minister to the needs of a vibrant and diverse community, and recently the Basilica Choir presented its 17th annual Candlelight Christmas concert, a San Francisco holiday tradition — an evening of beautiful, traditional music as well as a lively community sing-along.

— Rozanne Connor,
Encinal Parlor No. 156



Mission San Rafael (has requested funding for the design and printing of a brochure to encourage support of the Mission by tourists and local visitors)

Mission San Rafael Archangel is part of Saint Raphael's parish, which includes the

Mission chapel, a museum, gift shop, parish church, rectory and an elementary school in downtown San Rafael, which is located in Marin County just north of the Golden Gate Bridge. A replica building of the original 1817 Mission stands on the approximately 6.5-acre site as it did over 190 years ago. Original items remaining today at Mission San Rafael include three mission bells, which hang outside the Mission chapel, and a scroll painting of the Archangel Raphael, which was behind the altar in the first Mission building. Since it was established late in the development of the mission system, Mission San Rafael is a "modest" site, and, because of its location in downtown San Rafael, does not have extensive grounds for wandering. Saint Raphael's is an active parish serving a diverse community with religious services held daily in the mission chapel and the main parish church. The mission attracts thousands of tourists annually, as it is part of the state's education program included in the fourth grade curriculum on California history.

— Teresa Bettencourt,
Marinita Parlor No. 198



Mission San Fernando (funds are requested to purchase and plant olive trees or to provide a portion of the cost of restoring 18th and 19th century paintings)

Located in Mission Hills, a suburban community in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles, Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana was the 17th mission founded

on September 8, 1797, by Padre Fermin Francisco de Lauseun. Friendly Indians and the presence of four springs influenced the Padre's decision to settle here. It was named for King Ferdinand III of Spain whom the Catholic Church made a saint in 1671 — 400 years after his death. Gold was discovered at the Mission and many of the buildings were destroyed by the prospectors. The Hearst Foundation donated funds to repair and restore the facilities in the 1940's. However, after being damaged beyond repair by an earthquake in 1971, an exact replica of the Mission was built and dedicated in 1974. Mission San Fernando has a museum and beautiful gardens where visitors are always welcome. The church is a fully operational facility with daily Masses and funerals, weddings and baptisms. Bob Hope is interred in the Mission's cemetery.

— Betsy Stoeven, *Toluca Parlor No. 279*

Hopefully, after reading each description, you have discovered something you didn't know about each of these missions and this will encourage you to learn more about — and to visit — ALL of our California missions. Once your interest is whetted, we know you, as a Native Daughter, will want to do all you can to preserve, protect and support these valuable historic treasures of our state. They deserve our continued care. If you or your Parlor can make a donation, please make checks/money orders payable to NDGW Mission Restoration, and mail to:

Gayle Gleim, Chairman
NDGW Mission Restoration Committee
1005 Aster Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
or Grand Parlor Office
Native Daughters of the Golden West
543 Baker St., San Francisco, CA 94117
(As always, all contributions received that are designated for specific missions will be disbursed to those missions.)

Southern Area Celebrates Admission Day

BY SUE GABEL,
RANCHO LA PUENTE PARLOR,
CHAIRMAN

This year as the Southern Area Admission Day Chairman, I wanted to go to a bigger venue than our regional library. The Workman-Temple Homestead was selected because it is a historical landmark and the family home of one of our Rancho La Puente members Josette Temple.

The Homestead did a great job with the publicity and we had 60 in attendance for the talk - more than the Homestead sees in attendance on a normal weekend. We had approximately 20 Native Daughters and their families attend the event and we were honored to have Grand President Jean Koehl, Grand Secretary Sherry Farley, and PGPs Beth Perrin & Addie Coronado in attendance. Members from Grace Parlor, Whittier Parlor, Poppy Trail Parlor, La Tijera Parlor, Toluca Parlor, Placerita Parlor and of course Rancho La Puente Parlor were on hand to help us celebrate. We set a record for attendance giving the Homestead three full tours that day.

Our event went very well and we were fortunate that the heat wasn't too bad. I gave the "Twelve Flags Over California"

presentation (with the flags from San Gabriel Valley Parlor to display). Paul Spizzeri, the Homestead Historian, gave a presentation on the events leading up to Admission Day. He provided us a very informative tour and was on-hand to sign his book "The Workman and Temple Families of Southern California".

Thanks to the Native Daughters for providing cake and to the Homestead for providing beverages it turned out to be a good partnership for our event. La Puente Parlor was able to hand out Native Daughter literature & applications as well as answer questions regarding our Order.



