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Welcome Amapola Parlor No. 338!

BY GRAND PRESIDENT SHERRY FARLEY

A momentous occasion occurred in the Order on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Amapola Parlor No. 338, Sutter Creek, was re-instituted. The event was held at the Sutter Creek Auditorium with over 150 people in attendance, including the largest number of Past Grand Presidents assembled outside of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. The Grand Officers conducted the formal Parlor institution ceremony and initiated thirty-seven new Sisters who were all wearing black attire with lovely poppy corsages.

Following a delicious catered lunch, the Parlor officers were duly installed by the Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Officers. Since Amapola is Spanish for "poppy", Senior Grand Trustee Dawn Dunlap gave a historical account of the events that led to the scientific naming of the California poppy - "Eschscholzia californica". The Sisters of Zinfandel Parlor No. 337, Lodi, passed the torch as the most recent Parlor instituted to their Amapola Sisters with the gift of a coin march basket. Zinfandel Parlor jokingly remarked they were growing from the "baby" Parlor to a "toddler".

Notable Native Sons in attendance included the current 1st Grand Vice-President (and Amador County resident) Erik Christeson of Excelsior Parlor No. 31 and Grand Inside Sentinel Jerry Stinson of Georgetown Parlor No. 91, and many other members and officers of Amador County's three Native Sons of the Golden West Parlors.

The Order owes a huge debt of gratitude to the Parlor organizer, PGP Marilyn Rodrigues,

and advisors PGP Marilyn Bustillos and Supervising District Deputy Grand President Nina Coffenberry who were instrumental in making this journey possible. The local Native Sons of the Golden West Amador Parlor No. 17 stepped up to help with Fundraising efforts, including a sold-out Harvest Party last November.

The local community's support of their efforts was remarkable. From the Native Sons of Amador Parlor No. 17, who gave them use of their hall and the seed money they needed to get started; to the Jackson Rancheria who donated flowers for the event; to Helwig Winery, who donated the use of their catering supplies and glassware; to Laughton Catering, who catered the event; to Dirk Wentling of Wentling's Studios, who donated the photography of the event; and finally, to the City of Sutter Creek, who went above and beyond in their help with preparing the venue for the event.



Hello Sisters,

On behalf of the entire Order, I am pleased to WELCOME Amapola Parlor No. 338, Sutter Creek. We are thrilled to have you join us!

The summer edition of the California Star is filled with information and invitations about the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM), which will be held at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park from June 19th to June 23rd. Being a popular Southern California vacation destination, we take a chance the hotel will be completely booked. Don't be caught wanting a hotel room. I remind you to make your hotel reservation NOW!

The 2017 Sessions Committee has been working hard to make the week of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting something KNOTT to miss. Take advantage of the free workshops to be held on Monday, June 19th. You may sign up for one workshop, or all four. There will be incentives and rewards for your attendance. Come and shop at Farley's General Store where the marketplace will be full of Native Daughter and California products. Look for the Overland Stagecoach and follow the Quail Trail to the Monday night reception. The optional excursion to Medieval Times is another opportunity for fun at a discounted rate, plus the hotel has offered to provide complimentary shuttle service. The hotel is also offering discounted tickets to Knott's Berry Farm to hotel guests. If you plan to attend the finale of the Gold Dust Girls, be sure to pay the correct price of \$40 for dinner and entertainment. They have something special planned for you. The luncheon Committees are gathering centerpieces, silent auction items and raffle prizes. They are happy to help you with any special dietary requests. Be sure to pack your passports, yearbooks, bowling scores, art exhibits and essays, along with your Petal Pusher exhibits. Get ready to experience Mrs. Knott's famous chicken dinner at the Thursday night banquet, where you are the guest of honor at a Gold Rush Gala! All of this information and more can be found on the CALENDAR and GPAM page of the website located at: www.NDGW.org/calendar.htm

As we are about to retire the Parlor Passport program, I want to thank you all for your participation. The passport will focus on the following Committee projects in the upcoming months:

May — Americanism and Civic Participation
June — Pioneer Roster and N.D.G.W. Archives

Together we have made great progress to conduct the charitable work of our Sisterhood. You have exceeded my expectations and I am truly grateful.

Happy Golden Trails to You, until we meet again at GPAM!

Sherry A. Farley
Grand President

President Meredith Campbell immediately began her duties to conduct the business of the Parlor. The women are now beginning to fund raise for Parlor scholarship funds and have already nominated a delegate to attend this year's Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June at Knott's Berry Farm, where they will be presented with their official Charter.

On behalf of the entire Order, it is my pleasure to WELCOME Amapola Parlor No. 338!



Our Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

Located at 555 Baker Street in San Francisco is truly the shining jewel of our Order, but like anyone at 88 years young, she continually needs care and upkeep.

Some Ways You Can Help our Home:

- Sponsor a Parlor event and donate the proceeds to the Home
 - Support "Home" events with your attendance, raffle ticket purchases and donation envelopes
 - Support the Home's Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Luncheon with your attendance, raffle ticket purchases, and donation envelopes
 - Buy-A-Brick for the Voss Garden
 - Make a pledge to the Tree-to-Shining-Tree project
 - Name our beloved Home as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or charitable gift annuity
 - Bring new members into our Order and then invite them to stay overnight at their Home (Or host a Parlor Slumber party!) J
 - Create your own project for our N.D.G.W. Home
- The N.D.G.W. Home is our Order's legacy...Please consider making it yours as well!

All donations to the Home are 100% tax deductible

Thank you! From Suzi Riley, PGP, Home Chairman & the Home Committee

Ruby Parlor No. 46 Makes a Big Appearance at Murphys Irish Day 2017

SUBMITTED BY LIZ GRAHAM

Irish Day in Murphys, California, is one of the biggest events of the year. Main Street is closed for the street fair and parade which attracts thousands of visitors. This year, on March 18th Ruby Parlor No. 46 was determined to be very visible to all who attend.

For the parade, Parlor members, armed with the new banner, marched proudly down Main Street. The street was packed with visitors and locals. The MC announced, “And here are the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Ruby Parlor No. 46 in Murphys. 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 • Faith in the Existence of God. Ruby Parlor No. 46 supports many causes throughout our community through generous donations. They also award college scholarships to high school students and promote essay contests in our elementary schools.”

The Irish Day Committee booth in the street fair sold Irish party items including beads, Irish Princess Tiaras, headbobbles and other party favors. The hard-selling Sisters sold out in four hours! Some applications were distributed and many people met Members of our Parlor for the first time.

It was a successful day for Ruby Parlor and we thank all the Sisters who participated, including: Liz Graham, Cindy Rochelle, Veronica Metildi, Kathy Russell, Deanna Taaffe, Coleen Franklin, Mary Kingshill, Diane Tussey and Girl from The Salon in Angels Camp.



Smiles in Santa Cruz!

FROM THE JANUARY – MARCH
MARGUERITE MESSENGER



Grand President Sherry Farley congratulates Leona Sunseri for bringing a prospective new member Arlene Laborde to the Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 129th celebration in March.



Wreaths Across America

SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN,
PRESIDENT SO. BUTTE PARLOR NO. 226

If your Parlor is interested in information about Wreaths Across America:

Wreaths Across America will be December 16, 2017.

Theme: I’m an American Yes I am. Web site www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org. The web site is very informative

Locally: Cindy at 530-301-3074 or Tom Walther 530-218-3847

If I can be of further help, please don’t hesitate to call or email me, I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Gail Kunsman
President, So. Butte Parlor No. 226
Native Daughters of the Golden West
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Heaven Has a New Star

SUBMITTED BY JEANNE MEIL, RECORDING SECRETARY, OAKDALE PARLOR NO. 125

It is with great sadness that Oakdale Parlor No. 125 reports on the death of our beloved sister, Jeanie Emery. Jeanie’s death on December 31, 2016, was an enormous loss for her family and friends...and a huge loss for our Parlor.

Jeanie was a devoted member of NDGW. After Jeanie’s retirement from IBM, she and her husband, John, moved back to Oakdale where she was raised. Not long after moving back, Jeanie began looking for a way to connect with the community. Following in the footsteps of her mother, Lucille Craft, and her friend from Community Sharing, Christina Balloue, she decided to become a member of the NDGW.

Jeanie was initiated on July 24, 2007 and it didn’t take long for her to become a very active member. In October of 2010, she became President of Oakdale Parlor No. 125! Beverly Goodner recognized her potential, and with her help and guidance, Jeanie served two busy years in that position. She became our Treasurer in 2012 and served in that capacity until her passing.

Jeanie loved ND and all that it stands for. She loved staying at the Home. She even organized a small group to help with Christmas decorating in December of 2015. She loved supporting the community of Oakdale as a member of NDGW. She popped popcorn for Oakdale’s Annual Halloween Parade and for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. She was very supportive of



Veterans. She was instrumental in having our Parlor support the Blue Star Moms. She got our Parlor to join in the collection of items Blue Star Moms send to active service men and women. She worked hard to raise money for our Parlor by organizing and participating in garage sales, holiday boutiques, bakeless bake sales and much more.

Jeanie Emery was a shining light in our Parlor, and we all miss her each and every day.

Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between January 11, 2017 — April 10, 2017

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| Ursula Parlor No. 1 Norma Slater | Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 Camille Ahlman | South Butte Parlor No. 226 Deanna Dewitt |
| Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Dena Wolfe | Hiawatha Parlor No. 140 Vivian Parker | Grace Parlor No. 242 Danella Hawkins |
| Bonita Parlor No. 10 Catherine Kelly Anita Lollar Robert Wallace | Nataqua Parlor No. 152 Bernice Boggs Dorothy Burt Viola Morrell | Los Banos Parlor No. 255 Mary Bertao Mary Sirsi |
| Angelita Parlor No. 32 Joan Stewart | Encinal Parlor No. 156 Georgalee McCall | Placerita Parlor No. 277 Margaret Macias |
| Ruby Parlor No. 46 Ida Darby Eugenia (Jeanne) Jasper | Marinita Parlor No. 198 Virginia Langhoff | Jurupa Parlor No. 296 Patricia Smith |
| San Miguel Parlor No. 94 Dixie Thacker | Morada Parlor No. 199 Rosemarie Alessi Clara Dias Desdemona Zagyi-Martinez | Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 Betty Edwards |
| Golden Era Parlor No. 99 Mary Gallagher | San Diego Parlor No. 208 Marilyn Cross | George C. Yount Parlor No. 322 Eleanor Kimbrough |
| Darina Parlor No. 114 Juanita Erickson | Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 Ida Barth | West Wind Parlor No. 328 Josephine Rhodes Eva Romani |

Morada Parlor No. 199 Modesto

SUBMITTED BY CAROLYN SILVERIA-FLOWERS

Morada Parlor No. 199 Modesto is happy to announce our two new members Kathleen Post and Carolyn Bravo. Our new members were introduced by our Past President, Carolyn Silveria-Flowers and escorted by our very own Barbara Custer. Welcome!



