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Message from Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler

Dear Sisters,

It's hard to imagine that this is my last Star letter. The year has flown by and we are getting ready for our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. But the fact that we are able to hold a Grand Parlor Annual Meeting this year, considering the turmoil of the past twelve months, is amazing.

First, I want to thank my hardworking Board of Directors for all their efforts in keeping the Order operating despite the pandemic. I would also like to thank the Parlors for staying-the-course and working through unusual Official Visits, a million Zoom meetings and constantly changing schedules. My other thanks go to the Office Staff; our Office Assistant Eve, our Book-keeper Jeanette, and our Home Hostess Julia, for all that they have done to keep us up and running. My thanks also go out to those who accepted appointments to our Committees during these uncertain times. I appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

I have an update on the ongoing work of the Native Daughter Home. We have taken advantage of the time the Home has been closed, to do some repairs that are very much needed. We will soon be announcing a soft opening of the Home to guests, with restricted numbers and rotating rooms. More information will be sent out soon, and pictures of some of the work being done has been posted on Facebook.

Now our efforts turn to our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. We are all thrilled that we will be able to hold, at least a modified version of our meeting this year. It is vital that we not only adhere to State regulations regarding having a meeting, but also to do this keeping in mind the safety of our Sisters. Information has been sent to Parlors regarding registration and the safety measures we are incorporating into our meeting. I hope



that each and every Parlor has reviewed the paperwork and sent in the required forms. If you have not yet done so, please take care of that as soon as possible. Please remember that the registration deadline is May 25th. We are under tight deadlines from the Casino as to our numbers and reservations. I look forward to seeing my Sisters in person and on Zoom. And for the first time, others will be able to watch on "Live Stream" as much or as little as they would like.

My Special Project this year, was for Parlors to support the various small committees of the CFIC. I am so pleased that each of the committees had multiple Parlors supporting their efforts. More information will come to you regarding this project and its huge success, from my Chairmen.

It has been an eventful year in so many ways, and I am so grateful that I have had the opportunity to serve as your Grand Present during this time. Thank you all for your hard work for our Order and your support of all our projects.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Suzanne Renee Chandler
Grand President

Welfare Wants To Thank You For Your Support

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY SVINDAL, CHAIRMAN, WELFARE COMMITTEE

As Chairman of the Welfare Committee, I have been overwhelmed by the support of the Native Daughters of the Golden West membership.

We started with the Wild Fires that destroyed so much of our beautiful state. We sent out a letter offering help to anyone affected by the fires and asked for monetary support from those who were not. The pledge of support from many members was spontaneous and given with love and compassion for those effected. Even though the Home offered free room and board to evacuees only a few members were in need of lodging. The Welfare Committee gave \$200 to a member who lost her home in the Santa Cruz Complex Fires.

Two Parlors adopted the Welfare Com-

mittee this year. San Jose Parlor No. 81, San Jose and Encinal Parlor No. 156, Alameda, have generously supported the Welfare Committee. We wish to publicly thank Amador Parlor No. 17, NSGW for their \$500 donation to the Fire Relief Fund.

With the help of the donations received this year and the Committee's share of the Cash for Christmas Drawing, we will be donating \$2,500.00 to the California Community Foundation for the Wildfire Relief Program. This program is for the continuing support of the California Communities that have been affected by wildfire over the past several years.

Thank you again to all the members and Parlors for the support of the Welfare Committee this year.

District 15 Welcomes Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler to the Easter Parade!

SUBMITTED BY SUZI RILEY, PGP

On Saturday, April 3, 2021 the Parlors of District 15 proudly welcomed Grand President Renee Chandler from Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello to our Zoom Easter Parade! District 15 Sisters from: Bonita Parlor No. 10; Darina Parlor No. 114; El Vespero No. 118; Vista Del Mar No. 155; and San Bruno Parlor No. 246 were excited to host GP Renee's Official Visit. The Easter Parade Parlor No. 2021 was viewed by 58 Sisters and guests from around the State.

