



# CALIFORNIA STAR

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### GP Karen is Adding to Her Mardi Gras Mood!

Check out this plate Grand President Karen received at the Charter Oak Parlor Official Visit in Visalia a couple of weeks ago! Has anyone noticed a recurring theme lately? Does anybody know what the theme for GPAM 2019 might be? Anyone?



### Laurel Parlor's 132nd Anniversary

SUBMITTED BY DEBI STALDER, PGP

Congratulations to Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City on their 132nd Anniversary! Three 75-year Members are seated here in the front row. From left, Betty Gannon, Thelma Gates-Jackson and Marille Hopkins along with Parlor members of Laurel Parlor No. 6 and Manzanita Parlor No. 29.



Jo Anne Davis and Yvonne Rideau — Poppy Girls!



### Remember Our Veterans

SUBMITTED BY, BEV PIERCE, VENDOME PARLOR NO. 100, SAN JOSE

Once again, I will have my display and basket at Grand Parlor. We would like to collect any extra toiletries that you do not need. I am a member of Operation Interdependence and we ship these to the active military and with each goody bag we send a handwritten letter. If you would like to write letters to let them know how much we appreciate them for protecting our country, you may put them also, in my basket.

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### Dear Sisters.

I hope you have had the opportunity to get out – and see the beauty of the wild-flowers and our beloved poppy blooming on the hillsides and the highway berms. It renews my faith in many things. Our travels have taken us all over the State this past month and we have been delighted to see so many of you at official visits and fundraisers. Thank you for all your lovely smiles and acts of kindness.

Our Office Support Assistant, Eve, has been working diligently to get our database up to date. Recording Secretaries, please send an Activity Report to the Home Office when a Member is initiated, resigns, is suspended or passes away. This is so important as it helps keep our database current. We thank you, in advance, for this courtesy. Additionally, if you are on a Committee and have a project going wherein paperwork is to be available in the Home or Grand Parlor Office for distribution, please let Eve know what the project is, provide the information and/or



forms involved before the project is underway, and instruct her on the procedure, as well as what she should tell people who ask questions. Remember, she is still new to the process and it will make her workload here easier.

As I have previously stated here, and time is fleeting, if you had a family member who was in the Military at any time during the history of our country, feel free to send a picture and a small write up about that person to the co-chair of the Veterans Committee, Dan Coffield, 6412 N. Dolores Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711. The Veterans are being honored this year on Thursday of GPAM. Additionally, if you know of any women who are Members of our Order who served, we would appreciate their names and contact information so that we may contact them directly. Thank you for your help with this project. All information must be in by the end of April, as well as your Random Acts of Kindness information for consideration at GPAM.

Sincerely yours,

*Karen H. Fini*

Karen H. Fini, Grand President

### Hearst Ranch Dedication

SUBMITTED BY, IDA EVANS, CHAIRMAN,  
CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS

On a beautiful sunny Saturday, April 6, a plaque commemorating the Hearst Ranch was unveiled in San Simeon. The plaque will be permanently placed near Sebastian's Store in the town. This was a joint dedication between the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Dawn Dunlap, NDGW Grand Vice President, gave a talk chronicling the Hearst family's arrival in California, the founding of their ranch in 1865, and the development and growth of the ranch to the present day. Pictured below from the left are Dawn Dunlap, Grand Vice President NDGW, Stephen Hearst, from the Hearst Family Trust, Karen Fini, Grand President NDGW, and Carey Pearce, Grand President NSGW.



# Congratulations Roxie!

On February 26, 2019, Grand President Karen H. Fini had the privilege of visiting a Fresno neighbor to confer a 75-Year Membership Pin. Roxie Alexander Holtsman, the 94-year-old honoree, was born in Fresno County to Armenian immigrant parents during the Governorship of Friend W. Richardson.

Orphaned at an early age, Roxie and her older brother grew up in the Fresno home of an aunt by marriage. When her brother was drafted in the early days of World War II, Roxie re-located to Sacramento, where she resided in

a boardinghouse, worked in War Industries, and earned her high school diploma at night school. She joined the Native Daughters of the Golden West in May 1944 and was a member of La Bandera Parlor No. 110 for almost 40 years and then Califia Parlor No. 22 from the late 1980s to the present day.

At the conclusion of World War II, Roxie found her life's work as a traffic manager with historic Crown Zellerbach Corporation and its successor businesses, James River Corporation and Mead Corporation. In 1989, Roxie retired from Mead's facility on Richards Boulevard in Sacramento and enjoyed an active retirement in her self-built adobe home in the Country Club Estates subdivision north of the Capital City. Three years ago, Roxie moved to an assisted living residence in northwest Fresno to be closer to her family. Two nieces and a grandnephew were present on February 26 to greet Grand President Karen, witness the pinning ceremony, and share celebratory cake.



# South Butte Parlor No. 226 and Past Presidents Association No. 29

SUBMITTED BY, GAIL KUNSMAN, TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN/PUBLICITY

On March 27, 2019, South Butte Parlor No. 226 and Past Presidents Association No. 29 donated to Sutter Cemetery District for maintenance of Stohlman Cemetery, a pioneer cemetery, that was recently incorporated into Sutter Cemetery District. The money will be used to help build a fence around the cemetery. Pictured below, Claudia Warner, President is presenting checks to Darin Dollins, Foreman, for Sutter Cemetery District.

Pictured in back from left to right: Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary and Past President; Shirley Jimerson, Marshall; Earlene Knight, Treasurer; Debbie Groves, Inside Sentinel; Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary and Past President; Gail Kunsman, Trustee Chairman and Past President; pictured in front: Claudia Warner, President and Past President and Darin Dollins, Foreman, for Sutter Cemetery District.



# 80 Years of Celebrating Chatsworth History...

SUBMITTED BY PGP BETH PERRIN

FROM THE "COMMUNITY NEWS" EMAIL THAT GOES OUT TO COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH'S DISTRICT IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY EACH WEEK

Last weekend, residents joined dozens of local organizations to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Old Santa Susana Stage Road plaque which was installed by the Native Daughters of the Golden West on March 17, 1939.

The Old Santa Susana Stage Road was used during the 19th century as a connection between the San Fernando and Simi Valleys. Stage coaches would often have to blindfold their horses as they made the perilous descent from one side to the other carrying mail, shipped goods, and other sundries.

As infrastructure and technology improved, the old stage road ultimately went out of use but remains today as a hiking trail that showcases the natural beauty of our region. You can still clearly see the ruts made from stage coaches that passed through the trail

over 100 years ago.

In 1939, the Native Daughters of the Golden West— an organization founded by California women whose mission is to preserve the history and heritage of our state -- took the step to mark the site of the Old Stage Road with a plaque acknowledging its important role in the history of our region.

80 years later, it's impressive to see how a culture of historic preservation is now ingrained into the culture of Chatsworth. Attendance at the anniversary celebration was not limited to the Native Daughters of the Golden West but included conservation and historic preservation groups of all kinds.

While Chatsworth may have changed a great deal since the days of the Old Stage Road, the history and stories of our neighborhoods will continue to be told for generations.



## List of Initiations 1/20/19–4/10/19

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors:  
January 20, 2019 – April 10, 2019.