Native Daughters of the Golden West Home 555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405 Room Reservations

To make a Room Reservation call 415-921-2664
or E-mail Home@NDGW.comcastbiz.net

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

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Joaquin Parlor Celebrates!

By VICKY CESENA

An event this spectacular only happens once every 130 years! On Saturday, April 8th, Joaquin Parlor No. 5 joyously celebrated its 130th birthday and the Official Visit of Grand President Sherry Farley. In attendance were 104 guests, which included eight Grand Officers, five Past Grand Presidents, forty-seven Joaquin Parlor Members, and representatives from twenty-three Sister Parlors, spanning from Fort Bragg in the north to San Diego in the south.



Grand President Sherry Farley compliments Joaquin member Linda Stirm on her excellent job emceeing the event.

The event was co-chaired by Joaquin Parlor Marshal, Heidi Dillon, and Ardylee McCurdy, 3rd Vice-President. The venue for this splendid occasion was the Elkhorn Golf Club in Stockton. Joaquin 2nd Vice-President and emcee, Linda Stirm, warmly welcomed attendees and introduced Financial Secretary Ida Evans, who led the invocation.

Stockton City Council member representing District Five, Christina Fugasi, presented a proclamation from the City of Stockton signed by the Mayor and Council members. In her speech, Councilwoman Fugasi noted

The more she researched and prepared for the speech, the more she admired the goals and achievements of this large group of local women. As a strong believer in giving back to the community, she wondered why she wasn't already a member! (Guess who got a one-on-one membership packet that very afternoon? The good news is that she completed it on the spot and promised to send the necessary documentation as soon as possible.) Joaquin Parlor welcomed her with open arms.

Additionally, the Parlor received: a signed and framed Letter of Recognition signed by both State Senator Cathleen Galgiani and State Assembly Member Susan Talamantes Eggman; an e-mail from California Governor Jerry Brown's office (paperless in accordance with the governor's green initiative program) congratulating and appreciating the many years of effort and community service given; a Letter of Congratulations signed by San Joaquin County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chuck Winn, congratulating the Parlor on its 130th birthday; and a Letter of Congratulations from the Stockton Native Sons of the Golden West signed by President Wayne Shellcross.

Tables were brightly festooned with red tablecloths and custom spring floral decorations designed by the multi-talented Linda Stirm. The luncheon menu included a choice of Beef Tri-tip, Chicken Marsala, or Vegetarian Pasta. Dessert was a beautifully decorated cake made by Sweet Arts of Tracy. The center design of the cake featured a rendering of the Joaquin Parlor seal, a circular shape with a fluttering flag in the center, surrounded by sheaves of wheat representing the agricultural richness of the Stockton area.

After lunch, special recognition was given to Georgena Chiarello and Alma Huff. Georgena became teary-eyed as she was honored with a standing ovation for 72 years of membership in Joaquin Parlor. Along with a special certificate, she was gifted a beautiful floral arrangement made by Genevieve Galli, Joaquin Parlor Treasurer.

Alma Huff, with her sweet and sincere smile, received a certificate of recognition and a gift basket to commemorate her sixty-three years of active membership in the Parlor. Besides being a Past President of

the Parlor, Alma chairs two of the fundraisers, attends monthly meetings, supports events, and captures all the highlights on film as parlor photographer.

Four 25-year Joaquin members were honored in memory since, due to health issues, they were unable to attend. Sincere wishes for speedy recovery were bestowed upon Jennifer Drumm, UnaBelle Gaedtke, Dorothy Grillo, and Doris Powers. There was a moment of silence to pay tribute to three dearly departed Sisters, Alice Simas, Bernice Garden, and Dorothy Merrylees. The forty-seven Joaquin Parlor Sisters in attendance were awarded certificates for membership which were personally signed by Grand President Sherry Farley and Joaquin President Juanita Case. They also received packets of poppy seeds to share with prospective Native Daughter Members.

Grand Vice-President Cynthia Connelly spoke on behalf of the Grand Officers and Past Grand President Marie Otto spoke on behalf of the Past Grand Presidents. Guests were given hand-made bookmarks as table favors that commemorated the special day. The function ended with an opportunity drawing for gift baskets donated by Joaquin Parlor members.

A warm-hearted thank you to Heidi Dillon and Ardylee McCurdy for chairing this momentous occasion. The wonderful committee members whose dedication and teamwork made the event a success included: Juanita Case, Ida Evans, Genevieve Galli, Linda Stirm, Becky Stevens, Linda Spaulding, Donna Goyette, Joan Stafko, Marianne Hopper, Donalee McGary, Roberta Taylor, Tencha Moreno, Helen Prieto,



Stockton City Councilwoman Christina Fugasi addresses the celebrants.



Joaquin President Juanita Case congratulates Georgena Chiarello for 72 years of continuous membership.



Joaquin member Marianne Hopper cheers for Alma Huff on her well-deserved recognition.

and Carol Bickley.

Joaquin Parlor is looking forward to a bright future filled with new opportunities and continued service to the community. We thank the many Parlors and Sisters who have journeyed with us and continue to support our efforts and dedication to our beloved State of California.



Grand President Sherry Farley admires the Parlor themed birthday cake.



Grand President Sherry Farley compliments event Chairman, Heidi Dillon, on the success of the event.

when first tasked with the assignment of speaking to a local group named Native Daughters of the Golden West, she was perplexed as to the nature of the organization. Knowing it was to be a ceremony to celebrate 130 years of existence, she wondered how it was that she, who has deep roots and a long family history in the community, knew nothing of them.



Congratulations Carol Soto Lowry!

At Grand President Sherry Farley's Official Visit to District 23 on March 18 at the Paso Robles Golf Club, the Grand President congratulated El Pinal No. 163's distinguished member, Carol Soto Lowry, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 72 years of continuous membership. Deputy Grand President and emcee for the event, Jean Hoffmann is at center.

List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors:
January 11, 2017 — April 10, 2017

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| Ursula Parlor No. 1 Susan Coffenberry Dianne Flint | Hayward Parlor No. 122 Patricia Milanese Linda Pearson | Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 Elizabeth Meyer |
| Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Darlene Berendt Patti Jo Brennan Katherine Fogg Marlene Good Gina Grilli Joyce Harvis-Gruzas May Link Leslie Stirm | Oakdale Parlor No. 125 Kim Halfmoon Phyllis Mahaney Kathy McClendon Julie Rivera | Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336 Lara Gularte Melinda Miller |
| Bonita Parlor No. 10 Patricia Anderson Margaret Mirande Susan Mitchell Sally Newman Margaret Peralta Lynn Sherwood | Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 Patricia Robledo | Zinfandel Parlor No. 337 Lorraine Krantz Wayne Shellcross |
| Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 Christina Cuevas Maureen Ingham | Encinal Parlor No. 156 Terrie Kurrasch | Amapola Parlor No. 338 Stephanie Allen Lindsey Ashworth Patti Baggett Brandi Baker Janice Bray Bailey Burton Meredith Campbell Jolie Chain Linda Daubeneck Renee Day Laura Doyle Sarah Dukes Hailey Edmonson Cindy Erich Jennifer Fine Jenny Fox-Fritz Christine Hagen Lauren Hampton Sheryl Harmston Mollie Haycock Toni Hellwig Julie Hoyle Sydney Julien Vanessa Julien Bobbi Laughton Kimiko McCulloch Mary Lou Molina Melissa Morris Ruth Morris Jeannie Ortiz Jennifer Pritchard Cheryl Reynolds Nicole Ryan Emily Tirapelle Marilyn Wentling Nancy Wentling Samantha Widlund |
| Angelita Parlor No. 32 Madalyn Geyer | Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 David Connelly Judy Duggins Lorena Procsal | |
| Ruby Parlor No. 46 Tawny Ego Linda Foster Suzanne Jeler Claudia Shafer Becky Wilkins | San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Niki Gamboa Debra Ross | |
| Forrest Parlor No. 86 Margaret Kelso | Fresno Parlor No. 187 Karen Bowser Denise Dieser | |
| San Luisita Parlor No. 94 Jacqueline Mansfield | Morada Parlor No. 199 Linda Bell Carolyn Bravo Janice Freitas Kathleen Post | |
| Golden Era Parlor No. 99 Tina Johnson | Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 Shelley Tregoning | |
| Aleli Parlor No. 102 Sharon Scilacci | Petaluma Parlor No. 222 Jacqueline Butler | |
| Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 Mary Burton Sharon Erickson Carol Silicz | Grace Parlor No. 242 James Curtis Patricia Umlah | |
| Darina Parlor No. 114 Susan Setterholm | Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 Kathleen Arriola Daniel Laner Lupe Padilla Miranda Patino | |
| | Cotati Parlor No. 299 Patricia Canfield Karen Vyner-Brooks Mary Rita Williamson | |
| | Gilroy Parlor No. 312 Connie Pierce | |



San Bruno Parlor No. 246

SUBMITTED BY ANNA NASTARI, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

For the past five years, San Bruno Parlor No. 246 has held an annual Garage/Hot Dog Sale fundraiser. The annual event occurs the third week of August in a So. San Francisco community that sponsors its “Community Garage Sale.” San Bruno Parlor No. 246, sister, Anna Nastari, Financial Secretary, hosts the event at her home. Our sister members set up very early, decorate the canopy with our Poppy Banner, California colors and poppies. They donate trinkets and wonderful items for the sale. However, for the early bird shoppers, we also sell coffee and donuts! By 11:00 a.m. Past President Bernie Kelly’s husband, Mike, and her son, John (Veterans) have fired up the BBQ pit to entice shoppers to our Hot Dog Sale. The \$5 meal includes a Costco hot dog, chips, soda, and a cookie! This has been a very profitable fundraiser, in conjunction with the sale of the trinkets and wonderful items that the members manage.

For our August 2016 sale, it was suggested by Anna that profits from the sale be donated to a local Veteran’s organization. The members agreed and selected the American Legion San Bruno Post 409. Therefore, it was decided that our Garage Sale have a Veteran’s theme, of Red, White and Blue, mixed in with our California colors. Not only did shoppers purchase items and food, but when they were informed

that some of the proceeds were going to the Veterans they also made direct donations towards the cause, a very touching move.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, during the Post’s Monthly Membership Dinner, sisters Jackie Simi, Past President, and Anna Nastari, Financial Secretary, presented Mr. Lonnie Sopko, Commander of Post 409, with a \$100 check to be used at the Post’s discretion. The Commander and its members were extremely pleased and appreciative of the Parlor’s efforts and dedication to the Veterans. The Post needs a new foundation, which is slipping, therefore, they will apply the money towards that budget.