(L to R) Grand President Jean Koehl, Gilroy and Rancho La Puente members Paulette Wright-Pope, President, & Sue Gabel, So. Area Chairman.



(L to R) Myrlene Poma, La Tijera, Bea Hastings, Toluca, Sue Gabel, Rancho La Puente, Grand President Jean Koehl, Gilroy, Grand Secretary Sherry Farley, Grace, PGP Adeline Coronado, Toluca

100 Years of Memories

BY ROBERTA KOSKI

Grand President Jean Koehl officially visited Argonaut Parlor No. 166 on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Parlor. Kathleen Costa was the presiding President and PGP Nancy Brown and Roberta Koski were Co-Chairmen for the event.

The theme for the day was Memories. The Parlor Members search the Parlor locker and member's closets looking for artifacts, and artifacts they found. They found banners from the old banner carriers, 1923 photos of the Drill Team, a news article about Charter President Anna McCarty, historical landmark reports from the 1930's, lots and lots of scrapbooks and best of all a collage of dried California poppies from the 1940's.

Beverly Noyer was welcomed into the 50-year club by Evelyn Rodes (1937) and Shirley Paganini (1945). Grand President Jean presented Beverly with her pin. Bev presently resides in Las Vegas, but a member living outside California is not unusual for Argonaut. The Parlor of 55 members has 33 sisters with 25 and 50 year service pins which total 1,536 years of service to the organization.

Charter member Estelle Williams (1945) shared her memories of organizing Cerrito de Oro Parlor. She went door to door in El Cerrito handing out applications. Estelle was a Parlor President as well as a member of

the Green Patrol Drill Team as were Evelyn and Shirley.

Junior Unit No. 3, the Argonaut Cubs, was remembered by the green and white checked aprons worn by the kitchen help and the Poppy Ode was recited in unison by all the former Juniors in attendance.

Joining Grand President Jean at the Official Visit were Jr. PGP Dorothy Ambrose, GVP Alice Forbes, GM Barbara Rowland, GS Sherry Farley, sGT Patricia Sharratt, GT Linda Galassi, GT Sher Geisner, GT Sharon Logan, GIS Suzi Riley, and GOS Bonnie Tabor. Past Grand Presidents in attendance to were Hazel Mallette, Dolores Ferenz, Virginia Tremaine, Jackie Thomas, Barbara Dulinsky, Dorothy Coats, Marilyn Bustillos, Sharon Johnston, Nancy Brown, Christine Tripod, Marilynn Rickett, Margaret Mallette, Joan Hall, and Lorraine Robinson. Dorothy Page of Hayward Parlor No. 122 is Deputy Grand President to Argonaut. State President Bea Hastings of the Past Presidents Association was present as well as Native Sons GT Tim Tullius and PGP Bob Rogers.

We thank all our members and guests who joined the fun by dressing up in remembrance of the days when ladies always wore dresses, hats and gloves to Official Visits. Thank you GP Jean for granting us our day and to our Silver Anniversary PGP Virginia Tremaine, thank you for joining us again for our Anniversary.



Members of Argonaut Parlor at 100th Anniversary.



Head table, Charter member Estelle Williams, DGP Dorothy Page, President Kathleen Costa, GP Jean Koehl, Silver Anniversary PGP Virginia Tremaine, and Bev Noyer.

Do You Have a Vision for Your Parlor's Future?

BY DAWN DUNLAP, EL PINAL PARLOR NO. 163
MEMBER OF THE STATE EXTENSION OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

El Pinal Parlor No. 163's membership has increased by more than 30% in the past 2 years (80 sisters in December 2006 to 118 sisters in December 2008).

What Is Our Formula For Success? — We have taken a Parlor that was aging and tired and reinvigorated it. We have opened our Parlor up and have created a gracious and affectionate atmosphere at our gatherings and meetings. We enjoy each other's conversation and companionship. We respect our differences of opinion, but we all work together toward a common goal. We are a happy group of ladies; set up and clean up is full of music, conversation and laughter. We have round table meetings twice a year to plan our fundraisers and community activities. We have two dinners (open to spouses and friends and family) a year in the spring and winter. We dress formally for our summer installation ... in our more casual society, who doesn't like a good excuse to get gussied up and have fun? We will be having social activities twice a year, e.g. luncheons, movies, musical events.

