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Grand President Susan Collins Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg

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I am honored to be standing here tonight as your Grand President. The last four years have been a wild ride on the fast track, but I am here now and I am ready to serve the Order to the best of my ability, with help from each of you.

The past year has been difficult to navigate with all the restrictions and we have had to learn to adapt to new ways of doing things. Many of you were able to adjust and keep the Order active. We will have new opportunities in the coming term. I hope you all will continue to learn and adjust to the new procedures.

I greatly appreciate all the work that is performed by the Members and their Parlors, and I hope to encourage you to go out into your communities and spread the word that the Native Daughters of the Golden West is here to stay. I want you to talk up Native Daughters of the Golden West wherever you go. Let's hope to see more new Member initiations and current Members taking a renewed interest to help our Parlors thrive. This can all be accomplished if we as individuals show we care.

My Symbol for the year is, The Lighthouse, and it represents a beacon of light lighting the way to a brighter future. Let us shine that light and make our Order more visible.

As my Itinerary shows I will be visiting Districts and Parlors in each region of our Great State. It is my hope to spend time absorbing the local history and culture of each Parlor and your special areas.

I encourage Parlors to use the Concise Meeting Script and for Officers to become familiar with the Manual of Instruction. Deputy Grand Presidents, please help the Parlor Officers when they have questions, always using consideration, and compassion for those not familiar with our Rituals.



My hope is to build a stronger membership that includes all ages and in particular younger members. I ask each member to reach out to your friends and, in a positive way, tell them about Native Daughters of the Golden West.

What is the value of your membership? Dr. Marianna Bartola valued her membership in Native Daughters of the Golden West to such a point that she dedicated 47 years of her life to serve as the State Chairman of the N.D.G.W. Home Committee. Sally Thayer gave 50 years serving as Grand Secretary as well as a Grand Officer. Past Grand President Emma Gerber Foley bequeathed property that she owned in Marin County, the sale of which allowed Native Daughters of the Golden West to build an annex onto the Home, which is now known as the Grand Parlor Office. Please look into your hearts and ask yourself how you can be of value to the Order? Ask yourself what you are willing to contribute to your Parlor and to our beloved Order, in your time, as well as financially, to make us prosper.

Meet Grand President Susan Collins

SUBMITTED BY SUZI RILEY, PGP

Q: When did you join the Order?

GP Susan: I became a Member of our Order 22 years ago on my 50th Birthday! Edith Goble walked up to me one day while I was working on Main Street in Fort Bragg, where we both live and she asked me if I had heard of the Native Daughters and if I would like to join. I explained that I had heard of Native Daughters as my Aunt Ameda and my cousin Helen were both Members. The rest is history, so they say and look at me now!!

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

GP Susan: For me, the friendships I have formed with my many Sisters over the years and of course the wonderful work to preserve California history. Oh yes, and I adore lighthouses too!

Q: What do you enjoy most about California?

GP Susan: I really love being a California Native! I really enjoy the magnificent Redwoods and of course visiting our beautiful California coastline too. I am also very excited to be visiting new areas of our golden state I

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Front row from left: Jr. PGP Suzanne Renee Chandler, GP Susan Collins, GVP Nina Coffenberry. Row two from left: GIS Barbara Bruce, GOS Renee Rianda, GS Billie McArthur, GT Juanita Case, GT Fran Bremer, GT Shelley Buchberger, GM Rae Rosas. Not pictured: GT Viola Gene Dana

As a Project for my term, I have chosen to enhance the Foley Wing. You may not be familiar with what the Foley Wing is. It is the annex building that houses our Grand Parlor Office, which includes the Bookkeeper's Office and the Boardroom. This is where the day-to-day business of Native Daughters takes place. It stands at 543 Baker Street in San Francisco.

The property that the Foley Wing stands on was purchased in 1938. The Victorian Home that stood there was rented to support the Home during World War II. Eventually the building was demolished, and the space used as a patio until the 1960s. In 1960, a property in Marin which was bequeathed to Native Daughters by Past Grand President Emma Gruber Foley was sold and the funds were earmarked to build a wing or Annex to the Home to be used as a manager's office and recreational area. Building began in 1963.

My monthly letters will include more history of this wing. The Foley Wing continues to serve us well, but like any building, over time is now in need of upgrades and repairs and I will be raising money for this project. I hope that you will join me in this effort.

Once again, I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve you. Let's all work together and make this Organization the best it can be. Thank you for your support and for joining me as we begin a new term. Stay safe and healthy.