Supervisor District Deputy Grand President Donna Fletcher presided over the Zoom meeting and did a marvelous job keeping everything on track. Sisters from all five Parlors assisted with the meeting and the afternoon went very smoothly. Grand President Renee presented a heartfelt speech and complimented District 15 for their efforts in collaborating and working together to ensure a lovely event was enjoyed by all in attendance.

District 15 was also thrilled to honor our Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Beth Perrin of Toluca Parlor No. 279, Burbank. PGP Beth joined the meeting and shared some of her memories of visiting the Parlors of District 15 during her term as Grand President – 1995-1996.

Following the meeting, Deputy Grand President Kathy Kelly-Breilter presented an Excellent Extravagant Egg game where Sisters had to come closest to matching some famous Native Daughters of the past Birthdays or guessing the exact number of goodies in a jar. The game was enjoyable, fun and added a wonderful ending to our afternoon with Grand President Renee. Many thanks to GP Renee and to all of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents and all the many Sisters who wore their Easter bonnets and joined us from around the State — District 15 sincerely appreciated you being a part of our Easter Parade!



Grand President Renee Chandler surrounded by Easter Baskets and goodies as she joined Easter Parade Parlor No. 2021 from the NDGW Home.



Americanism and Civic Participation Help Camp Effectuated by Wildfire

SUBMITTED BY MARY KINGSHILL, CHAIRMAN OF AMERICANISM AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

The Americanism and Civic Participation Committee was recently able to fulfill a request brought to us by Past G.P. Camelia Robles. Enchanted Hills Camp located in Napa and affiliated with Lighthouse for the Blind needed a new California flag as theirs was lost in a fire. This is the type of request that we are glad to fulfill. If any of you know of an organization that needs a flag just let the committee know. With your help we can

keep California's colors flying high. In the past we have also supplied U.S. flags.

This year has been a difficult one for this Committee as it has not been possible for Parlors to participate in most of the activities that come under its purview but if your Parlor does have something to report be sure to notify Committee chair, Mary Kingshill, at marykingshill@att.net.

Grand President's Special Project

SUBMITTED BY LINDA GALASSI, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN
AND SHARON LOGAN, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN

Sisters,

It is our pleasure to report on the Grand President's Special Project. As her project for the year, our Grand President asked members to support the small committees of the Charitable Foundation. We are please to announce the great success of this project. These committees often have a difficult time raising funds for their projects. Grand President Renee has highlighted their efforts and asked supporting Parlors to financially support one or more committees in whatever way they needed.

We are happy to say that ALL these Committees received support from mul-

multiple Parlors as well as individual Sisters. The Committees have been so excited to have these funds and have made wonderful plans to support community and statewide groups, and organizations as well as support for special projects and their needs. More information will be reported at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

We want to thank Grand President Renee Chandler for trusting us with her special project. We also want to thank the many Parlors who have supported this project. Congratulations on a very successful year and thank you all for supporting our small Committees of the CFIC.

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Home Work

SUBMITTED BY
CYNTHIA CONNELLY, PGP
AND
JULIA HULL, NDGW HOME HOSTESS

So much has been happening while we were locked down due to the COVID pandemic. Your Home Committee has taken advantage of the shut-down to repair and beautify our beautiful Julia Morgan-designed Home.

First, all contractor contacts mentioned in this article came through recommendations from our elevator maintenance contractor. When we find a good contractor, we move to get them into maintenance contracts so we can maintain the Home for many years to come. Now, let me introduce you to the work that has been accomplished thanks to these contacts.

We chose a wonderful contractor to affect the necessary repairs to our foundation, repair cracked/broken pipes that were causing water damage to our Home. He also has repaired and painted the interior of the first and second floors, bringing new life to our precious lady. I can't tell you how exciting it is that he is accomplished in so many different aspects of contract-work. We have updated our lighting throughout the Home, which gives consistent visibility as you go from area to area. Another brilliant contractor contact.

This is something you need to see up close and personal! The beauty of the emblems in the auditorium is beyond reproach. Please remember to email or call the Home Hostess and make your reservations. Our Home is waiting to greet you.

