



Grand President Nina Coffenberry (right) and her Traveling Companion, Past Grand President Marilyn Bustillos enjoyed visiting Santa Barbara for Old Spanish Days.

## We're Building an ARC

SUBMITTED BY SANDRA FIRPO, SAN BRUNO PARLOR NO. 246

At the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM) back in June 2022 it was determined that a special short-term committee be created for the purpose of identifying and outlining steps needed to ensure the longevity of our Native Daughters of the Golden West.

This Committee is tasked with working for two years and bringing a final report of action to the members at the 2024 GPAM. Grand President Nina Coffenberry identified members from across the state, with different professional and personal backgrounds, different lengths of time as a member, and with an enthusiasm for the future of our Order, to be on this committee. She named the committee: Assessment and Renewal Committee or...ARC.

The ARC has been meeting monthly since October. The members have performed a draft of a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) which is a practice in businesses and non-profits looking to remain relevant and healthy. The ARC also realizes that we — as Members - may not be able to see things clearly. We are too close. So, we are seeking an expert in non-profit management who can work with us, as a coach, as we go through this process. Yes, it'll cost some money, but it'll yield a streamlined process through which ARC can find a clear path toward our goal — keeping our beloved NDGW alive and well so we can continue our efforts to keep California golden!

The most important component of this process is YOU. You'll be part of the journey to find three main strategies and the steps to reach them in three years. We've got a challenge. Difficult decisions are likely to be needed. Great discoveries are likely to be made. Most importantly, we've got our sisters to help us along the way.

You'll be hearing a lot more about the work of ARC. Please include this committee in your good thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all you do for California and for NDGW!

If you'd like to reach out to ARC, please email: [rrianda@aol.com](mailto:rrianda@aol.com) or call (530) 304-7065 with your constructive comments or ideas.

Here are your Sisters serving on the Assessment and Renewal Committee (ARC):

- Co—Chair GT Renee Rianda —  
Woodland Parlor No. 90 / Aleli Parlor No. 103
- Co—Chair GM Darleen Carpenter — El Tejon Parlor No. 239
- GP Nina Coffenberry — Ursula Parlor No. 1
- PGP Debi Stalder — Laurel Parlor No. 6
- PGP Sherry Farley — Grace Parlor No. 242
- Fran Neves — Placer Parlor No. 138
- Maria Elena Serna — Zinfandel Parlor No. 337
- Francie Levy — El Pinal Parlor No. 163
- Joelle Dobrow — Toluca Parlor No. 279
- Sandra Firpo — San Bruno Parlor No. 246

### Dear Sisters,

Winter is here and boy, I for one, can't wait for it to leave. I am looking forward to Spring. It is a time to rejoice and enjoy the beauties of Mother Nature California style. And oh yes chocolate Valentine hearts. Ahhh...♥

Native Daughters has Special Days of the Order; Arbor Day, in the spring; Poppy Day, April 6; Mother's Day; Memorial Day, on the meeting nearest the day; Flag Day, June 14; and the week before Mother's Day shall be designated as Native Daughters of

the Golden West Civic Week. Your Parlor should plan an event around one of these days. Arbor Day could be a plant exchange at your meeting or perhaps you could donate money to Pennies for Pines. Have a Mother's Day tea for your Parlor meeting social. Memorial Day meeting to honor your members that have passed away this last year and give a donation in their memory to a local project or one of our many committees. Civic Week could be as simple as participating in a community service project. And for Flag Day think of donating a flag to a school or group and encourage everyone to Fly their Flags. These are only but a few ideas. It's time to reconnect with one another and what better way than getting together with your Sisters. Be positive and step out!!

My GPAM 2022-2023 Sessions Committee is hard at work. We are excited to be presenting Stockton as our headquarters for this event. We look forward to everyone coming. Are you getting new members to join? Don't forget we have a contest for the Parlor bringing in the most new members. "What do I get?" you ask. Well let's see - free stay at the hotel and registration. Now that's a pretty good deal, don't ya think?

I can't believe that I am halfway thru my year already. Time passes quickly when you are having fun!

Speaking of fun, I am going to be traveling to the ND Home Luncheon sponsored by Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton, on January 21. The luncheon is at Knotts Berry Farm. Is there any place better? I say NO!... The Parlor does a wonderful event that supports our beautiful ND Home. I hope to see you there. Bring on the pie!!

The committees of CFIC and myself thank all of the donors who supported our N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C.'s Cash for Christmas Drawing — raising \$8,855.00 for all the ten charitable Committees of the CFIC.

On behalf of State Chairman Suzi Riley PGP who would also like to thank the Parlors of District 19 for sponsoring a holiday luncheon which raised funds for our Education and Scholarships Committee. Subordinate Parlors are encouraged to support young people in their community pursuing higher education. More information and applications are available on our website: [NDGW.ORG](http://NDGW.ORG)

The purpose of the Foundation shall be social development, mental improvements, and public benefit; the uniform administration of the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, perpetuating the memory of the pioneers of California.

I am looking forward to seeing you down the road and around the bend.

In Sisterly Love,

*Nina Coffenberry*

Nina Coffenberry, Grand President



### SAVE THE DATE!

Plans are in progress for Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2023! This year, GPAM will be held from June 22 - 26, 2023 at The Stockton Hilton. The hotel is located at 2323 Grand Canal Blvd in Stockton, California.

Grand President Nina Coffenberry and the Members of the Sessions Committee for GPAM 2023 cordially invite you to attend Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June. Please reserve your hotel room now for June 22nd-26th, 2023. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 1 209-957-9090 and explain that you are with the Native Daughters. The room rate is \$154.00 per night with free parking and free Wi-Fi on site.

### Some Highlights for GPAM 2023

The Stockton Hilton hotel is located blocks from the Calaveras River, local shopping, and delicious dining. The Haggin Museum is also nearby, showcasing local art and history. Enjoy free access to the fitness center and outdoor pool with whirlpool.

Additional information will be included in the March monthly mailing along with a link for easy online reservations. Sisters, please plan to join us either in-person or via Zoom. We are looking forward to a great week together!



# Fort Bragg Parlor Activities for Fall & Winter 2022

SUBMITTED BY FRIEDA CLAYTON, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210

Fort Bragg Parlor 210 participated in the Veteran's Day service at the Fort Bragg Memorial Building on November 11, 2022. Our Parlor provided 35 dozen cookies for the refreshments after the very poignant service by American Legion Sequoia Post #96 which included the Noyo Harbor Coast Guard Color Guard. The people in the picture on the right are Frieda Clayton, Marialice Canclini of ALA, Joan Doolittle of ALA, Susan Collins and Shelley Tregoning.