Grand President's Special Project — The Foley Wing

SUBMITTED BY GRAND PRESIDENT SUSAN COLLINS

I have chosen the Foley Wing as my special project for this term. The Foley Wing is where the business of Native Daughters of the Golden West take place. It houses the Bookkeeper's Office, the Grand Parlor Support Assistant's desk and the board room. This is where you will find the card catalog the hold the membership card of all members, past and present. This space is the "hub" of our Grand Parlor Office, and in great need of some repairs and upgrades. I would like my Special Project to contribute fund to make these needed repairs and renovations.

A little history about the Foley Wing. In 1930 the residence adjoining the Home was purchased and was rented for many years to supplement the income of the Home. PGP Emma G. Foley served as the secretary of the N.D.G.W. Home Committee for twenty-three years. When she died in 1945, she left her property in Marin County to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home Committee. Her original intent was to provide a summer residence for the members of the

Order, who resided at the Home. This plan did not prove feasible; therefore, the property was rented and the income deposited in the Emma G. Foley Estate Fund.

At the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in 1959 it was recommended, not without controversy, that the property in Marin Count be sold and the funds used to construct a building to be known as the Emma G. Foley Wing on the site adjacent to the Home. The recommendation was passed and the funds continued to grow. Ground breaking ceremonies were held in June of 1964 and the dedication was in June of 1965. The Wing contained garages, a recreation room, the Grand Parlor Office, and the Evelyn I. Carlson Native Daughters of the Golden West Historical Room.

Some of the ideas I have for the funds raised through this Special Project will include painting, new flooring, new window blinds, and upgrades in WIFI. In the boardroom, I would like to install a large screen and laptop computer so that we can

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A Tangled Tale — From Sloat’s Landing to Statehood

BY DAWN DUNLAP, PAST GRAND PRESIDENT

As Native Californians we take great pride in our enterprising and innovative approach to life. Poets, novelists, and politicians have repeatedly stated that cultural and political change in our country begins first in California and then makes its way to the rest of the States. Our unique sense of enterprise and innovation was evidenced in a unparalleled set of circumstances and events that took place in California from 1846 to 1850.

Although skirmishes between U.S. forces and the Mexican Army occurred for several months fueled by the annexation of Texas and a long-running dispute over the southern border of Texas with Mexico, Congress did not issue a Declaration of War against Mexico until May 13, 1846.

The major motivation for this unpopular and politically divisive war was President James K. Polk and his followers’ expansionist policy of Manifest Destiny to expand the United States westward across the continent to the Pacific Ocean.



Commodore John Sloat

Commodore John D. Sloat was in charge of United States Naval Fleet patrolling Mexico’s Pacific coast. In June of 1846 he was ordered to sail north to California. On July 7, 1846, Commodore John D. Sloat raised the United States Flag over the Customs House in Monterey and proclaimed California a part of the United States. In his formal proclamation

Sloat promised the residents of California they would be under the protection and guidance of U.S. territorial law balanced with the existing Alcalde administrative and judicial system from our Spanish/Mexican legal heritage. This promise of was not kept. U.S. territorial law never came to California.

Twenty-two days later Commodore Sloat transferred his his authority and command of the American forces in California to **Commodore Robert F. Stockton**.

The skirmishes between Californios and American forces ended

with General Andres Pico and Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Fremont signing the Treaty of Cahuenga on January 13, 1848. Commodore Stockton immediately transferred his authority and military governorship to Fremont.

Shortly thereafter, President ordered Fremont replaced with General Stephen W. Kearny. Within a three-month period in 1847 Stockton, Fremont, and Kearny served as Military Governors of California.

Meanwhile the War raged on in Mexico. The United States Army led by General Zachary Taylor and General Winfield Scott invaded central Mexico leaving devastation in their wake. Their goal was a brief conflict



ending with a decisive victory.

The capital, Mexico City, was soon overrun and occupied by American troops in September 1847. Although Mexico was a stunned and despondent country in a state of degradation and ruin, representatives of Mexico’s haphazard government refused to participate in negotiating a peace settlement. Finally in January of 1848, representatives of the Mexican government agreed to transfer Las Californias (one third of their country’s total land) to the United States. Las Californias consisted of 450,000 square miles (339 million acres) or what became the modern states of California, Nevada and Utah, most of New Mexico and Arizona, and portions of Idaho, Colorado, and Texas.



General Stephen Kearny

A State Department clerk, Nicolas Trist, representing President Polk and the United States, agreed to pay Fifteen Million Dollars for physical damages and reparations to Mexico and assume Mexico’s Three and One Quarter Million Dollars in debts to U.S. citizens.

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ending the Mexican American War was signed on February 2, 1848.