<b>Ursula Parlor No. 1</b> Linda Backes Barbara Finetti	<b>El Vespero Parlor No. 118</b> Mary Ann Meyers	<b>Arcata Parlor No. 325</b> Lynn Leger Enid Westcott
<b>Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26</b> Sonia de la Rosa Kelly Kersten Joyce Rollins Richard Roullard Teri Ruegg	<b>Argonaut Parlor No. 166</b> Joyce Bush Karen Cauayani	<b>Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336</b> Jennifer Sands Karla Stine
<b>Ruby Parlor No. 46</b> Amy Torgerson	<b>San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179</b> Patricia Riley Susan Trusley	<b>Zinfandel Parlor No. 337</b> Mildred Mello Trina Rurup
<b>Woodland Parlor No. 90</b> Gretchen Adan	<b>Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190</b> Sheri Palomba	<b>Amapola Parlor No. 338</b> Cathy Castillo Amy Clingan Kathleen Douglas Aimee Gillaspie Marion Graves Stacey Jamarck Brenna Kantner Erin McKinney Rachel Padgett Susan Schafer Linda Scott Stacey Wickware Kristi Windley
<b>Aleli Parlor No. 102</b> Anika Baker Hayley Baker Tara Baker Judith Menconi	<b>Donner Parlor No. 193</b> Julie Woodin-Stockert	
<b>San Luisita Parlor No. 108</b> Beverly Batson Debra Bibby	<b>Lugonia Parlor No. 241</b> Ann Houston	
<b>Sutter Parlor No. 111</b> Deborah Garcia Olivia Morrow Julie Routhier	<b>Grace Parlor No. 242</b> Nancy Booher Jeannie Weiss	
	<b>Cotati Parlor No. 299</b> Randy Collins Patti Fiske	

# Morada Parlor No. 199, Modesto

SUBMITTED BY, CAROLYN S. FLOWERS, PRESIDENT

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 Our Official Visit was a genuine success. Our Grand President, Karen H. Fini of Fresno Parlor No. 187, enjoyed the wonderful salad bar dinner that was presented. A beautiful cake in her honor was shared and a great time was had by all.

Our theme was St. Patrick's Day, and the entire room was beautifully decorated by our committee, chaired by Karen Stiles and Charlene Van Name.

Our coin march for Grand President Karen's special committee raised \$100.00 which was donated to her windows project!

We had our Supervising District Deputy Grand President Ida Evans and our Deputy Grand President Ardylee McCurdy, both of Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, and Past Grand Presidents Sylvia Lowrie of Lomitas No. 255, Los Banos, and Christine Tripod of Hayward Parlor No. 122, Hayward, and our own PGP Lorraine Robinson. We also had visitors from NSGW Fresno, No. 258.

We had the honor of presenting two 25-year pins to our Members, Gloria Chin and Candis Hull, who joined our Parlor in 1994. Not able to make the meeting but earning her beautiful 50-year pin is Mary Ann Richardson, who joined us in 1969 and a 25-year pin to Kathy Gladney who also joined in 1994. Gloria has served as Morada President, Past President, Bowling Team Chairman, as well as many other committees over the years! She is a wonderful asset to our Parlor and Members.

Candis Hull has assisted in many audits for our Parlor, and has served as the Chairman for our Veterans Blanket Drive we do every year! Candis is a team player and always willing to help out!

Pictured is GP Karen with 25-year Membership pin recipients Gloria Chin and Candis Hull. Congratulations to these Sisters who have reached these goals.

GP Karen was thrilled with her visit to Modesto, and enjoyed her evening spent with our Members and guests.



## POCKET LADY Comes Out of Retirement...

Next time you have the chance to join in on an event at Morada Parlor, look for Nancy!

Our Pocket Lady is alive again! Thank you to our Member Nancy Wandell, we have brought our Pocket Lady Robe out of retirement, brushed her off, and will be making her a part of our events! This idea was formed in Morada many years ago! The robe has several individual pockets and each pocket holds a special prize! You may choose a pocket for a \$1.00. Monies are used for the Parlor's General Fund! It always brings a lot of fun to our events, and we could not be happier that Nancy has chosen to help us with this project!



**Let the Games Begin... Join us for our...  
Scholarship Game Day Luncheon  
Saturday, May 18th, 2019  
11 am – 2:30 pm**

**Cost is \$20.00 per person**  
(Includes: Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings, iced tea, water, coffee & dessert)

**Hughson United Methodist Church  
2007 – 6th Street, Hughson, California**

**Opportunity & 50/50 Drawings**

**Reserve Your Spot Today  
Call Barbara Custer at 209-529-9996  
or Email: [barbara3408@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbara3408@sbcglobal.net)**

## Congratulations!!!

SUBMITTED BY, SUZANNE RENEE CHANDLER, GM, CFIC MEMBER

It is my pleasure to announce the winners of our Cash for Christmas drawing held December 2, 2018! The drawing took place at our Native Daughters of the Golden West Home in San Francisco.

The winners are:

- 1. First Prize \$500 El Vespero Parlor No. 118, San Francisco
- 2. Second Prize \$300 Jeanie Laharty, Member of Bonita Parlor No. 10, San Francisco
- 3. Third prize \$100 Eschol Parlor No. 16, Napa

Congratulations to our winners and a BIG THANK YOU to all who purchased tickets!!! With your support, the CFIC Committee was able to raise over \$3,600.00.



## Happy 107th Birthday Mary!!!

FROM THE APRIL 2019 *POPPY PRESS*,  
LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 255

Our Member, Mary Freitas, celebrated her 107th birthday on April 9th. Mary is a 53-year Member of Lomitas Parlor in Los Banos. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY!



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Deadlines are the 10th of July, Oct, Jan & April.

Photos are \$8 each.



## Save the Date

**San Jose Parlor No. 81  
is celebrating**

**125 years on  
June 27, 2019**

**Enjoy Official Visit  
Great Entertainment**

**Lots of Fun  
Great Food at Michael's  
In Mtn. View**

**Chair: Sharon Logan**

## Deceased Members 1/20/19–4/10/19

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between January 20, 2019 – April 10, 2019..

**Laurel Parlor No. 6**  
Naomi Prior  
Rose Seeborg

**Eshcol Parlor No. 16**  
Barbara Dulinsky, PGP

**Forrest Parlor No. 86**  
Dena D'Agostini

**Sutter Parlor No. 111**  
Marjorie Norris

**Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112**  
Mary Ellen Hare

**Darina Parlor No. 114**  
Leonore Fifer

**Hayward Parlor No. 122**  
Josephine Cappa  
Betty De Respini  
Norma Freitas

**Encinal Parlor No. 156**  
Betty McCaffrey


**Donner No. 193**  
Ruth James

**South Butte Parlor No. 226**  
Winifred Prindle

**La Tijera Parlor No. 282**  
Jeanne Sandell

**Poinsettia Parlor No. 318**  
Estella Moreno

**Rancho La Puente  
Parlor No. 331**  
Betty Harralson



## 2019 GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents,  
State Chairmen, Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors,  
Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

On behalf of the 2019 GPAM Sessions Committee, we would like to invite you to make your room reservations at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno for the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

The reservation block is now open, and we would encourage you to get your reservations made as soon as possible. **Please call this number: (559) 268-1000 and reference “Native Daughters of the Golden West” to receive the convention rate.**

Rooms are one King or two Double beds for the rate of \$139.00 per night. All rooms are “subject to all applicable State and Local taxes and assessments.” The NDGW Block is open for any days between Saturday, June 15, 2019 through Saturday, June 22, 2019. **All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed by a major credit card.**

**The deadline for reservations at the special rate is May 31, 2019.**

Grand President Karen H. Fini and her Sessions Committee want you to have a wonderful week at Grand Parlor and if you need any assistance with your accommodations, please feel free to contact PGP Marilynn Rodrigues at (510) 816-3096 or email at [ndgwgrndprez2011@aol.com](mailto:ndgwgrndprez2011@aol.com) or PGP Joan M. Hall, (559) 636-9342 or email at [jandrhall@juno.com](mailto:jandrhall@juno.com).

The 2019 Sessions Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to Fresno in June for a successful Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Fraternally,

*Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP*  
Co-Hotel Coordinator  
GPAM Sessions Committee

*Joan M. Hall, PGP*  
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# Available at GPAM

## Be Seen Wearing Our NDGW T-Shirts and Hoodies

They are red v-neck 100% cotton t-shirts with our NDGW emblem on the front and our “JOIN US!” logo and website address on the back. The red hoodies are light-weight and have the same printing as the t-shirts. If you’d like to order a t-shirt or a hoodie (or a few for your Parlor Members), please contact GS Nickie Acevedo at [Nickie\\_acevedo@yahoo.com](mailto:Nickie_acevedo@yahoo.com) or (559)936-2735.

