



# CALIFORNIA STAR

## Native Daughters of the Golden West

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Sisters,

What a wonderful Grand Parlor we had. The 2022 Grand Parlor Sessions Committee did an outstanding job hosting our annual convention. Congratulations to Jr. PGP Susan Collins for having a great year as Grand President.

This year brought some big changes to our Order. The legislation regarding opening our Order to individuals born in America or those who are a naturalized citizen of the United States did not pass. The Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee worked hard last year updating our meeting formats to confirm with changes that had been approved.

The Native Daughter Home is still in the throes of construction. We are looking to a long process of getting the repairs done. Rooms are limited as you might expect but we are open and welcome your visit to the Home.

The Covid pandemic played havoc during the past couple of years for our Parlors. The Board of Directors had set aside our Constitution to allow the Parlors the ability not to meet without the worry of losing their charter. This will now no longer be in effect. We encourage you to start meeting again and offer help in doing so. Please contact the Extension of the Order Committee for help.

I have two programs to promote this year. The first is the "Fly the Flags" contest. Parlor members are encouraged to take pictures of homes and businesses that fly our flags and submit the printed pictures to the American and Civic Participation Committee. The Committee will be sending out information regarding the guidelines and AWARDS. The second is a membership contest. The Member of a Parlor that brings in the most members will win 4 nights and registration fee for the 2023 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. For complete details see the bulletin from the Extension of the Order Committee.

July and August will have me meeting with various committees and the Board of Directors will be meeting. I hope all my Sisters had a safe and fun filled Fourth of July!!! Please stay healthy as summer bears down on us.

September brings us up and running, at least me. I will begin Official Visits to Parlors, Admission Day Celebration on Sept. 9, Founders Day on Sept. 25 and of course September is Membership Month. There's plenty to keep us busy!

I look forward to seeing everyone as I start my journey.

In Sisterly Love,

*Nina Coffenberry*

Nina Coffenberry, Grand President



## Grand President Nina Coffenberry Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson Installation Speech ~ June 30, 2022 Rohnert Park, California



Each and every one of us pick our own paths to follow. Some are short. Some are long, others are full of bumps and curves. I would love to say there will be only smooth roads ahead and Caltrans has filled in all the potholes. But one never knows what is around the next curve. I will strive to do my best, but I remind myself that I will not be able to please all the people all the time but hopefully I can please most of the people most of time.

What is Native Daughters? I have been asked that many times. My reply has been we are a nonprofit community-based service organization that participates in their communities thru volunteering and donations. How many of your members volunteer in other community organizations or service programs? Do they volunteer at the local food banks, hospice, church activities. I bet if

you made a list of all your members that volunteer and what they do. You will be amazed at how much Native Daughters does. Let me know what everyone is doing in your community.

We passed a new directive for the Board of Directors. Approved at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, I am to appoint a special committee to "restructure and streamline the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, to be relevant and encourage prospective

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Grand President Nina Coffenberry (Center) and her Corps of Grand Officers for the 2022-2023 Term. Seated from left: Shelley Buchberger, GS; Susan Collins, Jr. PGP; GP Nina; Rae Rosas, GVP; Darleen Carpenter, GM; Standing from left: Heidi Dillon, GT; Fran Bremer, sGT; Barbara Bruce, GT; Renee Rianda, GT.

## Meet Grand President Nina Coffenberry

URSULA PARLOR NO. 1,  
JACKSON



**Q: How did you become a Native Daughter and join the Order?**

**GP Nina:** Well, I became a Member of Ursula Parlor No. 1 in Jackson when my mother and my aunt (who were both Members sponsored by PGP Betty Reed Curilich and Margaret Podesta) sponsored me, "...Sure! I will take Mom to the meetings...." And that is how my membership in our wonderful Order began. The rest is history, so they say and look at me now!!

**Q: What is your most favorite part of being a Native Daughter?**

**GP Nina:** For me, it is always all of the passion and dedication shown by our Sisters. I remember that Childrens Foundation was the first "big" Committee I served on and I am still in awe of the tremendous work of this amazing Foundation. We have helped so many families over the years and it is incredible!

**Q: What led to you becoming a Grand Officer - and ultimately our Grand President?**

**GP Nina:** Well, years ago I lost an election for Grand Marshal and that made me pause and take a step away from the state level of Native Daughters for a while. I was still involved locally and I traveled with my longtime friend, Past Grand President Marilyn Bustillos, when she was our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PGP. While traveling around our glorious golden state with our "Silver Lady" I realized that I really missed being more involved. Next thing I knew, a vacancy for Grand Marshal was available, and I knew this was a perfect opportunity for me to "Put up or shut up!"

**Q: What do you enjoy most about California?**

**GP Nina:** I really love being a California Native! I really enjoy the magnificent Redwoods and of course visiting our beautiful California coastline too. I am also very excited to be visiting new areas of our golden state I have not visited before - One of the first is: Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara. I have always heard about traveling to "Fiesta" and I can't wait for that new adventure!

**Q: Where are you most excited about for this year?**

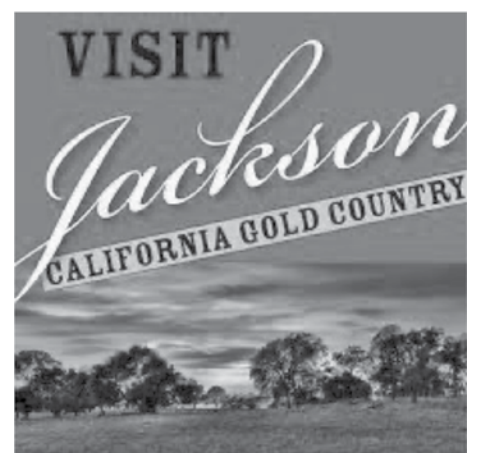
**GP Nina:** I am excited about everything, really. Every area of California has their own "twist" on what makes them special and unique. I am excited to travel and my first Official Visits will be in Etna, Arcata and Fort Bragg. Meeting all of my Sisters and visiting new places will be fun! I am also very excited to be heading to Santa Barbara for *Old Spanish Days Fiesta* and of course to meet Saint Barbara, Lynn Kirst from Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 as well. What a thrill for our Order! Oh, and my own Ursula Parlor No. 1 will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Kennedy Mine on the founding day of our Order on September 24th. All Native Daughters are invited to attend!

**Q: What is your goal for Native Daughters during this term?**

**GP Nina:** My goal for our Order is clear - I hope to leave Native Daughters in a better place. We have so many extraordinary Members and I would like our Sisters to communicate and have everyone be on the same page. We need to work together as a group and remember that building our membership is so important. I am looking forward to working with my Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents and all of the Subordinate Parlors to continue to grow Native Daughters.

**Q: Tell us about your family?**

**GP Nina:** My family is very supportive. My husband Gary is a Native Son and he always checks my car to be sure everything is set for travel. He asks me, "Did you remember this or that?" Sadly, Gary suffered a broken leg just before Grand Parlor and he was not able to attend my Installation as he had hoped. Thankfully he is continuing to recover and I appreciate everything he does for me. My children, Amy, Nicole and Susan are all dear to me and I am very proud of all three. Two are Members and the third one just moved back to the area, so who knows?