A week earlier James W. Marshall discovered gold at Sutter’s Mill on John Sutter’s land near Coloma. Word of the Gold Strike quickly spread throughout California, the Nation, and the World. The idea that a man could alter his destiny by collecting gold off the ground proved irresistible. Men borrowed money often at high interest rates, mortgaged their farms and homes, or spent their life savings to venture by sea or land for California.

Historian Hubert H. Bancroft described the effect the lure of California’s gold had on thousands of people as follows: “The strongest human appetite was aroused...this yellow dirt embodying the means of love, hate, lust, and domination.

It touched a cerebral nerve that quickened humanity. It tingled in the ear and at the finger tips, it buzzed about the brain and tickled in the stomach.”

The California Gold Rush unleashed the largest migration in U.S. history. In less than a year the population of California increased by 100,000. Between 1845 and 1850 San Francisco grew from a village of 800 to a city of 25,000. In the first nine months of 1848 549 vessels docked in San Francisco Bay. Many were abandoned when their crews literally jumped ship and departed forthwith to the Gold Country.

Native Californios were not immune to the glimmer of this grand illusion. Every able-bodied dreamer headed for the mountains, hills, rivers, and streams in search of gold. Walter Colton reported that Monterey was so deserted “the millionaire was obliged to groom his own horse and roll his own wheelbarrow.” John Bidwell wrote of thousands of acres of wheat on his land remained unharvested for lack of workers.

Despite tales of hardship, cholera, dissipation, and murder that accompanied the chaotic scramble of prospecting for gold and in the absence of any legal authority, Californians instituted a successful system of authority governing and securing property rights. They established Mining Districts on lands wherein, individuals were assigned exclusive mining rights to specific pieces of land and all the income derived from it.

So effective and sensible were the rules and procedures established in California for acquiring and protecting mining claims they endured, and eventually became the basis of the U.S.

General Mining Act of 1872. Upon receiving the news that the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo had been ratified by Congress in May 10, 1848, Californians became increasingly restless. They wanted either enforceable U. S. territorial law, or Statehood with the Constitutional laws and rights of United States citizens.

The latest Military Governor General Richard B. Mason, and many prominent Californians wrote letters to Senators and Representatives and sent petitions to President James K. Polk status. President Polk and Congress alternated between dawdling and bickering, and then ultimately, adjourning for the year without making any decisions or issuing any directives, and left the political future of California, once again, undecided. San Francisco was a raucous frontier metropolis and California’s center of shipping and commerce; gold was shipped out, and provisions, machinery, hardware, furniture, dry goods, and luxuries were shipped in. San Franciscans could no longer wait for territorial government. In January 1847 a group of leading citizens appointed what they called a Legislative Assembly comprised of fifteen San Franciscans to serve as a city council. They were placed in charge of “the protection of life and property in San Francisco.” The Legislative Assembly re-affirmed Military Governor Stockton’s earlier appointment of Lieutenant Washington M. Bartlett as the Alcalde of San Francisco. In the tradition of our Spanish/Mexican legal heritage the Alcalde was both the mayor and judge, and thus, wielded enormous power. Alcalde Bartlett proclaimed the area would now be officially known as San Francisco, and that its earlier designation as Yerba Buena would be applied only to a nearby cove. He appointed a Constable who was in charge of carrying out Alcalde Bartlett’s court orders, and monitoring the collection of scoundrels of all colors and stripes who had been drawn to the area by the promise of easy-pick’ns in a boom town. The Legislative Assembly and the Alcalde proceeded to operate a municipal government, independent from military rules and procedures that were applied to the rest of California. It appears this concept of independent self-government endures to-

day, as we are well aware that San Francisco continues to assert, indeed, to celebrate its own sovereignty.

The vast lands in the West that were undesignated as Slave or Free States provided the primary issue for Congressional debate in 1849. Both the South and the North wanted California for its bountiful riches and access to the vast Pacific Ocean. They chose to do battle for it in Congress through the issue of slavery. Prominent Senators weighed in on the debate including Clay, Webster, Douglas, Calhoun, and Sumner. They were men of divergent backgrounds and beliefs, but all with good minds, great presence, and fine oratory skills.

Newly inaugurated President Zachary Taylor recognized and championed the political and economic value of California joining the Union. The Tens of Millions of Dollars in California gold that was shipped to the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia revitalized the U.S. economy and promoted dreams of constructing a cross-continental railroad.

Military Governor Mason was replaced with General Persifer F. Smith who was within a matter of days replaced with General Bennet C. Riley.

At last California had an able leader who knew how to obey Presidential orders and more importantly how to assuage an upset populace. California was in the midst of social, environmental, and economic challenges unparalleled in its past. Unrest spread throughout California and agitated calls for Statehood abounded. Californians had had enough.

