



# CALIFORNIA STAR

## Native Daughters of the Golden West

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### Message from Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler

*Dear Sisters,*

I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating some form of the Holidays. We are a creative group and I know we are capable of finding ways to do almost anything we set our minds to.

With the Holidays behind us and the cold weather settling in, we need to be all the more diligent about keeping ourselves healthy and safe.

For Native Daughters, with the new year comes a series of meetings to “Catch-up” with our Committees on their activities. I am so proud of how committed our Sisters are, and how they have continued to step up and do the work of the Order under the circumstances we have been dealing with. I can’t wait to hear what they have been doing to help the people of our State.

My Special Project, of helping those small committees with their projects, is going well. But if your Parlor hasn’t “Adopted a



Committee” it isn’t too late. I am asking all the Adoptee Parlors to find ways to support “their” Committee or Committees; keep in touch with their Committee/s regarding their needs and show them their support.

As the virus rages on, it becomes more

challenging to keep up a schedule for doing Official Visits, but I am committed to doing all I can to check up on our Parlors. I ask that you keep being flexible with my schedule and in the ways we can communicate. Many outside circumstances have kept me scheduling and adjusting how we do things. Thank you all for being so understanding and cooperative, I appreciate it.

Our “Star” is a great way to let others know what your Parlor or Committee is doing, so consider sending in an article to our Editor about your activities. It’s a great way to share ideas with other Sisters.

I want to remind Parlors about your Parlor Audits. They can, and should, be done via Zoom or other virtual means with the Book Officers, Trustees, and your Deputy in virtual attendance. The forms are then sent to the Grand Parlor office with the names of those in “attendance” listed on the form. Getting together in person is not a safe means to con-

duct an audit at this time. Please ensure your Audit is forwarded to the Grand Parlor office as soon as possible. However, no fines will be assessed at this time for late submissions.

Just as a heads up, GVP Susan Collins will shortly be sending out requests for Sisters who would like to work on a Committee or serve as a Deputy or Supervisor. She will also be requesting information on dates etc. for Official Visits. Please fill out the forms and return them to her as quickly as possible.

I am excited to see what the second half of our year will bring us; and am also excited to hear about all that our Native Daughter Sisters can do despite the challenges put in front of us. Please remember that we are all Sisters. Please help and support each other through these difficult times.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Suzanne Renee Chandler*  
Grand President

## The Grace Parlor Gang Zooms Into Bingo

SUBMITTED BY PGP SHERRY FARLEY, GRACE PARLOR NO. 242

The Members of Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton, enjoy holding events at Knott’s Berry Farm and decided to meet the COVID challenge for their annual NDGW Home fundraiser. “If we can’t gather in person at Knott’s Berry Farm, we can still find a way to have fun with a virtual event.” This positive approach sparked the idea of hosting a Peanuts Gang Zoom Bingo.



After paying a \$10 reservation fee, attendees received a Peanuts bingo card in the mail with instructions on how to access the Zoom room. Members and friends who returned a donation to the NDGW Home, also received a ticket to be entered into a drawing for

a prize package totaling \$100 in gift cards. Grace Parlor Members also procured items for an on-line auction using the [BetterWorld.org](https://www.betterworld.org) website.

The event was a HUGE success! There were 64 participants, 47 Bingo players and 54 donors, plus on-line auction winners.

Bingo Proceeds = \$500.00. Donations = \$3,520.00

On-Line Auction = \$661.00 (before credit card processing fees)

Thank you to all those who helped to make it happen, especially our friends and Members who donated \$825 in gift cards used as bingo and drawing prizes. We couldn’t do it without YOU!



## Alphabet Soup, Or What Does It All Mean?

BY KATHY KELLY-BREITLER, DGP

Have you ever attended a Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, or even your own Parlor meeting, and you hear all these acronyms and have wondered “What are they talking about?” After thirty-five years plus of membership, I am finally getting the hang of what all those letters mean. In order to help with understanding “what it all means”, I am writing a few articles for the STAR with explanations and definitions, so check back in the next issue of the California STAR for more information.

**Grand Officers:** also referred to as the Board of Directors GP=Grand President, jr.PGP=Junior Past Grand President and also the person who has just completed their term as GP; GVP=Grand Vice President; GM=Grand Marshal; GS=Grand Secretary; sGT=Senior Grand Trustee, GT=Grand Trustee; GIS=Grand Inside Sentinel;

GOS=Grand Outside Sentinel These Grand Officers are sometimes affectionally referred to as “the Grands”.

**Other Officers:** sr.PGP=Senior Past Grand President, the longest serving Past Grand President; PGP=Past Grand President, Sisters who have completed their term as jr.PGP; SDDGP=Supervising District Deputy Grand President who is responsible for supervising all the Deputy Grand Presidents within a District; DGP=Deputy Grand President is assigned to each Parlor and is often from another Parlor in the same District.

**GPAM:** Grand Parlor Annual Meeting is held during the third full-week in June each year with the location of GPAM determined by an invitation from the Grand Marshal elect’s Parlor each year.

## Baby Layette – San Jose Parlor No. 81

For a number of years now, one of San Jose Parlor’s community projects has been to run the hands-on activities of the Baby Layette Project from the Diocese of San Jose. Our behind-the-scenes work allows us to have fun playing with baby clothes while we make “Layettes” for mother’s to be in need of help. Normally those managing the project hold a “Tea” at Christmas to receive donations of baby items that will eventually go out to the mothers. But with the Virus this year, we had to get creative in order to

collect items for the babies and stay safe and within guidelines. On December 6th, a few Parlor Sisters and Baby Layette committee members met outside to collect donations from the “Drive By” donors and store them away under quarantine for use during the upcoming year. In three hours, we collected 140 boxes of new baby clothing and \$9,500 in donations. We cannot wait to be able to, once again start packing up some of these wonderful donations to distribute.