## The NDGW California Image Awards

SUBMITTED BY SANDRA FIRPO, PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The California Image Awards honor individuals, businesses, and organizations that help preserve and tell California's history, and work to make its future bright. The nominations come from Parlors and Sisters all around the state. Those nominations are reviewed by the Public Relations Committee; this year's nominations were very well prepared and were a delight to read and review.

Here are the 2022 NDGW California Image Award recipients:

**Pat Pattison** — host of "Best of California with Pat Pattison" — Nominated by Grace Parlor No. 242

Pat Pattison is a native Californian, whose family has been in the Golden State since the 1890's. He is also a former Disney executive. Pat's warm and charismatic style makes all his guests comfortable, and his knowledge and natural curiosity make his questions interesting to both the guests and viewers. The show is viewed on local television stations all around California, and across the country ... as well as on YouTube and Facebook. Pat promotes California through travel, historic sights, famous events, unique businesses, and fascinating people all throughout the Golden State.

He is also supportive of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, having attended Grace Parlor's Home Luncheon, and described as a "complete joy to have" as their guest.

**Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation**—Nominated by San Bruno Parlor No. 246

Colma, California is known for the many cemeteries that exist there. So much so, that the police cars have a bumper sticker that reads: "It's great to be alive in Colma!" But, if you just drive by the park-like cemetery of Cypress Lawn, you'd be missing the opportunity of a lifetime. The Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation hosts free trolley tours of their memorial park, and monthly lectures open to the public.

According to their website, "Cypress Lawn is the final resting place of more prominent Californians than any other cemetery in the West."

Among the California notables who now reside at Cypress Lawn, are:

**Hiram Johnson** — Governor and Senator from California, and who ran as Teddy Roosevelt's Vice President in the 1912 election.

The first and only U.S. California Counsel General to Mexico, Thomas Larkin, who was instrumental in forging the state of California and writing its constitution.

**Gladys Hansen** — long time archivist for the City of San Francisco who spent much of her life researching and identifying those lost in the 1906 Great Quake.

And, someone who doesn't need much of an introduction, William Randolph Hearst.

**Clover Sonoma** — Nominated by Petaluma Parlor No. 222

Clover Sonoma — formerly known as Clover Stornetta Farms — is a locally owned and operated dairy processor in Petaluma, California. It started out small, in 1916 and is now under the leadership of the third generation — Marcus Benedetti. Besides specializing in organic and conventional dairy products, they have promoted the importance of agriculture, family farms, and stewardship of the land. In addition to making California a more delicious and sustainable place to live, they bring smiles to many faces through their mascot — Clo the Cow.

Clo was introduced in 1969 as a cartoon cow, with a huge smile and witty puns. She is featured on billboards and milk tankers, using milk-based puns like... "Outstanding in her Field," and "Sip, Sip, Hooray."

For generations, Clover Sonoma has been a partner with their community through their "Clover Cares Program." In 2020, Clover Sonoma donated \$100,000 to Petaluma Valley Hospital to purchase much-needed ventilators and critical supplies during the COVID pandemic. Rounding out our California Image Awards is...

**The Filoli Historic House and Garden** — Nominated by the Public Relations Committee

Filoli Historic House and Garden — is a bucolic 16 acres in Woodside, California, just a quick 25-minute drive south of San Francisco. The Georgian-revival-styled mansion took three years to complete, and the Bourne's — William and Agnes — began living there in 1917.

A visit to Filoli takes you back in time, but also into familiar movies and television. The property was a film location for the Warren Beatty film, *Heaven Can Wait*. The house was featured in the 1997 film, *George of the Jungle*, though it is probably most famously recognized for being the exterior of the Carrington mansion in the television prime-time soap opera, *Dynasty*.

The Filoli name is an acronym from the first two letters of the key words in William Bourne's personal creed: **F**ight for a just cause. **L**ove your fellow man. **L**ive a good life.

It now is a treasure enjoyed by visitors from all over the world. The Filoli Historic House and Garden serves the community through classes, specialized tours, and increasing accessibility for all, as part of the Museums for All program, which provides low-cost admission.

Our congratulations and gratitude to all the recipients of the 2022 Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Awards!

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To make a Room Reservation call 415-921-2664  
or E-mail [ndhome@ndgw.org](mailto:ndhome@ndgw.org)

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

## Grace Parlor Celebrates Official Visit of Susan Collins and 95th Anniversary

SUBMITTED BY SHERRY FARLEY, P.G.P.

On June 11, 2022, the Members and guests of Grace Parlor No. 242 celebrated the Official Visit of Susan Collins and the 95th anniversary of the Parlor's institution. The cruise left port at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel where Captain Rosa Lindholm welcomed "All Aboard" the U.S.S. Grace No. 242 to honor Admiral,



Susan Collins, Grand President. The tables were decorated in shades of blue and aqua with lighthouses and sea shells. The invocation was given by Retired Admiral Joan Hall, P.G.P. and the flag salute was led by Lieutenant Rae Rosas, Grand Marshal.

The program included a list of all Grace Parlor's current Members and Past Presidents, along with a brief Parlor history. One notable piece of history was a plaque dedicated in 1952. The Knott's Berry Farm Ghost Town was marked by Grace Parlor No. 242 N.D.G.W. and Mother Colony No. 281 N.S.G.W. Since that time, it has been a tradition for Grace Parlor to hold the Official Visit of the Grand President at Knott's. The Berry Farm plaque was relocated to the south wall of the Gold Trails Hotel in 2009 to make way for the *GhostRider* coaster. By chance or by fate, the plaque was recently used in social media marketing to celebrate the opening of summer 2022, which correlated with the 70th anniversary of the original marking.

After the infamous Knott's Berry Farm lunch, Lieutenant Commander and Recording Secretary, Judi Smedley, presented Admiral Susan Collins with the report book and gifts from the Parlor. Membership awards were given to all Grace Parlor Members, and Honorary Members, in attendance. Special awards recognized 50 year member, Bunny Jones, plus 25 year members John Avery, Rene Manatt and Jacki Weaver. The assembly was generous in their donations for the coin march benefitting the Grand President's special project. Also in attendance were Lieutenants Junior Grade Marti Noyes, S.D.D.G.P., Jurupa No. 296, Riverside and G.T. Viola Gene Dana, D.G.P., Rancho La Puente No. 331, La Puente, along with many friends and sisters from local Parlors.

Thank you Grace Parlor for your unparalleled spirit of volunteerism to keep the Parlor's Lighthouse shining bright for 95 years! You truly are...AMAZING GRACE!



Back row, left to right: PGP Marie Otto, PGP Sherry Farley, SDDGP Marti Noyes, GT & DGP Viola Gene Dana, Judi Smedley, GP Susan Collins, Rosa Lindholm, Patti Townley, Mike Crawford, Frances Trujillo, Cindy Williams, Sylvia Montero and Jeanette Gaines.  
Front row, left to right: Harriett McIlmoil, Roycene Dierberger, Char Kozlowski, Dorothy Melone, Helen Leiva, Joan Benson and Carol Markel.