**T-shirts:**  
Medium – XL = \$25.00  
and 2X – 4X = \$30.00

**Hoodies:**  
Medium – XL = \$40.00  
and 2X – 4X = \$45.00



### N.D.G.W. Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2019

Laissez les bons temps rouler...“Let the good times roll”

### Marketplace • Monday, June 17, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton, 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno California

### VENDOR TABLE RESERVATION

Parlor/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Items to be Sold: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Raffle: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If Available) Interested in Sharing a Table: Yes \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A full table and 2 chairs will be provided for each vendor. There is NO CHARGE for the table.

☐ Only Parlors with a Registered Delegate will be allowed to sell at the Marketplace.

☐ Vendor set-up at 9:00 a.m. Marketplace opens at 10:00 am and closes promptly at 3:00 pm

### DEADLINE for table reservations is May 24, 2019

Send Completed Form to: Marla M. Weathers, 717 Northwood Dr., Merced, CA 95348  
Any Questions, Contact: Marla M. Weathers at (209) 724-9617 or (209) 769-8755 or by email at [wmweathers76@gmail.com](mailto:wmweathers76@gmail.com).

# GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING

## 2019 SPECIAL SECTION



### 2019 GPAM

### Tentative Schedule

#### Sunday, June 16, 2019

12:00 Noon	Board of Directors' Luncheon Meeting – Board Room
6:00 PM	Grand Officers Dinner

#### Monday, June 17, 2019

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Marketplace – Atrium
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration – Atrium
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	25th Anniversary PGP Reception – Grand President's Suite
6:00 PM	Pictures (GO's, PGP's, Escort Team)
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Opening Reception

#### Tuesday, June 18, 2019

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM	Opening Session
11:00 AM	Memorial Service
12:00 Noon	NDGW Charitable Foundation Luncheon
1:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Sessions
5:30 PM	"Take Me Out to the Ballgame"
6:30 PM	PGP's Dinner

#### Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:00 AM	Candidates Breakfast
8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Sessions – Nomination of Grand Officers
12:00 Noon	Hicks from the Sticks Luncheon
1:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Sessions – Election of Grand Officers
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Mexican Train Game Night

#### Thursday, June 20, 2019

8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Sessions
12:00 Noon	NDGW Childrens Foundation Luncheon
1:00 PM	NSGW Visitation, Veterans Salute & Awards
2:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Sessions
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball

#### Friday, June 21, 2019

8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Sessions
12:00 Noon	NDGW Home Luncheon
1:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Closing Sessions
8:00 PM	Installation of Grand Officers

#### Saturday, June 22, 2019

9:00 AM	State Committee Chairman Meeting
9:45 AM	Deputy Grand Presidents & Supervising Deputy Grand Presidents Meeting
10:30 AM	Past Grand Presidents Meeting
12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM	Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting

#### Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, State Chairmen, Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors, Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

The Members of your 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee are working very hard to make your stay at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fresno one you will remember for many years to come! I'm sure you will enjoy meeting up with your friends that you only see once a year and catch up on all of what has been going on in your lives this last year.

Mixed in with the Corporate business we do have to do, we will have some fun things to do as well. On Tuesday afternoon there will be a chance to watch the Fresno Grizzlies Triple AAA (Washington Nationals Affiliate) team the Utah Bees Triple AAA (Los Angeles Angels) team. The ballpark is just down the street from the hotel and staff there will be hosting us with unlimited food and beverages (no alcohol) and a covered venue to watch the game from. We hope that many of you baseball fans will join together for a fun evening.

On Wednesday evening, there will be a chance to play (and learn) the game called "Mexican Train Dominoes". I'm sure there will be some surprises for the winners!! If you have a Mexican Train Dominoes game and would like to bring it to share, please do.

Many of the lunches will have a Mardi Gras theme and the banquet is going to be a Masked Ball. Be sure to bring your colorful masks and beads and join in the party. Also, there will be a decorated parasol parade at the banquet.

Grand President Karen, PGP Joan Hall, myself, and the entire 2019 GPAM Sessions Committee are looking forward to greeting you in June.

Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP  
Co-Chairman

Joan M. Hall, PGP  
Co-Chairman

Karen H. Fini  
Grand President

### Dawn Dunlap Candidate for Grand President

Dear Sisters,

El Pinal Parlor No. 163 is proud to present its esteemed Member, Dawn Dunlap, for election to the office of Grand President at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno.

Dawn has been a Member in good standing of El Pinal Parlor No. 163 for forty-nine years. She has served as our President, Past President, Trustee, Outside Sentinel, and Recording Secretary. She has served our District as Deputy Grand President to San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Luisita Parlor No. 108, and El Paso de Robles Parlor No. 335, as is currently our Supervising District Deputy Grand President. On the Grand Parlor level, Dawn has served on State of the Order, Investment, Finance, Education and Scholarship, NDGW Childrens Foundation, California History, Landmarks, and Historic Building, Chairman of Laws and Supervision, and three years as Chairman of the Extension of the Order. This year she has served on Finance, Real Property, Personnel, James D. Phelan Fund, Roll of Honor, NDGW Charitable Foundation, Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection, Pioneer Roster and NDGW Archives, and as Chairman of Ritual and Manual of Instruction for the fourth term.

Dawn is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and has advanced degrees from two archaeological institutes in Greece. While continuing her study of Greek pottery at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, she worked two years as an editor of annual corporate reports for a Fortune 500 conglomerate. Returning to California in the 1970s, Dawn worked for a decade as a legal assistant to a real property attorney, and five years as a legal research

assistant for a judge of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court. For the past nineteen years she has worked as a title and land use consultant and as an independent historian specializing in the Central Coast. She raises purebred Charolais cattle and lives on the ranch where she was reared.

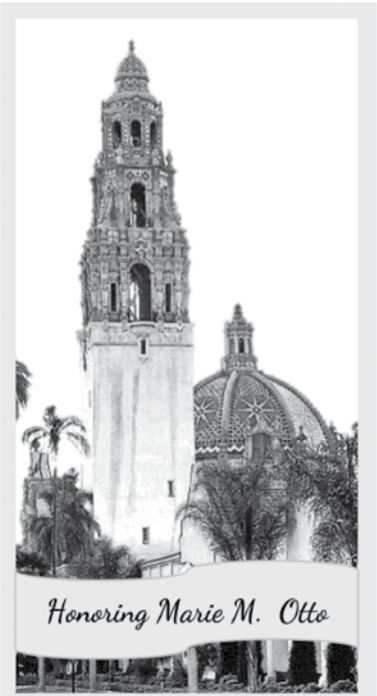


Dawn has lived the majority of her life in Cambria and has always been an active member of the community. Her recent activities include: Chairman of the North Coast Farm Center for the California Farm Bureau, Member of the Board of Directors for the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society, and Agricultural Representative on the North Coast Advisory Council. For the past thirty-four years Dawn has been Chairman of the Old Santa Rosa Chapel and Cemetery Committee, a non-profit

corporation, that oversees the restoration and maintenance of a church built in 1870 and its adjacent historic cemetery.

Our Parlor is proud to present Dawn Dunlap. She has all of the qualifications necessary to serve on the Board of Directors and is willing to meet her obligations for service as Grand President. We respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our Member, Dawn Dunlap, for election to the office of Grand President at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Please read this letter at your next Subordinate Parlor meeting and instruct your Delegates to take it with them to the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno. Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally in P.D.F.A.,  
Patricia Williams, Recording Secretary  
Jean Chinnici, President



*San Diego Parlor No. 208  
Native Daughters of the Golden West  
Cordially Invites You to a Reception  
Honoring Silver Anniversary  
Past Grand President Marie M. Otto*

*Monday, June 17th, 2019  
Grand President's Suite  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
Fresno, California*



## Karen H. Fini Candidate for Junior Past Grand President

Dear Sisters,

The Members of Fresno Parlor No. 187, Fresno, presents their esteemed Member, Karen H. Fini, for election to the office of Jr. Past Grand President at GPAM 2019.