## 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.



# Historic Events in California in February

SHARED BY: LANA COONEY, SANTA CRUZ PARLOR NO. 26

**February 9, 1852**— A U.S. Post Office opened in Petaluma, an early agricultural center that provided eggs and other foods to Gold Rush San Francisco.

**February 9, 1909**— Louis’s Fashion Restaurant re-opened in San Francisco after being destroyed in the 1906 Earthquake and Fire. Started in 1898, the new place was called The Fly Trap because fly paper hung from the ceiling.

**February 9, 1960**— The first movie star plaques were installed in the Hollywood Walk of Fame at its groundbreaking.

**February 10, 1848**— Mariano Vallejo received a letter in Sonoma from John Sutter explaining gold had been discovered at his lumber mill on the American River.

**February 11, 1939**— A Lockheed P—38 Lightning flew from California to New York in record time: 7 hours, 2 minutes.

**February 11, 1966**— Willie Mays, San Francisco Giants outfielder, signed his highest contract to date: \$130,000 per year.

**February 12, 1874**— San Benito and Modoc Counties were established.

**February 14, 1844**— Exploring the trail to California, John Fremont first saw Lake Tahoe from a peak on the Carson Range to the east. He reached Sutter’s Fort in March.

**February 14, 1886**— The first successful rail shipment of oranges from Los Angeles traveled to St. Louis on an express train. Some fruit spoiled until ventilated and cold—storage cars were developed.

**February 15, 1861**— Fort Point, guarding the entrance to San Francisco Bay, was outfitted with 126 cannons at the beginning of the Civil War. Today the massive brick fort below the Golden Gate Bridge is a National Historic Site.

**February 15, 1863**— Nataqua, the short—lived break away California/Nevada territory, ended in a shoot—out between the Plumas County sheriff’s posse and pioneers of Susanville.

**February 15, 1931**— Universal Studios, in Universal City, released the first Dracula movie, starring Bella Lugosi.

**February 22, 1859**— San Francisco adopted its current official seal, changing the one adopted in 1852. The motto Oreo en paz, fierro en guerra: Gold in peace, iron in war.

**February 24, 1821**— The Rancho period in Alta California began when Mexico won independence from Spain.

**February 24, 1857**— A German colony was organized in San Francisco. It was called the Los Angeles Vineyard Society and was the beginning of Anaheim.

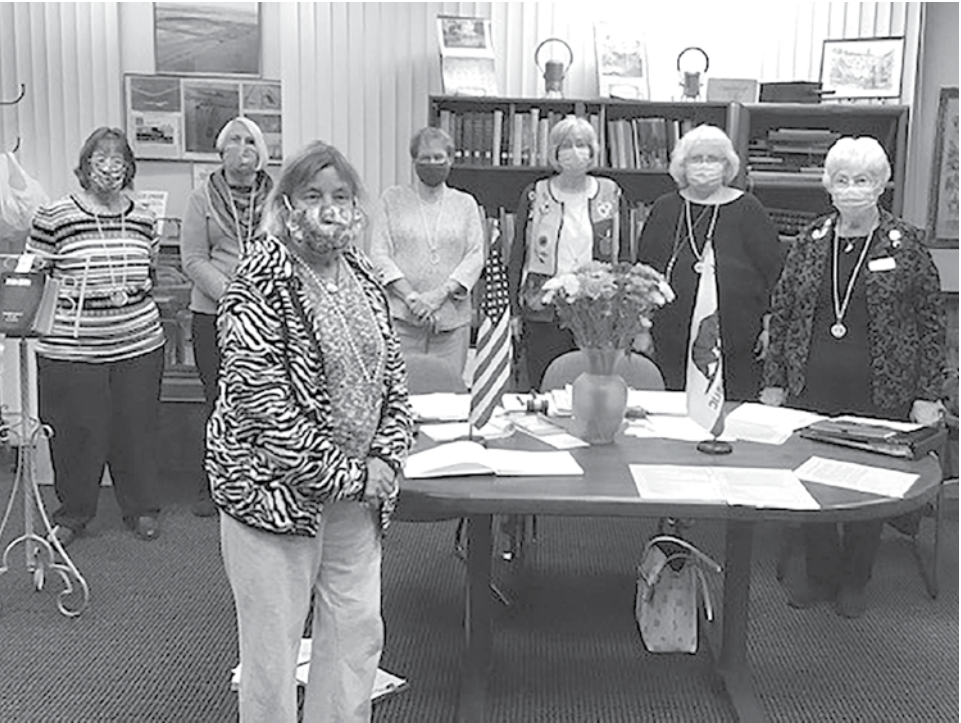
**February 25, 1854**— Sacramento became the state capital. It followed San Jose (1849), Vallejo (1852), and Benicia (1853), and was before San Francisco (1862), until Sacramento became the capital permanently in 1869.

**February 26, 1891**— The first buffalo, a pair named Benjamin Harrison and Sarah Bernhardt, were settled in Golden Gate Park following reports that only 1,000 were left in the U.S.

**February 27, 1902**— John Steinbeck, author, was born in Salinas. He described California experiences in OF MICE AND MEN, THE GRAPES OF WRATH AND EAST OF EDEN.

**February 28, 1849**— The first steamship with gold seekers reached San Francisco. The steamship CALIFORNIA sailing from New York took 4 months and 22 days to complete the trip.

**February 29, 1940**— GONE WITH THE WIND won 8 Academy Awards, including Hattie McDaniel’s win for Best Supporting Actress. She was the first African American actor to win an Oscar.



