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Volunteer — It's Fun!!

SUBMITTED BY GT SUSAN COLLINS, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210

Volunteerism is alive and well in Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210. Many of our Members are active volunteers in our coastal communities. Recently, one of our Members was honored to receive the Volunteer of the year award from the Jere Mello Foundation. This foundation was started in the name of past Fort Bragg Mayor Jere Mello who was killed while volunteering to protect our local forest from illegal activity.

Honored as co-Volunteer of the Year for 2018 was GT Susan Collins, who was nominated by NDGW Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210. Besides her activities for NDGW she also volunteers with the Fort Bragg Library, is Auxiliary President at the Mendocino Coast District Hospital, is a History Docent at the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse and Kelly House Museum, helps out with the Pentecost organization of Portuguese, and costumes for local theaters, as well as maintaining a facility that houses costumes and props for the theaters and other annual events.



Pictured: Marilyn LeRoy, GT Susan Collins, and Ruth Sparks

Roan Mallory and Nancy Mantell are valued volunteers at the First Presbyterian Church. Betty Carr and Karen Lynn are volunteers at the Baptist Church. Julie Parker and Betty Carr are Coast Historical Society Volunteers and Julie is a reader for the Society for the Blind. Our Members volunteer at annual events. Susan Nella and others volunteer at WineSong which benefits the Hospital Foundation. We also volunteer at Mendocino Film and Music Festivals.

We are all interested in making a difference in our small community and hope to inspire others to volunteer. As you know volunteering provides vital help for organizations and people in need. But there are some proven ways to benefit your own health by volunteering. According to research completed by the Corporation for National & Community Service, those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.

Volunteering benefits you and your health in significant ways. Here are a few:

- reduce stress, anxiety and anger
- combat depression
- increase physical activity
- end loneliness
- find new friends
- build community
- increase self-confidence
- keep mentally stimulated
- provide a sense of purpose
- provide a sense of accomplishment
- increase happiness

Fort Bragg Parlor encourages our Sisters to get out and find ways to volunteer in their communities.

Check out These Smiles!

Grand Trustee Stephanie Kerr, Oakdale Parlor No. 125 and Past Grand President Marilyn Rickett Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210/Oakdale Parlor No. 125 were enjoying the Salad Luncheon and Installation of Officers in Oakdale. GT Stephanie is the current Deputy Grand President to Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton.



Dear Sisters.

We are well into Fall at this hour; the leaves are turning colors and falling. Cooler days are here, and even more cool nights are ahead. I, for one love this time of year.

During my travels, I have been gratified by the response to the "Pay it Forward with Kindness" Campaign. My profound thanks to each of you for your responses. Recently the NDGW Home in San Francisco held a sidewalk and yard sale. What a wonderful afternoon it was to be able to get rid of "stuff we don't use" in the basement, but most of all to meet the neighbors and watch the children riding bicycles and scooters up and down Baker Street. So many of us watched our children grow up doing the same in our neighborhoods. It was a real treat.

October brings more travels to Joaquin Parlor No. 5's Official Visit, District 7's Official Visit, District 21's Mission Restoration Luncheon in San Juan Bautista, District 3's Official Visit, the Mid-State Childrens Foundation Luncheon in Selma, District 14's Official Visit, District 26's Official Visit, District 12's Official Visit, and Donner Parlor No. 193's Childrens Foundation Luncheon in Brentwood. It is a very busy month so see you at one or more of these events.

The Grand Parlor Office has had some major changes this month. First, we welcomed Eve Brockmann into the office as our new Office Support Assistant. She works from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, and I am sure you will enjoy meeting her and welcoming her into the office. Additionally, we have a new telephone system. The numbers to the office remain the same. We now have five lines into the office with forwarding capabilities. In addition, we have an up-to-date copier in the office. The Home has a new freezer in the kitchen and a new washing machine in the basement as the old one quit. Please come visit our beautiful Julia Morgan Home.

The DGP and SDDGP form are online on our NDGW Website. Just click on the contacts and the forms button on the top right, bring up the form, fill it out and e-mail it to the Grand Parlor Office. Easy-Peasy. They are very useful, and I thank the willing Deputies and Supervisors for their help.

Please continue to pray for our Sisters who have been impacted by the fires throughout the State and the courageous firefighters who battle them. Be cautious, be kind, be brave, and watch out for the ghosts and goblins this month. I look forward to seeing you on the road.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Karen H. Fini

Karen H. Fini, Grand President



Congratulations, Mariah!

SUBMITTED BY LANA COONEY
SANTA CRUZ PARLOR NO. 26

Mariah Gosling, a member of Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, and a 2018 graduate of the University of Hawaii has been accepted into the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. Mariah was one of 23 students who received four-year tuition scholarships to the medical school.

She has served in numerous volunteer positions at hospitals in Hawaii including Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu which is the largest military hospital in the Asian and Pacific Rim region. Mariah takes the Native Daughter example of service to others quite seriously!

She is the granddaughter of Lomitas Parlor No. 255 (Los Banos) Member, Linda Gosling, and the great-niece of Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 Member, Lana Cooney.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West wishes you well in your future studies!



Help Grand Parlor Office

Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa, has decided to help Grand Parlor with the proceeds from our annual Champagne Brunch to help defray the rising costs of doing business.

Eshcol Parlor is throwing down the gauntlet and challenging our sister Parlors to dedicate a fundraising event to Grand Parlor and help keep our beloved Order solvent.

Pay It Forward with Kindness

KAREN H. FINI, GRAND PRESIDENT
FRESNO PARLOR NO. 187

Over the past few years, I have overheard and taken to heart many of your concerns regarding the unkind actions and words within our Parlors and our Order.

I have thought about solutions to the unacceptable and persistent bad behavior. As has been stated, many times by many of our Members, “We are destroying ourselves from within.” We must put a stop to it now. The one thing we have absolute control over is our thoughts. It is this that puts all of us in a position to control our own destiny.

Although we are not blood sisters, we are all fraternal Sisters. If our Order is to survive, we must promote goodwill amongst ourselves and our communities. It is not about us as individuals, it is about all of us as a collective whole. We have much to be proud of and must promote the best of us, not the worst.

Thoughts and words are like cars. We can amass a lot of them in the parking lot of our mind. But it is the amount of fuel that determines their destination. If we fuel one car with repetitions and disappointments of “I can’t” or some other negativity, then we immediately arrive at failure and disappointment. However, if we fuel another car with “I can”, then we immediately arrive to a destination of fulfillment and support. You are today where your thoughts have brought you. It is a simple enough analogy. We are continuously arriving at the threshold of experience by the cars we fuel. What we don’t fuel with “I can”, won’t lead us to our

destination of fulfillment and support.

As of August 1, 2018, I have started a new program for our Order called, “Pay it Forward with Kindness.” I encourage each of our Members and our parlors to undertake acts of kindness and generosity toward each other and members of your communities. Be creative with your individual and Parlor participation in random acts of kindness: e.g., take a veteran to lunch, cook a meal for and visit a member of your Parlor, offer someone a ride to go shopping or to their doctor’s appointment, buy school supplies for a child, buy a high school student a laptop computer, pay for an elderly couple’s or a families’ meal in a restaurant, or buy a homeless person a new pair of shoes and socks. It will make you feel good about doing something spontaneous for someone else or your Parlor proud of a project for those less fortunate in our communities.

Please send memos, notes, receipt and/or photographs of your individual random acts or planned projects to me at the Grand Parlor Office. These will be complied and posted at GPAM 2019 in Fresno. The top three will be chosen, and we will ask our Members in attendance to decide which individual or Parlor is the most worthy of receiving the “Queen(s) of Kindness” crown(s) at GPAM 2019. I believe this will encourage and promote the very best in ourselves and our Order.

Let’s remember to be kind in words, thoughts, and deeds to our Sisters or a stranger. Let’s promote and encourage goodwill among all. We, as individuals, and as an Order, will receive many rewards in return.

Morada Parlor No. 199, Modesto

SUBMITTED BY CAROLYN FLOWERS, PARLOR PRESIDENT

Morada Parlor welcomes new Parlor President, Carolyn Flowers and her wonderful Officers on July 11, 2018. (L-R) top row — Judy Yost, Recording Secretary; Debra Johnson, Trustee; Charlene Van Name, 1st Vice President; Carolyn Flowers, President; Ardylee McCurdy, Deputy Grand President; Donna Hiatt, Marshal; Karen Stiles, Financial Secretary. (L-R) bottom row — Gloria Chin, Past President; PGP Lorraine Robinson, 2nd Vice President; Betty Morrow, Trustee; and Barbara Custer, Treasurer. It was a beautiful evening with Carolyn’s theme for the year, the California Poppy!