Karen is currently a Member of Fresno Parlor No. 187 and has been a Member for 46 years. She became a dual Member of Veritas Parlor No. 75, Merced last year. She has served Fresno Parlor four times as President as well as serving as Past President, Secretary, and Marshal. She has also chaired numerous committees within her Parlor. She has been active throughout her District serving as Deputy Grand President to Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, and as Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 22, as well as Deputy to Veritas Parlor No. 75, Merced, for several years. She has served the Order on the state level as a Member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation, as well as serving on the NDGW Home, Finance, Investment, Personnel, and numerous other



State Committees.

Karen is a paralegal having worked 55 years in this position. She has served as a CASA advocate (Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children) advocating for children in the Fresno/Madera area. She is the mother of five, grandmother of 16, and great grandmother of nine.

Karen actively serves her Parlor and the Order and has the full support of her family and Parlor as she seeks election to this office.

The Members of Fresno Parlor No. 187 respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our Sister, Karen H. Fini, to the office of Jr. Past Grand President.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Tim Green, President  
Sandra Vaiarello, Recording Secretary

## Dominique "Nickie" Acevedo Candidate for Grand Secretary

Dear Sisters:

Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia, is pleased and honored to present our Member, Dominique "Nickie" Acevedo, for election to the office of Grand Secretary for the coming term.

Nickie joined Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 in May of 1994, while a student at St. Mary's College in Moraga, and began attending Native Daughter luncheons and Grand Parlor Annual Meetings as school and work in the East Bay area permitted. She moved back to Visalia in 2002 and was installed in a Parlor Office almost immediately.

Nickie has served Charter Oak Parlor as President, Past President, 1st Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and is currently serving as Parlor President again. She has served as Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 22 and has also served as Deputy Grand President to Fresno Parlor No. 187 and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292. At the State level, she is currently serving as Grand Secretary and State Chairman of the Official Publication. Nickie has also been the State Chairman of the Essay Contest. During her 24 years as a Member of our Order she has served on the Childrens Foundation Committee, the California Lighthouse Preservation Committee, Electronic Communications,



Mission Restoration, NDGW Home Committee, and the Public Relations Committee. Nickie continues to attend NDGW functions throughout the state as school and family responsibilities will allow.

In 1997, Nickie graduated cum laude from St. Mary's College in Moraga with a BS degree in Finance and a double minor in Economics and Spanish. She has more than twelve years of experience in human resources and staffing and seven years in administrative support roles. On June 29, 2018, she completed her Masters Degree in Psychology through Brandman University and is currently employed by Tulare Youth Service Bureau as therapist, with clients in Tulare and Lindsay.

Nickie has the full support of her daughters, Rebecca (14) and Mia (11), her extended family, and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 in her desire to serve the Order as Grand Secretary during the 2019-2020 term. Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 respectfully requests your support for our candidate Dominique "Nickie" Acevedo for Grand Secretary at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2019 in June in Fresno.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brandi Fleischmann, First Vice President  
Joan M. Hall, PGP, Recording Secretary

## Suzanne "Renee" Chandler for Grand Vice President

Dear Sisters,

Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, Native Daughters of the Golden West, is proud to present our Member, Suzanne "Renee" Chandler, for election to the office of Grand Vice President at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held in Fresno.

Renee has been an active member of Poppy Trail Parlor for over 36 years. She has served as President, Past President and other officer positions within the Parlor, and currently serves as a Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 27. Renee is currently serving our Order as the Grand Marshal. As such, she is on the Finance Committee, Real Property Committee, Phelan Fund, Proceedings Committee, and she is the State Chairman for the Laws and Supervision Committee. She is also a Past President of Past President's Association No. 19.

As a member of Poppy Trail Parlor, she has headed many committees and served on various committees within the Parlor. Her great love for the Order and our Parlor is evident in her participation in the Parlor and her attendance at many Grand Parlors over the years.



During her years as a Grand Officer, Renee has traveled to many events throughout California. She has enjoyed meeting new Sisters and greeting those she has met throughout her years of service to the Order.

Renee graduated from Sawyer College of Business in Pasadena. She is currently a Legal Assistant and Office Manager for an Attorney and has worked in this field for over 34 years.

Renee's husband, Tom, supports her wish to serve the Order, as do her two children, and her five year old and her three year old Granddaughters! Renee's Grandmother, Becky Meza, (a member for over 40 years), passed away in February of 2013 and would have been thrilled to know that Renee would serve our beloved Order as a Grand Officer.

The members of Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, respectfully request your consideration and support of our sister, Suzanne "Renee" Chandler, for election to the office of Grand Vice President at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in P.D.F.A.,

Julie Patino, Recording Secretary  
Marina Martinez, President

## Susan Collins Candidate for Grand Marshal

Dear Sisters,

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg is pleased and honored to present their Member, Susan Collins for election to the office of Grand Marshal of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. She has been an active Member of our Parlor for 15 years. She served four terms as President in 2008, 2009, 2015, and 2016. She served as Past President for two terms and as Supervising District Deputy Grand President and Deputy Grand President for four terms and is now serving as Recording Secretary and Supervising District Deputy of our parlor.

She has chaired on many committees including Fund Raising, History and Landmarks and the committee for the Parlor's 100 anniversary in 2016. She has been on the Lighthouse Preservation Committee for the last 5 years. She was chairman in 2017 of that committee and was the Co-chairman last year. She is currently the Chair of Extension of the Order as well as serving on a number of committees by virtue of her position on the Board. She has been learning about the workings of Finance as a non-voting member, and Investment and how the order conducts business by sitting in on as many committee meetings as she can.

Susan completed her education in Dental Assisting in 1979 at College of the Redwoods



in Eureka and worked as an RDA for over 35 years, retiring in 2012. She has lived in Fort Bragg since 1982 moving from her hometown of Arcata. In 1984 she married her second husband, Joe. She has two daughters, a stepson and five grandchildren. In her spare time, she costumes for two local theater groups, manages a costume facility, is active in the Holy Ghost community of Portuguese, and volunteers as a docent at the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse, and the Kelly House Museum. She serves as President of the Mendocino Coast Hospital Auxiliary Board and is a longtime volunteer at the Fort Bragg Library. She is always willing to volunteer in the community for special events.

She loves traveling with her beagle, Ginger, in her motor home searching out historical landmarks and parks. Susan has enjoyed learning about the workings of NDGW and meeting many new Sisters as she joined GP Karen H. Fini in many OV and fundraising events during this term on the Board of Directors. She is looking forward to becoming more involved as she continues to learn about her duties as Grand Marshal. Susan has the full support of her family members and our Members of Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210.

P.D.F.A.,

Susan Collins, GT, Recording Secretary  
Frieda Clayton, President Pro Temp.

Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7 pm

Opening Reception for GPAM 2019

Come meet our Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents

Enjoy musical entertainment by Fresno Parlor No. 187's own Richard Ruth and Angelita Parlor No. 32's talented Arlie Alford

\$5.00 per person "Let the Good Times Roll!!!"

Reservations must be received by May 31st on the GPAM 2019 Meal & Event Reservation Form

Take me out to the Ballgame!

Tuesday, June 18th

Root, Root, Root for the

Tickets \$35.00

includes Great Seats and Unlimited Food, Soda and water

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Game to Follow

Wear Your RED NDGW shirt to the game.

They will be available for purchase at GPAM Marketplace.