Grace Parlor President Rosa Lindholm, Grand President Susan Collins and Past Grand President Sherry Farley visit the 70 year old plaque inside Knott's Berry Farm.

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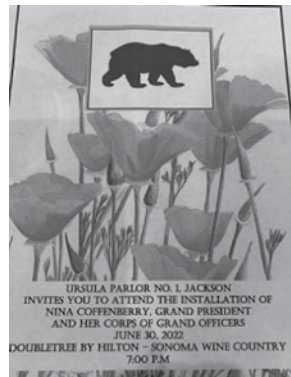


# Grand President Nina Coffenberry Installation Speech ~ June 30, 2022

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members born in the State of California to join the Order". This will be a two-year project. We have been needing to do this for some time and we look forward to what it may bring.

Membership is always a source of concern, and it is a never-ending battle to gain new members. Sisters it is up to each of you to reach out to your friends, neighbors and those acquaintances that express an interest in what we do. I challenge you to get out and find new sisters. And to help you, jump start this challenge---I am having a membership contest this year. The person who brings in the most members will win the cost of registration and 4 nights at the 2023 GPAM in Stockton. The member who wins must attend GPAM to receive the award. The winner will be determined by the Parlor activity forms that are turned in to Grand Parlor office from the Parlor Recording Secretary. The Extension of the Order Chairman will be sending out more information in the August mailing.



And just when you thought there was nothing else to do, the Americanism and Civic Participation Committee has something for you to do. Start your car turn on the air or heater and go take a ride and take some pictures. We are having a fly the flag contest. We are looking for some grandly glorious pictures of our flags flying high. There will be different categories to participate in. There will be awards, certificates of appreciation for the recipients. The Chairman of Americanism and Civic Participation will be sending out a letter with the rules and guidelines in the August mailing.

Did you know that: Native Daughters has special days? Special Days of the Order are as follows: Arbor Day in the spring; Poppy Day, April 6; Mother's Day; Memorial Day; Flag Day, June 14; Admission Day and Pioneer Day, September 9; Constitution Day, September 17; Founders' Day and Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation Day, September 25; and Thanksgiving Day.

The week before Mother's Day is designated as Native Daughters of the Golden West civic week. The month of September is designated as Native Daughters of the Golden West membership month, and each Subordinate Parlor should plan activity to attract eligible individuals from the community to our Order.

These are dates that you can plan to have Parlor activities at meeting or as a special event. Arbor Day do a plant exchange-bring something from your garden; Poppy Day plant poppy seeds; Mother's Day put together a basket of goodies and take it to a Sister who is a shut in and doesn't get out; Founders Day have a birthday party for the Order and invite prospective members & complete the membership month event. I think you see the picture, create some interest in doing little things make it fun and be happy.


You have now seen my pin. It features the California walking bear, the state of California and poppies on a royal blue background. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. I am a good Native Daughter, I like all things Native Daughter...poppies, quails, bears, history... Right now, I have a special attraction to birds and like all those that I can put in my yard or hang. My poor husband is always hanging or pounding in the ground some kind of yard art for me.

As you can tell my colors, that I am showing off, is royal blue but I like all combinations and really would love whatever you do for me. I am a country girl at heart. As I travel to visit with you I hope to see those places in your community that has a special historical significance to you.

My thanks to my Parlor Sisters at Ursula, for their faith in me; to my family for letting me go for it; to my husband Gary for being the good guy; thank you.



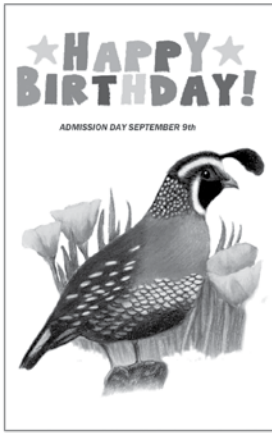
**The Native Daughters of the Golden West**  
California Admission Day Committee



Invites you to Celebrate  
*California Admission Day!*  
California's 172<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!

★ **Friday September 9, 2022** ★

The NDGW California Admission Day State Committee invites you to safely and creatively celebrate California Statehood Day in your area. Think about some fun ways you can celebrate this important historic holiday in our Golden State. Some Ideas...



★ Send a California Birthday card to Governor Newsom encouraging him to celebrate California's 172nd Birthday!

**Mail cards to:**  
Governor Gavin Newsom  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Find more printable California Admission Day cards at:  
[www.ndgw.org/membersonly](http://www.ndgw.org/membersonly)

★ Celebrate California's 172nd Birthday with a SAFE or virtual party! Ask everyone to enjoy a sweet treat and a toast to California while you all safely gather (as allowed) or socially distance of course!

★ **Donate to your favorite Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. (N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C.)** charity in honor of Admission Day and California's Birthday! Please send donations to: NDGW C.F.I.C. c/o: N.D.G.W. Grand Parlor Office, 543 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117- Questions? Contact State Chairman Suzi Riley: [ninersr@aol.com](mailto:ninersr@aol.com) (650) 465-5691

Donate to your favorite Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. (N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C.) - **THANK YOU!!** ☺

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| ~ Americanism & Civic Participation                      | ~ Education & Scholarships |
| ~ California Admission Day                               | ~ Environmental Issues     |
| ~ California Lighthouse Preservation                     | ~ Mission Restoration      |
| ~ California History, Landmarks and Historical Buildings |                            |
| ~ Veteran's Welfare                                      |                            |
| ~ Welfare  |                            |

**Thank you in advance for celebrating California's 172<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!!**

Approved: *Nina Coffenberry* N.D.G.W. Grand President

## Official Emblem of the NDGW

We are very excited to present to all our members the Official Emblem of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. In the past, The Order has sold these beautiful emblems, but for many they have not been available. The Sisters of Eschscholtzia Parlor from Etna have been able to obtain them and have been given permission to provide them to everyone. So, now you can have one too!!!

In the past the emblems were to affix to gravestones, but they also make great decorations. Decorate your doors; use them as coasters in your home. The emblem also makes a great gift for fellow Sisters. Your imagination will not limit the use of these inexpensive wonderful commemorative emblems.

The emblems are \$15.00 each with \$5.00 postage. Please send your check payable to Eschscholtzia Parlor # 112 and mail to Vonita Bishop, P.O. Box 611, Etna, CA 96027-0611.



Glenda Miller, member of Reichling Parlor No. 97, receiving her 75-year service emblem from Grand President Susan Collins at the District 1 Official Visit on May 25, 2022. Glenda's daughter Leanne McCulloch, who is also a member of Reichling Parlor No. 97, took this wonderful picture of her mom with her Service Emblem.

## Print Obituaries

Unfortunately, we are unable to print obituaries for all Sisters who pass in the California Star. We publish obituaries for Past Grand Presidents and 75-year members with permission of the family.

There is now a memorial section on our website available to all Parlors for remembrance/memorial pages for all recently passed members. We again ask that the Subordinate Parlor ask permission of the family and have at least one photo available to publish.

## Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away.