**Installation of Officers of Placer Parlor No. 138**  
Left to right: Dee Goodspeed, DGP, Laura Galey, Marshal, Gloria Garcia-Piatt, Trustee, Marie Basinger, Trustee, Barbara Seaton, 1st Vice President, Elaine Van Camp, Treasurer, and Fran Neves, Recording Secretary. Not shown Maryann Allen, President, Rosalie Moorhouse, 2nd Vice President, Shirley Russell, Trustee, Florence Hawkins, Financial Secretary, and Barbara Garcia, Inside Sentinel. The meeting was at the Lincoln Area Archives Museum.

# Kids And Camps NDGW Childrens Foundation

There are many benefits to sending children to camp in the summer. Camps increase their self-esteem, gets kids outdoors, exposes them to diversity enhanced social skills and increased independence. These benefits are provided to all children who attend camp including those with disabilities or who are dealing with diseases.

In addition to all the benefits provided by camp, children with special needs also get to take a break from what they deal with every day and allow them to meet other kids and learn that they are not so different from others.

One of the services that NDGW Childrens Foundation provides to the children of our great state an opportunity for children to attend Summer Camps specific to their needs. This term, we have a \$10,000 budget for camperships.

Here are a few of the camps we have helped in the past:

**Dreamstreet Foundation:** Is a camp for Children with cancer and blood disorders. It is located in Ojai, Ventura County.

**Ronald McDonald Camp:** A camp for children with cancer and other medical disabilities It is located in Idyllwild, San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County.

**Camp Nugget:** This camp provides adaptive Physical Activities for children with disabilities. It is located at California State University Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

**The Children’s Ranch:** This camp is for children with Autism and other disorders to overcome physical disabilities by working with animals, located in Los Angeles.

**Surfers Healing:** This Camp helps children with Autism learn to surf and is located in San Juan Capistrano, Orange County and also in Malibu, Los Angeles County.

**Wayfinders:** This is a Family Service providing outreach to blind children and children with other disabilities. It helps children attend Camp Bloomfield located in Santa Monica Mountains near Malibu, Los Angeles County.

**Society for Disability:** This organization teaches disabled children to learn to ride bikes. It is located in Modesto, Stanislaus County. You may remember that they visited Grand Parlor 2017 and demonstrated the trike riding skill of one of their clients.

**Campa del Corazon:** A camp for children with heart related problems. It is located in Catalina, Santa Catalina Island, Los Angeles County.

**Camp Okizu:** This camp helps children with cancer and also the siblings in families deal with a child with cancer.

Due to the COVID restriction, all of these camps provided virtual camp activities via Zoom and by sending camp kits to the homes of the campers during the summer 2020 season. They hope for a normal camp experience this summer and some are already requesting applications.

The deadline for campership applications is March 31st. Applications can be found on the website at [www.ndgw.org](http://www.ndgw.org) under the Childrens Foundation page. For more information about camperships, contact PGP Camelia Robles.



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### The Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Committee Native Daughters of the Golden West Invites YOU to Show up for the Children Without Leaving Home

As COVID-19 is spreading near and far, you can all help The NDGW Childrens Foundation without getting in your car.  
We will follow all the guidelines, By staying more than 6 miles apart.  
And you can help the children with a gift that's completely from your heart.  
You won't have to choose to order the chicken or the fish. You simply make a donation, to fulfill their every wish. No GPS is needed, no refill for that tank. As we all work together and increase the \$\$\$ in the CF bank.  
Instead of basket drawings as there have been in the past. your generous donation will bring smiles that will last.  
A special Native Daughter of the Golden West MASK will be sent to those who give, And you don't even need to ask.  
For those that make a donation of \$25.00 or more, a treasured hand-crocheted Poppy pin-on will be arriving at your door.  
The children of California need your help now more than ever. So please open up your pocket book and we will forget you NEVER!  
By March 31, 2021 Make checks payable to Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Committee and mail to: Beth Perrin, 418 Appleton Road, Simi Valley CA 93065 District 26 and the Children of California appreciate your support.

### Native Daughters R A F F L E \$ 2.00 PER TICKET FUNDRAISER FOR OAKDALE PARLOR NO. 125 Want a ticket? Send money/check to: Donna Bryant: 9812 Lyncarol Drive La Mesa, Ca 91941



Kate Spade  
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\*Last ticket sale May 30, 2021  
Drawing will be June 7, 2021-Meeting

### Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors.

Ursula No. 1 Dena Kern	Terri Muscat Placer No. 138 Victor Jew	Fort Bragg No. 210 Susan Munson Georgia Richardson Teresa Roberts Susan Wong Cynthia Wuoltee
Woodland No. 90 Jacqueline Springer	Encinal No. 156 Lynn Losande	
Darina No. 114 Karen Bellesi Jeanne Kucsak,		

### Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

### Room Reservations

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

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

# Forrest Parlor Celebrates Its 125th Anniversary!

Forrest Parlor held its Official Visit and 125th anniversary celebration at the Shenandoah Valley Schoolhouse / Community Center on Saturday, October 3rd. This was the same location where the Parlor's 100th anniversary was celebrated. The Schoolhouse was built in 1879. Our Parlor's esteemed member and Past President Mary Cowan attended school there and her mother was a long-time teacher at the school.

Our celebration was pared down from the previously expected attendance of approximately 100 to just 12 attendees, due to the County health restrictions. Nonetheless we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our Grand President Renee and Grand Vice President Susan Collins.


On display was the minutes of the first meeting dated August 2, 1895, handmade golden silk officer ribbons, past manuals of instruction and news articles.

The old minutes of the Parlor reveals an ongoing affection and an abiding reverence for our Veterans. As a matter of fact, around 1971, Native Daughter member Ginger Upton and her late husband Lloyd began placing American flags on some of the Veterans graves at the Shenandoah Valley Cemetery. Ginger now leads a group of her Forrest Parlor sisters by locating and decorating the gravesites of 41 Veterans every year.