Questions: Maggie Stickler 559-660-5381

## Rae Rosas

### Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters,

The Parlor members of both Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Santa Barbara and Poinsettia Parlor No. 318, Ventura, proudly present their esteemed member, Rae Rosas, for re-election to the office of Grand Trustee of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Rae has been an active member of our Parlors for many years. She currently serves as Recording Secretary in Tierra de Oro and First Vice President in Poinsettia. She is currently serving as Supervising District Deputy Grand President and has served as a Deputy Grand President in our District several times. Rae is currently on the Investment Committee as a non-voting member and the Ritual and Manual of Instruction State Committee. In the past she has served on the Finance Committee, Home Committee, and several GPAM Committees.

She is employed by the City of Santa Bar-



bara Airport Department for thirty-six years. She's in the Airport Maintenance Division where she assists with the budget, accounts payable, and work order system.

In her spare time she enjoys reading travelling, and photography. She also helps out another non-profit organization, the "Coastal Band of Chumash Nation".

Rae has the full support of her daughter Amy, her family, and the members of both Tierra de Oro and Poinsettia Parlors.

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 and Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our member, Rae Rosas, as she seeks re-election to the office of Grand Trustee at GPAM 2019 in Fresno.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Jennie Martinez, Parlor President  
Anna Ortiz, Recording Secretary, Pro Tem

## Marjorie McKisson

### Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters,

Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento is honored to present our member Marjorie McKisson as a candidate for the Office of Grand Trustee at the 2018 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW) has been a place for Marjorie to meet dynamic women and a place where Marjorie has gained life experiences while serving in many capacities in her Parlor and in her District. Marjorie has been on the Board of Directors for nearly two years, giving her opportunities to meet more members and traveling to many Official Visits and events.

In addition to serving on the Board,



Marjorie is serving as Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 10, and Deputy Grand President to Zinfandel Parlor number 337. Meeting the public and promoting the NDGW is another way Marjorie is of service to our Order. Marjorie served as Parlor Delegate to Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in 2017.

Sutter Parlor fully supports Marjorie to seek this office and believes she will continue to be an asset to our beloved Order. We ask for your support of our member for Grand Trustee.

Sincerely and Fraternally in P. D. F. A.,  
Milvia Christopher, President.  
Valerie Eller-Baxter, Recording Secretary  
Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento

## Stephanie Kerr

### Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters,

Oakdale Parlor No. 125 is pleased and honored to present our Member, Stephanie Kerr, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2019 at the Fresno DoubleTree Hotel, 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, CA.

Stephanie has been an active Member of Oakdale Parlor since early 2009. She has held the positions of Second Vice President, First Vice President, President for two years, Recording Secretary for two years, Inside Sentinel, and Past President. She currently holds the position of Marshal.



As President, one of her projects was to create and post signs of the Native Daughters of the Golden West logo on the signboards at the four entrances to Oakdale. She also instituted an "Adopt-a-Poll" program in which Oakdale Parlor is in charge of a precinct on Election Day. The participating Members receive a stipend which they donate to the Parlor. This is one of our larger fund raisers. She has served on various Parlor committees and is currently serving on the Nomination of Officers Committee. She creates the roster and calendar booklet for the Parlor each year. For the past three years, Stephanie has been serving as the Deputy Grand President for Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, a position she has greatly enjoyed. As a Grand Trustee, Stephanie serves on the NDGW Home Committee.

This year, Stephanie became a dual Mem-

ber by joining Aleli Parlor No. 102 in Salinas which is her home town.

In the final 27 years of her 33-year employment with Monterey County, Stephanie was in charge of the Fraud and Administrative Hearings Division of the Department of Social Services. She also owned a Baskin Robbins Franchise. She now volunteers as a Hearing Officer for the Cities of Modesto and Stockton, conducting code violation, cost recovery, and water violation hearings. She volunteers at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown as well.

In her endeavor to learn more about the inner workings of the Grand Parlor, Stephanie is eager to serve to the best of her ability. This year, as Grand Trustee, she served on the NDGW Home Committee and has been writing the "Home Committee Corner" column in the California Star.

Her education includes an AA in Administration of Justice, a BA in Public Administration, a BS in Information Systems and Design, a Masters of Business Administration, and a Juris Doctorate.

Stephanie is married with three grown children. Her husband supports her in this endeavor.

We would appreciate your vote for Stephanie.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Donna Bryant, President  
Jeanne Meil, Secretary

## Viola Gene Dana

### Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters,

Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331, La Puente, Native Daughters of the Golden West, proudly presents our Member, Viola Gene Dana, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held in Fresno.

Viola Gene was born in Tulare but grew up and has lived most of her life in Southern California. Viola studied at Cal Poly University, both the San Luis Obispo and Pomona campuses. She and her husband, Richard, have been married for 43 years. Richard is supportive of her efforts on behalf of the Native Daughters and is often her escort to Native Daughter events throughout California.

Viola Gene has been a Member for 26 years, and has served our Parlor as President, Past President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee. Additionally, she has



served on several committees within our Parlor and our District. Seeking to increase her knowledge and understanding of our Order, she has served on the Lighthouse Preservation and the Childrens Foundation Committees. She is currently serving as Deputy Grand President to Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton.

This year, serving as 5th Grand Trustee, she has welcomed new learning opportunities and added responsibilities inherent to the Offices of the Order.

The members of Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331, La Puente, respectfully request your consideration and support of our Sister, Viola Gene Dana, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in P.D.F.A.,  
Carole Sue Gabel, Recording Secretary  
Linda Srulovitch, President

CFIC Committee presents



"Dixieland Express"

GPAM 2019 Luncheon



Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Noon

Entrée: Stuffed Pork Loin

(Please indicate on reservation form if vegetarian option is needed)

Coffee or Tea included, and Dessert is chef's choice


Cost is \$35.00 inclusive

Checks to be made out to GPAM 2109 Committee

Reservations must be received by May 31st

GPAM 2019 Meal & Event Reservation Form

Drawing to be held during luncheon



Mardi Gras

Meet the Candidates Breakfast

Come meet and greet the Sisters running for the Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:00 am - \$25.00

Reservations must be received by May 31st on GPAM 2019 Meal & Event Reservation Form


**Diane Meyer**  
**Candidate for Grand Trustee**

Dear Sisters,

Vendome Parlor No. 100, San Jose, is pleased to present its Member, Diane Meyer, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held in Fresno. Diane has been a Member in good standing of Vendome Parlor No. 100 since joining in 2008. She was, however, involved in many Native Daughter and Vendome Parlor activities and events for many years prior to being able to join the Order. She has served our Parlor as President and Past President. She has always been willing to serve as a temporary officer when called upon. She is currently serving as Deputy Grand President to Gilroy Parlor No. 312. Diane is also Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 20.



Diane attended San Jose State University where her major was Computer Science. She and her husband, Randy, have been married for 30 years. They have two sons, Christopher and Andrew. Diane's mother, Sallee Murtha, and her grandmother, Betty Yakobovich, both 50-year plus Members, would have been thrilled to know that Diane would serve our beloved Order as a Grand Officer.



The Members of Vendome Parlor No. 100, San Jose, respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our Member, Diane Meyer, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno.

Thank you.

# Trudi Tuban Candidate for Grand Inside Sentinel

Dear Sisters:

San Jose Parlor No. 81 is proud to present our esteemed member, Trudi Tuban, for election to the office of Grand Inside Sentinel at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno.

Trudi has been a member in good standing of San Jose Parlor No. 81 for over 17 years. She has served as Parlor President, First Vice President, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary, as well as In-House Deputy Grand President to our Parlor. She is currently serving as Deputy Grand President to Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City.



On the Grand Parlor level, Trudi has served on the Home Committee in various positions, representative to the Investment Committee and as Chairman of the Home Committee. She is currently serving on State of the Order for the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Trudi has assisted our active Parlor with many projects, fundraisers and charity ac-

tivities. She has also assisted with organizing and the running of a number of Grand Parlor Annual Meetings.

Trudi worked for SRI International for over 20 years, serving as support staff and later as the Executive Secretary to the Vice President of the Chemicals and Resources Division. After SRI, Trudi worked in the Tuban family companies as a corporate officer, as President of the private paymaster and later as President of the other companies.