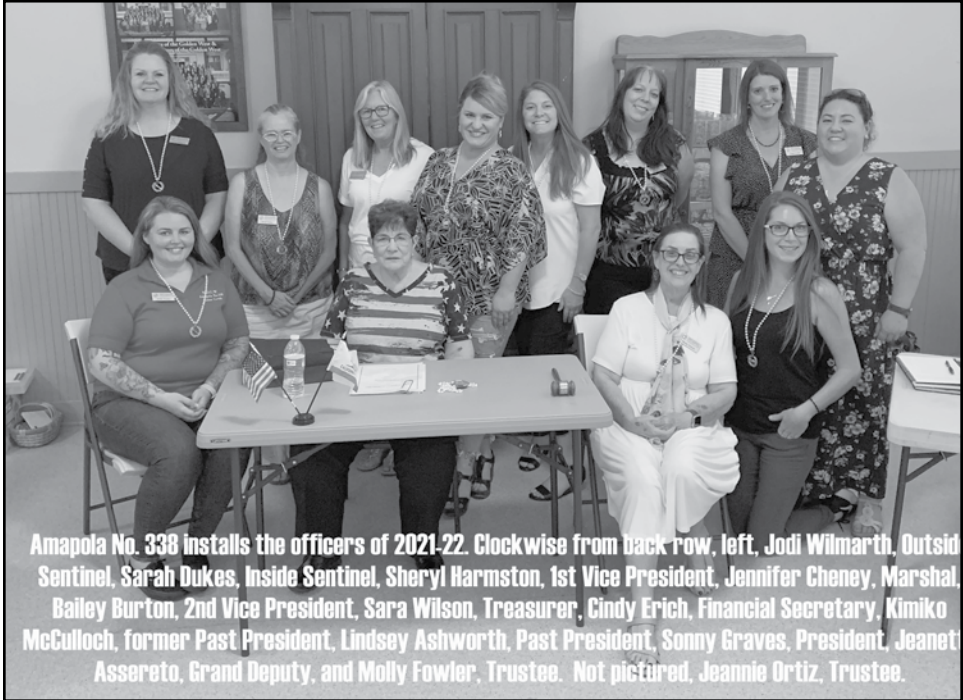
Governor Riley recognized that something had to be done immediately. In June 1849 he issued a proclamation calling for a selection of delegates to attend a general convention with the charge of forming a state constitution and plan a territorial government.

On September 1, 1849 forty-eight chosen Delegates met in Monterey. Among the Delegates, that included mining representatives, merchandisers, land barons, and long-time residents and businessmen John Sutter and Thomas Larkin, were three well-educated and politically-savvy Californios Mariano G. Vallejo, Jose Antonio Carrillo, and Pablo de la Guerra.

The Delegates first discussed the major issue of declaring California as a Slave or Free State. There were mine owners in attendance, who as immigrants from the slave-owning South, supported the idea of using slaves in the mines. Also present or well represented at the Convention were independent miners and mine owners who won the debate with their promotion of free enterprise.

This was a decision based on the economics of labor competition not moral consciousness or idealism. The Delegates voted to establish separate property rights

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for women which was very innovative for the time. Another major debate of the Convention centered on the question of locating California’s eastern boundary.



Senator John C. Fremont

The burning question was how big should a State be? How much land was enough? How much land was too much?
Eventually, the Delegates agreed that the eastern boundary should be set, “to the east of the Sierra crest”. The winning argument was that this boundary would ensure that California had all of the potential mineral wealth from its soil and the necessary water from the Colorado River. Most importantly,

the Delegates never forgot their common and immediate goal of the Convention, the admission of California into the Union. The Delegates’ forty days of debate and decision-making produced California’s first Constitution.
It was comprised of fundamental principles and procedures for a sensible State government modeled on the Constitutions of Iowa and New York. Copies of the proposed Constitution, printed in English and Spanish, were circulated by messenger. An election was held and the document was adopted with little opposition.
Our first Constitution served our ever-growing and developing Golden State for thirty years. In December 1849 Californians elected their first civil governor,
Peter Burnett, as well as Senators and Assemblymen for the State Legislature. San Jose was designated the temporary State Capital. In April 1850 the first meeting of the California Legislature was held in San Jose. They were a boisterous and free-spirited group, and became known as The Legislature of a Thousand
Drinks due to State Senator Thomas J. Green’s advocacy for frequent adjournment to imbibe liquid refreshment.
Also in December 1849, Californians elected two Senators, **John C. Fremont** and William M. Gwin, and multiple Representatives to serve in Congress. They were all sent to Washington D.C. to lobby, harass, and cajole President Zachary Taylor and