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|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Laurel No 6       | Golden Era No. 99         | Morada No. 199        |
| Betty Gannon      | Paula McAbee              | Karen Stiles          |
| Bonita No. 10     | Eschscholtzia No. 112     | Katherine Spearman    |
| Frances Aragon    | Ann Burns                 | Irma Peichoto         |
| Santa Cruz No. 26 | Darina No. 114            | Toluca No. 279        |
| Barbara Stauff    | Lorraine Bellesi          | Rose McLennan         |
| Angelita No. 32   | Nataqua No. 152           | Bernice Wynn          |
| Joan Madsen       | Mary Conway               | Tierra de Oro No. 304 |
| Naomi No. 36      | San Juan Bautista No. 179 | Maxine Bonner         |
| Anne Brett        | Lanetta Bishop            |                       |




**The Native Daughters and the Native Sons of the Golden West**

Invite you to Celebrate  
**California's 172<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!**  
★ **Friday September 9, 2022** ★

### ADMISSION DAY LUNCHEON!

Please join us for the Admission Day Luncheon and Program  
*Prime Rib Au Jus ~ Salmon with Champagne Sauce ~ Vegetarian Pasta*  
**DATE: Friday, September 9, 2022**  
**TIME: 11:30am Social ~ 12:15pm Lunch is served**  
**LOCATION: The Basque Cultural Center**  
599 Railroad Avenue, So. San Francisco  
**COST: \$45.00 includes luncheon & one free raffle ticket!**

**RAFFLE!**  
TICKET

**PRIZES!**

All proceeds from the Admission Day Celebration, will benefit the N.S.G.W.'s Historical Preservation Foundation for their dedications & plaques and the N.D.G.W.'s Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection to assist with the upkeep and preservation of the historical artifacts at the Native Daughters Museum.

Please call, email or send your paid reservation by **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**; (Checks payable to: Golden Gate Parlor #29)  
**Send reservation to: Donna Fletcher**  
1284 Skyline Drive  
Daly City, CA 94015  
**(650) 755-5518 [rdfflet29@yahoo.com](mailto:rdfflet29@yahoo.com)**

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**YES! Count me in to celebrate California Admission Day in San Francisco on 9/9/22**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRÉE CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRÉE CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parlor Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: *Nina Coffenberry* N.D.G.W. Grand President



# Donner Parlor No. 193 Official Visit at John Marsh House

SUBMITTED BY TARA BURNS, RECORDING SECRETARY

In honor of Grand President Susan Collins, Donner Parlor No. 193 held our Official Visit at Marsh Creek State Historic Park in Brentwood on May 21, 2022.

For those who arrived a bit early we were graced with a herd of cattle being moved onto the property and were left grazing in the neighboring field.

Under a majestic oak tree on the front steps of the Gothic Revival John Marsh Stone House, a picnic was held at the newest 3,659-acre State Park, that is currently not open to the public. Photo boards were placed in front of the house showing volunteer reconstruction efforts. An insightful and engaging presentation was given by three John Marsh members for about an hour on the history of the land and John Marsh himself. The trust is trying to receive grants to help with reconstruction of the Stone House and the development of an interpretive center. Currently a dedication plaque for the John Marsh House, donated by Donner Parlor, is on the main road near the entrance we are working to have it moved closer to the stone house. A homemade picnic lunch was provided by Donner Parlor. Attendees were given a tour of the John Marsh House with a peek inside. We concluded the Official Visit with a donation to the Trustee group. For more information on the John Marsh Historic Trust go to John Marsh | John Marsh Historic Trust | Brentwood



GP Susan Collins and John Marsh Volunteer



With poster left to right: Tara Burns, Alexandra Jansen, Leslie Servin, GP Susan Collins, PGP Bonnie Tabor, Barbara De Borba, Annette Hansen, PGP Marilynn Rodriguez



Leslie Servin, Annette Hansen, PGP Bonnie Tabor, PGP Marilynn Rodriguez, GP Susan Collins, Alexandra Jansen, Barbara De Borba

# Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Starts the Summer Off Right!

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE TRIPOD, PGP

Members and guests of Joaquin Parlor started this summer season off with a day trip to Paeo Lavender Farm in Turlock for a lunch and tour. Following that activity we

visited Hilmar Cheese factory for a tour. We followed a milk truck to see the procedure for delivering raw milk to the facility. We were able to see how the milk is tested before

it is made into delicious cheese. Of course, we had to go to the gift shop to purchase our cheese before heading home. An enjoyable way to start the summer!



## Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors.

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| Joaquin No. 5<br>Dona Harwood                  | Eschscholtzia No. 112<br>Amy Hurlimann          | El Tejon No. 239<br>Joyce Allen<br>LeeAnn Burns   |
| Ruby No. 46<br>Diane Mason                     | Darina No. 114<br>Danica Remy,<br>Felicia Rice  | Lomitas No. 255<br>Megan Cardoza<br>Terrie Taylor |
| Mariposa No. 63<br>Jessica Whitmire            | El Vespero No. 118<br>Genevieve Ladha           | Charter Oak No. 292<br>Sandra Vidal               |
| San Jose No. 81<br>Monica Iacovazzi            | Placer No. 138<br>Marni Mendoza<br>Mary Leavell | Tierra de Oro No. 304<br>Kit Bonson               |
| Woodland No. 90<br>Anne Crow                   | Nataqua No. 152<br>Ruby Harms                   | Gilroy No. 312<br>Kristine Hernandez              |
| San Luisita No. 108<br>Yvonne Magnia           | Sutter's Mill No. 336<br>Lana Paulhamus         |   |
| Sutter No. 111<br>Isabelle Thomas<br>Mecha Fox | El Pinal No. 163<br>Cecilia Romero              |   |

## 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.



# Petaluma Parlor No. 222 Celebrates 100 Years!

SUBMITTED BY LINDA DUSEK, PRESIDENT

Petaluma Parlor No. 222 was established one hundred years ago. At that time, the world was a very different place than the one we live in now. Women lived very simple lives. They married, and their traditional role was to take care of their husbands and their children. They stayed at home, and did all the cooking, cleaning, and made the families clothes themselves. They helped in the fields, milked cows and collected eggs.

But the women of that time had a desire for independence in their lives. They wanted to have something of their own in their social lives, without their families! How dare they?! The Native Daughters of the Golden West was an opportunity for them to be involved with other women in their community. Petaluma women started a local parlor in 1922, and women began joining. It was so liberating for the females of these times to have a woman's group to connect with.

So, for 100 years, the women of the Petaluma Parlor No. 222 have had an active role in the community. Things have changed since those early days. I remember when I first joined ND, in 1970, 52 years ago. All the formal rituals were followed, with stations and podiums for the officers, the formal entry of the officers wearing their regalia, the ritual of opening and closing the Bible, and the marching. For Official Visits, everyone HAD to wear long formals. You could not cross your legs during the meetings. There were card parties and luncheons. Our famous Spaghetti dinners began as our fundraiser over 50 years ago. Many families looked forward to the homemade spaghetti sauce and the fabulous raffle we held. And I can still hear the hum of all the socializing with the many local families in attendance. For our social times, I recall hysterical skits done by Members like Minnie Corda, Francis Ibleto, Olga Lavio-Manni, Isabel Chicano, Elvina Giacomelli and others. There was much laughter and enjoyment at these events.

Now our meetings are less formal. And we always have lots of fun together. And we never forget refreshments!!