On November 16, members of our Parlor donated cash and gift cards in the amount of \$490 to the Fort Bragg Food Bank. The donation was presented to Teresa and Doug at the Food Bank warehouse. Those present were Marilyn LeRoy, Susan Collins, Teresa and Doug. Pictured on left.

In December, the members of our Parlor collected cash and gift cards in the amount of \$315 for the Mendocino Coast Hos-

pitality Center in Fort Bragg. The Hospitality Center provides services and shelter for homeless individuals and families. In addition to the money donated, our sister Betty Carr knitted 25 hats for the clients. The people at the presentation (shown below) are Frieda Clayton, Susan Collins, Paul Davis of Hospitality House and Marilyn LeRoy.



## Thank you Sisters from the Native Daughters of the Golden West's Charitable Foundation, Incorporated (N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C.)!

The C.F.I.C. is proud to announce the success of our Annual "Cash for Christmas" Opportunity Drawing

The N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C. is pleased to thank everyone who supported the Cash for Christmas Drawing. This year we sold an amazing 1,160 tickets and raised \$8,855 which directly benefits our CFIC State Committees:

**Americanism and Civic Participation**  
**California Admission Day**  
**California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings**  
**(Sub-Committees: Art Talent and Essay Contests)**  
**California Lighthouse Preservation**

**Education and Scholarships**  
**Environmental Issues**  
**Mission Restoration**  
**Veterans Welfare**  
**Welfare**

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. is an established 501(c)3 nonprofit. All donations made to the Charitable Foundation or the individual committees listed above are 100% tax deductible. Your contribution to the Charitable Foundation allows all of the money raised by these committees to directly support their ongoing projects.

The opportunity drawing was held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 and we are proud to announce the lucky winners who received the following monetary prizes. Congratulations to all!!

**\*\*FIRST PRIZE: \$500.00 ~ Joann Sangiacomo, Bonita Parlor No. 10**

**\*\*SECOND PRIZE: \$300.00 ~ Barbara Johnson, Morada Parlor No. No. 199**

**\*\*THIRD PRIZE: \$100.00 ~ Phyllis Spooner Richardson, San Bruno Parlor No. 246**

The Charitable Foundation wishes to thank everyone for participating in this annual fundraising event. We are grateful for your support! The C.F.I.C. Committee also wishes to thank **Grand Trustee Renee Rianda** for her dedication and hard work in organizing the ticket sales for our annual Cash for Christmas drawing! We could not do it without you!

## Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

### Room Reservations

To make a Room Reservation call 415-921-2664

or E-mail [ndhome@ndgw.org](mailto:ndhome@ndgw.org)

or mail the Reservation Form available from

Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office or NDGW Home Office

# Finding the Perfect Gift

SUBMITTED BY SANDRA FIRPO, PRESIDENT, SAN BRUNO PARLOR NO. 246

The holiday season is special, but it has its challenges. Everyone is busy, running around, decorating, finishing up work details before the end of the year, and always on the hunt for the perfect gift.

We realize it is also a time of hardship for many of our neighbors. Whether due to low work opportunities,

health issues, the recent loss of a loved one, the holiday season can be a time of emotions, both happy and sad. In turn, many of us feel more generous during this special time and do what we can to brighten the holidays for those going through a tougher time.

What can be tougher, though, than an accident, or complications during childbirth, and the sudden need for blood to survive? Ironically, blood banks usually face a shortage during the holidays, but now it is even more dire, and the shortage is a problem all year round. This means that your loved one in the hospital, may have to wait for live-giving blood because it must be shipped from out of the area.

This urgency inspired San Bruno Parlor No. 246 to start hosting Community Blood Drives to help bulk up our local blood supply. This was our third one, and we partnered with Vitalant, who brings their Bloodmobile and expert staff, as well as the Hillside Church of God in South San Francisco, who graciously let us use their parking lot, atrium, restrooms, and provided refreshments for the donors.

We held this Blood Drive on a cold Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, allowing neighbors to give the perfect gift — **the gift of life!**

Vitalant reported that 48 lifesaving units of blood were collected at our blood drive.

The weather may have been cold, but the generosity made us all feel very warm!



# Californians at the Ready

SUBMITTED BY SANDRA FIRPO, PRESIDENT, SAN BRUNO PARLOR NO. 246

Wildfires. Major gas main rupture. Flash flooding. Incidents like these have all caused Californians to suddenly have to evacuate their homes.

What if you had to leave your home in the next 10 minutes? What would you grab? Now, imagine if you had to leave immediately — no time to pack.

So, let's discuss the concept of a "Go Bag."

As the name implies, a Go Bag is something you can grab and go right out the door.

Your Go Bag is not meant to carry everything you can stuff into it. Think of it as a supply to keep you comfortable for three to four days. It can be any bag, backpack, duffel bag, etc. that you have already, or it can be a pre-packed one that you buy. Either way, there are two things that are important:

1. You should be able to carry it comfortably.
2. It should be customized to your needs.

## What should you include in your Go Bag?

No one knows better than you, what you need, and like, to have handy. Your bag should be unique to you, but let's look at some items that can inspire your planning. Many start packing their Go Bag as you would pack a weekend bag: personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, hair ties, shaving items, feminine hygiene needs, etc.), change of clothes, medication, and such.

Now think about your comfort and your safety, i.e.: flashlight, masks, multi-tool (like a Swiss Army Knife), something for entertainment (book, deck of cards, knitting project, travel-sized game, etc.), first aid kit, extra charging cord, charging brick, food bars or pouches (especially if you have any dietary restrictions, be sure you have some items you can eat), something to sleep in, emergency blanket (aka space blanket).

Also include items that can be useful and are often overlooked: cash (in small denominations), notepad and pen, extra set of keys, garbage bags (can be used for sanitation, as a poncho, to store dirty clothes, to carry items, etc.), wet wipes, hand sanitizer, safety pins, paper maps, breath mints, extra face masks.

Are there devices you use that require extra equipment? Hearing aids, oxygen, CPAP? Then be sure to pack extra batteries, or cords, for those items.

## Who should have a Go Bag?

Every person should have their own. Kids should have one they can carry. Be sure to include a toy or game, as well as the usual items. And don't forget the pets! Pets need a Go Bag as well – with their food, medications, a towel or blanket, a comforting toy, medical records, and an extra collar (with tags) and leash.

Lastly, consider taking photos of all your important documents (insurance accounts, ID, credit cards, bank accounts, passports, rental contract, mortgage, marriage certificates, precious family photos) and saving all those onto a flash drive. Then, be sure to erase all the photos from your phone or camera. Consider storing that flash drive somewhere other than your home. This very important item will help you begin to rebuild your life should your home, and documents, be damaged or destroyed. So, store it elsewhere, such as in a safety deposit box, or in a drawer in the home of a trusted family member.