Congress into sponsoring and agreeing to our admission into the Union. We were presenting ourselves for admission not as a territory, but as a fully defined State. Much like the goddess Minerva, who was born full grown and arrayed with armor, shield, and a spear. Perhaps that is why she was chosen to adorn our California State Seal. What was the result of California’s first Senators and Representatives efforts in Washington D.C.?
We got bundled! Between 1846 and 1850 Congress and Presidents James K. Polk and Zachary Taylor’s actions and non-actions reflected the divisive mood of the Nation in the four-year acrimonious debate between Slave and Free States on the status of the Western lands acquired from Mexico in 1848. Because these lands had free status under Mexican rule, President Taylor insisted that this precedent should be honored.
The long-standing delay moved forward by the sudden death of President Taylor. Vice President Millard Fillmore’s accession to the Presidency found him anxious to find quick solutions to the many problems he inherited.
In hopes of resolving the sectional discord Senator Henry Clay designed a compromise that bundled together five legislative bills that Congress had bickered over for four years.
Unfortunately, Clay’s bundled version of what became known as The Compromise of 1850 failed in Congress and with it, his health. Senator Stephen A. Douglas (of the Lincoln-Douglas debate fame) took over the task. He divided Clay’s bundled compromise

into five separate legislative bills. Using all of his political acumen Senator Douglas pushed, negotiated, and guided each of the bills through Congress. The final document, The Compromise of 1850, accomplished the following: Expanded the territory of Texas as a Slave State and the Federal government assumed Texas’ public debt. Allowed the New Mexico and Utah territories under popular Sovereignty to decide whether to allow slavery within their borders; Strengthened the Fugitive Slave Law; Outlawed slave trade, but not slavery in Washington D.C.;
And finally, Admitted California into the Union as a Free State. We may assume based on our natural bias the prize of California was the major issue at stake.
It was not. The two major issues involved Texas. The first was a threatened armed confrontation between a Texas militia and Federal troops over establishing a final border between Texas and New Mexico.
The second was the payment of Texas’ public debt of Ten Million Dollars. California supplied the necessary funds to the Federal Government to satisfy the debt.
The question remains by paying this debt did California buy its way into the Union?
On Friday, September 7, 1850 Congress adopted the last of the five bills in Clay’s proverbial bundle. On Monday, September 9, 1850 President Millard Fillmore signed all five bills.
The Compromise of 1850 became law and California became part of the United States of America.
And that, is a version of the tangled tale from Commodore John D. Sloat’s landing in Monterey on July 7, 1846 to September 9, 1850 when our fair nation was blessed with its 31st state — Golden California.

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Native Daughters of the Golden West

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★ **Friday, September 10, 2021** ★

****WE ARE BACK!****

ADMISSION DAY LUNCHEON!

Please join us for the Admission Day Luncheon and Program

Prime Rib Au Jus ~ Salmon with Champagne Sauce ~ Vegetarian Pasta

DATE: Friday, September 10, 2021

TIME: 11:30am Social ~ 12:15pm Lunch is served

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For questions or information please contact:

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★ Suzi Riley, PGP, N.D.G.W. Chairman (650) 465-5691 or ninersr@aol.com

_____ **YES! Count me in to celebrate California Admission Day in San Francisco on 9/10/21**

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All Native Sons and Native Daughters and their guests are welcome!

Approved by: *GP Susan Collins*



GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING ~ 2021



GP Suzanne Renee presides over GPAM 2021

Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler and her Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2021 Sessions Committee should be extremely proud of the wonderful convention they presented to both the in-person Delegates as well as for the ground breaking and exceptional Zoom event for the on-line participants. The meetings were enjoyable and the work of the Order was completed in a timely way. Congratulations also the 18 first-time Delegates who represented their Parlors so well.

Celebrating our Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Beth Perrin with a lovely welcome tea was truly a memorable way to acknowledge the 25 years of dedicated service to our Order she has given since she served as our Grand President. This event was a wonderful way to begin a glorious week with our Sisters. Many thanks to all on a remarkable job well done! Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the many challenges throughout the year, everything came together and enjoyed a great week!



Our Silver Lady, Beth Perrin with her husband, Deuk welcome PGP Marilyn Bustillos to PGP Beth's Silver Anniversary Tea.