Our Parlor has an additional \$100, also from the sale, set aside to donate to another local Veteran’s organization, which is being identified.



Mariposa Parlor Welcomes Three New Members!

SUBMITTED BY JULIANNA BIBBY

Mariposa Parlor No. 63 welcomed three new members Marina Fisher, Oralee Phillips and Lee Ann Allen.

Column two from left to right: Parlor President Maryetta Dulchich and Marina Fisher.

Below from Left to right: Parlor President Maryetta Dulchich, new member Oralee Phillips, member Chancelyn McDonald, Sponsor Jeanene Skelly and new member Lee Ann Allen.



50-year pin recipient, Jean Sheppard and Grand President Sherry Farley.

Jean Sheppard — 50-year Service Pin Recipient

SUBMITTED BY ROBERTA KOSKI

Grand President Sherry Farley presented Jean Sheppard with her 50-year pin at the District 17 luncheon held on March 4, 2017 in Dublin.

Following in her mother’s footsteps, Jean Sheppard joined Argonaut Junior Unit No. 3 on April 28, 1967 at the ripe old age of 13. Her mother Helen Tullius was a Charter member of the Junior Unit. Helen was a 50-year member and her grandmother, Claudia Evans was a 75-year member of Argonaut Parlor No. 166. Jean was involved with Native Daughters from the time she could walk in the parades with her family. Later, as an active member of Argonaut “Cubs” Junior Unit No. 3’s Drill Team, she would march in the Admission Day Parades. She also presented the flags at the memorial services at Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland just as her mother and grandmother had done in prior years.

In 1952, she served the order as State President of the Junior Native Daughters of the Golden West. She graduated to the Mother Parlor when she was of age and soon was filling the office of President of the Parlor.

As a third generation Native Daughter of Argonaut Parlor No. 166, Jean’s family includes her grandmother Claudia Evans, her mother Helen Tullius, her aunts Roberta Koski and Mary Lou Hartmann (Helen’s twin), her twin sisters Kathy Tullius and Terri Terada, her daughter Karen Sheppard and her cousin Susan Hartmann.

Family members of Golden Gate Parlor No. 29, Native Sons of the Golden West include Jean’s twin brother Past Grand President Tim Tullius, her father Larry Tullius, who served many years as Grand Secretary of the Native Sons, and younger brother Tom Tullius who has served as Grand Organist of the Native Sons. Also members of the Native Sons are Jean, her sister Kathy and Jean’s daughter Karen.

Jean, along with her grandmother Claudia, aunt Roberta, and her daughter Karen bowled together as the “Four Generations Bowling Team.” Jean was known to score a strike or two now and then thanks to helpful bowling tips provided by her grandmother Claudia.

Jean has been doing volunteer work most of her life. She, along with her daughter Karen, provide leadership opportunities to young girls to help them learn life skills. They also train and provide support to adult Girl Scout volunteers.

Jean is currently enjoying her retirement after 32 years of serving our Veterans as a Project Manager of Software Development at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Jean has been looking forward to receiving her 50-year pin and will wear it with pride.



Left to right, Jean’s sister Terri, daughter Karen and Jean.

Early Native Daughters as Authors

BY MARY LOUISE DAYS, HISTORIAN OF THE ORDER,
REINA DEL MAR PARLOR NO. 126, SANTA BARBARA

While searching the Internet for information on early members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, I discovered some fascinating material having to do with publications such as booklets. Some of these involved Lilly O. Reichling Dyer, Founder of the Order, as well as a few Past Grand Presidents.

Cora Bonestel Sifford of Buena Ventura Parlor No. 95, Ventura, and later of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara, served as Grand President at the 1900 annual meeting in Jackson. She served on the Order’s Ritual Committee for many years, and chaired it during the 1920s. Prior to 1902 Mrs. Sifford wrote “The Sifford study of the ritual.” This featured explanations and expansions on the meaning of phrases within the Ritual of the Order. The intent was to invite an officer to read from the paper under Good of the Order at regular meetings. Pictured here, Cora with a child in a bird sanctuary in 1931.

In 1902, the study was printed along with an “outline for the study of California history” arranged by Eliza D. Keith. Also included in the booklet were poems, a circular letter, and a report from the Order’s Historical Landmarks Committee. Miss Keith presided as Grand President in 1903 in Red Bluff. She was a school principal in San Francisco, a poet and a public speaker — also a “suffragist.”

An achievement by members of the Order resulted in publicity for sponsorship of the naming of Junipero Serra Peak in the Santa Lucia Mountains. On August 5, 1907, the Salinas Daily Index announced that Santa Lucia’s highest peak had been renamed for Father Serra, a movement begun at the Grand Parlor

session in Salinas in June 1906. The secretary of the United States Geographical Board “officially informed Mrs. Lily O. Reichling-Dyer (sic), founder of the order of Native Daughters of the Golden West, that her efforts and those of Cora Bonestel Sifford and Harriet Stoddard Lee... have been successful.”

In the spring of 1917 Mrs. Dyer copyrighted a seven-page booklet entitled “An Epitome of Facts and Events Relative to the Founding of the Order Native Daughters of the Golden West.” It was compiled by the charter members of Ursula Parlor No. 1, N.D.G.W. The booklet contains the names of the first parlor members, an account of the founding meetings, and a list of the parlors instituted by the Mother Parlor. In late 1916 the document was signed and notarized.

A book published in San Francisco in 1918 by Harr Wagner Publishing Company called Literary California Poetry Prose and Portraits was “gathered by” Ella Sterling Mighels (pictured right). She was an author who was a member of Hayward Parlor No. 122. At the 1918 Grand Parlor session in Santa Cruz a motion was made by Dr. Mariana Bertola P.G.P. to endorse the publication. This pleased Mrs. Mighels, who was a delegate, and she dedicated the book to the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Included in the pages is “A Thought from Lilly O. Reichling Dyer” that reads “Very little is enough for us to live on; it is not clothes, it is not luxuries that give to us our greatest happiness, it is that which is within--our inward resources. It is my belief that what we plan, even with our greatest effort, can never equal that which comes forth spontaneously as if by inspiration.”

GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING

2017 SPECIAL SECTION



*Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents,
Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors
Native Daughters of the Golden West*

Dear Sisters,
Your 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee is planning some exciting things for the week of June 19 – 23, 2017 at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. One of the ways Sisters attending GPAM have of renewing old friendships and making new ones is by visiting around the luncheon or dinner table or at a reception.

Attached you will find information on all of the events that will take place during GPAM 2017. Please select the event(s) you wish to attend by simply checking the appropriate box(es) on the attached reservation form, and writing only ONE CHECK to cover the cost(s). When you register at GPAM 2017, you will receive ONE envelope with all the tickets for the events that you selected.

Please note that in addition to the Opening Reception, lunches, banquet, and Gold Dust Girls Grand Finale, there will be a special trip to Medieval Times on Tuesday evening. Also, Special discount tickets to Knott's Berry Farm for hotel guests will be available at the registration desk when you arrive.

Finally, there will be four complimentary workshops for you to choose from on Monday, June 19th. See the Schedule of events.

Patricia Moore, Co-Chairman
Marie Otto, PGP, Co-Chairman
Joan Hall, PGP, Co-Chairman

Cynthia Connelly — Candidate for Grand President

Dear Sisters:

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Native Daughters of the Golden West presents their esteemed member, Cynthia Connelly, for election to the office of Grand President at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Buena Park.

Cynthia, a Member of Native Daughters of the Golden West for 42 years, has served Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No.

168 as Past President, two years as First Vice President, and one year as President. She also served Berryessa Parlor No. 192 as President for six terms, as well as First, Second, and Third Vice President, Past President, Marshal, Recording Secretary, and Inside Sentinel.

Cynthia has been Deputy Grand President to Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico, Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190, Oroville, and to Berendos Parlor No. 23, Red Bluff. She has



served as Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 6 (Butte, Glenn, and part Tehama Counties) and District 3 (Shasta and part Tehama Counties).

Having served the Order as Grand Outside Sentinel, Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Trustee for four years, Grand Marshal, and Grand Vice President, Cynthia is looking forward to the role of Grand President of Native Daughters of the Golden West. She has served on several State Committees and as State Chairman of the Welfare, and Laws and Supervision Committees. She is currently Chairman of the Insurance Committee. She is also a proud member of Past Presidents Association.

Before beginning her tenure as a Grand Officer with the Native Daughters, Cynthia served on the American Baptist Women's

Ministry Board of Directors in many capacities. Cynthia served her community as a member of the Willows Lamb Derby Committee, where she advanced to the office of President, and as a Board Member for Walden Academy Public Charter School. Her service in these different venues allowed her to absorb the diversity necessary for her to be an effective Member of the Board of Grand Officers.

With the support of her family and friends, Cynthia looks forward to continued service to the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Therefore, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico, respectfully requests your favorable consideration and support of its member, Cynthia Connelly, for election to the office of Grand President at 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Buena Park.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Sheryl Brann, President
Melissa Ramsey-Runge,
Recording Secretary

Sherry Farley — Candidate for Junior Past Grand President

Dear Sisters,

The Members of Grace Parlor No. 242, Native Daughters of the Golden West, are pleased to present our Member, Sherry Farley, as a candidate for the office of Junior Past Grand President.

As a 35-year Member of Grace Parlor No. 242, Sherry has served in many Parlor positions, including President for three terms and Past President. She has also served as Deputy Grand

President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President.

Sherry has been elected as a Grand Officer ten times, serving as Grand President, Grand Vice President, Grand Marshal, Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Trustee and Grand Trustee. During these terms, she has not only fulfilled the duties of these offices, she has contributed to the betterment of our Order by volunteering her services to design brochures, create marketing materials, submit articles to the California Star, write press releases, facilitate GoTo Meetings and institute the Parlor Passport program. Sherry's favorite contribution is to help advance the Order with internet technical support. Sherry shares her talents by providing valuable services such as website design and mass email communications and



was instrumental in creating the Committee for Electronic Communications.

Sherry's highest academic achievement is a Master's Degree in Nursing from U.C.L.A. After 22 years in Pediatric Nursing, Sherry joined her husband in a family business, where for the past 16 years she has held the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Sprite Showers. The

job requires corporate interactions with national retailers such as Lowes, The Home Depot, and Bed Bath & Beyond.

The Members of Grace Parlor No. 242, including Sherry's mother, Pat Moore, and daughter, Kim, respectfully request your favorable consideration of Sherry Farley to the office of Junior Past Grand President at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Buena Park.