Installation fun was had by all! Left is Sister support from Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton. (L-R) — Juanita Case, Linda Stirm, Carolyn Flowers, Carol Bone, Ida Evans, Ardylee McCurdy, and Heidi Dillon. We love all the ladies from Joaquin who frequent Morada Parlor.

Morada Parlor has been very busy these past few months! Below we have our Annual Table Setting Luncheon held in Hughson, CA. Chairman Barbara Custer and Carolyn Flowers welcome the ladies with a salad luncheon, opportunity drawing, silent action, 50/50 drawing, and a bake sale! It was a very busy day, and beautifully decorated tables. We were pleased to have Sisters from Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, as well as Oakdale Parlor No. 125, Oakdale, join us in setting tables and enjoying the day!

Morada Parlor Members, Candis Hull, Donna Hiatt, and Devon Atkins are shown here at their decorated tables.



Native Daughters of the Gold West hopes this act of Kindness brightens your day!



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List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors: July 15, 2018 – October 20, 2018.

We are asking our readers for their patience during the current transition at the Grand Parlor Office. If we missed celebrating any of our newest Sisters, please let us know!

Ursula Parlor No. 1
Christine Schjei

Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Laura Dahlhauser
Sheri Fenley
Deborah Hawley
Josie Malik

Bonita Parlor No. 10
Linda Montalbano

Marguerite Parlor No. 12
Sally Barton
Merlanne Doran
Rachael Green
Jill Kearney
Donna Sievert

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
Diane Delucchi
Natalia Du Vernois
Cheryl Hartshorn
Carolyn Jackson
Leticia Medina-Kohrs
Wanda Moody
Frank Rodriguez
Donna Saffren
Charles Wildman

Ruby Parlor No. 46
Brenda Harper
Janice Jarnagin
Jennifer Leen
Kathryn Meyer
Veritas Parlor No. 75
Michelle Uribe

Reichling Parlor No. 97
Mary Mahoney

Vendome Parlor No. 100
Sue Fitzpatrick

Aleli Parlor No. 102
Carolyn Sanders
Eileen Villegas
Jennifer Westerbeck

Darina Parlor No. 114
Ann Jones
Scott Morse
Nadine Urista

Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126
Mary Ellen Chacon
Valerie Rosés

Junipero Parlor No. 141
Diane Newton

Calistoga Parlor No. 145
Ellen Frediani
Karen Odell
Carol Uschyk

El Pinal Parlor No. 163
Mary Kercher

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168
Paula Ann Jones
Lynette Phares
Kerry Queredo
Serena Reynolds

San Juan Bautista No. 179
Carol Strohn
Erin Strohn

Vallejo Parlor No. 195
Cyndee Morris

Morada Parlor No. 199
Devon Atkins
Tracey Ann Kerr

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
Marlene White
Kathleen Wolchick
Grace Parlor No. 242
Jeanette Jourdir
Amber Umlah

San Bruno Parlor No. 246
Gabriella Firpo
Isabella Firpo
Sandra Firpo
Alane Gilbrech
Kathleen O’Leary

Lomitas Parlor No. 255
Hailey Salha

Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266
Barbara Rush

La Tijera Parlor No. 282
Ruth Lopez
Denise Rodriguez
Kathleen Spearman

Cotati Parlor No. 299
Kim Byrn
Lori Gamber
Nancy Keegan
Mary Knowles

Arcata Parlor No. 325
Aisha Morton
Sutter’s Mill Parlor No. 336
Ian Cinnamon

Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between July 15, 2018 – October 15, 2018. We are asking our readers for their patience during the current transition at the Grand Parlor Office. If we have missed any deceased members on this list, please let us know!

Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Yolanda Kelley

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
Virginia Kirby

Veritas Parlor No. 75
Lois Jimenez

San Miguel Parlor No. 94
Ellen Schroeder

Golden Era Parlor No. 99
Paulann White

Vendome Parlor No. 100
Lucille Basso
Sallee Murtha

El Vespero Parlor No. 118
Denise Kent

Hayward Parlor No. 122
Eileen Bond

Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126
Ysaura Ramirez

Hiawatha Parlor No. 140

Jacquelyn Heffelfinger

Encinal Parlor No. 156
Joan Moura

El Pinal Parlor No. 163
Althea Soto

San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179
Beverly Rianda

Fresno Parlor No. 187
Karen Hansen

Donner Parlor No. 193
Helen Tonti
Theresa Weathers

Morada Parlor No. 199
Belvina Smith

San Diego Parlor No. 208
Rosanna Phillips
Barbara Rogers

Sonoma Parlor No. 209
Edythe Cordellos

Liberty Parlor No. 213
Marjorie Lawson
Betty Lewis

South Butte Parlor No. 226
Beverly Kelley

Lugonia Parlor No. 241
Frances Brooks

Grace Parlor No. 242
Verna Adsit

Toluca Parlor No. 279
Marjorie Aquilino

La Tijera Parlor No. 282
Elizabeth Meyers

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304
Julia Martinez

West Wind Parlor No. 328
Ann Towner

Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331
Beverley Ziesmer

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California Admission Day 2018: Happy 168th Birthday California!

SUBMITTED BY SUZI RILEY, PGP, CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY STATE CHAIRMAN



On Friday, September 7, 2018 Native Daughters of the Golden West along with the Native Sons of the Golden West celebrated California Admission Day in San Francisco. This long-time tradition of both Orders joining together to honor California on Statehood Day had been lost in recent years and it was an institution that both Grand Presidents were hoping we could replicate again this year.

More than 150 Native Sons and Daughters from all across our golden state gathered together to Celebrate Admission Day – California’s 168th Birthday at South San Francisco’s Basque Cultural Center. Everyone enjoyed a fine meal and eagerly took part in a silent auction and raffle of prizes of all types including next year Giants-Dodgers tickets and a lot of amazing SF Giants memorabilia signed by many players including Willie Mays. Several Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents from both Orders attended making the event even more special. The event raised funds for the historical preservation of both Orders and we were elated to celebrate California Admission Day in San Francisco. Honorary Co-Hosts of the event, NDGW Grand President Karen H. Fini and NSGW Grand President Carey D. Pearce ensured the entire afternoon was a wonderful success.

Historic displays from both Orders filled the Luncheon room with the N.D.G.W. Home’s Evelyn I. Carlson Historic Collection State Chairman Kathy Kelly-Breitler and E.I.C. Committee Member Vicki Allen presenting a wonderful exhibition of our



Home’s history. Additionally, N.S.G.W. National Parlor Member Bob Teal presented fascinating photos and an accompanying display of the historic of the Doughboy Statue and memory grove located in Golden Gate Park in memory of San Francisco Native Sons killed in WWI. Many guests complimented all involved for presenting such meaningful collections. Great thanks are also extended to Sonoma Parlor’s Deborah DeMartini for bringing her grandfather’s WWI uniform, rifle and medals. Thank you all – Your enthusiasm captured the appreciation of our history which should guide all of our activities as we promote California’s history!

The room looked bright and colorful decorated with large California Bear Flags (and table top versions!) donated by Grace Parlor No. 242 along with California lapel pins and bear stickers. The NDGW California Admission Day Committee also made a donation and helped to supply the favors and official birthday cakes for each guest. We were also very pleased to have NDGW GM Renee Chandler joining us to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. One of the highlights of the afternoon was NDGW keynote speaker GVP Dawn Dunlap’s interesting and engaging talk focusing on the events leading up to California’s admission to the Union. GVP Dawn’s talk was very informative and entertaining to the assembly. Thank you GVP Dawn for your thoughtful presentation – Everyone present now has a more thorough understanding of California’s early statehood. The Invocation and Benediction were offered by both Jr. Past Grand Presidents Jr. PGP Cynthia Connelly and Jr. PGP Erik Christeson respectively. Before lunch, NSGW Tony Colonnese informed the guests of the NSGW Historical Preservation’s efforts to restore the Doughboy Statute. Once again, the Basque staff served a delicious luncheon and following lunch, we all sang “Happy Birthday to California!” Thank you to NSGW Halcyon-Alameda Member Dennis Valerio who along with NSGW National Parlor Member Dave McCann who led the community signing.

The benefactors of our event were the Native Daughters and the Native Sons of



Past Grand President Suzi Riley presents the E.I.C. Committee from left: Joyce James, Vicki Allen, E.I.C. Chairman Kathy Kelly-Breitler, PGP Suzi Riley, and Catherine Wong.

the Golden West. Thanks to the generous contributions collected, we raised \$3,500! The funds have been divided between the N.S.G.W. Historical Preservation Foundation and the N.D.G.W. Home — Evelyn I. Carlson Historic Collection. NDGW State Chairman Kathy Kelly-Breitler from El Vespero Parlor No. 118 was in attendance and she is thrilled to have received \$1,758.00 for her Committee’s use. Congratulations to the E.I.C. Committee!