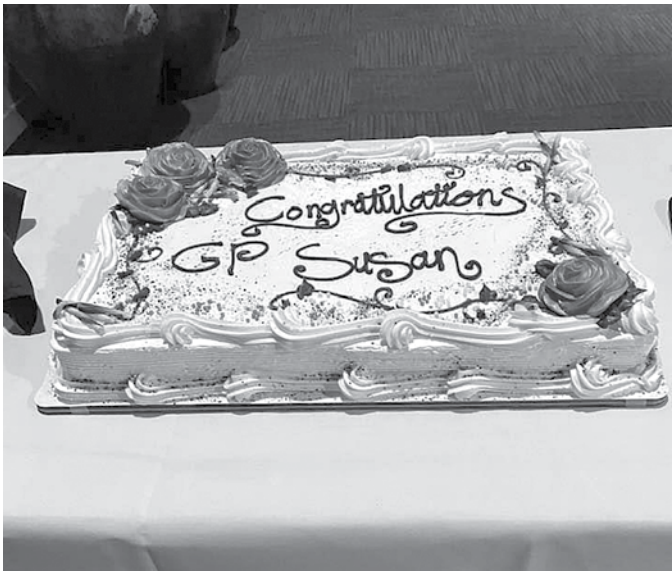
Banquet Bling!



GVP Susan and Linda Thornquist-Stumpf



Delegates in person and on Zoom





GP Suzanne Renee and her Corps of Officers.



GP Suzanne Renee Chandler and GVP Susan Collins get ready for the Sock Hop!

GPAM 2021



Jr. PGP Dawn Dunlap



Our Silver Lady



Voting at GPAM 2021 in person and online.

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Veritas Parlor No. 75 — Merced 2021 Official Visit

SUBMITTED BY ROBERTA SALING

A black and white photograph of three women standing together and smiling. The woman on the left is wearing a dark dress and holding a book. The woman in the middle is wearing a patterned top and white pants. The woman on the right is wearing a dark top. They are standing in front of a book display.

Gifts of the Day were presented to Grand Vice President Susan Collins, Grand Trustee Juanita Case, SDDGP - Joaquin Parlor No.



After the Official Visit the afternoon was enjoyed over refreshments and visiting after many months of social distancing.



Esther Smith being pinned with her 25-year Service Emblem pin by GVP Susan Collins

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



After waiting an extra year to be Installed, State President Vicki Allen and her Corps of Past President State Officers are excited to begin their term. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful year!

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

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Alberta Bugaj

Petaluma No. 222
Eleanor Ayilla

Eleanor Ayilla

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Arcata No. 325

Gwen Foster

Rancho La Puente No. 331
Flora MacKay

Past Presidents Association 98th General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY LEONA SUNSERI, JR. PAST STATE PRESIDENT

On the 21st of May, Leona M. Sunseri State President was thrilled to have her State Officers at a dinner held in the Capitol Room of the Doubletree Hotel by HILTON, Rancho



SP Leona Sunseri presenting the lucky winner with the eagle quilt.

Cordova, California. The tables were decorated with Bald eagles, Quails & Gardenia's, State President Leona's theme. Since COVID restrictions were still in place, the Dinner was not plated, it was BOXED!

After dinner, the doors were opened so that all of the guests in attendance could come into the room to hear the Guest speaker, USAF Major Brian Shul. Brian spoke of his experience in Viet Nam and his new life now, taking pictures. It was an evening no one will forget.

On Saturday morning at 9 am, the opening of the 98th General Assembly was held. PSP Dee Goodspeed opened the meeting and handed the Gavel to SP Leona to preside. Most of the meeting was business as usual, but it was exciting to have Members attending via Zoom. This worked out well for those not able to attend in person.

Later in the morning, the memorial service was held to remember our Sisters who had passed during the past two years. As each name was read by PGP Marilyn Rodrigues, Association members delivered a RED rose that was placed into the center of a lovely wreath outlined with beautiful gardenias. It was truly a moving way to remember our dear departed Sister Past Presidents.

In the afternoon SP Leona was pleased to announce the 98th General Assembly was duly closed. We gathered later in the early evening for dinner and NSGW PGP Bob Rogers helped with the Opportunity Drawing, and the Winner of the Quilt Drawing was announced. The money raised, \$500 was delivered to the Veterans Memorial Building Fund. Leona presented the Check to Victor Mansfield Chairman of Veterans Memorial Building Committee - VMBC. This was great ending to a two-year project.



SP Leona meets with the Veterans and delivers the check.

Fort Bragg Parlor Greets GP Susan Collins

Members of Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Grand President Susan Collins Home Parlor, recently caught up with the Grand President and her granddaughter Tayla Olsen, before Susan's Volunteer shift at Point Cabrillo Lighthouse. The occasion was the drawing for the NDGW California Lighthouse Preservation Committee fundraiser. Tayla did the honors of pulling out the winning tickets, while GP Susan announced the winners. And the winners, who will be receiving Best Western Travel Cards are: Viola Gene Dana GT of Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 for \$50, Heidi Egelston of Amapola Parlor No. 338 for \$100, and the Grand Prize goes to Jenny King of Woodland Parlor No. 90 for \$150.