Who Do We Target and How Do We Contact Them? — Baby boomers make up the largest portion of our new Sisters. Many of our new Sisters are now bringing their daughters and daughters-in-law into our Parlor. Another un-mined area is diversity. I suggest Parlors open their doors to all ethnicities ... contact Asian social clubs and European social clubs and African American social clubs. America is about diversity – embrace it. Arrange to make presentations before historical societies and women's church and temple groups. I have arranged presentations this spring at a Farm Bureau Women's luncheon and at our county Cattlewomen's luncheon.

How Do We Sell Native Daughters? — When I am recruiting a new Sister, I emphasize community programs, and preserving California history and aiding children. Who doesn't want to support these kinds of projects? I have applications and envelopes with me at all times. I fill out the application with them and give them a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. Ten days later, I call and follow up. If I don't receive their application, supporting data and check within a week, I call again. I politely pursue. I make them want to be part of our Parlor and our Order. As we age, we all need the conversation, companionship and support of other women. However, I do not make them feel that they are committing to attend 12 meetings a year. I emphasize our need for their support of our fund-raisers, community activities, attendance of our summer Installation of Officers and dinners and I encourage them to come to a couple of regular meetings a year. I do not make them feel that any attendance is mandatory. Our generation seems to be overburdened with commitments and responsibilities. I don't frighten them off with more demands. Rather, I invite them to come and take part and enjoy themselves.

Emphasizing Community Involvement. — Native Daughters was a true force in the Cayucos and Cambria communities in the 1950s and 1960s. Our Parlor has taken that as a challenge and a goal. Get involved and get your Parlor's name out there. We submit articles and photographs to our local newspapers or we place notices of our fund raising activities in free publications, church bulletins, on the radio and television's community calendars. We contact historical societies and offer to help with their programs or sites, e.g. restoration of buildings, cemeteries, and gardens. El Pinal has three cemetery clean-ups a year at private and community cemeteries – cleaning up fallen tree limbs, weeding and tending graves of those with no remaining family to do so. We have instituted a program of memorializing unmarked graves with proper headstones. We co-operate and financially support other community service organizations' fund-raisers and activities (Rotary, Lion's and American Legion Auxiliary). We emphasize that we are all part of this community; this is our town and it is our responsibility to improve it, not someone else's. In the local schools, we have or will sponsor programs and contests in art, music and gardening. We will be sponsoring bus trips and tours of historical sites (missions, lighthouses, residences) for elementary school children.

The point of all this community involvement and membership effort is to inform women about our Order and make them want to join our Parlor and support their community, as well as support the Order's State programs. As a result of our community involvement, many of our Parlor's new Sisters have contacted our members on their own and requested information and applications, asking to join. No arm-twisting here!

Flag Etiquette

BY DOLORES CROWELL STATE CHAIRMAN
AMERICANISM AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

The Americanism and Civic Participation Committee has been hard at work compiling information and sending the Flag Etiquette brochure to all Native Daughter Parlors in our Golden State. Please make many copies to share with your friends and neighbors, and don't forget your local schools. The children of today may be the new members of tomorrow! On the back of this pamphlet it states that this information is proudly presented by the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Many of our wonderful Sisters volunteer at different events all across our glorious State. Our Committee reminds you to please volunteer as a Native Daughter. Proudly wear those shirts, sweatshirts, pins, that say how lucky we are to live in the greatest State of all. Together, we can do anything!

Fundraising

As promised and published in a previous issue of the California Star, the following committees are at this time in need of your donations. Of course, all of our committees would be grateful for donations at any time. All donations can be sent to the Grand Parlor Office, 543 Baker St., San Francisco, CA 94117-1405. Checks can be made out to NDGW and the committee name. (i.e. NDGW Education & Scholarship).

Education & Scholarship Veterans Welfare The James D. Phelan Fund

*Veterans Welfare is sponsoring a luncheon in Stockton on March 1st.
Contact Noreen Sanchez at nasanchez60@yahoo.com or 209-464-0929 for Information.

*District 18 is sponsoring an Education & Scholarship luncheon in Castro Valley on March 7th.
Contact Dolores M. Ferenz, PGP, at 510-651-7717 for information.