Trudi has four children, two boys and two girls, and has lived in the Mountain View, Los Altos, Portola Valley area all of her life.

Trudi is excited to be running as Grand Inside Sentinel and will work hard with the Board of Directors to make Native Daughters of the Golden West strong.

Our Parlor is proud to present Trudi Tuban as a candidate for Grand Inside Sentinel and we respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our Member.

## Juanita Case Candidate for Grand Outside Sentinel

Dear Sisters:

Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, Native Daughters of the Golden West, is proud to present our esteemed Member, Juanita Case, for election to the office of Grand Outside Sentinel at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held in Fresno.


Juanita has been an active Member of Joaquin Parlor for seven years. She has served our Parlor as First Vice President, President for two consecutive years, Past President and currently as our Jr. Past President. Juanita is a dual Charter Member of Zinfandel Parlor No. 337, Lodi. This year, she is also serving as Deputy Grand President for Oakdale Parlor No. 125.

As a Member of Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Juanita has served on many committees within our Parlor. She shows a great love for our Order and by her assistance on and attendance at nearly all our Parlor events. She is a 2018-2019 Escort to Grand President Karen H. Fini and serves on the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Sessions Committee. Her commitment at her Parlor level and at the State level is quite commendable.

### Juanita's involvement in her community



is remarkable. She has served as Conductor in the Eagles Auxiliary No. 848, Lodi for four years. She also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Moose in Lodi where she has served as Outside Guard. She acquired her Academy of Friendship pin after only one year! She supports Grace & Mercy, a charitable foundation in Lodi.



Juanita has traveled to many locations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. She was in Alaska on July 7, 1958 to witness the Alaska Statehood Act (Pub. L 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) being signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, allowing Alaska to become the 49th U.S. state on January 3, 1959.

The Members of Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, respectfully request your consideration and support of our Sister, Juanita Case, for election to the office of Grand Outside Sentinel at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno. We believe her most worthy of this office and know that she will serve our State well in this capacity.

Sincerely yours in P.D.F.A.,  
Linda Stirm, President

Joan Stafko, Recording Secretary

**The Native Daughters of the Golden West Home Committee  
cordially invites you to attend a luncheon  
In honor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home**

**"LOOKING TO THE FUTURE"**  
Friday, June 21, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Fresno, California

## \$30.00 Per Person

Menu: Cobb Salad, or Vegetarian Option Available,  
Dessert & Beverage

***Reservations must be received by May 31st  
on the enclosed GPAM 2019 Meal & Event Reservation Form***

All proceeds to benefit our N.D.G.W. Home – Tax ID# 94-1251112

# GPAM 2019 Meal & Event Reservation Form

Please complete the form — one line per attendee, include check for total amount of all meals made payable to **2019 GPAM Committee**.

For the Masked Mardi Gras Ball on Thursday evening, meal choices are: Flat Iron Steak, Plank Salmon, or Mushroom Ravioli.

Please write in your meal selection.

**Mail to: GS Nickie Acevedo, 3843 W. Sweet Ave., Visalia, CA 93291 no later than May 31, 2019. Additional forms may be copied as needed.**

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## 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Native Daughters of the Golden West

Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents,  
State Chairman, Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors  
Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

The Credentials Committee for the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, 599-268-1000; June 17-21, 2019 is asking those planning to attend to **pre-register prior to arriving at the hotel**. This will speed up the registration process and allow you to visit and browse the Market Place. **Registration will be open on Monday June 17th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Tuesday June 18th from 7:30 am until 9:00 am. Registration will be conducted inside the Sessions room following the opening of GPAM.**

Please plan to attend, and complete and return the attached registration from, along with a check for \$35.00 per attendee, to Linda Galassi, PGP at the address below. All registration checks should be made **payable to GPAM 2019 Committee**. Please include one registration form per member (forms may be copied as needed). If a Member is unable to pre-register, they will be able to register at the registration able when they arrive at the hotel and should be prepared to pay the \$35.00 registration fee at that time.

The Grand Parlor will provide membership information to the Credentials Committee for verification of the number of voting Members allowed per Parlor based on membership as of the date of Election of delegates. **Please make sure that both Registration Information and the Election of Delegate information is submitted prior to June 1st to Linda Galassi, PGP, Credentials Chairman.** This information will allow the Credentials Committee to prepare the registration packets for distribution on June 17th.

**Any Member in good standing of a Subordinate Parlor planning to attend the 2019 GPAM for any one day will need to pay \$10.00.** The Member must have the current password. However, if a Member wishes to receive a tote bag and any of the daily hand-outs, they will need to pay the full \$35.00 registration fee. Each Member is required to check in with the Credentials Committee so an accurate account of those in attendance can be made.

The 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee, along with the Credentials Committee, is looking forward to greeting you this June in Fresno. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact the State Chairman of Credentials.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
*Linda Galassi, PGP*  
Linda Galassi, PGP, State Chairman of Credentials  
6061 Charlotte Dr., San Jose, CA 95123  
Phone: 415-336-1862  
Email: Lindagndgw@comcast.net

### 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Native Daughters of the Golden West

June 17th (Market Place), June 18th -21st (Sessions)  
Fresno, California

### 2019 Registration Form

(Please complete one Registration Form per Member attending)

Please check as many categories as applicable:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Officer
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Past Grand President
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate (voting Member)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Delegate
5. \_\_\_\_\_ State Chairman of \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Voting Member
- \*7. \_\_\_\_\_ Single Day (non-voting Member)
- Single day attendees only —Please check day(s) you plan to attend Sessions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday 6/18 \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 6/19 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 6/20 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday 6/21
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Delegate/Alternate or Attendee check here

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parlor Name, Number and Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

A check for the **\$35.00 Registration Fee**, made payable to: **GPAM 2019**  
**for each registrant must accompany this form.**

**Please return by June 1, 2019 to:**  
Linda Galassi PGP, State Chairman-Credentials  
6061 Charlotte Drive, San Jose, CA 95123

**\* Please note: If a registrant is unable to attend GPAM 2019, the pre-registration fee will be returned provided that notification is received by the Credentials Chairman prior to June 1st, 2019, using the above contact information.**

## Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI DILLON

### Veterans Flap Jack Fundraiser

Roberta Taylor rallied the troops to pull off Joaquin Parlor's Annual Flap Jack Fundraiser. The event was held on March 3rd at Applebee's Restaurant in Stockton. Money raised for the event helps support our local veterans that reside at Dignity Alcove in Stockton. Dignity Alcove is an out-reach program for homeless veterans. Their mission is to assist in rebuilding trust, dignity, and hope. They provide transitional and recovery housing and collaborative services for the veterans in need. The event was a great success thanks to all the hard work that Roberta Taylor provides!



Annual Flap Jack Fundraiser for local veterans hosted by Roberta Taylor.

### Irish Eyes Were Smiling

Ida Evans and her merry crew of leprechauns held a dinner on March 12th to raise funds to send Parlor Delegates to the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. The room was decorated in green and had a Saint Patrick's Day theme with beautiful hand made decorations by the talented duo of Hortenzia Moreno and Helen Prieto. Ida Evans and Joan Stafko cooked a delicious corn beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, including a delicious soda bread that Ida made from a recipe shared by our District Sister Parlor, Lomitas Parlor No. 199, as printed in their Poppy Press!

### 50-Year Pin

Joaquin Parlor Past President Carol Bickley proudly presented Kathy Sousa with her 50-year membership pin and a certificate for her dedication to our Order at the March 26th meeting. A beautiful luncheon was provided by Junior Past President Juanita Case.



Left to right: Ida Evans, Joan Stafko, Regina Tilley, Hortencia Moreno and Helen Prieto, Joaquin Parlor's leprechaun crew serving up mischief and a delicious corn beef and cabbage meal.