Here is wishing all of you, many happy travel adventures to plan and enjoy in our beautiful California. On behalf of the



NDGW California Lighthouse Preservation Committee, members: Christine Tripod PGP of Hayward Parlor No. 122, Terrie Kurrasch of Encinal Parlor No. 156, Vickie Van Winkle of San Bruno Parlor No. 246, new member Joyce James of Bonita Parlor No. 10, and Linda Thornquist Stumpf, Chairman, of Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, wish to express our sincerest gratitude for members from over 50 Parlors and four adopting Parlors that helped and joined in making this a successful fundraiser. You more than doubled our goal of 300 stairs and got us to the 692nd step. This money will all be put to good use for our beloved historical Lighthouses. Thank you all again.



Meet Grand President Susan Collins

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have not visited before — One of the first is: Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara. I have always heard about traveling to "Fiesta" and I can't wait for that new adventure!

Q: Where will we find you when you are not on the Native Daughter Trail?

GP Susan: I spend time volunteering my community - The Hospital Auxiliary, often working in the gift shop; I volunteer at Point Cabrillo Lighthouse as a docent; I also enjoy the Kelley House Historic Museum (left). Walking my beloved dog Ginger on the beach is also a favorite past time.

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



GP Susan: "A Brighter Future" is my goal. I hope to focus on growth of Order as well as working on

Parlor engagement. I also want to encourage Parlors to be more present in their local community. Native Daughters is a wonderful organization, but we are not well known and I think we can share what we do. Native Daughter do so much and we need to share our successes with our Sisters! Visit: www.ndgw.org Lastly, my Grand President's Special Project for my term is to renovate, update and bring the Foley Wing at the NDGW Grand Parlor Office into the 21st Century!

Q: Tell us about your family?
GP Susan: My husband is Joe Collins and we have our wonderful dog, Ginger. We really enjoy traveling all over California in our RV (Named Harvey!) It is my plan to travel as much as possible in our RV and see the outdoor areas from North to South and east to West!

We also have two wonderful daughters - Teresa Abbott and Cyndi Barclay and our amazing grandchildren - Tanner Barclay, 25; Katie Barclay, 21; Laney Abbott, 18 and Tayla Olsen 14, (who presented the Bible at my Installation); and Chase Collins, 9 is our youngest. Watch for Grand President Susan on the road all across California!

Cotati Parlor No. 299 Member Presented With 50 Year Emblem

Cotati Parlor No. 299 member, Barbara Ish, was honored at the Parlor's annual picnic by members, family, and guests where she was presented with a 50-year emblem by Grand President Susan Collins. Barbara joined Veritas Parlor No. 75 on April 6, 1971, which was located in Merced. She attended meetings in Daly City for several years before transferring to Cotati Parlor No. 299 in 1975. Barbara has served in almost all the parlor chairs which include 30 years as Financial Secretary and is presently serving as Parlor Secretary. She has also served on state committees which included Chairman of Mileage and Admission Day, and has been a DGP, and SDDGP for several years. Barbara grew up in a Native Daughter environment. Her mother, Mary E. Clay, was an 83-year member of Morada Parlor No. 199. Four aunts, Julia Stutchman, Alice Friedel, Norma Clay, and Norene

Clay were also ND members. Daughter, Sandra Ish and niece Julia Hull are 35-year members of Native Daughters of the Golden West. Barbara said, "I have always enjoyed the many friendships that I have made during these 50 years."

The 50-year emblem that the Grand President presented had belonged to Barbara's mother, whose original emblem had been stolen and was replaced by this one being presented which certainly made the presentation very meaningful. "My mother wore it proudly and I will also."



Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors.

Ursula No. 1 Carolyn Courtney	Forrest No. 86 Sara Dentone	El Vespero No. 118 Helen McHugh
Joaquin No. 5 Joan Ramage Melanie Sievers Karen Vavzincak	Reichling No. 97 Leslie McMurray	El Pinal No. 163 Debbie Johnson
Santa Cruz No. 26 Lisa Cadiente Cathleen Carr Heather Pulliam	Aleli No. 102 Moranda De La Rosa	Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 Melinda Russell
	Sutter No. 111 Suzette Allen	Jurupa No. 296 Susanne Chadwick

Grand President's Special Project — The Foley Wing

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fully move into the 21st century and allow meetings to be held virtually as well as in person. There are also needed repairs to the lower level doors as well as to upgrade the fire escape. Thank you in advance for joining me in supporting the

Grand President's Special Project. I appreciate your help and if you would like donate, please send your donations to:
Grand President Susan's Special Project

c/o: The N.D.G.W. Grand Parlor Office
543 Baker Street
San Francisco, CA 94117-1405
Checks can be made payable to the NDGW Grand Parlor with: GP Susan's Special Project on the memo line.