In Memoriam

Joaquin Parlor No. 5

Louise Angerina
Esther Hulsmann

Laurel Parlor No. 6

Sharon Spellman-Gordon
Vera Steger

Bonita Parlor No. 10

Doris Nelson

Marguerite Parlor No.12

Lorraine Clifton

Eshcol Parlor No. 16

Jean Muzzio

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26

Truella Lund

Vendome Parlor No. 100

Annette McKinney
Ann Moore

Aleli Parlor No. 102

Esther Bird

El Vespero Parlor No. 118

Martha Bowers
Eva Norville

Hayward Parlor No. 122

Lily Soares

Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126

Dolores Bowman

Placer Parlor No. 138

Ane Williams

El Pinal Parlor No. 163

Rosalie Rhoades
Florence Warren

Argonaut Parlor No. 166

Elizabeth Hawker

San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179

Elvira Cardoza

Yosemite Parlor No. 187

Malcolm Marsh

Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190

Eleanor Clark
Lynette Willis

Petaluma Parlor No. 222

Elsie Gervasoni

Lomitas Parlor No. 255

Angie Rose

Cotati Parlor No. 299

Joan Fontaine

Vallecito Parlor No. 308

Elizabeth Van De Graaf

West Wind Parlor No. 328

Frances Hiatt

Tahquitz Parlor No. 333

Deryth Larkin

NS/ND Happenings

By MARCIA SKELTON,

NS INFORMATION SERVICES CHAIRMAN

In the last few issues of the Native Son and its Native Daughter counter part the California Star we have brought you updates on events and functions that the Sons and Daughters have taken part in, both at the state and local levels.

Continuing with that theme, let's start with an update regarding the state of and progress of the joint NS/ND Ad-Hoc Committee on Cooperation. With the onset of their terms, Native Son and Native Daughter GP's Duane Gavin and Jean Koehl initiated a renewed concept of the Native Sons and Daughters working together on a closer level for the mutual benefit of both orders.

To move the concept of mutual cooperation forward a joint NS/ND Ad-Hoc Committee was formed consisting of the upper chair officers of the two orders. Appointed to co-chair the committee are NSGW 1st V.P. Gene Perry and NDGW Grand Trustee Linda Galassi.

The goals and objectives of the committee are to identify existing programs and functions that the two orders currently take part in jointly, expand upon them, and identify new areas where the two orders can work together.

Co-chair Gene Perry and Linda Galassi report that as of the writing of this article a date has been set and the committee will meet in February with a second meeting scheduled for a later date at the Native Daughters home.

Co-chairs Gene and Linda will present a report on the committee's findings and recommendations during the Native Daughter

visitation at the 132nd NS Grand Parlor in Seaside, as well as the ND Grand Parlor in San Jose.

So now to pick up on what been going-on between the orders. Starting way back in September several Native Daughters Grand Officers attended the Golden Gate Parlor #29 BBQ hosted by NSGW Grand Trustee Tim Tullius which was followed by several functions such as the Los Positas Anniversary Dinner cooked by Native Daughters Angelita Parlor No. 32 who also helps with the Parlors annual trap shoot, San Miguel District #3 BBQ, and a Reno Bus Trip between NSGW Mt Tam #64 and NDGW Marinita Parlor No. 198.

During the holidays, we saw both the Sons and Daughters Parlors in Georgetown hold the annual pioneer dinner. In 1914 members of NSGW, Georgetown Parlor #91, and NDGW, El Dorado Parlor No. 186, joined together for a social event and dinner honoring the "Pioneers". This event was a great success and became an annual event for many years to follow. As pioneers eventually passed away, the event did also. In 1983, members of Georgetown Parlor #91 decided to revive the event, this time to honor all senior citizens of the Georgetown Divide. Now each year at Thanksgiving the Parlor provides a free holiday dinner for over 350 local seniors. The Native Daughters also support the event and provide desserts. This year's 25th annual "Senior Dinner" was a great success.

Rounding out NS/ND Happenings, word is out that Native Son Parlors Sunset #26 and Elk Grove #41 will be collaborating with the Native Daughter Parlors of District 14 to help with the local PBS television pledge drive.

Iris Ball — Non-California Born

By ELIZABETH MEYERS, REC. SEC.

La Tijera Parlor No. 282 will soon have three generations of members in their Parlor. Barbara Watkins, a fairly new member, initiated in June 2007, has two daughters. Her first daughter, Iris, was born in Maryland when Barbara's husband was on active duty in the U.S. Navy. Until the recent ruling allowing non-California born women to join our Order if a parent was on active duty and stationed outside the State, Iris was not eligible to join.

Iris and her sister, Sherol Dixon, were initiated into La Tijera Parlor on September 6, 2008, at the Official Visit of Grand President Jean Koehl, of Gilroy Parlor No. 312. Iris is the first non-California born member to be initiated at an Official Visit. Iris' daughter, Brandi, born in California, will be the third generation of members when she is initiated in early 2009.

La Tijera Parlor members encourage all Parlors to seek out and accept the non-native daughters of service men and women and accept them into the organization.