Why Pay Home Assessments When You Can't Visit the Home?

Seems just so wrong, doesn't it? Well, consider this: When you are out of your private home for extended periods, do your expenses stop growing? Is it truly possible to completely shut off your utilities? Do you hire a house-sitter while you're away? As you can see, expenses continue to amass.

Expenses continue to accrue even when there are no reservations to provide funds for our utilities, and general upkeep of the Home. The assessments you paid while under lockdown due to the COVID pandemic allowed us to contract for some much-needed repairs to our beautiful Home.

There is still much to be done to maintain and bring to her original grandeur. Unfortunately, as with our own homes, we need to replace carpeting on the second floor. Since it is, and we plan to replace with, wool carpeting the costs will be rather high. However, a high cost now will provide us with 25 or more years of beauty of service.

Please keep in mind that you, by way of your Membership in the Native Daughters of the Golden West, are part owner of this Home — a shareholder, of sorts. You are tasked with being a good steward of this asset. (The largest single asset of the NDGW!) When considering the costs involved with the upkeep of our Home as compared to the expenses of keeping your own home in good shape, the assessment paid through your annual dues is minimal.

Let's keep our Home beautiful! We, the Members of the NDGW Home Committee, are exceedingly grateful for your dedication to the Order and our Home.



Congratulations

We are please to congratulate Home Hostess Julia Hull. (Flanked by PGP Cynthia and GP Renee).Friday, April 23, 2021, marks the third anniversary of the date Julia was hired to fulfill the needs of the NDGW Home. Please, when the opportunity allows, wish our beautiful Julia a happy work anniversary.

We are so pleased to inform you that your wait is over! Our Grand Lady, the NDGW Home, is open! She has missed your visits and looks forward to filling her rooms with your love and laughter. The NDGW Home Committee cannot wait until you see all the work that has been completed during your absence. Many of the scars from years of use have been repaired and her walls painted. Necessary repairs in the basement are completed and she is on a strong foundation again. Our precious Home has been spruced up and you'll love how she looks! Please contact our Home Hostess, Julia Hull, at NDHome@ndgw.org or (415) 921-2664. Email reservations preferred.



N.D.G.W. Roll of Honor Recipients for 2020-2021

SUBMITTED BY L. CAROL BONÉ, STATE CHAIRMAN ROLL OF HONOR

This year the Roll of Honor Committee had the privilege of reviewing the nominations of two outstanding women who have done much for the State of California as well as the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Pursuant to our Constitution, these ladies are not eligible for membership in our Order but have certainly emulated our love of the State of California. The nominees both exemplify the words of our Motto: “...to preserve California’s history and better the quality of life through active participation in education and community service.” And the Roll of Honor Committee is proud to recognize both nominees.



The first nominee was recommended by El Vespero Parlor No 118, in San Francisco. Their Parlor nominee was for **Tara Vanderveer, “the winningest coach in women’s college basketball.”** Ms. Vanderveer was born in Melrose, Massachusetts and grew up in New York. In 1983, she moved to Palo Alto, California to coach women’s basketball for Stanford University. Ms. Vanderveer has spent the past thirty-three seasons as the head coach of the women’s basketball team and is currently the Director of Women’s basketball at Stanford.

Coach Vanderveer has established herself as one of the top coaches in the history of collegiate and international women's basketball and has been inducted into the both the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (2002) and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (2011). She is one of only nine NCAA Women’s Basketball coaches to win over 900 games and one of ten NCAA Division I coaches - men’s or women’s - to win 1,000 games. On December 15, 2020, she surpassed Famed University of Tennessee Coach Pat Summit for the most wins in women’s basketball history. As of February 3, 2020, she has won 1,099 games! **The Stanford Cardinal women, under Coach Vanderveer’s leadership, also edged out the Arizona Wildcats by winning the 2021 NCAA Women’s basketball Tournament by a score of 54 to 53!** Under Ms. Vanderveer’s expert coaching, her players have received the following honors: two Wade Trophy Player of the Year honors, two Naismith Player of the Year honors, 31 first-team-All-American honors (WBCA and Assoc. Press), 18 Pac-12 Player of the Year awards, 77 first team All-Pac 12 selections and nearly 40 appointments to USA Basketball teams.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Ms. Vanderveer has donated \$10 for each career win - over \$11,000 so far - to local food banks in California. Her donations have helped provide approximately 55,000 pounds of food to those in need.