2017 GPAM Tentative Schedule

Sunday, June 18

Noon Board of Directors' Luncheon Meeting
6:00 pm Grand Officers' Dinner

Monday, June 19

8:30 am -10 am Childrens Foundation Breakfast Meeting
10:00 pm - 4:00 pm Registration,
"Farley's General Store" Market Place

Workshops:

10:00 am - Noon Make & Take Yearbook Page
Website Navigation & G.P. Office Support
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm FUN in Fundraising
Membership & Marketing
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm State of the Order and Legislation Meetings
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Marketplace Drawings
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pictures
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Opening Reception — QUAIL TRAIL

Tuesday, June 20

8:00 am Registration
8:30 am - 9:30 am Welcome First Time Attendees
9:30 am Opening Session
11:00 am Memorial Service
Noon Charitable Found. Lunch — ROUNDUP
1:15 pm - 5:00 pm Sessions — After Lunch: Initiation of New Members
6:30 pm Optional Excursion to Medieval Times
PGP Dinner

Wednesday, June 21

7:30 am Meet the Candidates
8:00 am Registration
8:30 am Sessions — Nomination of Officers
Noon Childrens Found Lunch — PAWS FOR THE CHILDREN
1:15 pm - 3:00 pm Sessions: Ritual & Floor Work Demo during Elections
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sessions
7:00 pm Gold Dust Girls

Thursday, June 22

8:30 am Sessions
Noon Hicks from Sticks Luncheon — PEANUTS GANG
1:15 pm Native Sons Visitation & Awards
5:00 pm Closing
6:00 pm Dinner Banquet — GOLD RUSH GALA

Friday, June 23

8:30 am Sessions
Noon NDGW Home Lunch — HOME ON THE RANGE
1:15 - 3:00 pm Closing
7:00 pm Installation of Grand Officers

Saturday, June 24

8:00 am SDDGP, DGP, State Chairman, PGP Meeting
9:30 am Grand Officer's Breakfast Meeting

Printing & Supplies *Open Tuesday – Friday:
Half hour before and after Sessions*

Farley's Olde Tyme General Store at Grand Parlor 2017 – Knott To Be Missed!

Farley's Olde Tyme General Store will be open for business on Monday, June 19th, 2017 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. State Committees and Parlors from all over the State of California will be offering unique items for sale. Here is a sample:

El Vespero Parlor No. 118 will have "I Love You California" poppy T-shirts and Bear Holding the State of California T-shirts

The Public Relations St. Comm. will have a raffle/silent auction with jewelry designed by artist Michael Michaud — gold plated, cast in bronze with yellow fresh water pearls (broach or scarf holder) valued at \$90 and a poppy gold knitted and crocheted shrug (like the one GP Sherry wears) valued at \$100.

The GPAM 2018 Committee will have a raffle/silent auction of antique linens and NDGW China, also pins and necklaces for sale.

Veritas Parlor No. 75 will be selling pins, pens, jewelry and greeting cards made by Parlor Sisters.

Donner Parlor No. 193 will be selling v-neck ¾ length sleeve t-shirts — (lg., 3X & 4X avail) "Native Daughters Gone Wild w/Quail and Poppy". Regular t-shirts in Lg., XL, 2X, 3X, & 4X (they run small). Also decks of playing cards with California scenes and NDGW Logo.

Grace Parlor No. 242 will sell California name tags and necklaces and earrings, knitted ribbon scarves and slippers. They will also raffle a poppy quilt.

The NDGW Home Committee will have a basket for raffle, treats, and you can order a commemorative brick, at their table.

Reina Del Mar No. 126 will sell used paper-

back books, jewelry and poppy items.

Jurupa Parlor No. 296 will sell delicious homemade jams, jellies and baked goods.

Lugonia Parlor No. 241 will sell gently used white elephant items like jewelry, jewelry boxes, books, knick-knacks and collectable items.

Placerita Parlor No. 277 will raffle a beautiful Mission quilt, sell crocheted poppy pins, quartz watches, NDGW pins, jewelry and, of course, Deuk's Jalapeño Jelly!

Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 will sell used paperback books.

Encinal Parlor No. 156 will sell t-shirts, aprons, tea towels, placemats, napkins and potholders. They will also raffle a California-themed movie basket.

Ursula Parlor No. 1 will raffle a "California" themed basket and will sell wash cloths, bear pendants, food items, and old NDGW Proceedings (donated by PGP Marilyn Bustillos).

Sutter Parlor No. 111 will sell NDGW car license plate frames and will raffle a lovely lap afghan.

The Pioneer Roster and NDGW Archives committee will have an information table where Parlors can sign up to have the Committee give a presentation at their Parlor meeting. They are also available to staff display tables at your community event!

This is just a sample of the kinds of items that will be available. If you can't come to Grand Parlor, tell your delegate what you are interested in, and have them do the shopping for YOU. Farley's Olde Tyme General Store is "Knott To Be Missed"!

Karen Fini for Grand Vice President

The members of Fresno Parlor No. 187, Fresno, present with pride their esteemed member, Karen Fini, for election to the office of Grand Vice-President at GPAM 2017. Karen is currently a member of Fresno Parlor and has been a member for 44 years. She has served five times as President of her Parlor, Past President, Secretary, and Marshall. She has also chaired numerous committees within her Parlor. She has been active throughout her District serving as Deputy Grand President to Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, and Veritas Parlor No. 75, and as Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 22.

She has served the Order on the State level as a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation, serving as its Recording Secretary and Case Manager; the Home Committee, Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Welfare Committee, and Laws and Supervision Chairman, and others.



Karen is a paralegal having worked in this position for over 50 years. She currently serves as a CASA advocate (court appointed special advocate for abused and neglected children) as she has for the past ten years, diligently advocating for children in the Fresno/Madera area. She is the mother of five and grandmother of sixteen and great grandmother of nine.

She additionally serves on committees at her church and co-chairs a large committee at the annual Central Valley Women's Conference. Karen actively serves her Parlor and the Order and has the full support of her Parlor Sisters and family as she seeks election to this office.

The members of Fresno Parlor No. 187 respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our sister, Karen Fini, to the office of Grand Vice President at GPAM 2017.

P.D.F.A.,
Sandra Vaiarello Recording Secretary
Dan L. Coffield, President

Dawn Dunlap Candidate for Grand Marshall

Dear Sisters,

El Pinal Parlor No. 163 is proud to present its esteemed member, Dawn Dunlap, for election to the office of Grand Marshal at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Buena Park.

Dawn has been a member in good standing of El Pinal Parlor No. 163 for forty-seven years. She has served as our President, Past President, Trustee, Outside Sentinel, and Recording Secretary. She served as the Deputy Grand President to San Luisita Parlor No. 108 for three years, and is currently the Deputy Grand President to El Paso de Robles Parlor No. 335. On the Grand Parlor level, Dawn has served on Laws and Supervision, State of the Order, Finance, Education and Scholarship, NDGW Childrens Foundation, Ritual and Manual of Instruction, and three years as Chairman of the Extension of the Order. This year she has served on California History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings, Real Property, Investment, Personnel, Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection Sub-Committee, and as Chairman of Ritual and Manual of Instruction.

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



years as a legal research assistant for a judge of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court.

For the past seventeen years she has worked as a title and land use consultant and as an independent historian specializing in the Central Coast. She raises purebred Charolais cattle and lives on the ranch where she was reared.

Dawn has lived the majority of her life in Cambria and has always been an active member of the community. Her recent activities include: Chairman of the North Coast Farm Center for the California Farm Bureau, Member of the Board of Directors for the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society, and Agricultural Representative on the North Coast Advisory Council. For the past thirty-two years Dawn has been Chairman of the Old Santa Rosa Chapel and Cemetery Committee, a non-profit corporation, that oversees the restoration and maintenance of a church built in 1870 and its' adjacent historic cemetery.

Our Parlor is proud to present Dawn Dunlap. She has all of the qualifications necessary to serve on the Board of Directors and is willing to meet her obligations for service as Grand Marshal. We respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our Member, Dawn Dunlap, for election to the office of Grand Marshal at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Sincerely and fraternally in P.D.F.A.,
Consuelo Macedo, President
Sigrid Castaneda,
Recording Secretary

Follow the Stagecoach to the Overland Quail Trail



Reception Honoring
Grand President Sherry Farley
and the Corps of Grand Officers

Monday, June 19, 2017 • Knott's Berry Farm Hotel

Attire: Formal • Reservation Fee \$1.00/person

6:00 PM: Parlor/Group pictures (Meet in the Hotel Lobby)

7:00 PM: Entertainment and Fun, Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert

Dominique "Nickie" Acevedo for Grand Secretary

Dear Sisters:

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

Nickie joined Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 in May of 1994, while a student at St. Mary's College in Moraga, and began attending Native Daughter luncheons and Grand Parlor Annual Meetings as school and work in the East Bay area permitted. She moved back to Visalia in 2003, and was installed in a Parlor Office almost immediately.

Nickie has served Charter Oak Parlor as President, Past President, 1st Vice President, Financial Secretary, and is currently serving as Recording Secretary. She has served as Supervising District Grand President to District 22 and has also served as Deputy Grand President to Fresno Parlor No. 187 and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292. At the State level, she is currently serving as State Chairman of the Official Publication and has also been the State Chairman of the Essay Contest. She has also served on the Childrens Foundation, California Lighthouse Preservation, Electronic Communications, Mission Restoration, and Public Relations Committees. Nickie continues to attend NDGW functions throughout



the state as school and family responsibilities will allow.

In 1997, Nickie graduated cum laude from St. Mary's College in Moraga with a BS degree in Finance and a double minor in Economics and Spanish. She has more than twelve years of experience in human resources and staffing and seven years in administrative support roles

having worked for Pacific Telesis and Randstad Staffing Agency in the Bay Area, and Accela, Mission Care Group, and San Joaquin Valley College in Visalia. In August 2015, she completed her second BA in Psychology through Brandman University, and is now working on her masters degree in Psychology. Her goal is to be a family therapist.

Nickie has the full support of her daughters Rebecca (12) and Mia (9), her extended family, and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 in her desire to serve the Order as Grand Secretary during the 2017-2018 term.

Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 respectfully requests your support for our candidate Nickie Acevedo for Grand Secretary at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2017 in June in Buena Park.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Robert A. Borges, Parlor President
Joan M. Hall, PGP, Financial Secretary

Renee Chandler Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters,

Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, Native Daughters of the Golden West, is proud to present our esteemed member, Renee Chandler, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held in Buena Park.