Poinsettia Pictorials

By JEAN E. GATES

Poinsettia Parlor's annual Christmas Party was held at Carrows Restaurant in Ventura. We had an enjoyable dinner with lots of good food and a fun time getting together with members and guests. Sister Parlors Reina del Mar No. 126 and Tierra de Oro No. 304 members and guests joined us for the party. Table decorations were won by lucky ticket holders. A large filled basket was raffled and proceeds were sent to a member from another Parlor who had lost her home in the Yorba Linda fire. Seventy-three canned Dak hams were brought by members and donated to Project Understanding in Ventura.

Poinsettia Parlor participates in an organization called Points for Profit as a fundraising project. Members attend each month, bring canned goods for the Rescue Mission and support local business sponsors earning points. They also received points for donating sixteen filled shoeboxes with gifts to be given to Operation Christian Child for Christmas. In June the Parlor received a cash bonus for points earned during the year. Points are given for attendance and participating with the local sponsors.



(L to R) John Hendrickson & Kathy Russell, President at the Christmas Luncheon.



(L to R) Dolly Attaway, Sally Gaitan, Jeanne Boger & Corinne Klock at the Harvest Feast.

Poinsettia Parlor members attended the Harvest Feast and Silent Auction hosted by Reina del Mar Parlor on November 18th in Santa Barbara. The members enjoying this wonderful dinner were Estella Moreno PGP, Dolly Attaway, Sally Gaitan, Jean Gates, Jeanne Boger and Corinne Klock. It is always enjoyable to get together with our Sister Parlors.

Things Are Happening In Vendome Parlor

By Sallee Murtha, Rec. Sec.

Life has been busy for the Sisters of Vendome Parlor. Three new members have been initiated since the Grand Parlor enactment of the Military Exemption! Diane Meyer, Kathleen Murtha and Catherine Davis, all third generation Native Daughters, are now members of our order. Support of the Veterans is always a primary concern and Kathleen Purdy, has kept us aware of the needs of the Menlo Park Unit and once again delivered our donations along with a Grand Parlor Veteran's Committee grant to the Head Nurse at the Unit.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held at The Three Flames, and everyone enjoyed the superb lunch and wonderful special dessert as well as the gifts from the ladies in charge, Madalyn Kralyevich and Elanor Gluhan.



(L to R) Diane Meyer, AJ Meyer, (in back) President Beverly Lowe, Dan and Sallee Murtha, Judy Rice and Kathleen Purdy.



(L to R) GT and SDDGP Sharon Logan, Connie Cota and Elinor Yerkovich.

Villa Teresa Clubhouse was the setting for the Official Visit of Grand President Jean Koehl to Vendome Parlor No. 100 on January 7, 2009. The Clubhouse was decorated with a theme of red roses and silver snowflakes, all perfectly appointed for the day by Co-Chair Louisa Postier with the assistance of Joanne Sanfilippo. President Beverly Lowe welcomed the members and guests present and introduced the honored guests of the day: Grand President Jean Koehl, Gilroy Parlor No. 312; Grand Marshall Barbara Rowland, San Miguel Parlor No. 94; Grand Trustee and Supervising District Deputy Grand President of District 21 Sharon Logan, San Jose Parlor No. 81; and Grand Inside Sentinel Suzi Riley, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City. Past President Louisa Postier led us in the Pledge to the Flag and GM Barbara; offered the blessing.

A luncheon of Chinese Food was set out for the members. Following the lunch, the Grand President presented her pin to our esteemed member Susie Engfer in honor of her upcoming 80 years as a member of the Native Daughters. GP Jean then presented 25-year service awards to: Joann Drake, Linda Murtha, and Pat New. Since Pat was unable to attend, the award was accepted on her behalf by her twin and Vendome member, Phyllis Croall. The Grand President then presented Sallee Murtha with her 50-year Service Award.

Louisa presented GP Jean with a beautiful butterfly wall hanging that she had made and Sallee presented the Parlor's yearly report. President Beverly presented GP Jean with a \$500.00 check to be given to the Education and Scholarship Committee to help with this year's awards. After presentations, the Grand President spoke to us regarding her "1 for 1 one" program, asking everyone to bring in one member, and thanking all of us for the courtesies of the day. GOS Suzi then spoke on behalf of the Grand Officers and SDDGP Sharon greeted the Grand President.

In closing President Beverly thanked Sallee and Louisa as Co-chairs of the day, and the kitchen help Sylvia Citti, Kathy Purdy and Joann Sanfilippo and all who were involved with the afternoon. A good time was had by all and everyone seemed to enjoy the day of wonderful food, fellowship and friends...and visiting with the Grand President and her Corps of Officers.