Once again, the N.S.G.W. and N.D.G.W. California Admission Day Committees sincerely thanks everyone for their attendance and support. We were grateful to all of the Native Californians who attended as well as to our many donors for their amazing contributions as well. Lastly, it is the hope of my Co-Chairman, Dennis McLaughlin and myself that we can build this exciting San Francisco Admission Day Celebration into an annual event to help preserve the history of our beloved Golden State!

Sadly, California Statehood Day is no longer observed as a legal holiday in our glorious golden State. Therefore, it is so



The presentation of California’s Birthday cakes! NSGW Grand President Carey D. Pearce, Santa Lucia Parlor No. 91 and NDGW Grand President Karen H. Fini, Fresno Parlor No. 187 present the birthday cakes for our golden state! Great thanks to NSGW Member Golden Gate Parlor No. 29 Bob and NDGW Darina Parlor Member Donna Fletcher for coordinating the cakes which were lovely and celebrated our 168th Statehood Day in fine style!

important that as Native Daughters we do our best to preserve and acknowledge this central date in our State’s illustrious history. Congratulations and thank you to the Sisters who celebrated California Admission Day in their local Parlors and in their communities!

See Page 4 for Parlors who supported California Admission Day with Donations!!



Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Honors California Admission Day

Joaquin Parlor No. 5 celebrated California Admission Day by renting a booth at a local farmers’ market in Stockton on September 9th. We distributed poppy seeds, cilantro seeds, California flag stickers, and individually-wrapped mints, as we shared our love for the Native Daughters of the Golden West. We included an insert along with the seed packets that gave information about California Admission Day on one side and how to grow the seeds on the reverse side.

Five days before our event the following Sisters (Juanita Case, Cheri Castro, Diane Heggen, Alma Huff, Susan Machado, Donalee McGary, Yolanda Rodriguez, and myself gathered to assemble the seed packets. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship as we created the seed packets, feasted on pizza and dessert and discussed the upcoming holiday in anticipation.

Admission Day was a beautiful, blue-sky day. We had various signs identifying Joaquin Parlor, Admission Day, and our freebies. Traffic to our booth was steady throughout the day. We gave away 100 packets of poppy seeds and 100 packets of cilantro seeds. We enjoyed the opportunity to share information about our Order and distribute applications to prospective Members. A special thank you to the following Joaquin Parlor Sisters for assisting me, as they shared their love of the Order with our community, by donating their time, and great communication skills by staffing our booth at the farmers’ market on California Admission Day: Ida Evans, Alma Huff, Susan Machado, Ellen McFall, Diana Miller, Hortenzia Moreno, Angie Smith, Linda Stirm, and Roberta Taylor.



El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Celebrates California Admission Day

By DGP DARLEEN CARPENTER

On Tuesday, September 11 2018, our Parlor held a luncheon and program in honor of California’s 168th birthday at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant. We had approximately 25 in attendance. We present a different topic of California history each year at our Admission Day Luncheon.

Our theme this year was presented by our PGP Joan Hall, and focused on the history of Admission Day. “California was admitted to the Union as the 31st state – a free state - in Washington, DC on September 9, 1850. News of the admission to the Union arrived in San Francisco on October 18, 1850, and four days of celebrations were held. Over the years, the Native Daughters of the Golden West California Admission Day Committee has organized activities at the state level, as well as assisted Parlors in planning Admission Day activities.”

Each attendee received a bar of homemade poppy soap wrapped in clear paper with



poppies, handmade by our member, Brigitte Bonnet. Our table decorations, of course, were our beautiful poppies. Our Deputy Grand President, Darleen Carpenter opened the celebration with the flag salute, which was led by Ethel White, Past President with the invocation led by our member Lurine Webb.

After a delicious luncheon, we were presented with proclamations and resolutions from the offices of Bakersfield City Mayor, Karen Goh, Congressman, Kevin McCarthy, and State Senators Jean Fuller. The program concluded with the serving of our beautiful Birthday cake. Many thanks to the committee Ethel White, Darleen Carpenter, Chris Kildare, Brigitte Bonnet, Denice Mettle, and Phyllis Hensley.



Mayor Karen Goh, Ethel White

Extension of the Order

SUBMITTED BY GT SUSAN COLLINS, CHAIRMAN,
EXTENSION OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

As you all know our membership is dwindling and in order to stay an active order we must recruit new Members. Right now, our membership stands at just over 4,000. In 2010 there were 5,500 Members. This indicates a significant loss of Members within the last decade. Each year the enrollment numbers decrease due to resignations, suspensions, and deaths of our beloved Members. There is no stopping this trend so it's up to us to seek out potential new Members and invite them to join our order. We can do this by inviting new acquaintances to visit our Parlors. Since our meetings are open, anyone can visit and see what we are about. We must actively recruit new Members.

The focus of the Extension of the Order Committee is to recruit new Members and assist Parlors in maintaining a strong membership. The Purse Pack is a convenient little kit that is available for all Native Daughters to use. You can request them from the Grand Parlor Office at any time.

What is your Parlor doing to recruit new Members? When and where are you actively

recruiting California born women? Are your Members carrying Purse Packs and are they involved in the One for One campaign?

Grand President Karen H. Fini has asked each of her Board Members to take on a special project during her term. I have chosen a project that I hope will be helpful to Parlors in recruiting new Members.

Attached are instructions to make a display board which can be easily assembled by your Membership Chair or any Member willing to help increase your membership this year. As your Extension of the Order Chairman and a Board Member, I am asking each Parlor to assemble this display board and take it to a community event. If your Parlor participates in the campaign, please send photos of your display at the event to me with a little explanation about it. Each Parlor who does so will receive a gift at GPAM 2019. In addition, there will be a gift for the Parlor that increases their Membership by the largest percentage.

Thank you for your help in growing our Membership.

Congratulations Barbara!

SUBMITTED BY PGP SUZI RILEY, BONITA PARLOR NO. 10


The photo below is from Past Presidents Association No. 1 and No. 26's Official Visit of State President Barbara Seaton.

From Left: Marti Noyes, Jr. State Past President; Cora Farnham, State Treasurer; Barbara Seaton, State President; Vicki Allen, State Marshal; Kathy Kelly-Breitler, State Director #2; Donna Fletcher, President Association No. 1.



**THANK YOU to all of our
PROUD N.D.G.W. Parlors who supported
California Admission Day with Donations!!**

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| Berendos Parlor No. 23 | San Jose Parlor No. 81 |
| San Miguel Parlor No. 94 | Aleli Parlor No. 102 |
| Vendome Parlor No. 100 | Sutter Parlor No. 111 |
| Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 | Darina Parlor No. 114 |
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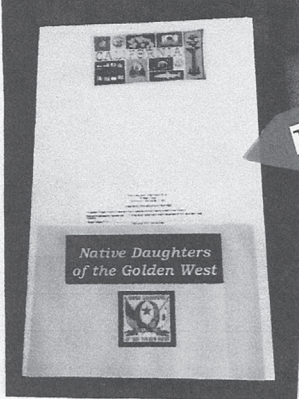
NDGW Presentation Board

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- Community Events
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- School Presentations
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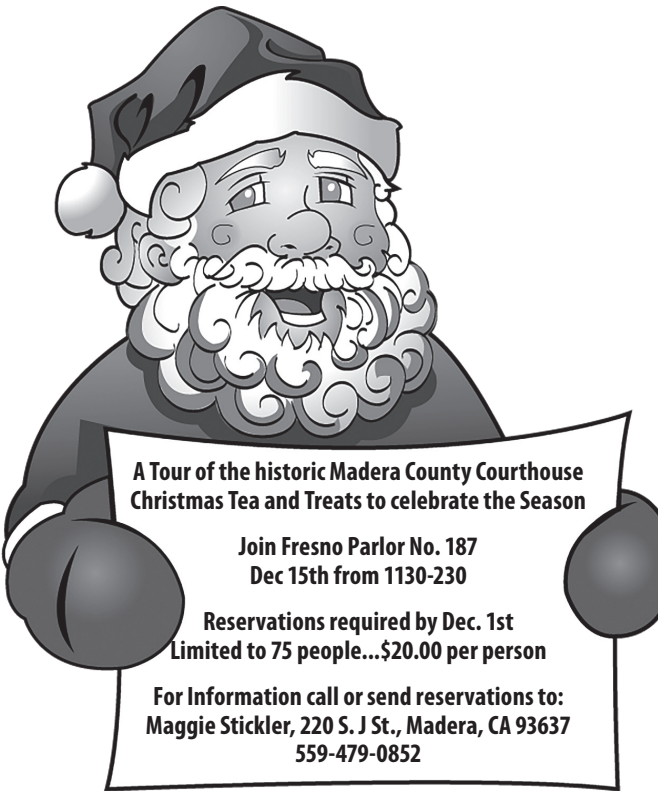
Materials Needed:
TriFold Presentation Board 36 x 48
13 page NDGW Slide Show
(Available on NDGW Website)
Colored Poster Board
Double Stick Tape or other Adhesive