While the Go Bag isn't your main emergency kit, its purpose is to keep you comfortable for the first few days after an emergency, until things can start getting sorted out.

Your Go Bag allows you to move quickly, get to safety, care for yourself, and be flexible enough to adjust to whatever life throws your way.

Learn more about Go Bags, and personal disaster preparedness at: [www.ListosCalifornia.org](http://www.ListosCalifornia.org)  
 Sandra Firpo is President of San Bruno Parlor No. 246 and works as an Emergency Services Specialist and CERT Program Manager, for a major fire department in the Bay Area.



# YOU are invited to Native Daughters of the Golden West History Weekend

SUBMITTED BY JERILYNN SMITH CRIVELLO JUNIPERO PARLOR NO. 141

Junipero Parlor, No. 141 has planned a Monterey History Weekend to celebrate the history of the Monterey area and to raise funds to help the restoration of our House in San Francisco.

**The Day begins at 9:30 A.M., on Friday, May 19th, 2023 at one of the following locations.**

- Please choose one of the three tours on the Registration Form.
- \*Tour 1 —A. — San Carlos Cathedral and Museum
- \*Tour 1 —B. — The Lower Presidio walking Tour
- \*Tour 1 —C. — The Old Custom House and Pacific House Museums

**Please choose your second Tour on the Registration Form. It will start at 11:00 A.M.**

- \*Tour 2 —A. — San Carlos Cathedral and Museum
- \*Tour 2 —B. — The Lower Presidio walking Tour or
- \*Tour 2 —C. — The Old Custom House and Pacific House Museums

**Picnic Sack Lunch at 12:30 at the Picnic Tables in the Lower Presidio Park**

During lunch you can walk on a self-guided tour overlooking the Monterey Harbor.

**At 2:00 P.M. The next Tour begins.**

You will drive to the next two tour locations.

- \*Tour 3 —D — The Casa Serrano. (One half of our group will start here.)
- \*Tour 3 —E — Colton Hall, 2nd floor with an elevator in back. (The other half will start here.)

**At 3:00 P.M. The next Tour begins.**

You can walk or drive to the second afternoon tour.

**Dinner and Room Arrangements are on your own. Make Reservations Early!**

For Lodging Suggestions/Options please text or call Cathy Collum at 831-818-9060.

**Julia Morgan Day! Saturday, May 20th Morning in Pacific Grove**

**On Sat., May 20th, 2023. Choose your Tour/s below at the following locations.**

- \*Tour 4 —F. — 10:00 -11:30 Asilomar 1 ½ hour Walking Tour featuring Julia Morgan's contributions.
- \*Tour 4 —G. — 10:00 A.M. Trotter's Historic Art Museum (with time for Coffee & Pastry at Pavel's Backerei)
- \*Tour 4 —H. — 11:00 A.M. Point Pinos Lighthouse
- \*Tour 5 —H — 12:00 Point Pinos Lighthouse
- \*Tour 5 —G — at 12:00 Trotter's Historic Art Museum

**2:00 P.M. Luncheon** with speaker on Julia Morgan and Silent Auction at Monterey Elks Lodge Submitted By Jerilynn Smith Crivello Junipero Parlor No. 141

## REGISTRATION FORM

Each Attendee should send in this registration form with a check to secure a reservation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

NDGW Parlor Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Family or Friend \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday:** \_\_\_\_ Four Tours & Sack Lunch = \$65.

**Saturday:** \_\_\_\_ 1 Three Tour/s & Dining Room Luncheon = \$100.

**Both Days Total** \_\_\_\_ \$165. Write your check to NDGW Junipero Parlor #141 Send Registration Form to NDGW Junipero Parlor No. 141, P.O. Box #663, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**TO REGISTER: COMPLETE AND SEND IN Registration WITH YOUR PERSONAL CHECK. NO CASH OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED. REGISTRATION IS NON REFUNDABLE.\* IT IS TRANSFERABLE.**

\*If unable to attend: Call Jerilynn Smith Crivello, 831 —320 —2080, to transfer ticket to another name.

**Friday, May 19th Tour #1 9:30 A.M. — Select 1st and 2nd Choice**

- \_\_\_ Tour 1 —A — 9:30 A.M. Tour San Carlos Cathedral and Museum
- \_\_\_ Tour 1 —B — 9:30 A.M. Lower Presidio walking Tour
- \_\_\_ Tour 1 —C — 9:30 A.M. Old Custom House, Pacific House and Fisherman's Wharf

**Friday, May 19th Tour #2 11:00 A.M. — Select 1st and 2nd Choice**

- \_\_\_ Tour 2 —A — 11:00 Tour San Carlos Cathedral and Museum
- \_\_\_ Tour 2 —B — 11:00 Lower Presidio walking Tour
- \_\_\_ Tour 2 —C — 11:00 Old Custom House, Pacific House and Fisherman's Wharf

**12:30 Picnic Sack Lunch** — Meet at Picnic Tables, Lower Presidio Park, Artillery St. Monterey Drive to Tours 3 & 4. They alternate between Casa Serrano and Colton Hall.

- \_\_\_ Tour 3 —D — 2:00 P.M. — Casa Serrano OR Tour 3 —E 2:00 — Colton Hall
- \_\_\_ Tour 4 —E — 3:00 P.M. — Colton Hall OR Tour 4 —D 3:00 — Casa Serrano

Dinner and Room Arrangements are on your own. — Enjoy your evening! For Lodging Suggestions/Options please text or call Cathy Callum at 831-818-9060.

**Julia Morgan Day! Saturday, May 20th Morning in Pacific Grove**

- \_\_\_ (4 —F) 10:00-11:30 Asilomar Walking Tour featuring Julia Morgan's contributions. Note: This Tour is presented by the Monterey State Historic Park and limited to the first 20 people that turn in completed applications. It is one and a half hours of walking with steps and some uphill areas.

An overflow introductory tour will be conducted by our Luncheon Speaker Mimi Sheridan.

- \_\_\_ (4 —G) 10:00 A.M. Trotter's Historic Art Museum. Private Museum includes some items from Julia Morgan's time in Monterey. (Time for coffee and pastry at Pavel's Backerei.)
- \_\_\_ (4 —H) 11:00 A.M. Point Pinos Lighthouse walking tour including stairs to the top.
- \_\_\_ (5 —H) 12:00 Point Pinos Lighthouse walking tour of the Lighthouse with stairs to the top.
- \_\_\_ (5 —G) 12:00 Trotter's Historic Art Museum with items from Julia Morgan in Monterey.
- \_\_\_ 2:00 P.M. Luncheon with speaker Mimi Sheridan, on Julia Morgan and Silent Auction

**Monterey Elks Lodge with Monterey Bay View Dining Room**

Please tell us if you have mobility, diet or health concerns that may impact your trip to Monterey.