In recognition of Ms. Tara Vanderveer’s lifetime career dedicated to coaching and guiding young women in California sports and life skills, the Native Daughters of the Golden West Roll of Honor Committee is proud to honor Ms. Tara Vanderveer as the 77th recipient of our Roll of Honor Award, since its inception in 1910! Congratulations!



And the Winner Is...

Cotati Parlor No. 299 would like to thank all who purchased tickets for our opportunity drawing for the beautiful California quilt. We drew the winning ticket at our Zoom meeting on April 8th. The winner was Karen Johnson a member of Petaluma Parlor No. 222. Barbara Ish delivered the quilt to Karen. Karen was thrilled

Cotati Parlor has made donations to 3 committees, Veterans Welfare, Childrens Foundation and Lighthouse Preservation with the proceeds.

The second Roll of Honor nominee was submitted by Joaquin Parlor No. 5 of Stockton. Their nomination was for Dr. Judith Chambers. Judith Chambers was born in Philadelphia, and moved to California with her family when she was two years old. She



graduated from the University of the Pacific in Stockton (UOP) in 1958 with a degree in Speech with honors, followed by a Master’s Degree in 1960, and Doctorate of Human Letters from Heidelberg College in 1987. Dr. Chambers was Professor of Speech at UOP and her career focus was the education of college students. She was the first female Vice President of Student Affairs, and Special Assistant to the Vice President for University Advancements. Many organizations have recognized Dr. Chambers for her exemplary efforts in mentoring students at UOP, including the US Department of Education for contributing to the Standards of the Network to Promote Drug-Free Colleges and Universities, co-chairing the US Secretary of Educational Regional Forum in Excellence in Education, and President Reagan’s appointment to the Board of Directors of Student Loan Marketing

Association, and Governor Wilson’s appointment to Western Intercollegiate Commission on Higher Education.

Although now retired, Dr. Chambers was heavily involved in serving the community of Stockton in equalizing the rights of women in athletic opportunities, oppressive hours and dress codes. She served as President of the National Association of Student Personnel Administration (NASPA) and on the City of Stockton’s Year of the Youth Task Force Committee, Business Leadership Summit that worked with emerging young adult leaders. Dr. Chambers has received many awards for her tireless service to UOP students, including the three highest awards given by NASPA for Student Affairs Leadership: Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to Student Affairs Profession, the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean, and Pillars of the Profession.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Roll of Honor Committee is honored to award Dr. Judith Chambers as the 78th recipient of our Roll of Honor award, since its inception in 1910, in recognition of her life-long dedication to the education and betterment of women and children of our Golden State/ Congratulations Dr. Judith Chambers!

Oakdale Parlor Keeps Inching Along

SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE KERR

Attempting to survive during the lock-down caused by Covid 19 has not been easy. Things are so different and so many sacrifices have been made.

Oakdale Parlor No. 125, Oakdale is a small Parlor in a small city. Covid 19 has caused the normal charitable events to be cancelled, so opportunities for Oakdale Parlor’s participation have been scarce. We have held zoom meetings every month since March 2020. Nevertheless, we have been successful in supporting the Blue Star Moms. While in a normal situation, we would draw a number at each of our meetings to determine who should bring something to put into the boxes that are sent to active duty personnel by the Blue Star Moms. We were not able to do that this year with our zoom meetings, so, instead, we donated \$100.00 to the Blue Star Moms for postage.

Scholarships are an important part of our investing in the future. We provided \$3,500.00 in scholarships for the students at Oakdale High School.