GP Jean shows her beautiful quilt of poppies and butterflies made by Louisa Postier (L) as President Beverly Lowe (R) looks on.



Grand President Jean Koehl presents her pin to Vendome member Susie Engfer (101 years old) for her 80 years of service to NDGW.

VFW Post Renamed for Members Brother

By SUE GABEL

About 250 people were on hand to celebrate the renaming of the Wayne Lyons Post #8737 VFW in San Bernardino. The name was changed to honor Colonel Joseph "Chuck" Rodriguez VFW Post #8737. Col. Rodriguez, a Medal of Honor recipient was the brother of Carmen Paredes, Lugonia Parlor No. 241 NDGW. He was decorated for valor during the Korean War for disabling gun emplacements and the crew.

Earlier in the day a school was also named the Col. Joseph C. Rodriguez Prep Academy (4th through 8th grade). His son, Sergeant General Rodriguez, spoke about his father and the service that the VFW performs for our military today. Governor Schwarzenegger sent a proclamation. On hand were Carmen Paredes, General Rodriguez, his son, several family members, and the Mayor of San Bernardino along with several dignitaries. Sisters from Toluca Parlor No. 279 and Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 NDGW and Brothers from Arrowhead Parlor #110 NSGW were on hand to honor Col. Rodriguez.

Busy Oakdale Parlor

BY BEVERLY GOODNER

Oakdale Parlor No. 125 has been busy the last several months. We had a booth at the Farmers Market in Oakdale and then in November we had a booth at the local boutique selling all homemade items. Our Sisters were very busy. We also held a Tea for our membership drive.

The Parlor has also adopted a Veteran and his name is Ryan Mazzariello. We recently honored two of our members who were in World War II. The Honored Sisters are Bernice Ramsey and Frieda Lansdowne.

Our member Darleen Parks made a Desert Cookbook from recipes submitted by our members. Her efforts turned out a real nice cookbook and we still have some of the books available if anyone is interested. They sell for \$5.00 each. Oakdale Parlor also held a "Bakeless" Bake Sale which was very profitable and well received. This is something the Parlor does every September.



(L to R) Bernice Ramsey and Frieda Lansdowne, Honored Veterans

Our Sister Tonya Goodner bought toys and art supplies which she donated to the Childrens Crisis Center in Oakdale. Currently we are working on fundraisers for the coming year.

Woodland Parlor No. 90

Princess Diana author speaks at Woodland Parlor Fundraiser May 2

BY DONARAE REYNOLDS

A former member of Princess Diana's press group will speak at a fundraiser for Woodland Parlor No. 90 on May 2.

New Zealand-born Susan Maxwell Skinner joined the royal press retinue to cover Diana's wedding to Prince Charles in 1981. For the next eight years, as an accredited press correspondent for British and international publications, she traveled with the couple and their sons. Maxwell Skinner has written three books on Diana. Now living in Sacramento, she is regarded as an expert on the Diana phenomenon and speaks nationally on the subject.

"Diana's manner struck a chord with ordinary people in a way no royal relative or celebrity had done before," says the author. "Her approach to duties, to motherhood and to humanitarianism was practical and in tune with her times. She was approachable, funny and sincere. Watching Diana was simply a job but along the road, we gained fantastic impressions into a vulnerable girl who would become one of the most effective humanitarians of recent history. Even now, she is a role model whose example shows that one person can make a big difference to the world."

The event — hosted at the historic Woodland Opera House (340 2nd St, Woodland, CA — is open to the public. Tickets are \$35



each. Refreshments, tea and desserts will be served and a silent auction will continue the fundraising effort. Susan Maxwell Skinner will offer her book "Diana — Memory of a Rose" and a portion of sales will benefit the Woodland Parlor's community projects. Some of the projects supported by the Woodland Parlor are: California Mission Restoration, Children's Foundation, the Native Daughters Home Fund, Yolo Food Bank, Yolo Wayfarer Center, Salvation Army, the Woodland Opera House, and an educational scholarship at Woodland High School.

To purchase tickets, call Donarae Reynolds at (530) 304-3262 or e-mail Horselover53@mail2world.com

Learn more about the author at www.susanmaxwellskinner.com

Donner Parlor's Childrens Foundation Luncheon

BY JACKIE WALLACE, DGP

Thirty-five members and guests attended the Childrens Foundation Luncheon sponsored by Donner Parlor No. 193, Byron. It was held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Black Bear Restaurant in Oakley.