Upon receipt of your paid registration you will receive confirmation, tour locations and a map. If weather or other unforeseen situations occur some substitutions may be made. Please save a copy of your Registration.

Some of you may like to stay until Sunday on your own. There are many other great places to enjoy; such as the Monterey Aquarium, Whale Watching, Coffee at the Cooper Molera Adobe, Eating at the Old Fisherman's Grotto, Poet Robinson Jeffer's Tor House, and Art Walks around Carmel and Pacific Grove.

# Our California Landmarks

SUBMITTED BY JENNI KING, CHAIRMAN CALIFORNIA HISTORY AND LANDMARKS

The NDGW Historic Landmarks and Buildings Committee is charged with collecting and recording historical data pertaining to our Order; assisting Parlors in marking historic buildings or sites; preserving the memory of the

Pioneers; be alert to the destruction of buildings or sites having historic significance.

Any Parlor that wishes to place a new historic marker or monument is to consult with the Grand President and the State Chair of the Historic Landmarks and Buildings Committee. Before the Parlor places markers, the proposed wording and plans must be submitted to the State Chair for approval and verification before a casting is made of the plaque. The Committee may authorize up to sum of \$350 per marker to help with the cost of the marker.

Are there plaques or markers in your area that need repair or replacement? The Historic Landmarks and Buildings Committee would like to know. We want you and your Parlor to take pictures of the markers before they are gone. Submit a clear photo of the marker and a photo of the marker's location. The Committee looks forward to working with you and all Parlors.



**Save The Date and Join US!!**

**Fresno Parlor No. 187**

**Is hosting a luncheon to honor the NDGW Veterans Welfare Project**

**Saturday May 27, 2023**

**At The Breakfast House In Fresno**



We have been gifted a beautiful hand stitched quilt and we will be holding an opportunity drawing to raise funds To donate to the Veterans Welfare Project More information will be forthcoming soon along with how You can obtain tickets for the quilt. We hope you will join us to help support our Veterans.

**For information contact:**  
**Karen H. Fini 559-392-2604**  
**Dan Coffield 562-900-4543**  
**PGP Marilyn Rodrigues**  
**510-816-3096**



# Legislative Measures

SUBMITTED BY DEBI STALDER, PGP STATE CHAIRMAN, LAUREL PARLOR NO. 6



NDGW needs your help to be vigilant in observing matters affecting history and landmarks, natural resources of our State, or any legislation affecting our Order!

Report to your Parlor or the State Committee and remember be mindful of nonpartisan basis. Any questions, suggestions or guidance contact Debi Stalder, PGP ndgwpgp113@gmail.com

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# Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126 Has Been Very Busy

SUBMITTED BY MARY LOUISE DAYS, PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

After sending two delegates to GPAM 2022 via Zoom, Reina del Mar No. 126, Santa Barbara, began planning its Pre-Fiesta Tea, an annual event since the 1920s. This was the resumption of the Tea following two Covid-19 cancellations. We were honored to have Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter attend as a special guest. **2022 Saint Barbara Lynn P. Kirst** greeted the assembly after having been formally introduced to the public at Casa de la Guerra on April 21.

A proud fourth generation Californian, Lynn Kirst has been a member of Reina del Mar Parlor for 13 years and has supported its fundraising efforts. She graduated from Bishop Garcia Diego High School in Santa Barbara and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in the history of art from the University of Southern California. She participated in the Study Abroad program in Madrid, Spain. Later she completed the 2-year graduate program in Historic Preservation at the USC School of Architecture.

Lynn has been a member of several non-profit boards in the community, including the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, the Community Arts Music Association, and therapeutic riding programs. She has held development positions at museums and operated a museum travel company for ten years. Her late husband was a university professor. While portraying the city's patron saint Lynn Kirst made several public appearances during Old Spanish Days.

Grand President Nina Coffenberry and her traveling companion Marilyn Bustillos, Past Grand President, attended all Old Spanish Days Fiesta events and had a wonderful time. They took part in the La Merienda party at Santa Barbara Woman's Club and were introduced. The chair of the party is a member of Reina del Mar Parlor. A festive gathering hosted by Parlor Past President Betty Dominguez entertained district members at her home. The two honored guests also attended Fiesta Pequena and Misa de la Presidenta at Mission Santa Barbara. The 2022 president of Old Spanish Days, Maria Cabrera, is the mother of a Parlor Member who is a former Saint Barbara. The guests were escorted to Las Noches de Ronda show at the Courthouse and were given reserved seats at the historical parade held on Cabrillo Boulevard.

Patricia Orena was installed as Reina del Mar Parlor President for a second term. Hybrid meetings held both in-person and on Zoom have attracted a high attendance, thanks to the efforts of Recording Secretary Leeanne Figueroa. Betty Dominguez, Second Vice President, has again collected gifts for Transition House in downtown Santa Barbara and the Parlor has been recognized on its honor roll of donors. Members were generous for this project and for a Veterans' Welfare collection of blankets, jackets, etc. A sizable monetary donation was also made to benefit the seismic restoration project for Mission Santa Ines in Solvang. Reina del Mar Parlor has assisted this mission since at least 1909.

Three parlor officers enjoyed a tour of historic sites marked by the parlor given by Mary Louise Days, a Parlor Past President and Historian of the Order. A joyous occasion took place on September 26 when six new Members were initiated by President Orena and her corps of officers: Leslie Ervin, Julie Hathaway, Charlene Hovey, Cheryl Long, Christina Lopez, and Lisa Morrill. Transfer Member Stephanie Lucich and reinstated Member Carolyn Gorsuch were also welcomed.

A successful Holiday Jingle Mingle was organized by a group of Members and was enjoyed by all. Funds were raised for Transition House. Two Parlor Members are joining in discussions by District 25 for GPAM plans for 2023 and 2024.



PGP Marilyn Bustillos, GP Nina Coffenberry, Mary Louise Days, Fiesta la Presidente Maria Cabrera, and Primer Caballero Francisco Cabrera



Group sitting down: Linda Gregory, Marie Mackey, GP Nina Coffenberry, PGP Marilyn Bustillos, Patricia Tagles, Mary Louise Days. 2nd row: Priscilla, Patricia Orena, Fran Mackey, Margaret Mira, Jessica Haro, Lynn Kirst, GVP Rae Rosas, Yvonne Robles, Anna Ortiz, Amy Rosas, Betty Dominguez, Gloria Dominguez, Kim Larsen.