Directions:

1. Go to www.ndgw.org Native Daughters of the Golden West Website
2. At the right hand top of the page, click on Membership Slideshow
3. Print all 13 pages (This is an excellent slide show presentation for events)
4. Trim pages, mount on colored paper, then mount on Presentation Board
5. Mount paper on back of Presentation Board to hold membership Applications
6. Mount an envelope to hold NDGW Flyers about our organization
7. Mount an envelope to hold Let's Keep In Touch cards with your Parlor contact Numbers
8. If using the smaller 22 x 28 inch size Tri fold board print slides at 60% to fit



Vicki Contente
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**A Tour of the historic Madera County Courthouse
Christmas Tea and Treats to celebrate the Season**

**Join Fresno Parlor No. 187
Dec 15th from 1130-230**

**Reservations required by Dec. 1st
Limited to 75 people...\$20.00 per person**

**For Information call or send reservations to:
Maggie Stickler, 220 S. J St., Madera, CA 93637
559-479-0852**

**Join Fresno Parlor No. 187
on Dec 15th from 11:30-2:30
at the historic
Madera County Courthouse**

We'll celebrate the Season with Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee and Treats
Camp Fire 7th-8th Grade Discovery Club will present the history of various rooms in the courthouse on your self-guided tour of the beautifully decorated courthouse.

**Reservations are a must due to limited space (75 only).
Reservations due by Dec 1st 8 • \$20.00 per person
Send reservations to: Maggie Stickler
220 S. J St., Madera, CA 93637
559-479-0852**

Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton

By Heidi Dillon

“Be Our Guest” Membership Social

Officers of Joaquin Parlor hosted a “meet and greet” social on July 31st at Joan Stafko’s home in Stockton. Members feasted on hors d’oeuvres, decadent treats, and spirits as they enjoyed the evening playing games designed to learn more about their fellow Sisters. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance and provided a wonderful way to express fellowship.



Guests attending Joaquin Parlor’s Apron Luncheon on September 8, 2018



Marianne DeDios and Marta Banning having fun at the Apron Luncheon

Apron Luncheon

Ardylee McCurdy hosted Joaquin Parlor’s Annual Apron Luncheon on September 8th at the Country Café in Lockeford. Sisters wearing their favorite apron came together to remember and honor our dearly departed Sisters of Joaquin Parlor. Parlor President, Linda Stirm, kept the crowd entertained playing a “social” bingo game. Joaquin Parlor was proud to host eight visiting Parlors and share in one of the Parlors favorite events. An apron and an antique jewelry set was auctioned to help raise funds for Joaquin Parlor’s general fund.

California Admission Day

Joaquin Parlor hosted an informational booth at the San Joaquin Certified Farmers Market in Stockton on September 9th to commemorate the anniversary of the 1850 admission of California into the Union as the thirty-first state. Vicky Cesena, Chairman of the event, along with Juanita Case, Cheri Castro, Diane Heggen, Alma Huff, Susan Machado, Donalee McGary and Yolanda Rodriguez gathered the Wednesday prior to package poppy seeds and cilantro seeds that would be used to share with potential Members, to promote our Order. On the day of the event, Vicky Cesena, Ida Evans, Alma Huff, Susan Machado, Ellen McFall, Diana Miller, Hortenzia Moreno, Angie Smith, Linda Stirm, and Roberta Taylor worked diligently to let the community of Stockton know just exactly who the Native Daughters of the Golden West were and how proud we are of our beloved state of California.



Joaquin Parlor President Linda Stirm promoting celebrating California Admissions Day



Joaquin Parlor No. 5 welcomes new Sister, Sheri Fenley! As her sponsor, Carol Bone received Grand President Karen H. Fini’s pin! Join Carol in sponsoring a new member to the Order and you could receive one too!



Donalee McGary and Alma Huff preparing seed packets for California Admissions Day



Juanita Case and Cheri Castro adding the finishing touches to the seed packets

Adopt A Highway

Nine Joaquin Parlor Sisters rallied together on September 15th to bravely clean the Parlor’s adopted stretch of roadway on SR 88, near Waterloo. The hardworking Sisters, now seasoned professionals with two years of service under their belts, made fast work of cleaning the highway of all its unwanted trash! After a few hours of camaraderie, the Sisters were more than happy to put away their hard hats and grab lunch at the Waterloo Inn, proud of the service they provided for their community and environment.

Paying It Forward

On September 25, 2018 Genevieve Galli along with a “special” helper, Hannah Rose Dillon, presented the Women’s Center Youth and Family Services of Stockton with a monetary gift. Five hundred dollars in gift cards were given to help support their worthy cause and make a positive impact on the lives of the homeless youth and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking that count on the Women’s Center for help. The money donated was raised at a luncheon that Genevieve hosted this year.



Joaquin Parlor Sisters “road crew” for Adopt A Highway

Official Visit of Worthy Grand President Karen H. Fini

Parlor Sisters donned Mardi Gras masks on Tuesday, October 9th to greet our Worthy Grand President Karen H. Fini at the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton. The hall decorated in shades of purple, green and gold with masquerade masks set the tone of “laissez les bones temps rouler”. Purple, green and gold glittered top hats designed and created by the talented, Hortenzia Moreno, served as table centerpieces for the ball. The twenty-six Parlor Sisters in attendance each brought a delicious salad for the Grand President to feast on, as it took three tables to display all the scrumptious food! Joaquin Parlor was excited to share the momentous occasion with eight visiting Parlors and were honored to have PGP Lorraine Robinson and PGP Christine Tripod in attendance.



Genevieve Galli and Hannah Rose Dillon donating to the Women’s Center Youth and Family Services of Stockton.



Worthy Grand President Karen H. Fini and Joaquin Parlor President Linda Stirm — Official Visit on October 9, 2018

Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Officers Installed

Joaquin Parlor No.5 Members had the pleasure to install Officers at Jackson on August 28. Pictured left to right: Ida Evans, Ardylee McCurdy, Heidi Altamirano Dillon, Joan Stafko, and Juanita Case. Heidi, Juanita, Ida, and Joan worked as the Installation Team! Ardylee was Installed as Inside Sentinel for Ursula Parlor No.1. Fun evening with traditional Hawaiian food! Great job!!





Flora MacKay, 99 years young, poses with George and Erica after their Statehood Day presentation to a group at The Regency Grand assisted living facility in West Covina.

When I Grow Up, I want to be Flora MacKay

SUBMITTED BY SUE GABEL AND GT VIOLA GENE DANA

Flora MacKay joined the Native Daughters in 1939; next year she will celebrate her 80th year of membership — and her 100th Birthday. Flora recently chose to move to an assisted living facility. She is energetic, enthusiastic, and engaging, and she enjoys the daily contact and interaction with her new neighbors. She has managed to ask almost every resident, “Where were you born?” (Many of our Parlor’s most active members were asked the same question, repeatedly, until we signed our membership applications.) Flora is a relentless recruiter and is always looking for an opportunity to share the story of California and the Native Daughters.

Flora took it upon herself to hold a Birthday Celebration for the Golden State at her new “home.” She designed the program and

recruited some help from residents and staff. Flora gave a talk about the “Twelve Flags Over California.” Another resident, George, although not a native, is a California history buff and spoke about the Gold Rush Era. Erica, the Activities Director, gave a description of the many iconic images contained in the Great Seal of the State. Their presentation was warmly received by the participants.

What will Flora be doing next? Currently she is holding “creative writing classes” to encourage the residents to write their biographies. She remains active in NDGW, Past President’s Association, the Emblem Club, the Woman’s Club, and the Widows group. Oh, and she’s been planning her own 100th Birthday Party for some time now. “Age is just a number...”

You Can Do It!

SUBMITTED BY PGP BETH PERRIN

On October 7th, Placerita Parlor President Judy Sanders and PGP Beth Perrin, hosted a Native Daughter information booth at the Chatsworth Historical Society’s Pioneer Days event. Thanks to Vickie Contente’s excellent instructions provided last year at Grand Parlor’s Extension of the Order Workshop, we had a beautiful display that attracted the attention of attendees (the candy corn helped too!) We spoke to many people that day, provided our contact information and have already had a visitor to our Parlor and she has decided to join. We encourage every Parlor to find an opportunity in your community to tell everyone about the Native Daughters. We no longer want to be the “best kept secret”.