Renee has been an active member of Poppy Trail Parlor for over 34 years. She has served as President and Past President, as well as other officer positions within the Parlor, and currently serves as a Deputy Grand President. Renee is currently serving on the Childrens Foundation Committee and Finance Committee. Renee is also Chairman of Roll of Honor and is currently serving as a Grand Trustee. She is also a Past President of Past President's Association No. 19.

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

During her four years as a Grand Officer, Renee has traveled to many events throughout California. She has enjoyed meeting new Sisters



and greeting those she has met throughout her years of service to the Order.

Renee graduated from Sawyer College of Business in Pasadena. She is currently a Legal Assistant and Office Manager for an Attorney and has worked in this field for over 32 years.

Renee's husband, Tom, supports her wish to serve the Order, as do her two children, and her three year old and

her one year old Granddaughters! Renee's Grandmother, Becky Meza, (a member for over 40 years), passed away in February of 2013 and would have been thrilled to know that Renee would serve our beloved Order as a Grand Officer.

The members of Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, respectfully request your consideration and support of our sister, Renee Chandler, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Buena Park.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in
P.D.F.A.,
Anna Marie De La Torre,
Recording Secretary
Susana Burciaga, President

Calling All Buckaroos to Hit the Trail For a Rodeo Roundup

The Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee (CFIC)
Is Gosh Darn Happy To Present The Knott's Berry Farm Stampede
In Honor of the NDGW Public Benefit Committees

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Menu: Cobb Salad, Crisp Salad Greens, Tomatoes, Crunchy Bacon,
Grilled Chicken, Hard-Boiled Eggs, Blue Cheese, Rolls & Butter,
Raspberry Sherbet, Beverages

Cost \$25.00 Inclusive

Reservations Must Be Received By May 30th on GPAM Reservation Form
Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request
Raffle and Silent Auction



Ya'll Come Ya Hear!



GPAM 2017 • Something Knott to Miss!

Please join the gang for FREE WORKSHOPS

Monday, June 19, 2017 * Knott's Berry Farm Hotel

Morning Sessions 10:00 am to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to noon

• Make & Take Yearbook Page

• Website Navigation & Grand Parlor Office Support

Afternoon Sessions

1 :00 pm to 2:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

• FUN in FUNdraising / • Membership & Marketing

Attend One or ALL Four! Enjoy Networking, Handouts and Rewards

Sign up on the GPAM 2017 Meal and Event Reservation Form

Marti Noyes Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters,

The Members of Jurupa Parlor No. 296 of Native Daughters of the Golden West are honored to present our Member, Marti Noyes, as a candidate for the office of Grand Trustee at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2017 in Buena Park.

Marti has been an active and dedicated Member to Jurupa Parlor for 18 years, having served as First Vice President, President for two terms and as Past President. For the past twelve years, she has been Jurupa Parlor's Recording Secretary. She has served as Deputy Grand President to the three other Parlors in District 28 (Lugonia Parlor No. 241 – San Bernardino, Grace Parlor No. 242 — Fullerton, and Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 — Hemet) many times and is currently Deputy Grand President to Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 — Hemet and is also Supervising District Deputy Grand President for District 28. Marti was honored to be elected as Grand Secretary at GPAM 2016, having previously served as Grand Trustee and Grand Inside Sentinel. Marti has served on the N.D.G.W. Charitable Foundation Inc. Committee, the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation Committee, Roll of Honor Committee and the State of the Order Committee. Currently Marti is serving as State Vice President of N.D.G.W. Association of Past Presidents and is the Treasurer of the Past Presidents Association #23 of the Inland Empire..



Marti has worked tirelessly for Jurupa Parlor and Native Daughters of the Golden West over the years. She coordinates Jurupa Parlor's annual Fashion Show and Tea and serves as moderator and helps with many other fund raising events and donation requests. In addition, Marti is an active volunteer at the Riverside Woman's Club. Through this association, Jurupa Parlor has gained new members who are also members of the Riverside Woman's Club. Since her husband served during the Vietnam War in nuclear submarines, she also became an Associate Member of his Submarine Veterans Organization.

Marti has a B.S. degree in Sociology from the University of California - Riverside, with a minor in Economics. Marti's experience in business includes 30 years as a Human Resources Manager in five major manufacturing companies that were based in Southern California. She is now retired but lends her Human Resources knowledge and experience as a volunteer.

Marti has the support of her husband, Brick, the rest of her extended family, and her many sisters in Native Daughters. The Members of Jurupa Parlor respectfully request your favorable consideration of Marti Noyes for election to the office of Grand Trustee.

P.D.F.A.
Melanie Vigil, President
Alison Eccleston,
Recording Secretary Pro-tem

Rae Rosas Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters,

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

She has been an active member of our Parlors for many years. She currently serves as Recording Secretary and 2nd Vice President in our Parlors. She has served as Supervising District Deputy Grand President and Deputy Grand President in our District. She has also served in the past on the Finance Committee, Investment Committee, State of the Order Committee, and several GPAM Committees. Rae has served for two years on the Ritual & Manual of Instruction State Committee.

She is employed by the City of Santa Barbara



Airport Department. Where she helps oversee the Airport Maintenance's budget, accounts payable, and work order system. In her spare time she enjoys reading and photography. She also helps out two other non-profit organizations "A Different Point of View" and the Coastal Band of Chumash Nation. For both non-profits she attends their functions or meetings. Rae has full support from her family and Parlor members.

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 and Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our member, Rae Rosas, as she seeks election to the office of Grand Trustee at GPAM 2017.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Toni Heppner, Parlor President
Anna Ortiz,
Recording Secretary, Pro Tem

Susan Collins Candidate for Grand Trustee

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg is pleased and honored to present their member Susan Collins for election to the office of Grand Trustee of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

She has been an active member of our Parlor for 13 years. She served three terms as President in 2008, 2009 and 2015. She served as Past President for two terms and as Supervising District Deputy Grand President and Deputy Grand President for three terms and is now serving as President of our Parlor. She has chaired many committees including History and Landmarks. She has been on the Lighthouse Preservation Committee for the last 4 years and was the Chairman of that committee last year.

Susan completed her education in Dental Assisting in 1979 at College of the Redwoods in Eureka and worked as an RDA for over 35 years, retiring in 2012. She has lived in Fort Bragg since 1982 moving here from her home town of Arcata. In 1984, she married her second husband, Joe. She has two daughters, a stepson and five grandchildren.



In her spare time, she costumes for two local theater groups, manages a costume facility, is active in the Holy Ghost community of Portuguese, and volunteers as a docent at the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse, and the Kelly House Museum. She serves as Vice President of the Mendocino Coast Hospital

Auxiliary Board, and is a longtime volunteer at the Fort Bragg Library. She is always willing to volunteer in the community for special events. She loves traveling with her beagle, Ginger, in her motor home searching out historical landmarks and parks.

Susan has enjoyed learning about the workings of NDGW and meeting many new Sisters during her first year on The Board of Directors. Susan has the full support of her family members and our members of Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Karen Horner, Recording Secretary
Edith Goble, President Pro-tem

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Optional Excursion

Medieval Times

DINNER & TOURNAMENT
7662 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, CA 90620
Jousting, horsemanship & falconry
Plus a 4-course, utensil-free meal served in a castle-like space

Tuesday night June 20, 2017

Cost: \$45 inclusive
(GREAT DEAL! General Admission is normally \$61.95)
Free Transportation via Hotel Shuttle Service

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PAWS FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN

2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Luncheon
Benefiting Native Daughters of the Golden West
CHILDRENS FOUNDATION

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at High Noon

Knott's BEARy Farm Hotel

Turkey Club Wrap: Smoked Turkey, Cream Cheese, Sun-dried Tomatoes,
Red Cabbage , Shredded Lettuce, Alfalfa Sprouts and Bacon Bits in
Spinach pressed Wrap
Served with Red Skinned Potato Salad and Garnished with Fresh Fruit
For Dessert, Carrot Cake

Cost \$ 25 — Ticket Required for Admission

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

Make your reservation on the GPAM Form

Eureka!!!

We Have Found It!

After 23 years

the Gold Dust Girls

have hit the Mother Lode!!!

Don't miss The Gold Dust Girls' Grand Finale !!!

In Honor of Grand Vice President Cynthia Connelly

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No .168, Chico

Entertainment provided by: The "CAN DO" Can Can Girls

Cynthia, Bonnie, Sherry, Karen, Marti, Janet, Dawn,
Renee, Nickie, Rae, Susan & Stephanie

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

6:00 pm Social; 7:00 pm Lasagna Dinner

G.P.A.M. Knotts Berry Farm Hotel, Rosamond II Hall

\$40.00 Inclusive, Costumes Encouraged!!!

Do you have an Original Gold Dust Girl Membership Card, Pin or Button?

You are **WANTED!!!**
by the Peanuts Gang
so...saddle up, put on yer boots and mosey over to the annual
Hicks from the Sticks Luncheon
For Food, Fun and Horsin' Around
Thursday, June 22, 2017
Knott's Berry Farm Hotel
Snoopy's Round Up: High Noon • Cost \$25
Grub: Cashew Chicken Salad...Tossed green salad with cucumbers,
tomato wedges and Julienne carrots, topped with delicious cashew
chicken salad and honey-orange dressing. Served with hot rolls and
butter. Iced tea, hot tea or coffee and devil's food cake.
(Vegetarian option available)
RSVP by May 30th on GPAM Form
Costumes encouraged! Be creative! Dress in western ware or
as your favorite Peanuts character or both. Prizes awarded!!!

History and Landmarks

Do you love the history and landmarks of California? Would you like to tell Grand President Sherry Farley about either the history of something in your area or a landmark that is dear to your heart?
Grab a pen, pencil or computer and write about your favorite historical event or landmark. Rules are simple:
1. One page only, handwritten or typed.
2. Love what you are writing about!
3. Select a topic that is interesting and perhaps unique.
4. Do this now so you don't forget or by May 1, 2017
Grand President Sherry will recognize all who participate during her Grand Parlor. This is not an English assignment, write from the heart and show us another view of our beautiful California.
Please email your entry (or if you have questions) to cameliachurchlady@hotmail.com or by mail to Camelia Robles, PGP, St. Chairman History and Landmarks,
7222 Washington Ave., Apt. T, Whittier, California 90602
Include your name, parlor name and number, address, phone and year you joined NDGW.

Stephanie Kerr Candidate for Grand Trustee

Oakdale Parlor No. 125 is pleased and honored to present our Member, Stephanie Kerr, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2017 at Knott's Berry Farm.