# Roll of Honor Committee

SUBMITTED BY DEBI STALDER, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN  
LAUREL PARLOR NO. 6

It's time to submit your nominees of remarkable women, not eligible for membership in our Order for our **N.D.G.W. Roll of Honor** Distinguished list of Women who have made a valuable impact to the betterment and or service for our beloved State of California!

Names and qualifications of women not eligible for membership in the Native Daughters of the Golden West, who have performed some significant and/or noteworthy service

for the Native Daughters of the Golden West or for the State of California.

**Please submit name(s) and details for consideration that are worthy of this honor by our Order by March 15, 2023.** Please refer to Committee Policies of Committees of the NDGW, Page 36, **ROLL OF HONOR** for procedure to submit a candidate.

Any questions, suggestions or guidance contact Debi Stalder, PGP [ndgwpgp113@gmail.com](mailto:ndgwpgp113@gmail.com)

# Inspiring Fall 2022 for Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA WACKFORD, PRESIDENT

It is amazing what an impact a small group of dedicated individuals can make! Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336 was extremely busy this Fall with several activities. In October, we were able to support the Veterans "Stand Down" at the Veteran's Hall in Placerville with a \$200 donation of gift cards to the event. At the end of October, we collected candy from members to deliver to the Native Daughters Home for their traditional Halloween trick or treat night. Also, in October we choose to forgo our meeting and have a craft day and lunch at the home of member Kim Handy. We decorated Fall pumpkins and enjoyed a special lunch with the attendees.

October was truly a busy month for us. We were asked to assist with the American River Conservancy's Ladies Valley Landback on October 22nd. The event was planned to raise funds to accompany the return of 320 acres known as Ladies Valley to the care of the Native American land trust, Cosumnes Culture and Waterways. We assisted with the raffle planned that day and raised over \$850 for the cause.

In November, plans got underway for a Parlor fundraiser to sponsor a scholarship for a young woman to attend the American Association of University Women Stem "Tech Trek" Camp at UC Davis in 2023. The camp is open to students between 7th and 8th grade recommended by their teachers and selected by the AAUW committee to participate in various STEM classes, projects and lectures while staying on the UC campus for a week in the summer. The cost for camp per student is \$900. With the goal in mind of raising \$900 we choose to sell poinsettias to friends and family and seek donations from our members. The poinsettia sale went really well with one of our members, Kim Handy purchasing 25 poinsettias to donate to the local "Meals on Wheels" program to deliver to seniors along with their meal. You can just imagine the surprise on their faces!



Lucas Wackford a Parlor member in front of the booth we sponsored at the ARC Ladies Valley Landback fundraiser in October



The poinsettias we donated to the Placerville Meals on Wheels program for meal recipients

members prepared biscotti, made fire starters and wrapped small gifts to sell. We were all ready for the event when a couple of days before the date the event was cancelled due to severe weather. We choose to regroup, and Parlor member Bonnie Morse West offered her home to accommodate a sale of our items at a small boutique! The sale went great, and we were able to raise more funds. In all with the poinsettia sale and the boutique and donations we raised over \$1500. We are so proud of our members for the dedication and enthusiasm they have shown...



Parlor members Laurel Gromer, Beckie Galloway, and Bonnie Morse West at our holiday Boutique



## Eshcol Parlor No. 16 Celebrates 50-year Members

SUBMITTED BY JANA JACK, ESCHOL PARLOR NO. 16

On Monday, November 7, 2022, Eshcol Parlor celebrated their twelve fifty-year Members during their pre meeting potluck dinner. The dinner and meeting were held at the Native Sons Hall in Napa via ZOOM and in person. Four of the 50 year Members were present for this celebration. President Diana Brown presented to each Member their Certificate for Years of Service in NDGW and bouquets of flower. Each 50 year Member was presented with a poppy corsage created by Third VP Louise Anderson. A cake was shared for dessert.

Eshcol Parlor was instituted on June 12, 1887 in Napa. Over the past ten years, three consolidations have taken place with Eshcol. Eshcol Parlor has welcomed the Members of Geo. C Yount Parlor, Vallejo Parlor, and Calistoga Parlor. We gained long time Members who have continued their Membership in NDGW. Those not in attendance for our celebration, were given certificates, either in person or via US mail. We are very fortunate to have our Fifty year Members range from fifty years to seventy years of Membership. Sadly, since this celebration, two of our 50 year plus Members have passed away.

The newest Member to the 50 year club was Vivian Soderholm. Vivian was given her 50 year pendant. Fifty Year Members in attendance were Juliann Fontana, Carolyn Cardoza, and Marilyn Budde. A lovely evening was had by all. Eshcol Parlor looks forward to welcoming more Members over the year!



Left to right: Carolyn Cardoza, Vivian Soderholm, Marilyn Budde, Juliann Fontana  
50 years+ members not pictured: Betty Ballentine (70 yrs), Jackie Danner (54 yrs), Bea Dulinsky (54 yrs), Betty Gress (51 yrs), Barbara Kildahl (56 yrs), Louise Schmidt (63 yrs)  
Recently passed- Noreen Hanna (53 yrs) and Liz Hammond (68 yrs)

## El Vespero Parlor No. 118 Welcomes a New Sister!

SUBMITTED BY KATHY KELLY-BREITLER, PRESIDENT

Thirteen members of El Vespero Parlor No. 118, our Deputy Grand President Donna Fletcher and two guests, met for lunch January 7th at Sharp Park Restaurant in Pacifica. As our regular meeting place has not reopened, and we miss seeing each other in person, it was decided to meet for lunch at the start of the new year. Our President Kathy Kelly-Breitler was able to present our newest member, Mary Kerrigan, with her new member folder and her membership pin. It was great to laugh together again and share stories. We hope to meet again for lunch in March or April.

Photo right, El Vespero Parlor President Kathy Kelly-Breitler presents their newest Member, Mary Kerrigan with her membership pin



## The Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection Committee Needs Your Help!

SUBMITTED BY KATHY KELLY-BREITLER, STATE CHAIRMAN  
EVELYN I. CARLSON HISTORIC COMMITTEE



Has your parlor consolidated with another parlor at some time? Do you have a cabinet full of flags, stands, banners, charters, etc? The Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection Committee (EIC) is happy to have them. When a Subordinate Parlor closes, all parlor items such as flags, Initiation banners, poles,

stands, bibles, altar cloths, gavels, ballot boxes, parlor seal, regalia, and charters come back to the Native Daughters of the Golden West. The EIC committee should receive these items at the Home or Grand Parlor Office and they are recorded and stored. It is so important that we take care of our Order's artifacts and we appreciate your help in this endeavor. Please contact the EIC Chairman to make arrangements for the pick-up and delivery of any items needing to be returned. Thank you! Kathy Kelly-Breitler, EIC Chairman. kkalto@aol.com.