**In recent years, our Petaluma Parlor has contributed to our community in many ways**

Some of our proudest accomplishments include:

- We dedicated General Vallejo's Petaluma Adobe as a California Registered Historical Landmark and placed a commemorative plaque at the site.



From left: Jr. PGP Susan Collins thanks Petaluma Parlor Sisters: Member 75-year Member Minnie Corda and President Linda Dusek for their service to our Order.

- We participated in the Butter and Eggs Parade and handed out California Poppy seeds to the observers.
- We have donated California Bear flags to schools, such as Mc Near and Mc Dowell Elementary Schools.
- We supported our local Cancer Society's Relay for Life, preparing and serving spaghetti dinners to the participants.
- For Admission Day on September 9, we have set up informational tables at Petaluma Public Library and Petaluma Historical Museum to educate the public about California's admission to the Union on September 9, 1924. Remember getting the day off from school? Nowadays, our kids don't even know what Admission Day is! We wanted to educate and remind our community what a special day this is. We handed out small California Bear flags to everyone, as well as information about our state bird, the California Quail; state flower, the Golden Poppy; state tree, the Redwood; the State animal, the Grizzly Bear... anyone know our state insect??? the Dog-Face Butterfly!
- We also gave a presentation to Sonoma Mountain Elementary School 3rd graders regarding Admission Day; including an oral presentation with posters of California's state bird, animal, flag. We sang our official state song, "I Love You, California". We presented each child their own California Bear Flag and color sheets with California state facts.
- We were instrumental in encouraging the city of Petaluma to put a plaque on

the Mission Bell on Petaluma Boulevard and trimming the trees so that the bell is more visible.

**We are very active in supporting our local Petaluma community**

- We support the Veterans at Rocca House here in Petaluma as well as the Veterans Home in Yountville with cards of thanks, food, small gifts and more, giving Special recognition on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.
- In lieu of giving gifts to each other at our annual Christmas Party, we collect monetary donations from Members to donate to COTS, our local Committee on the Shelterless.
- When we had to cancel our Spaghetti dinner in 2020 due to the pandemic, we donated the supplies to the Petaluma Senior Center so that they could provide a meal the seniors in our community.
- \*Recently, we have started supporting the Miracle League Baseball team right here in Petaluma, at Luchessi Park, which is a non-profit organization that gives children with any type of disability or special needs the opportunity to play baseball and be a part of a team. The Miracle League North Bay Field is a state-of-the-art baseball field designed specifically for children and adults with disabilities, with a cushioned synthetic turf to prevent injuries, bleachers, restrooms and snack

bar. There is also a wonderful playground built for children with disabilities so they can play in a safe environment.

- Petaluma Parlor Members have attended games to present information about Native Daughters Childrens Foundation Grants for California's children. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the ball games and interacting with the children and families. If you want to have an uplifting experience and smile all day, attend one of their ball games.
- We have given ongoing support to the Native Daughters Childrens Foundation to help California families with financing for their children's medical needs. We were involved in planning an annual District 11 Brunch as well as other fundraising events to support this important cause.
- We're not all business. We also have fun activities, such as visiting the California Mission Museum at Cline Cellars in Sonoma, touring the Petaluma Historical Museum to see displays of our local heritage, and staying at the Native Daughters home in San Francisco, just to name a few. NDGW Petaluma Parlor No. 222 has been an active participant in our local community for 100 years! We have had a positive influence in our area and we are a proud group of California-born women and honored to be members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West! Our numbers may be smaller than they have been in the past, but we are still making a difference in Petaluma. We want to see the Petaluma Parlor continue to be an active and involved organization for another 100 years.

## Annie K Bidwell, Chico, Parlor No.168 Honors Veterans on Memorial Day

SUBMITTED BY ANDREA EVANS

Adriana R. Evans, member-at-large from Chico, represented her sisters from Annie K Bidwell Parlor No. 168 on Memorial Day. Adriana attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Chico Cemetery to honor the memory of veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Adriana was one of several representatives from various local organizations who placed wreaths at the veterans' memorial. She was escorted by the members of the Boy Scouts of America. The ceremony included music by the Chico Community Band, as well as a fly-over by two WW II planes, including Fairchild PT-26, and 1942 Vultee BT-13A Valiant. It was a moving event that reminded all attendees how fortunate we are to live in the United States. Our gratitude to our veterans, past and present was evidenced throughout the day.



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**Donations are gratefully accepted!**

## Sisters of Amapola Parlor No. 338 Give Back!

After their July meeting where Members were encouraged to bring food bank donations. The Sisters of Amapola Parlor No. 338 brought back their annual holiday tradition (cancelled due to COVID), and delivered a wonderful donation to their local food bank. Thank you, Amapola Sisters for helping out! What a great way to celebrate the 4th of July!



From left: Patti Baggett, Sheryl Harmston, Sonny Graves, Bailey Burton, and the Interfaith Food Bank Director.

# Essay Contest: What Makes California Wonderful?

SUBMITTED BY JOELLE DOBROW, TOLUCA PARLOR NO. 279, STATE ESSAY COMMITTEE MEMBER

After thirty-three years, the NDGW State Essay Contest underwent an exciting makeover. Congratulations to Lomas Parlor No. 255 for submitting the most winners to the newly refurbished 2022 Essay Contest. In addition to students receiving a cash prize, this year Lomas Parlor will also receive \$100 to be used as seed prize money for future contests. Developed by the 2021-2022 State Essay Committee, Parlor Prizes are a new innovation. The State Essay Committee takes pride in introducing the new competition title and 2022 winners as well.

## What Makes California Wonderful?

3rd Place (\$50.00), is "San Luis Reservoir" by 4th grade student Ivey Silveira. Ivey attends Our Lady of Fatima School in Los Banos. Ivey's teacher is Ms. Parish. Ivey selected a single topic filled with facts, history dating back to Native Americans and a personal description of the setting.

2nd Place (\$75.00), is "Forest Lawn Memorial Park" by 7th grade student Avery Viera. Avery attends Our Lady of Fatima School in Los Banos. Avery's teacher is Mrs. Laupua. Since Avery's topic is a-typical for a 7th grade student, it immediately caught the Essay Committee's attention. Avery's presentation of facts, the park's history, and personal observations made for a satisfying read.

1st Place (\$100.00), is "Pismo Beach" by 6th grade student Joseph Freitas. Joseph also attends Our Lady of Fatima School. Mrs. Laupua is Joseph's teacher. Joseph's essay ties the

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

### Avery Viera, 7th Grade

The question "What makes California Wonderful" really made me think. There were so many things that came to mind but one place kept coming back to me, Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. You may be thinking, how does a memorial park make California wonderful? Well, it is a very special place to many people and my explanation will prove it.

Forest Lawn Memorial Park was founded in 1906, by Hubert Eaton. He envisioned the place as a beautiful resting place with amazing architecture, sweeping lawns, stained glass windows, and an uplifting community. The memorial park officially opened on March 4, 1952. It has over 250,000 graves across a total of 300 acres. The Great Mausoleum that was built there is amazing. When my family and I visited, we couldn't keep our eyes off of the beautiful architecture. The breathtaking scenery and statues are just beautiful. There are a lot of celebrities that were buried, or have tombs there. Celebrities like Michael Jackson and Walt Disney are buried at Forest Lawn. It is just an overall beautiful place.