Stephanie has been an active member of Oakdale Parlor since early 2009. She has held the positions of Second Vice President, First Vice President, President, for two years, and Recording Secretary for two years. She currently holds the position of Past President. One of her projects as President was to create and post signs of the Native Daughters of the Golden West on the signboards at the four entrances to Oakdale. She also instituted an "Adopt-a-Poll" program in which Oakdale Parlor is in charge of a precinct on Election Day.

The participating members receive a stipend which they donate to the Parlor. She has served on various parlor committees, and is currently serving on the Nomination of Officers Committee, Americanism and Civic Participation Committee, the Publicity Committee, and Newsletter Committee. She creates the roster and calendar booklet for the Parlor each year. Stephanie is currently serving as the Deputy



Grand President for Joaquin Parlor No. 5 in Stockton. At the Grand Parlor level, Stephanie serves on the Veterans Welfare Committee.

Stephanie was employed by Monterey County for 33 years. For the last 27 of those years, she was in charge of the Fraud and Administrative Hearings Division of the Department of Social Services. She also owned a Baskin Robbins Franchise. She now volunteers as a Hearing Officer for the City of Modesto, conducting code violation, cost recovery, and water violation hearings and she volunteers at Railtown 1897 in Jamestown.

After a year as the Grand Outside Sentinel, Stephanie is eager to advance in order to learn more about the inner workings of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and to gain value and knowledge.

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

We would appreciate your vote for Stephanie.
Sincerely and fraternally,
Donna Bryant, President
Jeanne Meil, Secretary

Marjorie McKisson Candidate for Grand Inside Sentinel

Dear Sisters,

Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento is honored to present our member Marjorie McKisson as a candidate for the Office of Grand Inside Sentinel at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Buena Park.

A proud Native Daughter since June 1978, Marjorie is inspired by our history and our members. After completing college, Marjorie began serving in various positions within her Parlor. She served as Outside Sentinel, Trustee, Recording Secretary and as Parlor President in 1985 and 1986, then as Past President before being called upon to serve as Deputy Grand President. Marjorie served on district committees for the Childrens Foundation Luncheon and for Joint Official Visits. A career with the State of California took her to the San Francisco Bay Area before she resumed more duties in Sacramento.

Marjorie currently serves as Recording Secretary, Deputy Grand President and (on the



Home Committee) as State Chair of the Pioneer Roster and Native Daughters of the Golden West Archives Subcommittee. She is part of the team ensuring the Home is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis for the past two terms. Marjorie is serving her Parlor as Delegate to Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2017.

After thirty-three years in public service, Marjorie recently retired from the State of California Department of Health Care Services.

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

Sincerely and Fraternally in P.D.F.A.,
Melanie Conover, President
Valerie Eller-Baxter,
Recording Secretary Pro Tem
Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento



You are cordially invited
to celebrate the Discovery of Gold at our

Gold Rush Gala

to be held during the 2017 Grand Parlor
of the Native Daughters of the Golden West

Thursday Evening the 22nd day of June

Social Gathering at 6:30 p.m. and Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Knott's Berry Farm Hotel Resort

Join your friends and invite family and friends to attend this fun,
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Featuring Mrs. Knott's Famous Chicken

There will be music, passport awards presented,
Line Dancing, Favors and a Secret Gift for Everyone!!!

Tariff per person \$45.00 — Paper Banknote Accepted

Evening Gold & Back Attire or Dressy Western
Recognition for Authentic Gold Rush Era style Clothing



Saddle up for a Rootin' Tootin' Good Time and Help our Homestead Flourish

The N.D.G.W. Home Committee
Cordially invites you to attend a Luncheon in honor of
the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

Home on the Range

Friday, June 23, 2017

Knott's Berry Farm Hotel
\$25.00 Per Person
Menu: "Hearty-Hoagie Sandwiches" served with all the Fixins'
Honey Baked Ham, Genoa Salami, Smoked Turkey, American & Swiss Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato on a
Hoagie Roll served with Tortellini Salad with Fresh Basil and Boysenberry Mousse Cake & Beverage
(Vegetarian Option Available)
RSVP Must be received by May 30th on the GPAM Form



Western Wear Encouraged
All Raffle proceeds
to benefit our N.D.G.W. Home

GPAM 2017 Meal and Event Reservation Form

Please complete the form — one line per attendee, include check for total amount of all meals made payable to 2017 GPAM Committee.
Mail to Joan M. Hall, PGP, 3511 E. Caldwell Avenue, Visalia CA 93291 no later than May 30, 2017. Additional formns may be copied as needed.

| Name and Contact | | | | | | | | | | Total \$ |
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| Name/Phone and/or e-mail (Please indicate below your name any vegetarian or allergy-specific requirements.) | Parlor No. | Opening Reception \$1 | Charitable Foundation Luncheon Noon \$26 | Childrens Foundation Luncheon Noon \$25 | Gold Dust Girls Night Out \$40 | Hicks from the Sticks Luncheon \$25 | Banquet \$45 | Home Luncheon Noon \$25 | Special Tuesday Night Event: Medieval Times \$45 | Total Amount per Person Enclosed |
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| Workshops (No Charge. You can choose between one and four.) Monday, June 19, 2017 Name | Parlor No. | Make & Take Yearbook Page Morning Session | | Website Navigation and GP Support Morning Session | | Fun in FUNDRAISING Afternoon Session | | Membership & Marketiing Afternoon Session | | Total Amount |
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Vallejo Parlor No. 195

SUBMITTED BY FRAN BREMER, NDGW BOOKKEEPER

This term, six young ladies have been initiated into Vallejo Parlor No. 195. They are the five granddaughters of NDGW Bookkeeper Fran Bremer and their lifelong friend (Stefanie Baraza, not pictured). Welcoming the next generation, are Fran’s four daughters who are ten-year members of the Parlor. Standing are the granddaughters: Heidi Matejka Tank, Kiersti Matejka, Naomi Murray, Addi Murray Peterson and Christi Bremer. Middle row: Robbi Porter and Kelli Bremer. Front row: Fran Bremer, Terri Murray and Jacki Matejka. If you’re counting, that’s ten lovely ladies and three generations of Native Daughters!

Shamrock Parlor No. 2017

WRITTEN BY ANN HESTAND

On March 17th, an Official Visit was held for Grand President Sherry Farley. In conjunction with Junipero Parlor No. 141, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 held the festive event at Seaclyff Inn in Aptos. More than seventy members and guests accepted the invitation to welcome the Grand President with a St. Patrick’s Day luncheon. With a dispensation granted by Bishop Garcia of Monterey Diocese, all the guests were able to enjoy the Friday afternoon buffet lunch, including the traditional St. Patrick’s Day fare

of corned beef and cabbage. Grand President Sherry honored each member present with a Certificate of Appreciation for membership, and she herself was gifted with donations for her special project, a beautiful, carved wooden plaque of the state of California and a gift bag of local delicacies, including olive oil, wine, apple cider, soaps, candles, jam, and sausages. Since the day was also the 129th Anniversary of the founding of Santa Cruz Parlor, there was also a display of historical artifacts and photographs.



Left to right, Santa Cruz Parlor members Denise McMillan, Florence Perry, and Barbara Miller.

Forrest Parlor Holds Annual Art Contest

WRITTEN BY DEBBIE COWAN

Forrest Parlor No. 86 of Plymouth held the annual art contest at our March Parlor meeting. This year we had a total of 18 pieces of artwork all from Argonaut High School, Jackson, Amador County. Besides their fabulous artwork, each student was required to write a brief essay explaining their piece and how it related to California. We give many thanks to instructor Suzanne Smith for encouraging her students in this endeavor. Winners this year were: First place: Airon Teope, Watercolor of Yosemite, Second Place: Melissa Blanco, Painting of Yosemite Park, Third Place: Gennavie Fletcher, Water color and pen of “Ione Sunset” and Honorable Mention Gabriella Flores, Collage of “The Things We’ve Witnessed”.



Left to right, Debbie Cowan, Forrest Parlor No. 86 Student Art Contest Chair, 3rd Place Winner Gennavie Fletcher, 2nd Place Winner Melissa Blanco, 1st Place Winner Airon Teope, and Art Teacher Suzanne Smith.

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Berendos Parlor No. 23

SUBMITTED BY BONNIE LOVE, PARLOR PRESIDENT

Berendos Parlor No. 23 of Red Bluff recently donated a new Samsung washing machine to the PATH Sale House for women and their children. Laundry detergent was donated by The Home Depot. Pictured posing with the donated items are Carol Mieske, Kathy Si-bert, and Bonnie Love of Berendos Parlor No. 23 and Jennifer Ragsdale and Debbie Bowen, managers of the PATH Sale House.

The PATH (Poor and the Home-less) Sale House opened its doors in January 2010. The house is a sober living transitional home that serves homeless single women and moms with children. The Sale House staff includes a case manager that assists and supports each client in setting and achieving goals that will lead to self-sufficiency. There is also an on-site house mom that lives at the Sale House. The house can hold a total of 15 individuals: this number includes all women, children, and the house monitor. Each client has the opportunity to participate in the PATH Sale House transitional living program for up to two years.



Congratulations!

GPAM 2018 held the drawing for a week at GPAM 2017 during the March 9, 2017 regular meeting of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168. First place of 5 nights room and all sponsored meals was won by Maxine Peters of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168. Second place, 5 nights room, goes to Grand Marshal Karen H. Fini of Fresno Parlor No. 187. Third place, all sponsored meals, goes to PGP Suzi Riley of Bonita Parlor No. 10. GPAM 2018 is very grateful for the support from all our Sisters throughout the State. We look forward to next year. Look for the GPAM 2018 table at GPAM 2017’s Marketplace and get a jump on your opportunity to win your room and/or sponsored meals for GPAM 2018 in Sacramento.

Childrens Foundation In Action!

SUBMITTED BY PGP CAMELIA ROBLES

The Childrens Foundation Committee recently was given a request from the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Whittier, California. The Committee has approved part of their requests, which will directly have an impact with the little babies that may be born too early or happen to be born with any serious health issues.

What is a NICU? It is a nursery within a hospital that has the capability of providing a full range of neonatal care services for severely ill newborns and infants.

At PIH Health Hospital, Whittier, the NICU is equipped to handle a wide range of difficulties. Even newborn infants born at 23 weeks or with extremely low birth weight of 480g (about one pound) or who have severe or complex illnesses, can be treated there successfully without the necessity of a transfer to another facility. This NICU Unit, is a level IIIB NICU, which means that they treat newborns who require intensive neonatology medical oversight with highly skilled nursing and respiratory care staff, advanced respiratory support and physiologic monitoring equipment, laboratory and imaging facilities, nutrition and pharmacy support.