**Thank you to E.I.C. State Chairman Kathy Kelly-Breitler for sharing this poem she found in EIC archives, written in green ink on three 3x5 pieces of aged paper. Anonymous author and year unknown.**

*Being born in California gives us the privilege of being Native Daughters. But if birth place alone made us Native Daughters this room would be filled to far beyond its capacity.*

*A Native Daughter is a proud inheritor of those sturdy pioneers who banded together for the protection of their homes and families.*

*A Native Daughter is one who will co-operate with fellow workers and officers and work with them to preserve our ideals, our aims and objects of our Order.*

*A Native Daughter is one who puts patriotism before personal desire and gives the same devotion to the work of our beloved Order.*

*A Native Daughter is one who can put aside pride to work on the many projects of our order, and other tasks at which she is most efficient, and accepting with equal willingness the duties of an office.*

*A Native Daughter is one who coordinates her energies to working in a cheerful and uncomplaining all-out effort to spread our name thru out the entire state.*

*We are all Native Daughters and live up to that honor as we pioneer onward for the progress and prosperity of our noble order.*

## El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield has a Busy Holiday Season

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, GM

El Tejon Parlor annually sponsors a \$100 food gift basket for a Kern County Veteran through the VFW Post 26 in Bakersfield.

They have a yearly food basket program, and our donation sponsored a basket for one veteran and his family.

We also sponsored a veteran with a 200.00 gift card for Christmas. He was most appreciative and El Tejon was so glad to brighten his holiday!

### El Tejon Parlor Sponsors Tree at Woman's Club Festival of Trees

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 sponsored a tree at the Bakersfield Woman's Club Festival of Trees 40th annual event held on November 19, 2022. The event theme was Winter Wonderland and all 1700 attendees passed through a beautiful decorated arch and path of trees with Santa when entering the venue. The table center piece was a woodsy deer and carried out the theme of the event as well. All attending enjoyed a gourmet lunch and were entertained by a local talent, who is the brother of the runner up of a season of The Voice. Tree No. 46 (left) was the tree that our Parlor sponsored with a red, white, and blue Americana theme. There were over 60 trees to be won and all were amazingly decorated with lots of gifts under each tree.

### PARLOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party was held at the Historic Guild House Restaurant on December 15, 2022. The Guild House is a non-profit organization and is staffed by volunteers who daily prepare a gourmet meal. All proceeds are donated to the Henrietta Weill Child Guidance Clinic. We enjoyed a fantastic luncheon. Parlor sisters donated to Toys for Tots and collected \$105.00 to donate to the Marine Corp Program to supply toys for needy children. Our member, Ethel White presented all in attendance a lovely wine bottle light. Other customers were asking where they could get one. It was a lovely afternoon and enjoyed by all in attendance.



Pictured from left: Connie Newton, Ethel White, Denice Mettle, Lee Ann Burns, Janice White, Darleen Carpenter GM. Guest, Brigitte Bonnet, Joyce Allen.



# Encinal Parlor No. 156 Welcomes the New Year with an Official Visit

SUBMITTED BY KATHLEEN VALERIO, PRESIDENT, ENCINAL PARLOR NO. 156

Members of Encinal Parlor No. 156 kicked off 2023 by welcoming Grand President Nina Coffenbery, Visiting Officers, Dignitaries and Sisters to Sunday Brunch at High Street Station in Alameda on Sunday January 8th. Twenty dedicated members gathered to share a meal and stories of the holidays, storm damage, and suggestions for how we can reinvigorate our order.

Grand President Nina, talked about a wonderful series of stories collected by members of the Pioneer Roster and compiled into the publication, "Pioneer Women's Stories" Rose Brandi attested to what an authentic great read it was, misspellings and loose grammar are scattered throughout various testimonials.

Encinal President, Kathleen shared a letter she's been using to help explain who NDGW are and what our organization/local parlor supports to encourage potential applicants to join. She has adopted a practice of carrying pre-addressed envelopes stuffed with the letter and a partially filled out application with her pretty much wherever she goes. This is a recruiting technique she learned from PGP Dawn Dunlap on her official visit a few years ago. A couple people asked for a copy of the letter, which she readily agreed to share.

We all enjoyed spinach frittata, fruit salad, potatoes, sausage and pastries, with coffee, tea and optional mimosas. The tables were decorated with beautiful blue floral arrangements designed by Joanne McKay PP. And participants were welcome to grab a goodie bag of home-made cookies to go.



### Members in photograph

Grand President, *Nina Coffenbery, Ursula Parlor No 1; Senior Grand Trustee Francine Bremer, Eschol Parlor No 16, Napa; Grand Trustee Barbara Bruce, San Luisita Parlor No. 108, San Luis Obispo; and Grand Trustee Heidi Dillon, Joaquin No 5, Stockton & Oakdale No 125, Oakdale; Past Grand President Bonnie Tabor, Morada Parlor No 199, Modesto, SDDGP Marilyn Rodrigues, Angelita Parlor No 32, Livermore; DGP Shelley Buchberger, Angelita Parlor No 32, Livermore*

Encinal Members include *Jr. Past President, Terrie Kurrasch; President, Kathleen Valerio; First Vice President, Rozanne Connor, Treasurer Lynn Losande, Trustees, Marilyn Dodge PP and Cynthia Mulholland PP, Nancy Lawrence and two of our newest members Carole Maloney and Sheila Shener*

Guests: *John Sbarbaro, Argonaut No.166, El Cerrito; Sheryl Stanger, Ruby Parlor No 16, Murphys; Rose Brandi, Angelita No. 32, Livermore*

# Public Relations Committee

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE TRIPOD, PGP. CHAIRMAN

The Public Relations Committee is available for collaboration and consultation with any State Committee, Subordinate Parlor, member and the Board of Directors.

One of the ways the committee can provide advertising and marketing support is by presenting the Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Awards to individuals, groups, organizations or businesses that publicly portray the positive image of California.

Names may be submitted by Subordinate Parlors, individual Members or the Board of Directors. Names of candidates for consideration for an Image Award must be sent to the State Chairman of Public Relations postmarked or electronically submitted no later than March 1. When submitting a candidate's name for a California Image Award,

pertinent information and any valuable items from websites, social media and references that promote a positive image of California, must be included.