It was the 75th anniversary of Forrest Parlor when Student Art was first mentioned. The planning committee asked Mary Cowan to reach out to the local schools to encourage students to create artwork to be displayed at local businesses and to help decorate the hall for the celebration. Mary Cowan was the Parlor's first chairwoman of the Student Art Contest and this contest has been held every year (except this year) for the past fifty years.


Forrest Parlor also supports high school students with a \$500 Scholarship. A committee was formed and the first scholarship was awarded in 1998. We are proud to have continued this support every year for the past 22 years.

Our Parlor is blessed to have many members who are descendants of the Pioneers of Shenandoah Valley, Plymouth and Amador County. Our members continue to support Parlor projects with their time, donations and talent.




## Forrest Parlor No. 86 Fund Raiser

The pins are similar to this seal logo but the dark purple background replaces this light-colored lavender and it has a white base:



The pins have a pushback to adhere to your clothing and a loop to use as a necklace. If you use it as a necklace you may want to cut off the pushpin back.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parlor Pins \$5.00 each



**Order**

Number of pins \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$4.00 postage for mailing to a single address \_\_\_\_\_ 4.00

Total enclosed made payable to Forrest Parlor No. 86 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No postage fee if you live near Sacramento and can arrange for pick up by calling Barbara Seaton (916) 791-1037

Mail pin/s to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_



# EDVR- VA – Placerville California

BY LEONA M. SUNSERI SUTTER’S MILL NO 336

The El Dorado Veterans Resource Center in Placerville California, depend on the support of the Military Family Support Group (MFSG). They are a 501(3)(c). They especially need more support in the winter time. This is when the supplies go fast. Leona M. Sunseri, who has been involved with Veterans for many years, has reached out to MFSG to commit and help the veterans again this year in El Dorado County. Christine Taylor the rep for the El Dorado Veterans Resource, met with Leona to talk about the needs for the local vets. Leona took the list of goods back to her Parlor; Sutter’s Mill No 336 and sent out a list to the members via email to get the ball rolling. The list has some basics

and others are based on weather. Pictures attached are from the last delivery to the VR facility in Placerville. I will be making deliveries about every 15 day or so to keep their supplies in place, so when the need come in from the community, they are met. The basic Items are Tooth brushes, Tooth paste, Combs, Brushes, Shampoo and Conditioners in small bottles. Hand towels & Wash clothes, warm Beanie hats, Gloves, Scarves, socks underwear, T-shirt’s & Lap blankets. Right now most Of the needs are for men. Contact Leona at [nonnie.tgp@gmail.com](mailto:nonnie.tgp@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.



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



SUBMITTED BY SUZI RILEY, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN OF CFIC



The C.F.I.C. is proud to announce the success of our Annual “Cash for Christmas” Opportunity Drawing. The N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C. is pleased to thank everyone who supported this year’s Cash for Christmas Drawing. **This year we sold an amazing 1,047 tickets and brought in \$8,470 to directly benefit our CFIC State Committees:**

- Americanism and Civic Participation

California Admission Day

California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings

(Sub-Committees: Art Talent and Essay Contests)

California Lighthouse Preservation

Education and Scholarships

Environmental Issues

Mission Restoration

Veterans Welfare

Welfare

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. is an established 501(c)3 nonprofit. All donations made to the Charitable Foundation or the individual committees listed above are 100% tax deductible. Your contribution to the Charitable Foundation’s Undesignated Fund allows all of the money raised by these committees to support their projects. The opportunity drawing was held virtually on Sunday, December 6, 2020 and we are proud to announce the lucky winners who received the following monetary prizes. Congratulations to all!!

**\*\*FIRST PRIZE: \$500.00 ~ Sheryl Harmston, Amapola Parlor No. 338**

**\*\*SECOND PRIZE: \$300.00 ~ Annette Hansen, Donner Parlor No. No. 193**

**\*\*THIRD PRIZE: \$100.00 ~ Mary Sue Rhoads, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210**

The Charitable Foundation wishes to thank everyone for participating. Many thanks to SUPER sellers — **Judy Smedly, Grace Parlor No. 242** and **our Sisters of Amapola Parlor No. 338**. We are grateful for your hard work!

The C.F.I.C. Committee also wishes to thank Renee Rianda, GIS for her dedication and hard work in organizing the ticket sales for our annual Cash for Christmas drawing! We could not do it without you!

## NDGW Pioneer Roster Provides Success

BY GLENDA CZERWINSKI KENT ESCHSCHOLTZIA PARLOR NO. 112


Editor’s note: this article is reprinted as some corrections have been made.

In 1963, at the age of 25, I asked my mother where my grandmother’s family was from, and I’ve been hooked on tracking down ancestors ever since. After crashing into several brick walls over the next 20 years or so, I decided to spend a week researching the records of the California State Library genealogy collection, where I found the NDGW California Pioneer Roster. (At that time, the collection included only rosters for those who had arrived in California by 1869.) I found that deceased shirttail relatives had submitted rosters prior to April 1951\* for five of my direct family lines! Using the leads provided in those rosters, I was able to track down much more information and other descendants, many of whom had information not previously found in public records. In fact, for one line I was given all of the deceased’s original research which had begun in the late 1800s.



I have attached a copy of the NDGW roster for my great-great-grandmother, Mary McCullough Calton, who traveled in 1858 by wagon train from Texas to California. Mary told about her westward story shortly before her death in 1934. I have also located a letter written by the 2nd wife of Mary’s grandfather while also on this wagon train. (At one time, information on these rosters could be updated and additional pioneers added to the NDGW roster at If this is still so, I will eventually update rosters for my ancestors.)