Photo by Helaine Cummins

Childrens Foundation Special Report

SUBMITTED BY PGP BETH PERRIN

PGP Camelia Robles, a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation, asked PGP Beth Perrin to assist her with the presentation of Campership Awards to four organizations in Southern California. PGP Camelia was unable to make the presentations herself because of her work schedule. PGP Beth was happy to help.

On August 1st PGP Beth Perrin presented a check to Development Assistant Heather Ryan for Camp del Corazon. This organization provides year-round experiential opportunities for children ages 7-17 with the challenges of growing up and living with heart disease. They provide a residential summer camp as well as programs that offer growth, education and support for children, and their families.



Camp del Corazon



Camp Ronald McDonald

she got to meet the horses – and talk with them. They really help the children overcome their disabilities. She walked away with a feeling of calm.

Junior Blind of America has a new name — Wayfinder Family Services — that offers multifaceted services that includes temporary shelter, residential services, foster care and adoption services. The campus was a military academy in the 50’s. The grounds are beautiful and there is a feeling of calm all around. The check was presented to Melissa Wolfish, Foundation and Corporate Relations Manager on August 31st by Madelen Davis.



The Childrens Ranch



Wayfinder Family Services

Aleli Parlor No. 102 Congratulates Bernice!

Bernice Grigsby of Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas, is proudly wearing the 50-year NDGW pin presented to her by her daughter, Claudia Fisher. Bernice was so pleased to receive a card signed by her Sisters of Aleli Parlor and the pin. She would have received the 50-year pin from Jr. PGP Cynthia Connelly at their OV early this year, however Bernice currently resides in Montana!



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

Annie K. Bidwell Yard Sale Success!

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA RAMSEY, ANNIE K. BIDWELL PARLOR NO. 168

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico is very fortunate to have member Linda O’Gwin. She is a 2nd year Trustee and the Parlor’s Ways and Means Chair. Parlor Members refer to her as “extraordinary” in whatever she puts her mind to accomplishing. Due to her connections in the area, her involvement with the AT&T Pioneers, and Annie K. Bidwell Parlor, we were able to get the remainder of a HUGE Estate Sale and hold a yard sale of our own. The home was a 7,000 square foot French Château in the upper canyon of Magalia. The previous owner was a collector of dolls and had well over 500, along with all the clothing, accessories and display stands. It is believed the owners

like to entertain and had all the dishes and linens to make an elegant display. It took three entire days, several car loads and 16 truck loads to remove all the remaining furniture and miscellaneous items from the home. The yard sale took place on August 18th at the Parlor of Annie K. Bidwell. The yard sale netted \$2,842.00 which was split with the AT&T Pioneers. Many thanks to Linda O’Gwin, the retired employees of AT&T making up the Pioneers, and the several Annie K. Bidwell Members and their families. It was a great group effort and a lot of hard work that rewarded our Members with lots of wonderful new treasures and a successful fundraiser.

Sutter’s Mill Parlor No. 336

SUBMITTED BY DEE GOODSPEED

We have been collecting pull tabs from cans and donating them to Ronald Mc Donald House in Sacramento.

We have also been collecting coupons that we send to an American Military Charity that supports our troops and families serving overseas. Ninety-five percent of troops using the coupons are married. Seventy-two percent are families with children. These coupons help twenty percent of our troops make ends meet.

On September 15th, 2018 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10165 of Placerville put on an event called “Day of Discovery”. Sutter’s Mill Parlor was asked to serve donuts and coffee in the morning and provide lunches to those in attendance. A total of 141 veterans and family members attended the event. There were 21 exhibitors including: El Dorado County Veterans Service Office, Angel Flight, Western Slope Boys and Girls Club, Military Family Support Group and Chapel of the Pines. The Parlor served 84 deli-brown bag lunches to veterans and their families. Sutter’s Mill Parlor members really enjoyed this event and helping veterans in our community.

The District 10 Official Visit at Marguerite Parlor No. 12, Placerville and Sutter’s Mill Parlor No. 336 was held September 27 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Placerville. Sutter’s Mill Parlor No. 336 hosted Grand



President Karen Fini at a Gold Rush Mardi Gras event. Guests donated canned foods for the El Dorado Veterans Resource Emergency Food Pantry, to thank the veterans for the use of the Veterans Memorial Building at no fee. The canned goods will be used to help veteran families and homeless veterans in El Dorado County.

Our Parlor also donated blankets, pillows, jackets and other cold weather items to the Military Family Support Group. There are 957 homeless children in our county. There are an estimated 300 homeless veterans.

Parlor Members who helped at Day of Discovery include Bill Stalder (President), Marlene Williams, Tiffany Shiro, Bonnie Morse-West, Diane Kirkham, Celeste Wendel, Leona Sunseri and Dee Goodspeed. These members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West have made a major difference to veterans and their families in our community.

Devoted Daughter Award

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

Several years ago, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield created the Devoted Daughter Award to honor a Member who provides outstanding service to our Parlor and to Native Daughters.

Our Devoted Daughter recipient for 2018-2019, is Lynn Montgomery. Lynn has been a Member since 2005. Lynn has served the Parlor as Recording Secretary, Chairman of Lighthouses, Welfare, and Environmental Issues. She has collected and then donated hygiene items, eye glasses, bras, clothes, old medications, batteries, and light bulbs just to name a few. Lynn has served on the Audit Committee and as Sr. Trustee, hosting these meetings at her home. She is always ready with her articles and information for our newsletter. Lynn and her husband, Keith, have worked on our entry and exhibit at the Kern County Fair every year and have been instrumental in our success in this endeavor. Her contributions to our Parlor over the years are too numerous to list them all.

Lynn has spent her professional career as an educator. She and Keith are both retired and enjoying many exciting travels. Thank you, Lynn, for being a “Devoted Daughter.”



Lynn Montgomery and Deborah Gregory

Calling all Native Daughters of the Golden West...

The Pioneer Roster and Archives Committee needs your help! The Native Daughters of the Golden West has placed many markers throughout our State and we want to document how those markers (plaques) are doing. The NDGW Home has two collections of photos of the markers, but some photos are faded, or missing and other markers were placed after the last photo collection effort. We don’t want to lose track of our history! We are asking local parlors and members to locate and photograph the historical markers in your area, noting where the marker is located (some may have been moved), and if it is in need of attention. This is a great opportunity for your parlor to have a fun

event of hunting for the historical markers in your area. You may find Historical markers in your area that are in need of some TLC, or, you may find one that no one even knew existed!

A list of the known historical markers in your area can be found on the NDGW home page under Historical Markers at www.ndgw.org.

A photograph of each Parlor’s Charter is also wanted.

Please submit your clear, medium to high resolution, 8.5 X 11 digital pictures of the historical marker, brief description/ location of the historical marker, and a picture of your Parlors charter, to Pioneer Roster Committee at ndpioneer@att.net.

Ortega Adobe In San Buenaventura Honored by Poinsettia Parlor No. 318

SUBMITTED BY MARY ANN FOUSHEE, POINSETTIA PARLOR NO. 318

When you see or hear the name Ortega, do you think of the canned “green chilies” you see in the grocery stores? Is there a California connection to this produce? Well, the answer is “YES. AND, WHAT IS THE NATIVE DAUGHTER CONNECTION?”

For over 30 years, two to three members have gone once a month and cleaned the adobe which was built in the 1857. Emigdio Ortega purchased the property from a Native American Indian from the Chumash Tribe. Initial titles for the roof, were from the San Buenaventura Mission. The adobe was larger when it was initially built but due to the flooding of the Ventura River in the Winter of 1866-67, the west half was destroyed.

So exactly what does Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 do each month? It entails swiping the dirt floors and watering them down. There’s the dusting of furniture, vases, and other items. Any cloth items that need washing, pictures and glass items that need repair or replacing, identifying the people who have their pictures hanging in the adobe, and the planting of new plants, especially the CALIFORNIA POPPY (our official State flower) is accomplished.

The Members that have done this work are: Bonnie Clark, Shirley Clark, Jeanee Grist, Beverly Henry, Jackie Kelly, Corinne Klock, Marian Tulos, and currently Dolly Attaway, Mary Ann Foushee, and Evelyn Rowden. What is important is that Dolly Attaway’s mother was married to an Ortega. Her coming to the Ortega each month is a “labor of love.”

On Sunday, Septmeber 9th, we held an open house event at the Ortega. Ernie and Rosey Calvillo, who join us in the monthly cleaning, presented a program on the history of the Ortega and Emigdio Ortega’s life dedication to this property. Over 80 members of the community, including officials of San Buenaventura, joined in the celebration.