One of last year's award winners has released a press release about winning the award! Pat Pattison's Best of California was recognized for his commitment to the past and positive future of California. He is asking for ideas for shows from the Native Daughters of the Golden West. If you have a suggestion for him, please email them to me at [vontripod@gmail.com](mailto:vontripod@gmail.com) and I will pass them along to him.

Start looking for your candidate for this award NOW! The awards will be presented in Stockton at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June of 2023.

## Deceased Members

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

Joaquin No. 5 Joan Ramage	Placer No. 138 Roberta Babcock	Fort Bragg No. 210 Lonne Mitchell Ruth Sparks
Bonita No. 10 Gloria Giannini	Hiawatha No. 140 Marilyn Loucks	Liberty No. 213 Louise Dowdell Esther Martin
Marguerite No. 12 Donna Sievert	Nataqua No. 152 Eva Cramer Marka Hemphill	Lomitas No. 255 Laree Rogers
Eshcol No. 16 Elizabeth Hammond Virginia Dooley	San Juan Bautista No. 179 Elizabeth Holt Allene Violini	Cotati No. 299/ San Miquel No. 94 Jean Hoffmann
Veritas No. 75 Esther Smith	Donner No. 193 Shirlene Berry	Tahquitz No. 333 Lula Vadjnal
Vendome No. 100 Judith Rice	Morada No. 199 Evelyn Schoonover Candis Hull	

## Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors.

Joaquin No. 5 Melody Ruiz	Charlene Hovey Cheryl Long Christina Lopez Lisa Morrill	Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 Yvette Boisclair Barbara Bouttote Mary Enns Linda Juanarena
Marguerite No. 12 Denise Dellagatta Lillian MacLeod Shirley Smythe Jennifer Yanke	Placer No. 138 Audrey Crawford Deborah Pearsall	Marinita No. 198 Emily Miller
Santa Cruz No. 26 Lori Chavez	Junipero No. 141 Stephanie Atigh Kenis Dunne	Fort Bragg No. 210 David Goble
Reichling No. 97 RoseMarie Lockett	Catherine Mahmoudi Angeline Sickler Kathleen Maki Michele West Susan Mar	La Tijera No. 282 Sharon Mills
Eschscholtzia No. 112 Christine Jessup		Jurupa No. 296 Kathryn LaRiviere
Reina Del Mar No. 126 Leslie Ervin Julie Hathaway		Sutter's Mill No. 336 Lucas Wackford

# The Art Talent Committee Announces the Creative Art Show for GPAM 2023!

SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE COWAN

STATE CHAIRMAN, ART TALENT, FORREST PARLOR NO. 86

We will showcase wonderful art created by both your NDGW sisters as well as high school students throughout California. Students and members may emulate various themes of California, as Grand President Nina Coffenbery's theme is ALL THINGS CALIFORNIA! We encourage you to hold your own Parlor Art Show and vote which piece should move on to GPAM. For student work, only one piece may be submitted from a Parlor. All participants will receive a certificate of participation and ribbons for Best of Show will be awarded for each member category. First, second, and third place winners will be awarded ribbons for the 2 categories in the student division (fine arts and photography). If any monetary donations are received, monetary awards may be presented. A fee of \$10/artist is required to enter, regardless of number of pieces.

### Categories Are:

#### Students (Grade 9-12)

**Fine art:** Oil, Watercolor, Pencil and Charcoal drawing. Size requirements — 4" x 6" up to 20" x 30" before framing or matting. Works must be matted and framed suitable for hanging. Works on canvas may go unframed if the edges are suitably finished.

#### Student Photography: Color or Black

& White. At this time digital photographs that have been altered by a computer are in the same competition with un-redacted photos. Students in both categories need not be enrolled in an art class.

Members-your local parlor may submit one art-piece in each of those four sub-categories

**Fine Arts:** Oil, Watercolor, Pencil, and Charcoal drawing

**Photography:** Color, Black and White — Your local Parlor may submit one art-piece in both of those subcategories. Digitized work will be included in this category

**Three Dimensional fine Arts:** Sculpture in any media (wood, metal, and found) Not to exceed 20 lbs. and 36" max. in either width or length.

**Fine Crafts:** Fabric, Sewing, Quilting, needlepoint, embroidery, knitting and crochet One item from each sub-category is welcomed.

On behalf of the Art Talent Committee, we look forward to seeing many artistic creations from both members and students. They add so much beauty, interest and conversation for our GPAM! For more information contact: Debbie Cowan, State Chairman, Art Talent Committee, 209-604-7437 or [cowzin555@gmail.com](mailto:cowzin555@gmail.com).

LET'S PLAY

# Valentine's Bunco

PRIZES GAMES

LUNCH COOKIES

Feb. 11, 2023  
12:00 p.m.  
NDGW Home  
555 Baker St., San Francisco

\$40 paid at the door includes Bunco, Lunch and Dessert, all benefitting our Beautiful NDGW Home.  
RSVP by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot (559)786-4313  
Room Reservations can be made by email at [ndhome@ndgw.org](mailto:ndhome@ndgw.org)

Approved by:  
*Nina Coffenbery*  
Nina Coffenbery  
Grand President



# Childrens Foundation — How it all began

BY SONNY GRAVES, CHILDRENS FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

As the Childrens Foundation prepared to meet in person for the first time in over two years, I considered the origins of the Foundation and why the founders established the committee.

It went back to 1909 when the Homeless Children, Native Sons of the Golden West/Native Daughters of the Golden West Joint Charity was formed. The media gave valuable publicity and various railroads gave passes to the



Glamorous work as GP - Nina

Secretary and her assistant. As of May of that year, many children had been listed for adoption, and by April 1911, 35 children had been placed and 101 applications had been received. In total 7,714 children were placed in homes.

Both Jewel McSweeney and Hazel B. Hansen served on the Homeless Children's Committee. By 1949, many problems were encountered by the demands of the State Department of Social Welfare, which became so great that the Committee decided to liquidate. In 1951, the Children's Adoption Agency offices closed, and funds were left in the treasury until the last remaining child reached the age of 21 or married. The remaining money was divided between the Native Sons and the Native Daughters.

At the 1951 GPAM, incoming Grand President Jewel McSweeney announced her vision to re-establish a Statewide Child Welfare Project and appointed PGP Hazel B. Hansen as Chair. PGP Hazel B. Hansen presented a check for \$28,000.00 to the new committee, which was then set up in much

the same way as the Adoption Agency.