Between 2003 and 2015, I self-published several books on various family lines in either hardcopy or CD format or donated copies to pertinent county and state libraries. I have since had requests for copies of certain books from descendants who saw a copy in a library. (Prior to the recession of 2008, most of the books were listed in [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org); however, several libraries no longer subscribe to this, so



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PIONEERS NAME  
MARY MC COLLOUGH CALTON PHILLIPS

OTHER NAMES: AKAS, MAIDEN NAME

PLACE OF BIRTH  
Missouri

DATE OF ARRIVAL IN CALIFORNIA  
1858, under J. D. Keener


NAME OF TRAIL  
Southern, also known as Belknap Trail

DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE PRIOR TO CALIFORNIA  
Missouri, Texas

DATES/PLACES OF RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA  
Near Visalia, Bardsdale, Ventura County after marriage

PROFESSION/OCCUPATION: DATES PLACES  
Farmer and bees

DATE OF BIRTH  
March 26, 1844



Mary McCullough Calton, age 61

several are no longer listed at this time.) Many members and their descendants are very glad that the NDGW Pioneer Roster and Archives is available for research and support. Visit [www.ndgw.org](http://www.ndgw.org) for more information. \*Date based on the library’s stamped numbers on back of pages at the time materials were donated, per a librarian

Deceased Members

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

Joaquin No. 5

Jacqueline Beyer

Califia No. 22

Goldy Renwich

Forrest No. 86

Dianne Fruitos

Golden Era No. 99

Arleine Von Wagner

Vendome No. 100

Rose Glenn

Darina No. 114

Helen Dolores Sullivan

Reina del Mar No. 126

Mary Burright

Dolores Hartnett

Placer No. 138

Adeline Tucher

Calistoga No. 145

Louise Delfino

Vista Del Mar No. 155

Janet Reed

Fort Bragg No. 210

Carolyn Milliman

San Bruno No. 246

Jacqueline Johnson

Rancho La Puente No. 331

Josette Temple

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# Victor Jew Initiated into Placer Parlor No. 138

On December 10, 2020, Victor Jew was initiated into Placer Parlor No. 138. His sponsor Jacqueline Stoll is shown here with him holding his initiation folder. Victor is the first male and possibly the 400th member of Placer Parlor which was chartered in 1903. Jacqueline has been a member since 2008.

Our regular December meeting was cancelled due to the Governor’s COVID regulations for Placer County. Nevertheless, Placer Parlor members Barbara Seaton, Marie Basinger, Jacqueline Stoll, and Victor Jew stopped by Fran Neves’s home to drop off Toys for Tots. Fran had displayed the Parlor’s regalia banners, charter, flags, and Bible for the formal meeting that was cancelled.

Since Victor’s membership was approved in November, First Vice President Barbara Seaton provided the Emergency Initiation forms to Victor. Victor acknowledged he had read the initiation forms and signed the last page. He then automatically became a member of Placer Parlor No. 138. Victor wanted to be a member because California history is important to him, and he was impressed with the Native Daughters of the Golden West for preserving history and the

missions. He was born in San Mateo. He worked for General Motors Corp. Cadillac Motor Car Division for 33 years. When he retired, he moved to Lincoln. He enjoys how Placer Parlor is involved with the local community.

Several members volunteer at the Lincoln Area Archives Museum. Lincoln is rich in history! He has been to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home in San Francisco over 40 times. He says we must visit the Museum in the Home which is closed at this time due to COVID. He is looking forward to meeting new friends and becoming more involved in Native Daughters of the Golden West events.

It is an honor having Victor in our Parlor. Photos of Victor and Jacqueline and the regalia set up in the house were sent.

Placer Parlor No. 138 would like to congratulate three members who will receive their 25-year pin: Jeraldine Coykendall, Virginia Dolores Wager, and Betty Gadberry.

We would also like to congratulate Gloria Cavanee and Betty Gadberry who are receiving their 50-year pendant! Thank you for your service!

**Victor and Jacqueline and the regalia set up in their house**



NDGW Placer Parlor #138 December 10, 2020



Charter signed by 46 Founding Members 1903  
Certificate of Recognition from California Legislature Assembly 2003  
Commendation from Governor Gray Davis 2003



Our Original Charter 1903



# NDGW Education and Scholarship State Committee 2020 – 2021

*In order to raise funds for Education & Scholarship, in conjunction with the Grand Presidents Special Project, we present...*

## E & S “SILLY TAX”

- Number of Years You Attended School (all that apply):

Elementary (Grades K through 5)	20 cents
Middle/Jr. High (Grades 6 through 8)	15 cents
High School (Grades 9 through 12)	10 cents
Post Secondary (College, Vocational, etc.)	5 cents per year
- Favorite Lunch Box Contents: (all that apply)

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich	10 cents
Baloney Sandwich	10 cents
Chips	25 cents
Carrot and/or Celery Sticks	5 cents
Fruit	10 cents
Cookie	25 cents
Cupcake	25 cents
Candy	25 cents
Milk	10 cents
- Favorite Subjects (all that apply):

English/Language Arts	10 cents
Mathematics	5 cents
History/Government	15 cents
Physical Ed (P.E.)	25 cents
Science	5 cents
Foreign Language	15 cents
Art/Music	20 cents
Computer Science/Information Technology	20 cents
- Did you have milk and graham crackers break in Kindergarten?

Yes	25 cents
No	50 cents
- Did you learn to read in 1st grade using the “Dick and Jane” books?

Yes	25 cents
No	50 cents
- Did you salute the flag every morning in Elementary School?

Yes	25 cents
No	50 cents
- Did you have a pencil box/case in Elementary School?

Yes	10 cents
No	15 cents
- Did you take a backpack to school?

Yes	5 cents
No	20 cents
Not invented yet	5 cents
- In Middle School, how much time each school day did you spend at the pencil sharpener?