We also work with the City of San Buenaventura Parks/Recreation & Community Partnership Department in accomplishing this “HISTORICAL ENDEAVOR OF LOVE.” It’s an ongoing process and true love of saving an historical site.

In addition, the Ventura County Museum also assisted us in obtaining information about the adobe and the historical family.



(NOTE: As stated above, this family started the ORTEGA GREEN CHILI COMPANY. They produced the product until the 1920’s, when it became too large an operation to handle the local processing. It was moved to the Los Angeles area.)

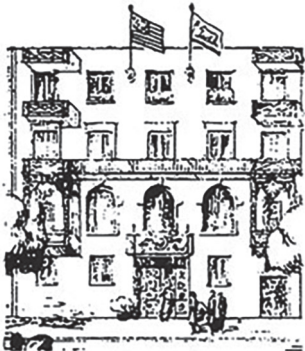
The Home Committee Corner

SUBMITTED BY GT STEPHANIE KERR

As a lot of you know, the rising star in ideas to assist the Home, are the package plans which include a stay at the home, a trip to the desired event, and a group rate ticket to the event, as well as a continental breakfast. The events offered are: Phantom of the Opera, which was held on September 30, 2018; Victorian Alliance Tour, which was held on October 21, 2018; Disney Museum Tour, which is scheduled for November 8, 2018; and Charles Dickens Christmas Fair, which is scheduled for December 8, 2018. Other events will be added as they become available. These events are the brain child of Julia Huff, Home employee. She and PGP Marilyn Rodriguez have been working hard to make it a success.

Excitement about these packages is reported as high. It is reported that people coming to the Home are responding very positively. Congratulations Julia and PGP Marilyn.

The exciting upcoming Christmas event is the Tree Lighting, entitled “Christmas Time in the City,” to be held at the NDGW Home on December 2, 2018. Doors open at 2:30 PM, the program celebration is at 3:00 PM, followed by refreshments, raffle & auction at 4:00 PM. This event honors our Silver Lady, Marie Otto PGP. Marie started this tradition of the tree lighting when she was Grand President 25 years ago. Be sure to bring family and friends and delight in the holiday spirit! What a beautiful tradition PGP Marie. Thank you so much!



Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

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Golden State Green Corner

SUBMITTED BY ANN PERKINS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Dear Sisters,

Well I was AMAZED... I did a search on the web for “easy ways to help the environment” and found lots of sites with oodles of ideas. Guess we need to be careful what we ask for. There were quite a few ideas that seemed to take little effort and that’s just my speed. Easy as 1...2...3...4! Thought you might find these interesting too.

1. **Lint bunnies:** you know those balls of lint from your dryer, well guess how much \$\$ you could save if you clean the dryer’s lint filter before each load? Maybe up to \$135 a year!! A dirty lint filter can use 30% more energy to get the job done.
2. **Drive smarter:** driving 60 miles per hour instead of 70 miles per hour can save up to 4 miles per gallon. Accelerating and braking too hard can actually reduce your fuel economy; so, take it easy on the gas and brake pedal.
3. **Time’s up:** what do expiration dates on food products actually mean? Expiration dates actually refer to the product’s quality, not safety and there’s a difference between “sell-by” (the deadline for retailers to sell the product) and “use-by” (the date when the product starts to lose quality and flavor). To extend the “shelf life” of everything, keep the refrigerator at 40°F or lower and the freezer at 0°F. Store meats on the lower shelves where its coolest and unpack groceries as soon as you get home from



the store, if you have a long drive or its really hot , put frozen foods and meats in an ice chest or cooler bag. Another idea: shop for frozen foods, produce and meats toward the end of your shopping trip so they stay cooler. The average family throws away up to \$2200/300 lbs of food every year.

4. **What about batteries?** What can you do with dead AAA, AA, C & D alkaline batteries? They don’t belong in the trash, they’re toxic! To recycle them check out this website www.ehso.com (Environment, Health and Safety Online), this website has lots of good information. In California, both Lowe’s and Home Depot will accept used batteries for recycling.

We hope you’ll share any “green ideas” that you have. We’re hoping to have a table at GPAM 2019 to showcase how our Parlors help the environment. Please send hints, ideas and/or pictures of what you’re doing to Environmental Issues Committee, 4460 W. Shaw Ave #570, Fresno, CA 93722 or email us at: ndgwenvironment2018@gmail.com



Members of Argonaut Parlor No. 166, El Cerrito are at Tilden Park in Berkeley, California.

Take a Sleigh Ride down the Famous Christmas Tree Lane in Fresno, CA

SUBMITTED BY TIM AND BRENDA GREEN, FRESNO PARLOR NO. 187

Fresno Parlor No. 187 will host a Christmas fundraiser, in partnership with the members of Fresno Shriners, benefiting both Fresno Parlor and the Shriner’s Children’s Hospitals. The sleigh is an open-air trailer that seats 50 people and is owned by a local Fresno Shriner’s member.

The festive event is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 9th beginning at 6PM. All the Native Daughter’s baking elves are also invited to participate in a Christmas cookie exchange — bring a dozen, take a dozen! Hot cider and hot chocolate also served, under a heated tent.



Donation: \$25/adults, \$20/Children under 16yrs. For reservations at this limited seating event, contact Ann Perkins 559-709-4557 or Brenda Green 559-304-4485.

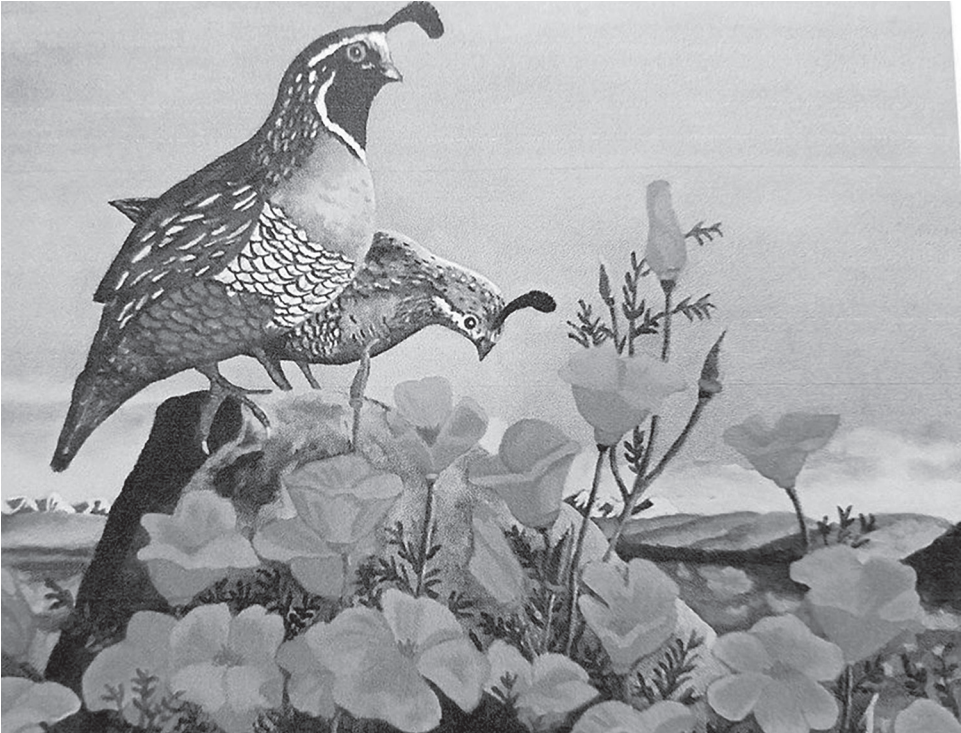
***NOTE: In 2014, a home on Fresno’s Christmas Tree Lane was a winner of The Great Christmas Light Fight, and that home continues to be the biggest “over-the-top” light display imaginable!!!



Did you know???

FROM THE JOAQUIN PARLOR NEWSLETTER — SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

California was admitted to the Union on September 9, 1850 and the NDGW was established 36 years later in 1886.



Introducing N.D.G.W. Home Event Packages

SUBMITTED BY JULIA R. HULL

On September 9, 1886 a young lady stood watching the Native Sons of the Golden West celebrate California’s early pioneers. That moment created a burning desire in her to put together a group of young women to embrace and honor principles important to their heritage. Lilly O. Reichling at the age of 19 rushed home and sent twenty-four letters to friends and family she knew would be of a like mind. Even at that young age she knew that finding a group of people who have the same passion towards a shared interest can surely accomplish good and great deeds for our Golden State.

And so, The Native Daughters of the Golden West was founded and has achieved many fine accomplishments for over one hundred years. My Sisters, be proud!