Left to right: 2nd VP Vicky Cesena, President Linda Stirm, Past President Carol Bickley and Kathy Sousa. Past President Carol Bickley honoring Kathy Sousa with her 50-year Membership pin.

### Celebrating 132 years strong!

Joaquin Parlor Members gathered on April 6, 2019 to celebrate 132 years of Sisterhood. Members gathered at the American Waffles restaurant in Stockton to enjoy a delicious lunch. All in attendance had an exceptional time playing the fun and creative games provided by Parlor President Linda Stirm.



Linda Stirm and Regina Tilley playing games at Joaquin Parlor's 132nd birthday party.

It's a Banquet and Mardi Gras Ball!  
Join Grand President Karen H. Fini  
and her Corps of Grand Officers to  
*Laissez les bon temps rouler!!*  
(Let the good times roll!)

Mardi Gras costumes encouraged!  
Parasol Parade!!  
Delicious food plus Live music!!!

Thursday, June 20, 2019  
The fun starts at 6:00 pm  
Dinner at 7:00 pm

Cost \$50.00  
Choice of: Flat-Iron Steak, Planked Salmon  
Portobello Mushroom Ravioli  
*Reservations due on May 31st on*  
GPAM 2019 Meal & Event Reservation Form

# GPAM 2019 Mileage Statement

Dear Sisters:

The 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting will soon be taking place in Fresno.

Mileage allowance forms for 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting must be submitted in accordance with CGP, Procedures, Pages 23 & 24. Mileage statements from each Member in good standing of the Grand Parlor showing position, Parlor name and Parlor location shall be submitted to the State Chairman of Transportation Sub-Committee of the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee. Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and State Chairmen shall also submit a completed mileage statement to the State Chairman of Transportation Sub-Committee of the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee. No individual may submit more than one mileage statement.

The mileage form for the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting is attached. Mileage statements are to be returned by June 1, 2019 to the State Chairman of Transportation at the address below. Please do not send them to the Grand Parlor Office as that will delay them.

The members of the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee are looking forward to greeting you at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Fresno.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Anna M. Ortiz, Chairman, Transportation Sub-Committee  
2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee, 1731 San Pascual Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

## MILEAGE STATEMENT

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
Please complete and return to the State Chairman of Transportation  
**No later than June 1, 2019**

Parlor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parlor No. \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Please check category. More than one category may be checked, but not more than one mileage allowance will be paid to any one individual.

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Past Grand President \_\_\_\_\_

State Chairman of \_\_\_\_\_

Member, State Committee (refer to CGP, Pages 23-24)

Please Print \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU WISH TO WAIVE MILEAGE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Corrected statements of Alternates must be completed and returned to the Transportation Committee at the time of registration prior to the opening of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

MILEAGE WILL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CGP, PROCEDURES, PAGES 25-26, NUMBER 26

Please return completed form to: Anna M. Ortiz, State Chairman of Transportation Sub-Committee  
1731 San Pascual Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93191

For Committee Use: Zone Check No \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Home@NDGW.comcastbiz.net

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

# 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.

# CARNIVAL for California Children

Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Luncheon  
DoubleTree, Fresno  
Make A Jester Benefiting  
Native Daughters of the Golden West  
Childrens Foundation

**12:00 Noon**  
**Thursday, June 20, 2019**

Santa Maria Style Tri Tip, Served with Sourdough Rolls  
and Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea,  
Water Service & Chef's Choice of Dessert.

**Cost \$35**

*Reservations must be received by May 31st  
on GPAM 2019 Meal & Event Reservation Form*



Prizes for best  
Jester Hat!

Proceeds from the Drawing and Silent Auction to benefit  
Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation

**Hey Y'all!**

The N.D.G.W. College of Past Grand Presidents  
Cordially invite you to grab your straw hat, wear your  
beads and head on over to...



THE ANNUAL HICKS FROM THE  
STICKS LUNCHEON

“HICKS ON  
THE BAYOU!”

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel • Fresno Convention Center  
2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, California

**Cost: \$25 per person**  
**LUNCHEON SERVED AT 12:00 NOON**

MENU: Traditional Lasagna  
Fresh Noodles Layered with a Trio of Cheeses, Ground Beef &  
Rich Italian Meat Sauce and Parmesan Cheese. Accompanied  
by a Garden Fresh Salad, with Dressing. Freshly Brewed Coffee,  
Iced Tea, and Chef's Choice for Dessert  
(Vegetarian Option Available)

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**\*\*Costumes Encouraged\*\***

# Golden State Green Corner

Greetings Sisters,

Well, my year as Chairperson of the Environmental Issues Committee is nearly over. The year has been filled with wonderful opportunities and many challenges as well. Hope you've enjoyed the "Golden State Green Corner" in *The California Star*. I was honored to be a speaker at the District 17 Luncheon to benefit both the Education and Scholarship Committee and Environmental Issues Committee on March 2nd in San Lorenzo. Many thanks to Susan Potter and her Deputies for a delightful day.

It has come to my attention that Laurel Parlor No. 6 has supported Penny Pines for over 20 years, it makes me smile to think that thanks to the Sisters in Nevada City our beautiful Sierras will continue to be green. I also heard from Veritas Parlor No. 75 and would be remiss if I didn't give them an "Attagirl" for all the things they do to benefit our environment. I'm pleased to have been able to serve my Sisters with just a few ideas and hints. I'm sure many of you do things that help our environment every day. Thank you!! Keep collecting pennies for Penny Pines and think GREEN. The future of our Golden State depends on it. See you in June at GPAM 2019 in Fresno.

Regards,  
Ann Perkins

**There are several things you can do at home to help reduce your impact on the environment.**

- Eat less beef and pork.
- Think about packaging before you buy products.
- Turn off lights and other electrical devices when you don't need them. ... *Yes Mom, I will*
- Do not waste water.
- Recycle.

Adjust your thermostat before leaving your house for the day. Higher when it's hot outside, lower when it's cold. Lower the temperature on your water heater to a middle range to save energy. Turn off appliances and



lights when you aren't using them! *OMG!! I hear my mom's voice again!*

**Repurpose something.** It's fun. Use a chipped favorite coffee mug or teacup as a mini planter or a clean can as a pencil holder, melt broken crayons together to make multi-color fun, a cracked teapot can become a bird house/ feeder.

While the number of Americans cycling and using public transportation may be increasing, not too many report practicing less obvious fuel conservation habits, like combining errands when driving is necessary. But taking one big trip to pick up groceries, drugstore items, and dry cleaning instead of making each a separate adventure is one easy way to cut down on gas emissions. Perhaps surprisingly, taking multiple short trips starting from a cold engine can use twice as much fuel as one longer trip with a warm engine.

Pay attention to how you use water. The little things can make a big difference. Every time you turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth, you're doing something good. Got a leaky toilet? You might be wasting 200 gallons (757 liters) of water a day [source: EPA]. Try drinking tap water instead of bottled water, so you aren't wasting all that packaging as well. Wash your clothes in cold water when you can.

# You Are Awesome, Thank You

SUBMITTED BY MARIE M. OTTO, PAST GRAND PRESIDENT

I always considered that Native Daughters are AWE-SOME and now after my "adventure" in late November until the present I know our Order is more than AWE-SOME. I took quite the fall, fractured my left arm and my whole body felt the trauma and ended up in a hospital in Bakersfield. Once the ND HELP line began it continued up and down the state. I had many, many calls while in the hospital all expressing "what can I do to help you?" My Sister ND's HELPERS are too numerous to name here, you know who you are and that I was more than over-whelmed by your concern and offers to HELP.