1 minute or less	5 cents
2 to 5 minutes	25 cents
6 to 9 minutes	35 cents
10 minutes or more	50 cents
- How many times TOTAL during your elementary through high school years were you required to stay after school for breaking a rule ?

Never	1 cent
1-3 times	10 cents
4-6 times	25 cents
7+ times	50 cents
- Do you still have friends from...??

	Yes	No
Elementary School	10 cents	20 cents
Middle/Jr. High School	15 cents	30 cents
High School	20 cents	40 cents
Post Secondary	25 cents	50 cents
- If you attended college/vocational school, did you change your major/concentration?

Yes	25 cents
No	10 cents
- Number of hardback books currently in your home.

Number = _____	10 cents each
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- Number of paperback books currently in your home.

Number = _____	5 cents each
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TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

The Education and Scholarship Committee greatly thanks you for your participation in our Silly Tax fundraiser. Please send your donation to the Grand Parlor Office Bookkeeper, care of Education & Scholarship, 543 Baker St. San Francisco CA 94117. The recipients of our Scholarships will greatly appreciate your generosity!

Linda M. Galassi, PGP State Chairman, Education & Scholarship Committee



# Mission San Gabriel’s “Race to Rebuild”

By Stephanie Whittle, Toluca Parlor No. 279

In the early morning hours of July 11, 2020, a terrible structure fire destroyed the roof and much of the interior of historic Mission San Gabriel. Some renovation was already underway, as the Mission is preparing to celebrate its Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) in September 2021. As you can imagine, they are now in urgent need of funding to complete the rebuilding project in time for the celebration.

We have joined with the Native Sons to create a fundraising campaign to benefit the rebuilding efforts. The first phase of the T-shirt sales closed December 29, and



was able to generate 47 items sold and \$1300 for the Mission. Some parlors and individual sisters have also contributed directly to the Mission Restoration Committee, and we will report this information when the total is counted. We did so well, that we have decided to run the t-shirt website again!

The campaign website will reopen soon, and will close again on March 8. For those of you who haven’t used Custom Ink before, we must have a closing date for them to print the shirts. There will be a “progress report” on Zoom on March 28, which will give people a chance to receive their shirts before the event. If you are on Facebook, please join the event page at the link below.

There will be some fun contests involved as well. Everyone on the Zoom session will be in a drawing to win a small mystery prize from Stephanie! A flier was sent to the parlor secretaries as listed in the directory, and will be included in the monthly mailing as well.

At this time, we are in need of your support in the following ways: First, I ask that you forward the information widely via email, social media, and word of mouth. If you have any contacts in the media, please forward to them also. Second, please take a look at the Custom Ink site below and consider purchasing a “Race to Rebuild” T-shirt, making a donation, or both. Third, please join the Facebook event at the link

below. We must also think outside the box for ways to spread the word.

Remember, if we want to have a big impact, we need to reach out to everyone! This is also a great way to spread the news about our order, so be prepared to share the gift of membership in Native Daughters!

Fundraising campaign link: [www.custom-ink.com/fundraising/race-to-rebuild](http://www.custom-ink.com/fundraising/race-to-rebuild)

Facebook event link: <https://m.facebook.com/events/509052650142116/>

Thank you to those who have already participated, and please help us keep the momentum going by wearing your shirt and sharing photos on social media!

## Eureka! Pioneer Roster and Archives has Made a Discovery... In our records!

Submitted by Dianna Geyer, State Chairman

The Pioneer Roster and Archives Committee has made an exciting discovery... The Committee has found over 70 original pioneer stories that had been submitted for a contest from 1937 to 1952, with a plan to have the stories printed for the membership — Unfortunately, that didn’t happen then, but it is happening now!

Pioneer Roster has compiled a selection of these unique and interesting stories and the Committee was in the process of printing a book. The plan was to sell the book at last June’s Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, but since GPAM 2020 did not happen in person and everything is still somewhat up in the air, Pioneer Roster has a new plan. The Committee is now going ahead with the book sale and they will ship copies to you. Thank you to all of the Sisters who have purchased copies of this exciting book. If you have not already, please plan to purchase your copy today as this will definitely provide great reading and inspiration to all Native Daughters!

Here are a few excerpts...

...Here home life commenced in the far west, and her it was that Lura Ann heard the plan discussed to build a Fast Freight from Virginia City, Nevada, to Sacramento, California that needed so many horses... Now in Michigan. Sewing basket in her lap, she heard her husband end the discussion- “There’s no one to bring the horses just suited for this from Michigan.” “Why, I can do that?” speaks Lura Ann. “Lura Ann, after once crossing those plains would you consider doing so again alone? The Indians and wild animals are worse than ever.” “If you will provide a team, buck board and provisions, I will take Frank and get the horses. Mary can keep house for you.”.....

...Sarah had many harrowing experiences with the Indians. Once one of her boys shot



an Indian’s dog for killing their sheep. The Indians responded by coming to the Plasketts’ home fully decorated in war paint, demanding the boy to kill him. With gifts of sugar, flour and clothes, Mrs. Plaskett succeeded in bribing them, winning their confidence and good will again, thus saving the life of the boy...

The Pioneer Roster Committee is proud to announce that books are available for purchase now! The cost of this exciting book will be \$25 each –including shipping within the continental US. Checks can be made payable to N.D.G.W. Pioneer Roster and should be mailed to: **The Pioneer Roster Book Sale ~ 555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117**, please include your name and shipping address with your order. Thank you in advance for supporting this project and all proceeds will help to continue the work of The Pioneer Roster.

Please contact Pioneer Roster for further information at: [NDPioneer@att.net](mailto:NDPioneer@att.net)

## Adopt a Committee!

The “Adopt a Committee” program is in full swing. This is just a reminder for Parlors and individuals to find ways to help your adopted Committee/s. We hope to have reports from the various Committees soon regarding how they intend to use the funds donated to them.