I am a third generation Member of Morada Parlor No. 199. I began working at the Home last Spring and was recently asked to serve on the Home Marketing Committee. After a few enthusiastic brainstorming sessions, Chairman Billie McArthur and I envisioned a plan for special event packages centered around the Home. The plan’s purpose is to promote and engage our Members in fraternal activities in our Home.

The plan’s goals are introducing our beautiful Home to Members who have not had the wonderful experience of staying here and enjoying the companionship of their Sisters while sharing a common interest in History, Arts, and Music. Secondary goals are increasing the revenue by booking our rooms and recruiting new Members.

In August of this year I was given the opportunity of presenting a program of special event packages to the Home Committee. As I entered the Board Room my knees were knocking, but I was very excited with the opportunity of sharing ideas with the Committee.

I presented four examples of event packages that included a night at the theatre, a Victorian house tour, the Disney Museum, and the Dicken’s Fair as well as transportation to and from, Home accommodations, and breakfast.

The Home Committee agreed with the concept and gave me the green light to proceed marketing the first event package. I think we can all agree we love our Home. It is difficult for me to understand why we have so many Members of the Order who have never had the privilege of staying here. Surely, we can overcome their reticence by

offering them a reason to come to beautiful San Francisco and stay at our Home.

Our first event on September 30th was a tremendous success. Three of the attending Members had not stayed at our Home and upon entering the foyer the expression on their faces was full of anticipation and excitement. In all, nine Members attended the recent production of The Phantom of the Opera at the Orpheum Theatre, and what an incredible adventure we had! At 1 P.M. sharp three taxis lined up in front of the Home and transported us downtown. After enjoying a spell-binding performance, everyone returned to the Home to wind down the evening first with dinner and later with conversation in the lounge. The next morning an elegant table was set using our antique N.D.G.W. dishes accented with a centerpiece of proud California poppies, and a delicious breakfast was served. Thank you, Susan and John Potter of Encinal Parlor No. 156 for your amazing assistance.

You might be wondering how was nine people a tremendous success?

We booked nine rooms that were not booked otherwise.

Three of the nine attendees had not experienced a stay at the Home before.

They have all since made reservations to stay at the Home in the future as well as booked the other event packages we are offering.

Most importantly, companionship among Members of the Order blossomed due to a common interest that they all shared.

Lilly O. Reichling had a vision for the women of California. We are given the opportunity of following in her footsteps with vision, passion, interest, and action.

The event packages scheduled for the next two months include the Victorian Alliance Tour, the Disney Museum, and the Charles Dickens Christmas Fair.

For information regarding these event packages or those planned for 2019, please email perfectjulia@gmail.com with “Event Calendar” cited in the subject line.

You can also follow the current news of our beloved Home on Facebook by liking us: <http://www.facebook.com/natedaughtersofthegoldenwesthome>.

For reservations call the NDGW Home at 415-921-2664 or email us home@ndgw.com comcastbiz.net.





El Tejon Parlor 2018-19 Officers

El Tejon Installs 2018-19 Officers

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

The Installation of Officers was held on July 23, at the Woman’s Club Tea Room. Deborah Gregory was installed as President along with her corp of Officers by Deputy Grand President, Darleen Carpenter. The new Installation ceremony was used for the first time and was well received by all in attendance. A dinner was held at Mexicali preceding the Installation. A business meeting followed the Installation which included the presentation of our Devoted Daughter Award. Refreshments of cake and Dewars punch were then enjoyed by all. President Deborah presented Past President Ethel White with her Past President Pin and beautiful poppy keys chains to her Officers.



Congratulations to Lomitas Parlor!

FROM THE AUGUST 2018 POPPY PRESS, LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 255

Lomitas Parlor proudly presents their newest member, Hailey Salha, with Auntie Arlene, Mom Lisa, and Grandmother Marlene.

Hailey’s great-grandmother, Agnes Cardoza, recently turned 100 years of age and is a 76-year member of Lomitas Parlor.

That’s FOUR generations of Native Daughters!




It’s a Good Life

FROM LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 255’s POPPY PRESS, OCTOBER 2018

- Life isn’t fair, but it’s still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- Your job won’t take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
 - Pay off your credit cards every month.
- You don’t have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- Cry with someone. It’s more healing than crying alone.
 - It’s OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
- Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
 - When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

Dear Sisters,

I have been overwhelmed with the number of cards, messages, flowers, spiritual bouquets, and e-mails that have been sent to me from you, my Native Daughter Sisters. They have been greatly appreciated, and I know they all have been sent with sincere good wishes for a speedy recovery. I am progressing well, although I recently had a setback when one of the chemotherapy drugs caused an abscess necessitating a five-day hospitalization. That problem has been remedied, and half of my chemotherapy sessions now have been completed. Hopefully the remaining three sessions will go well and by the end of the year I will be well on the road to recovery. Thank you very much for all the special thoughts and prayers. You are indeed cherished and beloved Sisters. I send all of you warmest wishes for a truly awesome Autumn and a delightful Holiday Season.



Sincerely and fraternally,
Sharon M. Johnston, PGP

Hurray for the Red, White, and Blue

BY HELEN LEIVA

On Saturday, June 9, Grace Parlor No. 242 hosted their annual Red, White, and Blue Luncheon honoring our veterans. Husbands of our Members who are veterans, honored us with their presence, announcing their names and ranks held in their particular service of Army, Air Force, or Marines.

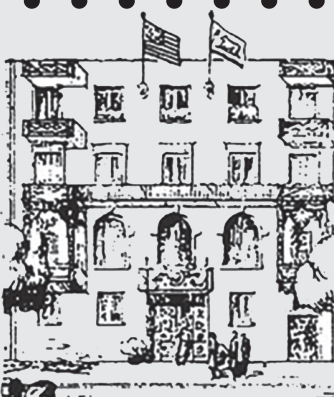
An all-American lunch was prepared and served by co-chairs Helen Leiva and Betty “BJ” Woollett. Tables were beautifully decorated with red, white, and blue baskets of flowers and flags created by Roycene Dierberger. Patriotic door prizes were presented to everyone including our guest, Sue Anderson from Jurupa Parlor No. 296 in Riverside. Sue had with her “Darby,” her in-service dog and she was the hit of the party.

It is our custom at these special events to ask members to donate to a particular veterans organization. This time we collected for the Paralyzed Veterans of America. In the photo, you can see “Darby” participated by holding her donation in her mouth. It topped the day with a huge applause. Thanks Darby! And thanks to everyone who attended and made this day so successful!



Mark your calendars

Sunday
December 2,
2018 3:00PM


Native Daughters of
the Golden West Home

Christmas Tree Lighting
and Open House

“It’s Christmas Time
in the City”

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

2019 Quilt Fundraiser



Oakdale Parlor No. 125 Presents: "California in Bloom" 46 x 58" Quilt

Handmade and donated by Ruth French, one of our talented members. The quilt is colorful and 3D with beautiful flowers in various sizes.

Raffle Tickets \$2.00 each

Drawing will be May 6, 2019 at the "Official Visit"

For Information and/or tickets:

Leslie 209-765-6547 or Donna 209-324-2392

NDGW Tees & Hoodies

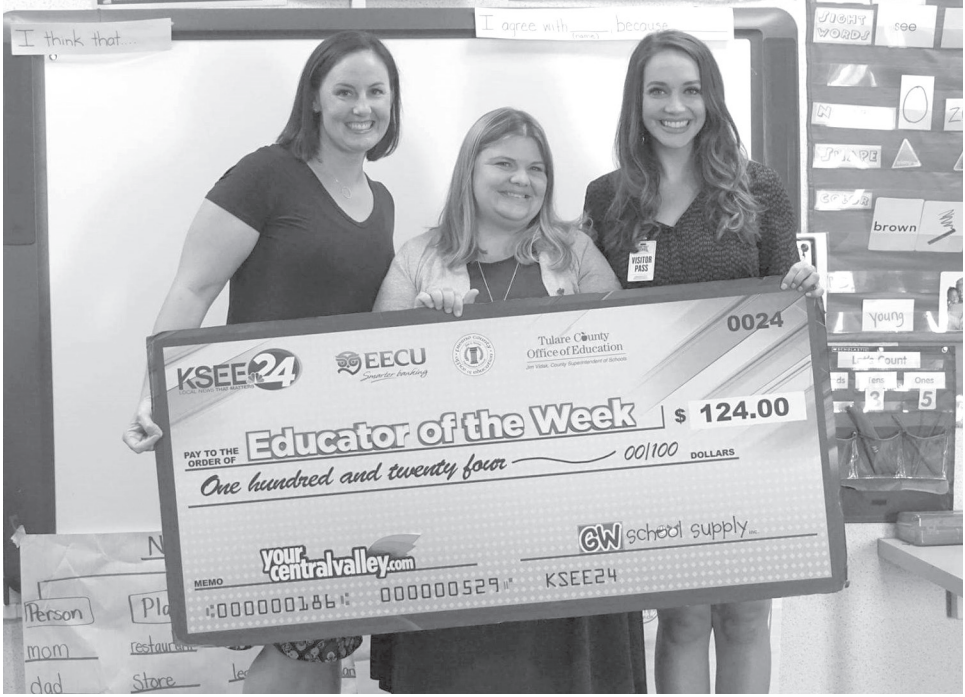
We still have NDGW t-shirts for sale
AND NOW WE HAVE ZIPPED HOODIES TOO!