The ND Home Committee certainly out did themselves with all that was planned in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Tree Lighting which I started in 1993 when I was GP of this awesome Order. I was traveling to San Francisco for the Christmas events when my "adventure" happened. Thank you, Sisters, I was most disappointed that I was unable to attend, but I assure you the clock in my hospital room in Bakersfield was watched by me and I was there in spirit. I've been furnished with a video of what took place that afternoon. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

As I was unable to drive home myself and had no transportation until after Dec. 2, GP Karen volunteered Dan to drive my



car back to San Diego (Bonita) and Marti Noyes drove me home in her car. Sylvia Montero, one of my Parlor members, had been in SF for the weekend, flew home Mon. afternoon, picked up her car in SD, drove to my home to pick up Dan and took him back to the SD airport so he could fly back to SF!!!! Awesome to say the least and all worked as smooth as clock work. Shortly thereafter and while I was trying to get out of the car and into my house, Sylvia came back from the airport to assist us. Oh, was I ever happy to be HOME.

The ND HELP line was still active - I had called a life-long friend (former Jr. ND and SD No. 208 member in Phoenix, Marti Anderson) and she arrived to be with me (for a week) the next day that I got home after my "adventure".

I truly am overwhelmed by the many calls, cards, emails, and flowers that I have received and continue to receive. I'm experiencing some new health issues, still in therapy - every day I am slowly but surely regaining my health and attempting to get back into my ND and every day activities. Without my Native Daughters and Church Family I would not be where I am today - on the road to recovery from my "adventure." THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

## California State Song

### I Love You California

*I love you, California*

*You're the greatest state of all*

*I love you in the winter,*

*summer, spring, and in the fall.*

*I love your fertile valleys; your*

*dear mountains I adore.*

*I love your grand old ocean and*

*I love her rugged shore.*

*Where the snow-crowned*

*Golden Sierras*

*Keep their watch o'er the*

*valley's bloom*

*It is there I would be in our land*



*by the sea*

*Every breeze bearing rich*

*perfume.*

*It is here Nature gives of her rarest,*

*It is Home, Sweet Home to me,*

*And I know when I die I shall*

*breathe my last sigh*

*For my sunny California!*

# South Butte Parlor No. 226 Annual Bean Feed

SUBMITTED BY, GAIL KUNSMAN, TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN/PUBLICITY

Native Daughters of the Golden West So Butte Parlor No. 226 held their Annual Bean Feed and Fixings on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the NDGW Hall in Sutter. It was a Western Theme. Tables were decorated with blue and red bandanas with potted cacti, straight flushes, sheriff badges and confetti. The hall was decorated with cowboy boots with flowers, ropes and spurs, and other western decor. Proceeds from the dinner benefited the Parlor's charities and projects for the year.



*Pictured from left to right: Back Row Earlene Knight, Treasurer and Shirley Jimerson, Marshal. Second Row: Cathy Moniz, Secretary; Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary; Emma Chenoweth, and Debbie Groves, Inside Sentinel. Front Row: Claudia Warner, President*

# The Home Committee Corner

This is my final column for the Home Committee Corner as my assignment to the Home Committee ends with the installation of new officers at Grand Parlor. It has been a pleasure to write, especially about cantankerous Otis.

Since the last column, written in January, Otis has taken another hostage. However, this one was able to escape! Last week, he seemed to be behaving, except for sometimes not stopping with his floor being level with the floor in the hall. Even that can be inconvenient if you are riding a scooter or have the luggage cart and end up trying to pull it up to be able to exit.

Some repair has been done on Otis, but a lot more is needed. Attempts at getting quotes for the needed repair seem very elusive. What, don't companies need business? If it is so difficult getting quotes from prospective repair companies, I wonder about the quality of their work. Scary Huh!

A good thing! New smoke alarms are being installed all over the NDGW Home! They are the new, 10-year life ones. We can feel safe for 10 years! One item scratched off



**Native Daughters of the Golden West Home**

the "To Do" list. Now, on to all the rest of the items on the list. Talk about scary!

With Grand Parlor sneaking up on us, please be sure to mail all your necessary documents on time.

I know this is not the end, merely a change in assignment, and I will see you around the campus. Best of luck in the future! Grand Trustee, Stephanie Kerr, signing out.

## Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

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

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

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](http://www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor)



### Native Daughters of the Golden West – Mission Statement:

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

## Calendar of Events, Special Days of the Order, and Official Visits — July, August, and September 2019

### JULY 2019

- 13th – Commemoration of Commander Sloat’s Landing, Monterey
- 13th – NDGW Home Committee Meeting, 9:00 Am San Francisco
- 14th - Annual Veterans’ Picnic, Yountville
- 19th - NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee, GoToMeeting 9:00 Am
- 20th - NDGW Childrens Foundation Meeting, 9:00 Am San Francisco
- 26th – Investment Committee Meeting, 9:00 Am San Francisco
- 26th – Finance Committee Meeting, 1:00 P.M. San Francisco
- 27th – San Jose Parlor No. 81’s 125th Anniversary Celebration, Mountain View
- 28th – East Bay Friends of the NDGW Home - Ice Cream Social, San Lorenzo
- 31st–August 4th – Old Spanish Days Fiesta, Santa Barbara

### AUGUST 2019

- 10th – NDGW Home Committee Meeting, 9:00 Am San Francisco
- 10th - Fiesta for Our Hacienda III, Visalia
- 17th – NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee, GoToMeeting 9:00 Am
- 24th – An Afternoon at The Hearst Ranch, 11:00 Am to 5 P.M. San Simeon

### SEPTEMBER 2019

- 6th – California Admission Day, San Francisco
- 7th – NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee, 9:00 Am San Francisco
- 9th - California Statehood Day – Fly your California Bear flag!

- 11th – 133rd Anniversary of Lily O. Reichling’s first meeting of the Native Daughters of the Golden West in Jackson, California
- 13th, 14th and 15th – NDGW Board of Directors’ Meeting, San Francisco
- 17th – Constitution Day
- 20th – NDGW Home Committee Meeting, 9:00 Am San Francisco
- 21st – NDGW Childrens Foundation Meeting, 9:00 Am San Francisco
- 21st – Mission Restoration Luncheon, San Juan Bautista
- 25th – Formal Founders’ Day and NDGW Childrens Foundation Day
- 28th – District 13’s NDGW Home Luncheon, Rancho Cordova

### OFFICIAL VISITS:

- July 11th – San Jose Parlor No. 81, San Jose
- September 18th – Hiawatha Parlor No. 140, Redding
- September 25th – Arcata Parlor No. 325, Arcata
- October 1st – Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112, Etna
- October 3rd – Berendos Parlor No. 23, Red Bluff
- October 10th – Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg
- October 14th – Nataqua Parlor No. 152, Susanville

The Grand President will visit each Subordinate Parlor individually on the Parlor’s regular meeting date and will contact the Parlor President and Recording Secretary beforehand.

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# Stohlman Cemetery

SUBMITTED BY, GAIL KUNSMAN, TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN, SO. BUTTE PARLOR NO. 226

South Butte Parlor No. 226 and the Past President's Association No. 29 visited the cemetery and monument at the Stohlman Cemetery site on March 27, 2019. NDGW So. Butte Parlor No. 226 installed a monument at the Cemetery on May 30, 1935. It reads, “First Used 1860 - Dedicated to the Memory of the Pioneers.” On the same plaque is a picture of a covered wagon drawn by a team of oxen with the hills in the background. Stohlman Cemetery is one of many old California cem-

eteries located in Sutter, CA off S. Butte Road in Sutter County in view of the Sutter Buttes. It is one of many old California cemeteries. In September 2018 it was incorporated into the Sutter Cemetery District.

In reviewing, these are but a few of the grave sites at the cemetery. If they had a voice, they could tell us of the history, love, and joys, of the past. The monument erected in 1935 was a remembrance to the pioneers.



Two of the graves at Stohlman Cemetery.



Pictured left to right: Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary; Shirley Jimerson, Marshal; Darin Dollins, Foreman from Sutter Cemetery District; Earlene Knight, Treasurer; Debbie Groves, Inside Sentinel; Gail Kunsman, Trustee Chairman; Claudia Warner, President; and Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary.



Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary, viewing the cemetery.