Some features at Forest Lawn are The Great Mausoleum, the Lincoln Terrace, and the Garden of Honor. The Great Mausoleum is a giant museum with a lot of historical artwork such as a stained glass window recreation of Leonardo Da Vinci's, The Last Supper. It has many tombs where celebrities and other people were buried. Michael Jackson has his own tower in the Mausoleum! The Court of Liberty is a giant, mosaic, stained glass display, honoring George Washington. The Lincoln Terrace is a 16 foot bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln. The Garden of

Honor is a big fenced off garden with stunning graves and statues. The price to be buried there starts at \$29,000!

It may not seem like it, but I truly believe Forest Lawn Memorial Park helps make California wonderful. Like I mentioned earlier, the architecture and scenery is beautiful, and many celebrities are buried there. It honors many famous events and people of history with statues and artwork. Because of that, many people want to be buried or bury their family members there. They put on beautiful funeral services at multiple of their churches. My personal favorite church was the Wee Kirk O'the Heather. Forest Lawn draws the attention of many people that enjoy going out to a peaceful place and just admiring the area. My family and I spent all day visiting the beautiful graves of the celebrities we loved. They have committed to providing outstanding services and a great environment for families when they visit. They really help make California a wonderful place by providing a great place for you and your loved ones.

Forest Lawn is a wonderful place, from the beautiful scenery, to the peaceful atmosphere. It is a great place to honor your loved ones. It attracts a lot of people to come to California just to see celebrities memorials. I highly recommend visiting.

## What Makes California Great

### Joseph Freitas, 6th Grade

There are so many wonders that make this state great, but the one I picked was Pismo Beach. The reason I picked this is because my grandparents and I have a lot of memories there. I love every part of Pismo starting with the beach all the way to the pier. I can't wait to tell you about Pismo beach. I hope you all who read this enjoy my essay about Pismo beach.

First off let's talk about the beach. Pismo beach is a very great beach to visit.

When you first lay your towel out you will feel the hot sun on your back and that feels like a warm shower. The waves at the beach are always perfect sizes. That means you could go in the water and have a lot of fun without getting hurt.

Now, something I really like to do at the beach, fishing. I love fishing, and if you do too, Pismo beach is the best place to go. The fish you can catch are usually pretty small, but if you get lucky you might catch a one footer. One time I caught a crab by accident.

That's pretty crazy right and doesn't it sound fun to fish there.

Now I'm going to talk about the Pismo Pier. The pier is a really great place to go to if you're at Pismo. You can do so many other things there. You could fish, eat, look at the view of the ocean, and even watch the life guards teach lessons. When I was at the pier I caught my first fish. Maybe you can catch your first fish there too.

Next off, let's talk about the camp grounds. Personally my favorite place to camp with my grandparents is at the Pismo RV park. Every summer my grandparents and I go camping at Pismo Rv park and we have a blast. We met so many nice people there.

Every night we roast smores. If you go there and forget smore ingredients, don't worry because there is a market you could go to and buy some.

I saved the best thing for last, the ocean view. If you love the ocean as much as I do you might like the ocean view. When you bury your feet in the sand and relax, don't forget to look at the ocean view. If you go to the beach at sunset you will see the beautiful orange ocean sky and you will feel great. My family and I love seeing the sunset of the ocean. I hope you can feel it too.

That is all I have to say about Pismo. Thank you all for listening. I hope all who read this essay go to Pismo and try everything I said. If you do, I hope you all have fun at Pismo. Don't forget to look at the sunset of the ocean. That is all I have to tell you all about Pismo beach.

Thank you

beauty of a California beach and fishing off Pismo pier with vacation memories of his beloved grandparents. In his charming and endearing essay, Joseph teaches all of us that California's Wonders are also written in the hearts of its people as much as painted on Pacific sunsets. Reminding us to "write what you know", Joseph proves it really does make a difference.

In addition to this Fall issue of the Star publishing the winners, NDGW's Website will post the essays as well. This is another upgrade of the 2021-2022 State Essay Committee: to give these young people their first publishing opportunity. Imagine how that looks on a college or job application.

In 2021, State Essay Committee members Stephanie Whittle (Toluca Parlor No. 279), Sue Fitzpatrick (Vendome Parlor No. 100) and Joelle Dobrow (Toluca Parlor No. 279) suspended the Essay Contest for one year. Instead, they took advantage of pandemic down time to revise and contemporize the State Essay Contest. The committee experimented with changing the contest title from "Wonders of California" to "What Makes California Wonderful?" This minor change keeps pace with California teaching standards by inviting students to respond to a writing prompt rather than a statement. With the help of Master English Teacher Heather Fogg (Joaquin Parlor No. 5), the experimental title was Beta tested by over 200 students. Students had a choice which title to write about. The new title proved a verifiable, refreshing stimulus.

Heather Fogg further guided the committee by developing standardized rubrics. Customized rubrics were distributed to students at each grade level for use during the 2021 Beta tests and 2022 Parlor essay submissions. What is a rubric? Good question. A rubric is a teacher's scoring guide used to evaluate performance, a product, or a project. It has three parts: 1) performance criteria 2) rating scale and 3) indicators. A rubric defines what is expected and what will be assessed. It indicates that students will be evaluate according to specified criteria, making grading and ranking simpler and more transparent. Rubrics mean that all parlors can evaluate essay submissions using standardized criteria. The rubrics are meant to help not hinder the essay judging process

It wasn't until 1989 when the Essay Contest was formalized as a statewide competition. Prior to then individual parlors were conducting essay contests without centralized coordination. At the 1989 GPAM, the contest was added as a subsection to the California History and Landmarks Committee. At the time, official rules were heavy on format and timelines but light on creativity and content. Using a rubric was not even imagined. After 33 years, a total revamp was sorely needed.

The goal was to make the competition more appealing and relevant. Early in Grand President Susan Collins' (2021-2022) administration, she authorized the State Essay Committee to conduct a 1-year pilot program to use the new title and other innovations. The 2022 State Essay Committee encouraged all Parlors to appoint their own Parlor Essay Committees and invite local 4th through 8th grade students to compete writing to the prompt: What Makes California Wonderful? Essay competition packets containing the new rubrics were distributed in February.

The new title prompt is an effort to shift future submissions toward reaching for the spark of what inspires them and by osmosis encourage them to write an inspiring essay. This year's essay winners prove that goal is within reach.

Today, Ivey Silveira (4th grade), Avery Viera (7th grade), and Joseph Freitas (6th grade), reflect their achievements back on Native Daughters of the Golden West. We hope to see their future work shine in print and on the screen as well.

## What Makes California Wonderful

### Ivey Silveira, 4th Grade

California is wonderful for many reasons, including its natural beauty and farming.

One of my favorite places to visit is San Luis Reservoir, which is an artificial lake on San Luis Creek, located in Los Banos, Merced County. It has a surface area of 12,700 acres.