In the beginning of her term in 1951, Grand President Jewel McSweeney wrote in the monthly mailing: "I feel California women are interested in the welfare of the children of California. We cannot shield little children from experience, nor spare them heartbreaks, but we want to do our part in helping them to be independent, emotionally mature and able to face life on their own. I am sure not one of you would see a little child in need of your help, yearning for some small kindness or word of love and comfort, without offering assistance. That is the reason a child welfare project for our organization has a very definite place in my program."

The Committee's aim was to serve the child who was not eligible for care from the existing agencies. The income from the Robert Morris Fund was placed in the Childrens Foundation account, and the Emergency Grant was established. The Committee was formed and Committee Policies were adopted at the 1952 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Since then, the program has evolved into the NDGW Childrens Foundation of today, with a mission to enrich the lives of children in need, from birth to their 18th birthday, who live in California.

The NDGW Childrens Foundation offers three types of grants: Individual, Camperships, and Non-Profit Organizational. All applications can be found on our webpage at: [www.ndgw.org/chidrens-foundation](http://www.ndgw.org/chidrens-foundation) Campership Applications for camps helping children in California have

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If you would like a Childrens Foundation Committee member to speak at your parlor, or parlor event, please email to the attention of the CF Committee Chair PGP Camelia Robles via the Grand Parlor email at: [grandparlor@ndgw.org](mailto:grandparlor@ndgw.org)

1. What can you do now?
  2. Refer a child in California for a grant!
  3. Donate to your Childrens Foundation!
  4. Follow us on Facebook @NDGWChildrensFoundation.
- Share with the Committee some of your memories and photos of the Adoption Agency by sending them to Sonny Graves [tchrgaves@gmail.com](mailto:tchrgaves@gmail.com)



Sonny Graves at work with Zoom Background



CF Linda Dusek at work

## Placer Parlor No. 138 Wins Hometown Christmas Float Showcase

SUBMITTED BY FRAN NEVES, RECORDING SECRETARY, PLACER PARLOR NO. 138

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Placer Parlor No. 138 and the Native Sons of the Golden West Silver Parlor #63 are excited to win Best Float in the 2022 Lincoln Hometown Christmas Float Showcase. Mary Leavell, her husband Tom, their children, grandchildren, Parlor members, and friends created the float. Kyle Leavell, their son, was especially helpful with the logistics of moving the 25' float. Mary's father looked forward to participating in the Lincoln parades for many years. Now, Mary and Tom are starting a new tradition. The Parlor will be presenting the plaque to Mary and Tom at their January 12 meeting in the Lincoln Area Memorial Veterans Hall.

Tom's grandmother Etta Louise Fuller Leavell signed the NDGW Charter in 1903 which established Placer Parlor. His mother Kathryn Leavell was also a member

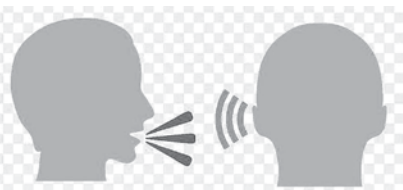
Photos courtesy of Victor Jew, NDGW Placer Parlor No. 138 Outside Sentinel.



Dolori Beard, Barbara Bruce, Katherine Foster checking language



CF Committee Meeting inPerson & Zoom .



## Did You Hear This?

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE TRIPOD, PGP, PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Public Relations Committee recently sent out the following Public Service Announcement.

Did you hear it? Tell us what Radio Station you heard it on. There is a gift card available to the first person to answer.

There are two versions of the PSA. The 10 second one sounds like this: Have you "resolved" to make a difference in your community? The **Native Daughters of the Golden West** is a group of California-born women, doing just that! Check out NDGW.org. The second one is a 20 second script: You've wanted to give time in your community...to help veterans, or lighthouses or children. The **Native Daughters of the Golden West** is a group of California-born women, doing just that! Keep your Resolution! Learn more at NDGW.org.

Turn your radio on!!!



## 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, [thefirp@comcast.net](mailto:thefirp@comcast.net)



*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 2023

### 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
- 17-19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 25 District 14 Luncheon (Jackson)
- 26 NDGW Home Luncheon, Donner Parlor No. 193

### MARCH

- 4 Official Visit: 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
- 12 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon/Childrens Foundation Meeting
- 18 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)
- 21 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 25 Official Visit: Fresno No. 187 (H), Charter Oak No. 292
- 27 Official Visit: El Tejon No. 239 (Bakersfield)

### APRIL

- 1 Official Visit: San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100-- 125th (H), Gilroy No. 312
- 4 Official Visit: Veritas No. 75 (Merced)
- 5 Official Visit: Ruby No. 46 (H), Golden Era No. 99 (Sonora)
- 7 Investment 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom  
Finance 1 PM San Francisco/Zoom  
Personnel 4 PM San Francisco/Zoom
- 8 CFIC 9 AM/Zoom
- 11 Official Visit: Sutter's Mill No. 336 (Coloma)
- 12 Official Visit: Morada No. 199 (Modesto)
- 15 Official Visit: Lugonia No. 241, Grace No. 242 (H), Jurupa No. 296 — 75th, Tahquitz No. 333 (Fullerton)
- 16-18 Past Presidents General Assembly
- 18 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 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)
- 13 Official Visit: Angelita No. 32 (Livermore)
- 16 NDGW Home Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom
- 20 Childrens Foundation Meeting 9 AM San Francisco/Zoom  
Official Visit: Donner No. 193 (Byron)
- 29 Memorial Day {Grand Parlor Office closed}

### JUNE

- 3 Official Visit: Placer No. 138, South Butte No. 226 -- 100th (H)
- 10 Homecoming, Ursula No. 1, Forrest No. 86, Amapola No. 338 (Jackson)
- 22-26 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, Stockton

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The N.D.G.W Lighthouse Preservation Committee  
 would like to invite one and all to our:

Sunday Brunch

\*Fundraiser\*

**Date:** Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Time:** 9:30 am-2pm  
**Where:** Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club  
 405 Terry A. Francois Blvd.  
 San Francisco, CA 94080

\*PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORTING MINI-GRANTS  
 FOR CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSES\*  
 Suggested donation: \$35  
 Brunch Buffet, door prizes and more!!!

Cash or checks accepted. IF by check, please make checks payable to:  
 "NDGW C.F.I.C." note on memo line: "CA Lighthouse Fundraiser"  
 IF you cannot make the event and would like to donate, Mail the check to  
 CA Lighthouse Fundraiser c/o Vickie Van Winkle, 843 Larch Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Contact info: Vickie Van Winkle, 650-589-1450 [mrsvanwinkle@comcast.net](mailto:mrsvanwinkle@comcast.net)

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