Honored guests in attendance were GP Jean Koehl, Gilroy Parlor No. 312, GVP Alice Forbes, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, GM Barbara Rowland, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, GT Linda Galassi, El Vespero Parlor No. 118, PGP Nancy Brown, Argonaut Parlor No. 166, Sue McCord, SDDGP to District 17 and DGP to Donner Parlor No. 193, Jackie Wallace, DGP to Antioch Parlor No. 223, Donna Moir, ND Home Manager, Jurupa Parlor No. 296, Brenda Long, President of Donner Parlor No. 193, and Carol Stacy, Laws & Supervision Committee Member, San Miguel Parlor No. 94. Members of the Childrens Foundation Committee present were Bea Borelli, Darina Parlor No. 114, and Brandi

Fleischmann, Ruby Parlor No. 46, as well as GP Jean, GVP Alice and GT Linda.

Sue McCord, Chairman of the event greeted everyone and PGP Nancy Brown gave the invocation.

GP Jean Koehl, spoke briefly and thanked all for coming and supporting the Childrens Foundation.

Linda Galassi, the Childrens Foundation speaker, told about the help the Foundation does for our children in need. Donations were read and donors thanked.

Centerpieces were old-fashioned dolls in long flowing dresses, which were sold and the proceeds were donated to the Childrens Foundation. Beautiful baskets of goodies were raffled. Among those fortunate enough to win a basket were GVP Alice Forbes and GM Barbara Rowland. Proceeds from the raffle were also donated to the Childrens Foundation. GP Jean Koehl thanked all for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Past Presidents Association No. 6, NDGW

BY LAURA ARGENTO

A luncheon was held Friday at Trolley Junction to honor Bea Hastings, the State President of Past Presidents Association, NDGW. Bea travels throughout the State of California during her term of office to visit the many Past Presidents Associations. Her home is in Littlerock, CA. Her State Officers in attendance included State Vice President Suzanne Tichenor from Citrus Heights, State Secretary, Past State President Carolyn Childers from Yuba City, State Director Linda Morrison from Sacramento and Past State President Betty Baxter from Sacramento.

State President Bea Hastings' mascot for her year is clowns and a circus theme. She was presented with a handmade clown doll, made by member Margaret Brown.

Guest visitors from Grass Valley Saddle Pals were Jacque Holub, Director of Operations and Bonnie Funderburk, Administrative Assistant. Saddle Pals help teach students with physical or developmental challenges how to ride. This therapeutic horsemanship clinic has been a project for Past Presidents Association No. 6 and President Laura Argento happily presented Jacque Holub a check. Nona Morley was the winner of a hand crocheted afghan, for which the raffle money went to help pay for an 18 week therapeutic session.

Entertainment was by Tony Argento, Jr., of Reno, NV. He is a cowboy poet and he calls his poetry tuned up and twisted. He recited patriotic, humorous and serious poems.



Association No. 6 President Laura Argento, Nona Morley winner of the afghan and Jacque Holub receiving the check for Grass Valley Saddle Pals.



Cowboy Poet Tony Argento, & Margaret Brown presenting Bea Hastings with handmade clown doll to add to her collection of clown mascots.

Official Visit — "Kick-Off" for Super Bowl...Successful and Fun!

BY SHER GEISNER, GT, REC. SEC.

The Official Visit of Sonoma Parlor No. 209, Cotati Parlor No. 299, Petaluma Parlor No. 222 and Marinita Parlor No. 198 was held on Monday, January 12, 2009.

The escort Pom Pom team from each Parlor, the "Sonoma/Marin Powder Puffs", provided a lively escort for Grand President Jean Koehl. In addition, our Jr. Past Grand President Dorothy Ambrose, Grand Marshal Barbara Rowland, Grand Trustee's Linda Galassi, Marilynn Rodrigues and Sharon Logan were introduced, along with Grand Inside Sentinel Susi Riley. We also had the honor of having Past Grand President's Jean Hedemark, Nancy Brown and Christine Tripod present.

We were happy to initiate four new members; Marie Wilson, Dolores Lage, Colleen Gavin and Anna Martini. The highlight of the evening was when our long time (75 year member) Margaret Meyer was escorted to the altar and presented with a declaration, naming January 12, 2009 as "Margaret Meyer Day" for her many years of dedication, hard



Margaret Meyer, Sonoma Parlor No. 209 is being escorted to the altar by Cotati Parlor No. 199 member and Marshal for the evening, Marie Baranzini.

work, generosity, and love of our Order, as well as her friendship and love of her "Sisters". Margaret is a very special lady to Sonoma Parlor No. 209 and we're delighted to be able to honor her. It is Sisters like Margaret that make involvement in Native Daughters so rewarding!