Water was always very important for central valley history. San Luis Reservoir helps preserve animals and plants. and has many outdoor recreations and supplies water to many places, including Santa Clara and Los Angeles counties. Nowadays the most important farming in our valley are dairies and crops oftomatoes, cotton and almonds.

The main recreations at San Luis Reservoir are camping, picnicking, swimming, fishing, boating, hunting, and trails. Pacheco Pass is called historic because it's part of the El Camino Real and also because it's close to San Luis Reservoir, a popular summer destination to go to during the summer. The Romero Visitor Center is where we can learn about San Luis Reservoir.

The Central Valley was home to the three different Yokuts Native American: the Southern, Foothill, and Northern Valley. In 1805 the Spanish army Lieutenant Gabriel Moraga and his troops were the first non-natives to enter this area that came to scout potential mission sites.

In 1843 the Mexican government granted El Rancho San Luis Gonzaga a vast expanse of grasslands that include the present reservoir area to Juan Perez Pacheco. After the 1848 gold discovery the estimated number of gold diggers was 300,000. They were looking for more gold to get rich quickly. They had a San Joaquin and Kings river canal company build an irrigation canal from Mendota Dam to Los Banos Creek that soon grew to 180 miles long in length.

On August 18th, 1962 the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy came to Los Banos to do the ground-breaking ceremonies for the San Luis Dam. It was finished in 1967, it took around 5 years to be completed. The San Luis Reservoir is the fifth largest reservoir in California and the fourth largest artificial dam in the United States. The national weather service has had a weather station at the San Luis Dam since 1963. There are state park peace officers in cars, motorcycles, off highway vehicles, and vessels watching to make sure people follow the laws.

I wish that my teacher one day can take our class to San Luis Reservoir Visitor Center to learn more about it and see how it makes California wonderful. I think it is a wonderful part of California.

I also like to collect the beautiful rocks that you can find when you walk on the trails. They have beautiful colors and shapes. The view from the trails is beautiful.

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# NDGW Childrens Foundation Works for California's Children

SUBMITTED BY LINDA DUSEK AND SANDRA FIRPO

The Childrens Foundation Committee has been assisting children with special medical needs that are not covered by insurance or other financial aid since the 1950s. That's 70 years! Imagine how many children we had helped in that time! Well, we don't have to imagine. We know we have assisted over 6,600 children with individual grants and many, many more children have benefitted from our Camperships. The Foundation serves any child in California of average income families who find that the medical needs of their children, whether they are physical or material, exceed their financial means. While health care for children residing in California has greatly improved, there are still children in need who are slipping through the cracks and the Childrens Foundation focuses on directly helping these families.

The NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee has supported some of California's children this past year. There is a great need for van lifts to allow children's wheel chairs to be lifted into vehicles. This year, we have helped provide funds to 8 families who needed a van lift to transport their child. When children are small, the parents can easily transfer their child into their vehicles. But as the child gets bigger, and the parents get older, it becomes very difficult to load their child into the family vehicle for things like doctor appointments and family outings. The van lifts are life-changing but very costly. Helping to offer financial support to these families is very important and we are happy to be of help. Cost: \$8000

The Foundation has given grants to several children who have needed specialized equipment this year, including:

Little Evie, 11 months old, needed a specialized cranial reshaping helmet to protect her bones before they had a chance to fuse. Kaiser only covered part of the cost. We were able to support her family in acquiring one. Cost: \$1,575

Aushay is a sweet 12 year old boy who has Cerebral Palsy, Autism and severe epilepsy. He has been suffering with 40-80 seizures per day, many of them very serious. His mother applied for a specialized "Cozy Bed" that has monitors to alert the family of any seizures or if he stops breathing during the night. His mother tells us this has been a life-changer for

Aushay and the family, as they now can sleep assured that they will be awakened if Aushay needs attention. Cost: \$7,155

Conner is a 9-year-old boy who has cerebral palsy. His family requested a specialized bike that would help him exercise and be able to allow him to get around without aid. He very much wants independence for himself and this bike will enable him to be more independent from others. Cost: \$1,664

In addition to our individual grants, we are also very excited to have offered many children the opportunity to attend summer camp this year through our Camperships and our Non-Profit Organizational Grants. These programs allow children access to the wonderful world of summer camp, despite their special needs.

Camperships are awarded to California camps that welcome children with a variety of special needs. Imagine being a child with diabetes, who has to have insulin shots on a daily basis. How they stand out at school and among their peers. And then they get to go to summer camp for a week. A week where they are among children just like them. Where getting a shot, or checking your blood sugar is "normal." Add to that the fun of summer camp - swimming, arts and crafts, campfire songs. Just like our grants awarded to individual children where the money goes directly to the service or to the vendor providing the device, the Campership goes to the Camp for the use they applied for, to benefit children in California.

Here are some recent Campership recipients we awarded this year:

**Enchanted Hills:** It was the first camp of its kind on the West Coast when it was created back in 1950. It's goal is to provide an environment where children with a visual impairment can explore, thrive, and gain confidence. It is located in Napa, and is run



From left: GVP Nina Coffenberry, PGP Marilyn Bustillos, Organist of the Order Judy Cain and Claudia Fisher enjoy the GPAM Childrens Foundation Luncheon "Lunch Recess"

by Lighthouse for the Blind.

**Giant Steps** is a therapeutic equestrian center in Sonoma County. Often when one has physical or emotional impairments, horseback riding helps with balance, following directions, building strength, motor skills, developing bonds, and confidence. Giant Steps is located in Petaluma.

**Camp Nugget** takes place on the campus of Cal State Long Beach. The camp counselors are all Kinesiology students overseen by professional kinesiology faculty and staff. They welcome children allowing them to experience sports and activities adapted specifically to them and their ability - activities which might be limited to them at other camps.

**The John Tracy Center** works with children with hearing impairments. It was named after the son of two actors - Louise and Spencer Tracy. John was discovered to be deaf at 10-months of age. Spencer and Louise raised him as though he were any other child, and John grew up thriving. Louise Tracy devoted her time to studying communication styles that would be workable with a child who couldn't hear. That work eventually led to the creation of the John Tracy Center, based in Los Angeles. They applied for one of our Non-Profit Organizational Grants to help them develop a Hearing Aid Loan Program for children. More recently, they applied to us again, this time using our grant to help fund an "early intervention program for infants" - to help identify hearing issues earlier in life.

In 2022, in addition to our individual cases

- we were able to make Campership grants to 18 camps to support children with special needs. Each of these camps received \$2000, and each of them will be serving between 30 to 100 children in California this summer, and many more over the years.

While all these programs make a massive difference for the children they serve, think about the impact on their families. When we can fill that gap between financial need, and insurance coverage, imagine the load that can lift from the parents' shoulders, the independence and confidence experienced by the child with the new device or service, and the ability for siblings to have their family feel secure again. Also, camps allow kids to learn more about themselves, new techniques towards independence, and the social aspect of being around kids with the same challenges they face.