Many thanks for joining me on this journey to beautify and restore the Emma G. Foley Wing. Watch for more updates throughout my term.

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Room Reservations

To make a Room Reservation call 415-921-2664
or E-mail ndhome@ndgw.org

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

Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of ‘Love of Home’, ‘Devotion to the Flag’, Veneration of the Pioneers’ and ‘Faith in the Existence of God’. Individuals 16 years of age and older who were born in California are welcome to call 415-563-9091, e-mail to grandparlor@ndgw.org 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 Julia Hull, Facebook Manager perfectjulia@gmail.com



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 Susan Collins 2021-2022

- ### AUGUST

 - 4-8 Old Spanish Days Fiesta, Santa Barbara
 - 14 Home Luncheon, Charter Oak No. 292 (Visalia) *Event canceled*
 - 20-22 Board of Directors Meeting, San Francisco/Zoom
 - 28 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco/Zoom

SEPTEMBER

 - 7 Official Visit: Eschscholtzia No. 112 (Etna)
 - 9 California Admission Day
 - 10 Admission Day Celebration, San Francisco
 - 11 NDGW Founder’s Day
 - 21 District 10 Official Visit: Sutter’s Mill No. 336 (Coloma)
 - 25 Childrens Foundation Meeting, San Francisco/Zoom 9 A.M.
 - 25 Home Committee Meeting, Zoom
 - 25 District 14 Official Visit: Forrest No. 86, Ursula No. 1, Amapola No. 338 (Plymouth)

OCTOBER

 - 2 Pioneer Tea, San Miguel No. 94 (San Miguel)
 - 2 Mission Restoration Virtual Fundraiser
 - 8-11 Fleet Week (Home fully booked)
 - 10 District 17 Official Visit: Hayward No. 122, Encinal No. 156, Argonaut No. 166 (Alameda)
 - 14 District 7 Official Visit: South Butte No. 226, Placer No. 138 (Placer)
 - 16 District 12 Official Visit: Eshcol No. 16, Calistoga No. 145 (Napa)
 - 20 District 3 Official Visit: Hiawatha No. 140, Berendos No. 23 (Redding)
 - 22-24 GO and PGP Joint Meeting (Madera)
 - 24 Childrens Foundation Luncheon: Donner No. 193 (Tracy)
- 27 District 13 Official Visit: Woodland No. 90, Califia No. 22, Sutter No. 111, West Wind No. 328, Liberty No. 213, Zinfandel No. 337 (Suisun)
 - 29 Investment Meeting, 9 A.M. San Francisco/Zoom
 - 29 Finance Meeting, 1 P.M. San Francisco/Zoom
 - 29 Personnel Meeting, 4 P.M. San Francisco/Zoom
 - 30 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco
 - 30 CFIC Committee Meeting, 9 A.M. Zoom
 - 30 Home Committee Chile Cookoff, San Francisco
 - 31 Happy Halloween! Home Committee Halloween Party, San Francisco

NOVEMBER

 - 6 Harvest Party Fundraiser, Amapola No. 338 (Sutter Creek)
 - 11 Veterans Day
 - 12-14 Home Committee Meeting & Christmas Decorating, San Francisco
 - 13 Childrens Foundation Meeting, San Francisco/Zoom
 - 13 District 20 Official Visit: San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100, Gilroy No. 312 (San Jose)
 - 19-21 Board of Directors Meeting, San Francisco/Zoom
 - 25 Thanksgiving Day (Grand Parlor Office closed Thurs. & Fri.)
 - 27 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco
 - 28 Hanukkah begins

DECEMBER

 - 5 District 15 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, San Francisco (So. San Francisco)
 - 5 NDGW Open House and Tree Lighting 3 P.M., San Francisco
 - 25 Merry Christmas (Grand Parlor Office closed Fri.,12/24)
 - 31 New Year’s Eve (Grand Parlor Office closed)

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Members from left to right , Robin Long, Marina Fisher, Dawn Wright, Esther Holm, Becky Tilton, Jeanene Skelly and Robert Tilton. At the Official Visit.



New member Dawn Wright with Grand Vice President Susan Collins at our Official Visit.



Esther Holm at Memorial Day Services with Jasmine Lopez, Yosemite Valleys Teen.