They are red v-neck 100% cotton t-shirts with our NDGW emblem on the front and our new logo and website address on the back. The red hoodies are lightweight 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 or (559)936-2735.

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

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



Congratulations Maggie!

Teacher Maggie Stickler (center) was nominated anonymously and chosen by TV station KSEE 24 for her service above self. She will receive a gift card to GW School Supply and a brick on the California State University Fresno Kremen School of Education and Human Development education wall. Maggie is a past Parlor President of Fresno Parlor No. 187 Fresno.

Thank you for the Toiletries for the Troops

SUBMITTED BY BEV PIERCE, VENDOME PARLOR NO. 100

I collected about 55 pounds of toiletries at our Grand Parlor in June. Grace Parlor even put some letters for the soldiers in my basket and I found a \$20.00 donation in the basket. We appreciate all of the devotion of our Members. I cannot thank everyone enough.



Did You Ever Wonder...

Evidently, some of you did! This venture is proving to be an eye-opening experience. I received a wonderful letter from Marjorie Burnham. Marjorie is a member of Jurupa Parlor No. 296 in Riverside. Marjorie and her mother were originally members of Rancho San Jose Parlor in Pomona. Growing up in Pomona, Marjorie remembers that each house on her street had two doors – one was for tradesmen and deliveries while the other door opened into the Parlor.

The Parlor was kept immaculately clean and the furniture dusted and polished daily. That was the room in which her mother welcomed guests. Meetings of church groups, book clubs and of course The Native Daughters were held there. As membership grew, larger facilities were required, and the "Parlor" remains as a reminder of those earlier days.

Marjorie now lives in Columbus, Ohio, but reads each issue of the California Star and enjoys it very much. She wrote lovingly of California and her life here. Thank you for your interest and information, Marjorie.

The first question I received was an eye-opener. A new member asked, "What are

the 'Books of the Order' as mentioned in PGP Debi Stalder's Report of the State of the Order article?" The answer is: The Constitution of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and the Manual of Instruction. Everything one needs to know about the Order and the rights and responsibilities of each Member are contained therein. Hard-copy editions of the Books of the Order are available for sale through the Grand Parlor Office and an electronic edition is also available.

Is there something more we can do for a new Member, at the time of Initiation, to give him/her a basic understanding of the workings of the Order? What if Initiates were given a copy of the Manual of Instruction? Further, what if they were encouraged to read the Manual and bring questions to meetings if they didn't understand something they had read? Wouldn't everyone benefit from that type of exchange?

Thank you to all who submitted questions. Some have required some research and I am still working on them; however, you will get answers to your questions...

Viola Gene Dana, GTvgdana@yahoo.com

A Recipe for Living

FROM THE AUGUST 2018 POPPY PRESS, LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 255

First plant 3 rows of Peas: Persistence, Patience, Peace of Mind

Next, Plant Four Hills of Squash: Squash Gossip, Squash Grumbling, Squash Selfishness, Squash Apathy

Then Plant 3 Rows of Lettuce: Let us be kind, let us be responsible, let us be respectful.

No Garden is complete without Turnips: Turn up with a smile, Turn up with a healthy attitude.

Water regularly with confidence and love and let your garden bring forth much fruit.



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 or check out our web page at www.ndgw.org for more information.

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

Check out Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor page and click “LIKE”. Great stories and information regarding our beloved State of California are posted frequently! It is a wonderful tool to share and communicate with Sisters all over the State! Join in with the technology, information and fun!

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Submitted by: PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Facebook Manager 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.”

Itinerary of Grand President Karen H. Fini 2018-2019

NOVEMBER 2018

- 3 District 6 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Chico
- 4 Day Light Savings Time Ends
- 4 District 13 OV — Califa 22 (H), Woodland 90, Sutter 111, Liberty 213, West Wind 328, Zinfandel 337
- 6 **Election Day**
- 10 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 10 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 11 Veteran’s Day — Support our Troops and Veterans
- 11 Veteran’s Welfare Committee Fundraiser — Santa Nella — **CANCELLED**
- 12 District 17 OV — Encinal 156 (H), Argonaut 166
- 16 Personnel Committee Meeting — 4:00PM — San Francisco
- 16–18 Board of Directors Meeting — NDGW GPO Board Room
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2018

- 1 Eshcol 16 Mission Restoration Dinner — Napa
- 2 District 15 Home Luncheon — San Francisco
- 2 NDGW Home Open House & Tree Lighting — NDGW Home — San Francisco
- 8 District 20 OV — San Jose 81, Vendome 100 (H), Gilroy 312
- 25 **Merry Christmas**

JANUARY 2019

- 1 **Happy New Year**
- 5 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 5 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 8 District 17 OV — Hayward 122 — Hayward
- 11 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 11 Finance Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 11 NDGW Charitable Foundation Meeting — 3:00PM — San Francisco
- 11 Personnel Committee Meeting — 4:00PM — San Francisco
- 11–13 Board of Directors Meeting — NDGW GPO Board Room
- 19 Grace 242 Home Luncheon — Fullerton
- 26 District 21 OV — Santa Cruz 26, Aleli 102, Junipero 141, San Juan Bautista 179

FEBRUARY 2019

- 1 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 1 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 2 District 15 OV — Bonita 10, Darina 114, El Vespero 118, Vista Del Mar 155, San Bruno 246 (H)
- 9 District 28 OV — Lugonia 241, Grace 242 (H), Jurupa 296, Tahquitz 333 — Fullerton
- 10 Donner 193 Home Luncheon — NDGW Home
- 12 District 1 OV — Reichling 97 (H), Arcata 325 — Fortuna
- 14 Happy Valentine’s Day
- 16 Joaquin 5 Home Luncheon — Stockton
- 21 District 11 OV — Marinita 198, Sonoma 209 (H), Petaluma 222, Cotati 299 — Sonoma
- 23 District 14 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Jackson



MARCH 2019


- 1 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 1 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 2 District 17 Luncheon
- 2 District 6 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Chico
- 5 District 25 OV — Reina Del Mar 126, Tierra de Oro 304, Poinsettia 318 (H), Ventura
- 9 District 29 OV — San Diego 208 — San Diego
- 10 Southern California Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 10 Day Light Savings Time Begins
- 15 Personnel Committee Meeting — 4:00PM — San Francisco
- 15–17 Board of Directors Meeting — San Francisco
- 13 District 19 OV — Morada 199 — Modesto
- 23 District 23 OV — San Miguel 94, San Luisita 108 (H), El Pinal 163, El Paso de Robles 335
- 30 Zinfandel 337 Tea — Lodi

APRIL 2019

- 1 District 17 OV — Angelita 32 — Livermore
- 2 District 19 OV — Mariposa 63 — Mariposa
- 3 District 6 OV — Annie K. Bidwell, Gold of Ophir 190 (H) — Oroville
- 4 District 18 OV — Ruby 46 (H), Golden Era 99 — Murphys
- 6 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 6 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 10 District 22 OV — Charter Oak 292 — Visalia
- 12 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 12 Finance Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 12 NDGW Charitable Foundation Meeting — 3:00PM — San Francisco
- 13 District 21 Home Tea — San Juan Bautista
- 16 District 19 OV — Veritas 75 — Merced
- 17 District 19 OV — Lomitas 255 — Los Banos
- 18–20 GO/PGP Retreat
- 21 **Happy Easter**
- 22 District 24 OV — El Tejon 239 — Bakersfield
- 26–28 Past President’s Assembly — Rancho Cordova
- 27 Cemetery Dedication — Amapola 338 — Sutter Creek
- 28 Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast

MAY 2019

- 4 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00AM — San Francisco
- 4 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00PM — San Francisco
- 6 District 19 OV — Oakdale 125 — Oakdale
- 9 District 5 OV — Fort Bragg 210 — Fort Bragg
- 11 District 16 OV — Donner 193 — Byron
- 12 **Happy Mother’s Day**
- 18 Home Coming and Fresno 187 OV
- 19–23 Native Sons of the Golden West GPAM — Visalia
- 26 Alameda County NDGW & NSGW Memorial Service: Chapel of the Chimes 2:00PM — Oakland

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