Bonita Parlor's Scholarship Brunch

BY MARIE AMAYA,
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN


On Sunday November 2, 2008 Bonita Parlor No. 10 presented the 33rd Annual Madeline B. Wallace Scholarship Brunch at the Elks Club in San Mateo.

Present at the brunch were two of this years scholarship recipients, Joseph Atkins, son of Sister Cheryl Atkins and Dominic Molinari, grandson of Sister Gloria Molinari. Also present was a former recipient, granddaughter of Sister Theresa Vitelli. Through the generosity of our members, families and

friends, Bonita Parlor will be able to present new scholarships in 2009.

Chairman Louise Donleavy and Co-Chair Marian Wydo conducted the affair. Centerpieces made by Louise were baskets with autumn floral arrangements.

Past President Nancy Moran introduced the Officers present. Also introduced were Grand Trustee, SDDGP and DGP Sharon Logan of San Jose Parlor No. 81 and Grand Inside Sentinel Susi Riley of Bonita Parlor No. 10. Following the brunch a drawing was held for the many lovely prizes provided by the scholarship committee.



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Native Daughters Of The Golden West Jean Koehl, Grand President 2009 Itinerary

FEBRUARY 2009

- 1 NDGW Home Luncheon — District 17
- 2 Official Visit — Antioch 223, Antioch
- 3 Official Visit — Reina del Mar 126 (H), Tierra de Oro 304, Poinsettia 318, Santa Barbara
- 7 NDGW Home Luncheon — District 7, Chico
- 11 Official Visit — Yosemite 187 (H), Charter Oak 292, Visalia
- 14 Official Visit — Santa Cruz 26 (H), Aleli 102, Junipero 141, San Juan Bautista 179, Santa Cruz
- 14 NDGW Home Committee Meeting
- 21 NDGW Children’s Foundation Meeting — San Francisco
- 22 NDGW Childrens Foundation Luncheon — District 26
- 28 NDGW Childrens Foundation Luncheon — District 15

MARCH 2009

- 2 Official Visit — Berryessa 192, Willows
- 3 120th Anniversary — Camellia 41, Cottonwood
- 4 Official Visit — Vallejo 195, Vallejo
- 7 Official Visit — San Diego 208 (H), Illa M. Knox 320, Imperial 330, San Diego
- 7 District 18 Luncheon
- 8 NDGW Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Southern Counties, Van Nuys
- 11 Official Visit — Whittier 298 (H), Poppy Trail 266, San Gabriel Valley 281, Rancho La Puente 331, La Puente
- 13-15 Board of Directors Meeting, San Francisco
- 14 Mission Restoration Luncheon — District 16, San Francisco
- 14 NDGW Home Committee Meeting
- 17 Official Visit — Veritas 75, Merced
- 19 Official Visit — Eldora 248, Turlock
- 21 Official Visit — Donner 193 (H), Concord 323
- 28 District 21 Luncheon, San Jose
- 31 Official Visit — Forrest 86 (H), Ursula 1, Chispa 40, Plymouth

APRIL 2009

- 1 Official Visit — Ruby 46(H), Golden Era 99, Murphys
- 4 NDGW Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Veritas 75, Merced
- 6 Official Visit — Angelita 32, Livermore
- 11 NDGW Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 13 Official Visit — El Tejon 239, Bakersfield
- 15 Official Visit — Lomitas 255, Los Banos
- 17 Investment Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 17 Finance Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 17-19 Past President’s Assembly, El Monte
- 18 NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 19 Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast, Fairfax
- 22 Official Visit — Morada 199, Modesto
- 24-26 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Meeting, San Francisco
- 26 Fremont Peaks — San Juan Bautista

MAY 2009

- 2 Mission Restoration Luncheon — District 22
- 3 NDGW Childrens Foundation Luncheon — District 12
- 4 Official Visit — Oakdale 125, Oakdale
- 5 Official Visit — Mariposa 63, Mariposa
- 6 Official Visit — Gold of Ophir 190, Oroville
- 9 Official Visit — Grace Parlor 242, Fullerton
- 9 NDGW Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 12 Official Visit — Reichling 97(H), Arcata 325, Rohnert Park
- 14 Official Visit — Ft. Bragg 210, Ft. Bragg
- 16 NDGW Home Luncheon — District 20, Mariposa
- 16 NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 17-21 NSGW Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, Seaside
- 24 Alameda County Memorial Service

JUNE 2009

- 6 Homecoming — Gilroy 312, Hollister
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting, San Jose
- 16-19 NDGW Grand Parlor Annual Meeting — DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose

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