One of their requests was for a microwave. This microwave will be dedicated for use by mothers who stay during the day and pump their breast milk to be used later by their baby. These moms use the hospital grade pumps while visiting their babies, and are encouraged to pump while near their babies, but they would normally only be able to pump once while at the hospital, as they would have to sterilize their pump kits when they returned home. The microwave allows them to sterilize their

pump kit equipment as often as necessary while at the hospital.

The donation of the microwave took place recently when our Grand President Sherry Farley and Childrens Foundation State Chairman, Dorothy Rogers and some of her committee members were in the Los Angeles area for the Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon. They also were taken on a tour of the NICU Unit, and were greeted by staff members, one of the dietitians, nurses and doctors that take care of these very special babies. They were delighted with our donation and were grateful for the interest that the Childrens Foundation has in their NICU Unit.

PIH Health Hospital is a non-profit hospital, and donations are received through their PIH Foundation, Whittier, California, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.

In the future, more stories from the Childrens Foundation will be published in the California Star, so the members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West may know of the varied cases we help fund. You will also learn more of what is happening at the PIH Health Hospital, Whittier, NICU Unit and in what ways we are helping the little babies who need so much help to get strong and leave the hospital.

It is hoped that you as members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and the many friends we have who help support the Childrens Foundation, will understand how much the Children of California and their families need our help. As always, we are grateful to all our donors and for the support we receive from so many in order to help the Children of California.



Cotati Parlor No.299 Honors 50-Year Member

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA RAMIREZ

Cotati Parlor No. 299 President Pam Johnston presented our 50-year member, Ellen Gayhart, with a 50-year medallion and membership ribbon. Ellen joined Native Daughters on December 1, 1966. Ellen shared some of her memories of Native Daughters with her most special memory being when she pounded the gavel to open the 1967 Grand Parlor meeting in Santa Rosa. She had a run in her Hanes nylons and had to quickly buy a new pair at Kress five and dime store. Ellen also has the unique distinction of being the last baby adopted from the Native Daughters Adoption Agency.



Hayward Parlor No. 122 Joins Their Community In Honoring Vietnam Veterans

SUBMITTED BY DOLORES M. FERENZ, SRPAST GRAND PRESIDENT

On January 28, 2017, approximately 200 persons attended the first of two ceremonies honoring Veterans who served during the Vietnam war period of November 1955 to May 1975 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Hayward. In the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act the Department of Defense

late husband Jack Bouterious, for his service in the Navy and Sr.PGP Dolores Ferenz, in honor of her late husband Jim Ferenz who served in the Army. The Mayor of Hayward, two City Council members and the Acting Police Chief were all in attendance. The guest speaker was Major General Rob Ostenberg, U.S. Army Retired.



The first event was so successful that a second one was scheduled for April 1st with another 200 persons in attendance. That day the Parlor's newest member, Linda Pearson, received the proclamation and commemorative pin in behalf of her late father who had served during Vietnam.

The program stated "A grateful nation thanks and honors you." An explanation of the design of the commemorative pin as well as the commemorative flag used in the ceremonies was in the program with the words SERVICE, VALOR, and SACRIFICE displayed. Please remember, when you meet an active duty military person or a retired one, we can continue to honor all these brave Americans by saying, "Thank you for your service."

program authorized a Commemoration of the U.S. Vietnam War. The purpose was to extend a long overdue thanks and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the U.S. as well as thank and honor the families of these veterans. The Veteran did not have to serve in Vietnam, but only in the military during the time proclaimed the "war period".

Eden Parlor No. 113 NSGW served lunch to the attendees with Hayward Parlor No. 122 NDGW providing dessert and floral table decorations of red, white, and blue carnations with American Flags.

Proclamations were distributed to the Veterans or their surviving family members signed by President Barack Obama as well as specially designed commemorative pins. Those receiving these awards were summoned by the playing of the music for their respective branch of service. Among those receiving awards that day were Hayward Parlor members, First Vice President Barbara Bouterious, in behalf of her



A Gorgeous Day on the Bay!



These lovely ladies from San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 are enjoying opening day at AT&T Park! From left to right, Elza Paul, PGP Sharon M. Johnston, Roberta Paul, and GIS Janet Somavia.

GPAM 2019 Fundraiser Save The Date — October 22, 2017

GPAM 2019 is hosting a fundraiser on October 22, 2017 at the Double T Western Village in Stevenson, California. It will be an old-fashioned picnic — with lots of fun, and surprises — please mark your calendars now and plan on joining the rootin' tootin' western fun. Watch the mail and the *Star* for further info.

Dedication & Marking: Teale – Lehman House Lake Skinner, Riverside County

SUBMITTED BY GS MARTI NOYES, JURUPA PARLOR NO. 296

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, a special dedication and marking was conducted at Lake Skinner for the Teale – Lehman House built in 1895 at Whittier Place in Riverside and then moved to Lake Skinner (near Hemet/Temecula) in 1977 to be part of a Victorian village. Those plans fell through, but the house became the office for the Park Rangers at the Riverside County Regional Park. Jurupa Parlor No. 296 - Riverside and Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 - Hemet shared the costs for the granite marker that was placed at the house. Our thanks to PGP Camelia Robles, Chairman of the California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings, for her assistance in this project. The park rangers built the beautiful wooden display holder for the marker in front of the house. After the granite marker was delivered to the site by Native Daughters, the rangers installed it in the display and covered the marker until the official unveiling by Grand President Sherry Farley on the afternoon of February 1, 2017. The NDGW Dedication Ceremony was conducted by members of Jurupa Parlor No. 296 – Sue Anderson, Susie Buchko, Marti Noyes, and Melanie Vigil. Narsis Williams was in attendance representing Tahquitz Parlor No. 333

Our thanks to Nancy Cox from the Riverside Historical Society for providing the background information on the house and help with the marking. Nancy was close friends with the sisters (Lehman), from the last family occupants of the house before the move to Lake Skinner. Teale was the name of the first family to occupy the house and thus the name Teale - Lehman House.

The weather was beautiful that day and about twenty-five Native Daughter Sisters and friends were able to attend the dedication and marking. Then after light refreshments and tours of the Teale – Lehman House, the NDGW group traveled one hour back to Riverside for the Joint Official Visit and taco bar dinner that evening at the Riverside Woman's Club. The three Parlors of District 28 that participated in the Joint Official Visit were Lugonia Parlor No. 241 — San Bernardino, Jurupa Parlor No. 296 – Riverside, and Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 — Hemet. Special thanks to the many sisters from Grace Parlor No. 242 — Fullerton, who attended in support of Sister Parlor Member and Grand President Sherry Farley. Thank you also to PGP Marie Otto and PGP Beth Perrin for their attendance and participation.



In front of Marker with Teale – Lehman House in background at Regional Park at Lake Skinner. GP Sherry Farley, Narsis Williams, GS Marti Noyes, Sue Anderson, Melanie Vigil and Susie Buchko.

Join Us on The Trail!

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE TRIPOD, SDDGP, DISTRICT 17

On Saturday March 4, 2017, District 17 (Angelita No. 32, Hayward No. 122, Encinal No. 156, and Argonaut No. 166) held its annual luncheon at Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too in Dublin to benefit the CFIC Committee, Mission Restoration, California Lighthouse, Veterans and the Essay Contest. Sixty members and guests attended this luncheon and heard from the various State Chairman about their committees.

Our Grand President Sherry Farley of Grace Parlor No. 242 was present to enjoy our theme and had the opportunity to explain the many excellent events our Committees have participated in this year. The Native Daughters need to be recognized in our communities and State for the many wonderful things that we do.

Each year District 17 sponsors a luncheon to benefit a variety of Native Daughter committees. We look forward to seeing what 2018 brings!



Planning for the Future

SUBMITTED BY CAMELIA ROBLES, P.G.P.

As we all know, we lose so many of our dear Sisters due to death. Losing a Member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West brings great sadness to their family and to their NDGW Sisters.

In speaking to other Members recently upon hearing of a long-time Member's passing, they were surprised to learn that the Member did not want a Native Daughter funeral. This decision was related, by the Member, to her daughter. We all understand that the wishes of our Members are of the utmost importance, and while we have no right to question the decision, others of course do.

To make sure that the wishes of our Members are followed, perhaps each Parlor could establish a way to keep track of such information. Perhaps in the dues book, it could be written "NDGW Funeral Requested" or "No NDGW Funeral", and the date. In this way, no one has to speculate about what a member might want done. Sometimes families are not even aware that we have such a service, and they might not know the answer when they are asked.

It is not a question that can be asked as a new Member is initiated, as they really would not know about the Funeral Service unless they had been in attendance and witnessed one for themselves. Our Parlor has actually attracted new members through our Funeral Service, as most of our members make sure it's known they want the service. Perhaps a small brochure could be included in the "Welcoming

Book" that has information that is given to new members. This is just a thought.

Another thing that we should consider is thinking of sharing our Native Daughter Jewelry and other Native Daughter items with our Members to enjoy and use. New Members may not have anything but their membership pin, but look around and see so many decked out with various types of Native Daughter jewelry that they would love to have, and are now no longer available. Don't let items sit in your drawer when someone else can enjoy them. Either gift them to others, or sell to members and consider adding to your Parlor treasury or donating to one of our many projects of the Order.

It is very frustrating and sad, to see our beautiful items on eBay and other social media sites, being sold to collectors. Native Daughters of the Golden West are the best collectors, they are your Sisters and Brothers, and what a kindness to share and see someone enjoying the many items you may have accumulated and are now sitting lonely alone in a drawer, never going to meetings and other functions!

Many of us have lovely older pieces, especially of jewelry, because someone was kind enough to share. Could you be the next kind member to share with another and bring happiness to them? Share the story of how you acquired a particular item, and become a "story teller" sharing the history of small items that are so very important to our members and the Order. Just something to think about.

Jessie Jane's Dress and More

WRITTEN BY JANE FLEMING TAHTI, PLACER PARLOR NO. 138

My grandmother, Jessie Jane Dillian, was a collector, an informal collector, a local collector. She didn't search antique shops for collectables. In fact, she was an "indigenous" collector. She just kept hold of local odds and ends that came her way, and stored them in an old set of dresser drawers and an old cedar trunk, both of which sat in the tiny shed at the corner of her back yard.

Entering that little shed was an adventure, an informal, charming journey into my grandmother's very local, very collectable life. The shelves on the north side of the little room were filled with colorful jars of canned fruits and jams, and a few stacks of red and green 16-gauge and 12-gauge shotgun shells.

But it was the dresser and the trunk that led us back to her collectable journeys through life.

Opening a drawer could result in a stack of colorful, pre-cut/pre-sewn cloth squares, all set up for whoever in the future might decide to make a quilt out of familiar pieces of our family's leftover blouses and dresses, shirts and skirts.