How do we know when a child needs our help? That's where YOU come in. As you gather with family and friends over the summer, talk about our Childrens Foundation. Who knows? Maybe your cousin's neighbor has a child who's in need of a particular device in order to be able to move more easily, or speech therapy, or counseling, or a special bed that tracks their heart rate and breathing, or access to a medication that isn't covered by their insurance. You can help that family access the grant application on our website, and you - as a Native Daughter - can contact any one of your Sisters who serve on the Childrens Foundation Committee, and help to jump-start their case.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation also has a fairly new Facebook page. If you go to the "Contact Us" on the Facebook page, it will also take you to the grant application.

We need you. Not only through your generous donations, for which we are very grateful, but also to connect us with children in California who could use our help.

We are stronger, together. And for that... Thank You! The Childrens Foundation needs your continued support. Please remember the many special needs children and help our California children and visit: [www.ndgw.org](http://www.ndgw.org)

## District 13 Parlors of the Native Daughters of the Golden West

Cordially invite you to our Luncheon Fundraiser to benefit the NDGW Home Saturday, September 17, 2022

Cattlemen's Restaurant 12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 95742

11:30 Social - 12:00 Program and Lunch Raffles, Silent Auction, Social Games, Program

Cost is \$35 per person

RSVP by Wednesday, September 7th with payment and entrée choice.

Choices: Top Sirloin Steak, Lemon Herb Chicken, Teriyaki Chicken, Grilled Salmon or Pesto Ravioli

Reservations by mail to Suzanne Tichenor, 7610 Cook Ave., Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

Questions? Contact Marjorie McKisson at [marjoriemck@att.net](mailto:marjoriemck@att.net) or 916-606-3636

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## Pumpkin Kisses & Harvest Wishes BASKET DRAWING

Tickets are \$5 each WINNER ANNOUNCED SEPT. 25th



Forrest Parlor No. 86 is raising funds to mark their original building meeting place (in 1895) by placing a flagpole at that location in Plymouth, Amador County. Win a fall decorated farm basket, shadow box, poppy embroidered hand sanitizer holder, \$25 Panera Bread Gift Card, \$25 Gas Gift Card, a fall themed table runner (40" x 16") and a beautiful bottle of Cooper Vineyard rose' wine.

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## 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 415-563-9091, e-mail to [grandparlor@ndgw.org](mailto:grandparlor@ndgw.org) 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 Sandra Firpo, Facebook Manager.

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*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 Nina Coffenberry 2022-2023

### AUGUST

- 3-5 Santa Barbara Fiesta Days
- 12-14 Board of Directors Meeting San Francisco
- 20 NDGW Home Meeting San Francisco/Zoom 9 AM

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Happy Labor Day! {Grand Parlor Office closed}
- 6 Official Visit: Eschscholtzia No. 112 (Etna)
- 7 Official Visit: Reichling No. 97 (H), Arcata No. 325 (Fortuna)
- 8 Official Visit: Fort Bragg No. 210 (Fort Bragg)
- 9 Admission Day Luncheon, San Francisco
- 10 NDGW Home Meeting San Francisco/Zoom
- 16-18 Native Sons Admission Day Celebration, Jackson/Sutter Creek
- 17 Childrens Foundation Meeting San Francisco/Zoom
- 17 District 13, Sacramento Luncheon

### OCTOBER

- 1 Official Visit: Ruby No. 46 (H), Golden Era No. 99 135th (Sonora)
- 5 Official Visit: Gold of Ophir No. 190, Annie K Bidwell No. 168 (Chico)
- 6 Official Visit: Berendos No. 23 (H) and Hiawatha No. 140
- 8 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 14 Investment Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom  
Finance Meeting 1 PM San Francisco/Zoom  
Personnel Meeting 4 PM San Francisco/Zoom
- 15 CFIC Meeting 9 AM/Zoom
- 15 District 13 Official Visit: Zinfandel No. 337 (H), Califa No. 22, Woodland No. 90, Sutter No. 111, Liberty No. 213, and West Wind No. 328
- 16 Donner No. 193 Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 21-23 Joint Meeting: Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Official Visit: San Jose No. 81 — 125th, Vendome No. 100 (H), Gilroy No. 312
- 10 Veterans Day (Observed) {Grand Parlor Office closed}
- 18-20 Board of Directors Meeting
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving! {Grand Parlor Office closed}

### DECEMBER

- 3 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 4 District 15 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, San Francisco  
NDGW Home Open House and Christmas Tree Lighting
- 25 Merry Christmas! {Grand Parlor Office closed}

### 2023

#### JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 7 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 13 Investment 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom  
Finance 1 PM San Francisco/Zoom  
Personnel 4 PM San Francisco/Zoom
- 14 CFIC 9 AM/Zoom
- 21 NDGW Home Luncheon Grace No. 242 (Fullerton)

### FEBRUARY

- 4 Official Visit: Bonita No. 10, Darina No. 114, El Vespero No. 118, Vista del Mar No. 155, San Bruno No. 246 (H)
- 6 Official Visit: Eschol No. 16 (Napa)
- 8 Official Visit: San Juan Bautista No. 179, San Juan Bautista
- 12 Official Visit: Encinal No. 156 (H), Argonaut No. 166, Alameda
- 17-19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 District 14 Luncheon (Jackson)
- 26 NDGW Home Luncheon, Donner Parlor No. 193

### MARCH


- 4 Official Visit: Marinita No. 198, Sonoma No. 209, Petaluma No. 222, Cotati No. 299 (H) (Cotati)
- 7 Official Visit: Reina Del Mar No 126 (H), Tierra de Oro 304 (Santa Barbara)
- 11 Official Visit: Poppy Trail No. 266, Toluca No. 279, La Tijera No. 282, Rancho La Puente No. 331
- 11 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 12 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon/Childrens Foundation Meeting
- 17 Official Visit: Santa Cruz No. 26 (H) 135th, Aleli No. 102— 125th, Junipero No. 141 (Santa Cruz)
- 20 Official Visit: Laurel No. 6, Manzanita No. 29 (H) 135th, Naomi No. 36 (Grass Valley)
- 25 Official Visit: Fresno No. 187 (H), Charter Oak No. 292
- 27 Official Visit: El Tejon No. 239 (Bakersfield)

### APRIL

- 4 Official Visit: Veritas No. 75 (Merced)
- 7 Investment 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom  
Finance 1 PM San Francisco/Zoom  
Personnel 4 PM San Francisco/Zoom
- 8 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom  
CFIC 9 AM/Zoom
- 11 Official Visit: Sutter's Mill No. 336 (Coloma)
- 12 Official Visit: Morada No. 199 (Modesto)
- 13 Official Visit: Angelita No. 32 ( )
- 15 Official Visit: Lugonia No. 241, Grace No. 242 (H), Jurupa No. 296 — 75th, Tahquitz No. 333 (Fullerton)
- 16-18 Past Presidents General Assembly
- 19 Official Visit: Lomitas No. 255 (Los Banos)
- 21-23 Joint Meeting: Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents
- 24 Official Visit: Marguerite No. 12 (Placerville)
- 25 Official Visit: Joaquin No. 5 (Stockton)

### MAY

- 1 Official Visit: Oakdale No. 125 (Oakdale)
- 2 Official Visit: Mariposa No. 63 (Mariposa)
- 6 Official Visit: San Miguel No. 94, San Luisita No. 108, El Pinal No. 163 (H), (Cambria)

  
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