If your Parlor has not yet “Adopted a Committee” it is not too late. The information is

on the Native Daughter website or you can contact us for more information.

Thank you all for making the Grand President’s Special Project so successful. We will have information later on this year on how the funds were used.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Linda M. Galassi, PGP, Co-Chairman  
Sharon D. Logan, PGP, Co-Chairman

## A Handmade Quilt of California Could be Yours!

The Native Daughters of the Golden West, Cotati Parlor No.299 (Sonoma County)

is conducting an Opportunity Drawing.

The prize will be a beautiful 5½’ square California quilt.

Tickets are \$5.00 each, or six for \$25.00.

Proceeds will be used to support the charitable activities of our parlor including: The Children’s Foundation, supporting local Veterans.

Our sister, Peggie Gordon, who cur-

rently lives in Alaska, handcrafted a beauty and donated it to our parlor to be used as a fundraiser.

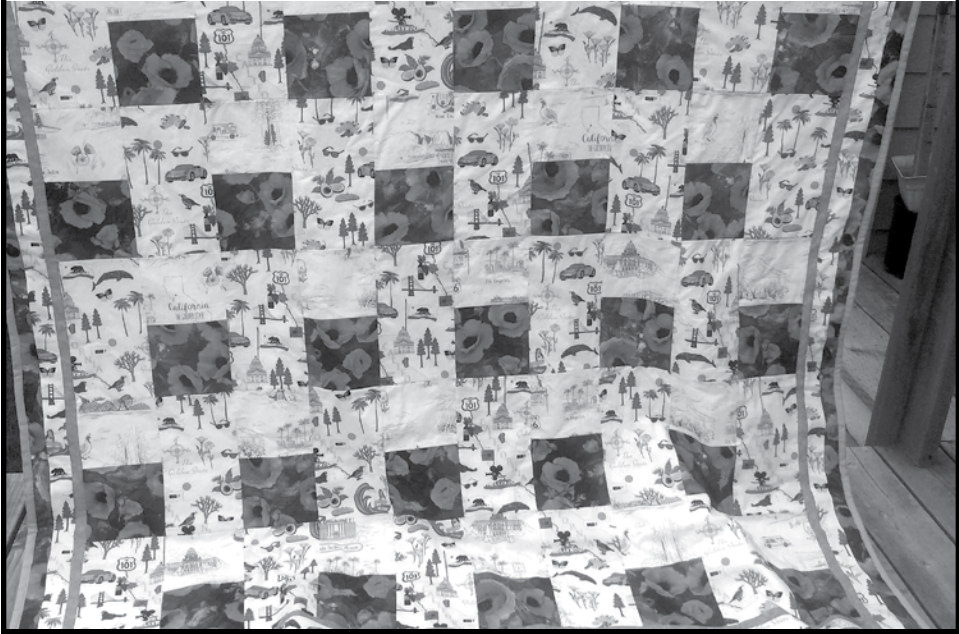
Contact: Nita Miller, PO Box 4974, Petaluma, CA 94955

We are very grateful for Peggie’s generosity and skill.

Drawing to be held at our parlor meeting on April 8, 2021.

Winner need not be present to win.

Thank you in advance for your support, and Good Luck!



## 😊😊 You shop...Amazon gives & the Children of California Benefit! 😊😊

Many thanks to everyone who shopped this holiday season and directed their Amazon Smile donation to be directed to the Grand Parlor Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation. The Amazon Smile program costs nothing and the rewards are great — we received from \$124.35 from Amazon Smile!

**What is Amazon Smile?**

Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support the Childrens Foundation every time you shop, at no cost to you. Amazon Smile is available at <https://smile.amazon.com/>

When you shop at Amazon Smile, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases directly to support the Childrens Foundation. Please look for: Grand Parlor Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation when you are shopping on Amazon Smile.

Thank you in advance for supporting the children of California and the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation! We appreciate you! 😊😊😊



# Native Daughters of the Golden West

## Extension of the Order Membership Survey

We want to represent the needs of the Order in our efforts to increase the NDGW Membership. Your feedback would be very helpful in assisting us in making appropriate decisions to insure the proliferation of our Order. Please take a moment to complete the survey. We thank you in advance.

Parlor Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Has your Parlor been meeting during the 2020 term?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what keeps your Parlor from meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending Parlor meetings remotely?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what keeps you from meeting remotely? \_\_\_\_\_

If your Parlor is meeting, what platform are you using (i.e. Zoom, GoToMeeting, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel competent using electronic resources for your Parlor meetings?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not, would you be willing to get assistance in getting started?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please give your contact information so that someone can reach out to you and help you get set up: (name, email, & phone)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive communications from your Parlor via email?    YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

What suggestions do you have for improving meeting attendance? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In this next section we are interested in learning how well NDGW meets your needs.

How well does NDGW meet your needs?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Perfectly, I love attending meetings and our Parlor events  
\_\_\_\_\_ Not very well, I feel obligated to go to meetings and events, or guilty if I don't attend  
\_\_\_\_\_ Poorly, I have little or no interest in attending meetings or events.