Carefully set in the top drawer, a small leather album displayed the cards and stamps she collected. The album's variety ranged from portraits of czars, kings and queens, to famous American buildings, to candy ads, railroad ads, dog breeds, collections of cathedrals, Indians, naval battles, silent movie stars, and on and on. All glued so carefully in the black-paged album.



Charming old magazine covers were stacked in the bottom of grandmother's trunk. A wooden box held a treasure trove of beautifully illustrated cards, cards which were included in the pounds of coffee she ordered over the years. Another album was filled with Victorian greeting cards. Also, there were her two lovely autograph books, with signatures and messages from youthful friends, many of whose

last names reflect Lincoln's history and early pioneer families.

Finally, carefully folded in the cedar trunk, there emerged a bright yellow and black dress. It is here, in this dress, that my grandmother's personality is delightfully displayed: She was a seamstress - who collected. It also helped that her husband, Frank Dillian, owned Dillian's Saloon, which turned into a gold mine of discarded General Gomez cigar box ribbons.

I'm not sure how surprised Jessie Jane would be if she could be told that her playful cigar ribbon dress has become relatively famous, appearing in various news items, magazine articles, featured on Antique's Road Show, and charmingly displayed in the Lincoln Area Archives and Museum.

Perhaps she wouldn't be so surprised, since it is all so local. Her dress is displayed in a museum one block from her home, a half a block from her little shed, one block from her husband's saloon. The museum, the dress, the saloon, her home, the little shed, it is all so homemade and indigenous.

Indigenous: Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place.

Yes, that exactly describes our Museum.

And it exactly describes Jessie Jane's Cigar Box Ribbon dress.

Toiletries For Our Troops

SUBMITTED BY BEV PIERCE,
VENDOME PARLOR NO. 100

As volunteers for Operation Interdependence, we collect toiletries to send to our troops. As I have done in the past, I will have a basket for the toiletries that you do not need at Grand Parlor and we will make sure to send them.

Also, if you would like to write a letter to send, we would appreciate it. Thank You.

Poppies Galore

SUBMITTED BY MARGIE TREANOR

Vivid poppy tiles painted in oranges, yellows, and reds and then glazed, adorn the base of the flag pole in Bob Hart Square in downtown Merced. Veritas No. 75 members were just a small part of the many groups who helped with the glazing for this beautiful project. The poppies will soon wrap around the complete base of the flag pole. Monika Modest the artist for this project also designed the beautiful tiles for the G Street railroad undercrossing which is another beautiful attraction.

We Veritas Parlor Members are very proud of this Poppy project and money donated to paint will be split between two local organizations — The Valley Crisis Center and the Merced Rescue Mission's Room at the Inn. Members are hoping to pick out which poppy we did, but they are all so wonderful and brightly colored who can choose?

Native Daughters of the Golden West South Butte Parlor No. 226

SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN, PRESIDENT/PUBLICITY

South Butte Parlor No. 226 has been busy these past few months trying to keep dry due to the rains and surviving the evacuation of our community due to the Oroville Dam issue. Many members came to our Hall in Sutter for safety during this time.

Our annual bean feed was rescheduled to March and was a huge success. Yummy food was served. It was a fun evening with much socializing, meeting new friends, and a raffle



So. Butte Parlor No. 226 Annual Bean Feed March 25, 2017.



to boot. Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild donated a lap quilt for a Door prize. We supported our Veterans through Tri Counties Blue Star Moms. Also, plans for an upcoming yard sale are in the works to help us with our other projects.

A So. Butte Parlor No. 226 frequent guest, seems this peacock loves to hang out on the roof of the Native Daughters Hall in Sutter. He certainly causes havoc at times.

History Days at the Old Mint

WRITTEN BY SHARON LOGAN, FROM THE APRIL-JUNE GOLDEN GEMS NEWSLETTER

Native Daughters of the Golden West recently participated in a two-day event held at the Old Mint in San Francisco. It has been held for approximately five years now, each March, to allow non-profit groups who specialize in historical activities, to collectively meet the public and show off what they do as an organization. PGP Linda Galassi and PGP Sharon Logan have chaired this event for a number of years to help get information about Native Daughters out to the public. It's a fun and exciting weekend of talking about our Order to people from all over the State.

As in past years, we were joined by San Jose Parlor Treasurer Jeannie Gregorio, a number of Grand Officers, and other Native Daughters who helped with talking to over 6,000 visitors who came through the Old Mint during the event. They helped to distribute information to the general public, showed them the exhibit of NDGW memorabilia, and talked to possible new members. This year we added on a day to meet and help educate school children in 2nd to 4th grades, about California. Being a great way to see Native Daughters in action, this event was a fantastic Public Relations boost for the Order.



Celebrate Summer Time

Friends of the NDGW Home Present An Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social
Including Lunch & Carnival Games • Bring the kids and be a kid too!

Sunday, July 23, 2017 1 pm - 4 pm

At Ashland Holy Ghost Hall, 16490 Kent Avenue, San Lorenzo, CA
Carnival Games & Bingo \$0.50 a play • Opportunity Drawing 6 tickets for \$5.00 donation.
Pulled Pork Sandwiches with sides & Ice Cream Sunday **\$10.00 per person.**
Silent Auction • Donations gladly accepted.
RSVP preferred for food count. Lunch and game tickets available at the door!
Cut and Return with your reservation count

Name _____

Parlor Name and Number _____

To reserve, please identify below how many Lunch & Ice Cream Sundae \$10
and how many Ice Cream Sundae Only \$4

Total Number of Lunch & Ice Cream Sundae _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail reservation payment by Monday July 17, 2017 to:
Annette Hansen, Chairman, 15674 Von Sosten Rd., Tracy, CA 95304, (209) 835-3851
or RSVP with head count and pay at the door to: *DonnerParlor193@yahoo.com*

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.

Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

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

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

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



Submitted by: PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Facebook Manager www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor

Native Daughters of the Golden West — Mission Statement:

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

Itinerary of Grand President Sherry A. Farley 2016 – 2017

APRIL

- 21, 22 Past Presidents General Assembly — Yuba City
- 23 Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast — Petaluma
- 24 Official Visit — El Tejon No. 239 — Bakersfield
- 28 Arbor Day
- 28 Finance Meeting 1:00 PM, San Francisco
- 28, 29 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Joint Meeting

MAY

- 1 Official Visit — Oakdale Parlor No. 125 — Oakdale
- 5 CFIC Meeting — 9 AM, San Mateo
- 5 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM, San Francisco
- 6 Official Visit — Sutters Mill No. 336 — Coloma
- 7 District 11 — Childrens Foundation Brunch — Marin/Sonoma
- 11 Official Visit — Fort Bragg No. 210 — Fort Bragg
- 12 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 1 PM, San Francisco
- 13 Official Visit — Donner No. 193 — Byron
- 14 Happy Mother’s Day
- 15-18 NSGW Grand Parlor —Monterey
- 20 Official Visit — District 20 — San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100, Gilroy No. 312 Gilroy

- 28 Chapel of the Chimes
- 29 Memorial Day — Fly Your Flag!

JUNE

- 3 Homecoming & Official Visit — Grace No. 242 — Orange — **90th Anniversary**
- 14 Flag Day — Fly Your Flag!
- 18 Happy Father’s Day!
- 18 Grand Officers Meeting—Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park
- 18 Grand Officers Dinner
- 19-23 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting — Knott’s Berry Farm, Buena Park
- 19 Marketplace, Seminars & Opening Reception
- 20 Opening Session — Memorial Service — CFIC Luncheon
- 21 Business Session — Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Gold Dust Girls Dinner
- 22 Business Session — Native Sons Visitation — Hicks from the Sticks Luncheon — Banquet
- 23 Business Session — NDGW Home Luncheon
- 23 Installation of Grand Officers



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Itinerary of Grand President 2017 – 2018

JULY

- 1 Childrens Foundation Committee, NDGW Board Room
NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 2 NDGW Charitable Foundation Inc., Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 4 Happy 4th of July!
- 8 Sloat Landing Re-enactment — Monterey
- 9 Pre-Fiesta Tea — Santa Barbara
- 15 Investment Committee, NDGW Board Room
Finance Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 16 Veterans’ Picnic — Yountville
- 23 Ice Cream Social hosted by Donner Parlor No. 193
- 29 Honeyrun Bridge Re-dedication — Chico

AUGUST

- 1-4 Old Spanish Days — Santa Barbara
- 5 NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 12 Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 Home Luncheon, Visalia*
GPAM 2018 Sessions Meeting, Sacramento
- 19 Official Visit District 27 — Poppy Trail No. 266 (H), La Tijera No. 282, and Rancho La Puente No. 331
- 25 Personnel Meeting, NDGW Board Room
- 25-27 Board of Directors Meeting, NDGW Board Room

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Gold Rush Days — Sacramento
- 2 Childrens Foundation Committee, NDGW Board Room
NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 3 Official Visit Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190 — Oroville
- 8 -10 NDGW/NSGW Admission Day Celebration, San Francisco and East Bay

- 16 GPAM 2018 Sessions Committee, Sacramento
- 19 Official Visit District 10 — Marguerite Parlor No. 12 (H) and Sutter’s Mill Parlor No. 336 — Coloma State Park
- 23 Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Fall Tea — Stockton
- 30 District 13 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Sacramento

OCTOBER

- 3 Official Visit District 8 — Laurel Parlor No. 6, Manzanita Parlor No. 29 (H), and Naomi Parlor No. 6 — Grass Valley
- 7 NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 8 Official Visit Distrct 12 — Eschol Parlor no. 16, Calistoga Parlor No, 145 (H), Vallejo Parlor No. 195, La Junta Parlor No. 203, George C. Yount Parlor No. 322, and Lupuyoma Parlor No. 329 — Calistoga
- 9 Official Visit South Butte Parlor No. 226 — Sutter
- 10 Official Visit Joaquin Parlor No. 5 — Stockton
- 14 San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Mission Restoration Luncheon — San Juan Bautista*
Investment Committee, NDGW Board Room
Finance Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 15 NDGW Charitable Foundation Inc., Committee, NDGW Board Room
- 19 Official Visit District 3 — Berendos Parlor No. 23 (H) and Hiawatha Parlor No. 140 — Red Bluff
- 21 Midstate Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Bakersfield
- 22 GPAM 2019 Fundraising Luncheon — Fresno
- 26 Official Visit District 26 — Placerita Parlor No.277 and Toluca Parlor No. 279 (H) — Reseda
- 27-28 Grand Officers’ and Past Grand Presidents’ Retreat — Madera
- 29 Donner Parlor No. 193 Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 31 Happy Halloween!