Please elaborate on how well NDGW meets/does not meet your needs as a Member:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please rank-order the benefits available to you as a Member in good standing of NDGW:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt of the quarterly California Star newsletter
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Opportunities to participate in community service activities
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Opportunities to participate in California service activities
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Social Interaction
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Staying at the NDGW Home in San Francisco
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The prestige that comes with belonging to a Fraternal Order
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Other, please elaborate
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been an officer in your Parlor?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

What activities or projects do you most enjoy in your Parlor? (List all that you enjoy. We want to compile a list to share with other Parlors.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM)?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not, please elaborate? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you participate in Grand Parlor or NDGW State Committee events?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see happen in your Parlor and/or the Order that would make NDGW more appealing? All your comments are important to us.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever sponsored a new Member to the Order?                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what might we do to help you invite someone to join? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What opportunities would you be most interested in participating if they were developed:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Resurgence of common interest groups, i.e., Gardening/Sewing/Photography Travel/ Ancestry/California History/Other (specify) Clubs  
\_\_\_\_\_ More interaction of Sisters throughout the State  
\_\_\_\_\_ More opportunity for Statewide improvement projects  
\_\_\_\_\_ More Grand Parlor support to Parlors; specifically

Please return the completed survey to the Grand Parlor Office, Attention: Extension of the Order, 543 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 or via email to *grandparlor@ndgw.org*.

Thank you for your time.



## Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of ‘Love of Home’, ‘Devotion to the Flag’, Veneration of the Pioneers’ and ‘Faith in the Existence of God’. Individuals 16 years of age and older who were born in California are welcome to call 415-563-9091, e-mail to [grandparlor@ndgw.org](mailto:grandparlor@ndgw.org) or check out our web page at [www.ndgw.org](http://www.ndgw.org) for more information.

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

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

Submitted by Julia Hull, Facebook Manager [perfectjulia@gmail.com](mailto: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 Suzanne Renee Chandler 2020-2021

**\*\*All Official Visits and Events are tentative, pending Coronavirus restrictions.**

### FEBRUARY

- 3 District 28 Official Visit, Lugonia Parlor No. 241, Jurupa Parlor No. 296 and Tahquitz Parlor No. 333
- ~~6 District 15 Official Visit, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Darina Parlor No. 114, El Vespero Parlor No. 118;~~
- ~~Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155, San Bruno Parlor No. 246 (Re-scheduled to 4/3/21 @ 2:00 p.m.)~~
- 7 District 11 Official Visit, Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Marinita Parlor No. 198, Sonoma, Parlor No. 209, and Cotati Parlor No. 299 (Re-scheduled to 5/7/21)
- 8 Encinal Parlor No. 156 Official Visit
- 13 Grace Parlor No. 242 Official Visit – Zoom Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
- 14 **Happy Valentine’s Day**
- 19 Investment Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
Finance Meeting, San Francisco - 1 p.m.  
Personnel Meeting, San Francisco - 4 p.m.
- 20 CFIC Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.
- 21 Donner Parlor No. 193 Home Luncheon
- 27 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco – 2 p.m.
- 27 District 14 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, Jackson

### MARCH

- 2 District 25 Official Visit, Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126, Tierra Del Oro Parlor No. 304 and Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 **(Re-scheduled from 1/5/21)**
- 6 District 23 Official Visit, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Luisita Parlor No. 108, El Pinal Parlor No. 163
- 13 District 29 Official Visit, San Diego Parlor No. 208
- 1 3 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, Southern California - 9 a.m. **(Re-scheduled from 3/14/21)**
- 14 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon (Donation appeal by mail)
- 16 Mariposa Parlor No. 63 and Veritas Parlor No. 75 Official Visit
- 17 Lomita Parlor No. 255 Official Visit
- 19 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco – 2 p.m.
- 20 District 21 Official Visit, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Aleli Parlor No. 102, Junipero Parlor No. 141, and San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179
- 26–28 Board of Director’s Meeting, San Francisco

### APRIL

- 2 Investment Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
Finance Meeting, San Francisco - 1 p.m.  
Personnel Meeting, San Francisco - 4 p.m.
- 3 CFIC Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.
- 3 District 15 Official Visit, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Darina Parlor No. 114, El Vespero Parlor No. 118, Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155, San Bruno Parlor No. 246 **(Re-scheduled from 2/6/21)**
- 4 **Happy Easter**
- 5 Oakdale Parlor No. 125 Official Visit

- 6 Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Official Visit
- 7 Morada Parlor No. 199 Official Visit
- 8 District 6 Official Visit, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 and Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190
- 9 Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 Official Visit, Etna ( **Re-scheduled from 9/1/20)**
- 10 District 22 Official Visit, Fresno Parlor No. 187 and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292
- 11 Argonaut Parlor No. 166 Official Visit
- 12 Nataqua Parlor No. 152 Official Visit, Susanville **(Re-scheduled from 8/10/20)**
- 15 District 18 Official Visit, Ruby Parlor No. 46 and Golden Era Parlor No. 99
- 16–18 Past President’s General Assembly, Holiday Inn, Rancho Cordova
- 20 Marguerite Parlor No. 12 Official Visit
- 21 District 8 Official Visit, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Manzanita Parlor No. 29, Naomi Parlor No. 36
- 23–25 Joint meeting with Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents
- 26 El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Official Visit

### MAY

- 1 District 27 Official Visit, La Tijera Parlor No. 282 75th Celebration and Official Visit of La Tijera Parlor No. 282 and Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331
- 7 District 11 Official Visit, Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Marinita Parlor No. 198, Sonoma Parlor No. 209, and Cotati Parlor No. 299 **(Re-scheduled from 2/7/21)**
- 8 District 1 Official Visit of Reichling Parlor No. 97, Arcata Parlor No. 325, and District 5 Official Visit; Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
- 9 **Happy Mother’s Day**
- 15 District 16 Official Visit, Donner Parlor No. 193
- 17–20 Native Sons of the Golden West Grand Parlor
- 22 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.
- 22 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco – 2 p.m.
- 29 Toluca Parlor No. 279 Official Visit **(Re-scheduled from 1/30/21)**

### JUNE

- 5 Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 Official Visit and Homecoming of Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler
- 14 **Flag Day — Fly your Flag!**
- 15–18 Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, Ontario
- 20 **Happy Father’s Day**

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