Oakdale Parlor has a veteran of WWII, of whom we are very proud. On Veteran’s Day, we gave Frieda Lansdowne, our veteran, a check and a plant in appreciation for her

service. She has been a member since 1997.

Our Sister, Mary Whitaker, participated in a designer purse fundraiser with another entity and raised \$95.00 for Oakdale Parlor. Now, Oakdale Parlor currently is holding a designer purse fundraiser and are doing well on the number of tickets sold. The drawing will occur at our June 7th meeting

As individual members, we are supporting fundraisers of other Parlors. For example, as individual members, we supported the quilt fundraiser of Cotati Parlor No. 299, Sonoma County.

We always donate to our local emergency Food Bank – Community Sharing. Our donation was \$100.00.

We support each other and are grateful for our continuation of friendship. We check in on our Sisters via phone so we don’t feel isolated and to check on the wellbeing of the Sister. We are mastering the Zoom technology. We like seeing each other during our meetings.

For being in a lock-down situation, we were able to accomplish some of our activities, but we are looking forward to being able to meet face-to-face.



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Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Has Active Year Despite Restrictions

SUBMITTED BY IDA EVANS

Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton has had a remarkably busy year. The Parlor is proud that no meetings have been missed this entire year. Starting with last April, the Parlor has met via ZOOM meetings. In May 2020, they cut back to one meeting a month until the restrictions could be lifted. In April 2021, the Parlor was back to the twice a month meetings.

During this year, the Parlor relocated to a new facility, renting the Pavilion building located on the site of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 391's property. The new location is much larger than the previous location and includes a full kitchen and space for future fundraisers and events.

The Parlor Veteran's Welfare committee, chaired by Roberta Taylor, Joaquin Parlor Head Trustee, and her committee member Susan Machado, presented gifts, sweatshirts, and boxed lunches to the residents at Dignity Alcove Veterans home in Stockton in celebration of Christmas. This was a pared down event because of the Pandemic restrictions but

was greatly appreciated by the veterans and the staff at the home. The home's Director, Dianna Weis, is the daughter of Joaquin Parlor First Vice President Denise Aguirre.

The Parlor's first in-person event was held at the new location and was the Parlor's 134th birthday event held on Saturday, April 10th. It was a walkthrough of the facility for members to come and see the new location and to pick up their lunch and gift. It was a wonderful event in many ways, especially being able to see Parlor sisters, many whom had not seen each other in person for nearly a year!! It was like a family reunion!! The birthday event was planned by Parlor Financial Secretary Susan Machado and Parlor Treasurer Genevieve Galli and was a big success. Their tireless work and planning were an outstanding example of how hard work pays off with a wonderful event. They made gifts for all who participated, a flowerpot filled with goodies. Parlor Marshal, Juanita Case GT and SDDGP, prepared her famous cabbage salad, Parlor Secretary Joan Stafko, prepared Vina

Dosh, a Portuguese wine and garlic pork, and Parlor member Linda Renner made her delicious carrot cake. Many members came to assemble the bagged lunches and to set up the new Parlor meeting place for all to see. 70 lunches were purchased, and it was also attended by DGP to Joaquin Parlor, Christine Tripot, PGP and Grand Marshal, Nina Coffenberry, from Ursula No.1, Jackson. Required social distancing was observed.



Fort Bragg Parlor No.210 Celebrates 105 Years

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN COLLINS, GVP

Fort Bragg Parlor No.210 formed at the urging of Henry Thurman who, in 1916 was the President of Alder Glen Parlor 200, NSGW. Henry's wife Hazel desired to belong to a fraternal organization as active and dedicated as the NSGW. Assisted by May Scheper of NDWG Fremont Parlor, San Francisco, and Maude Belfour, Fort Bragg's first President, organized the Fort Bragg Parlor. It was instituted on March 2, 1916 with twenty-seven Charter members.

This spring the members of the parlor wanted to do something to mark the anniversary. But in Covid 19 times and no gathering of large groups being allowed, they thought the best thing they could do is honor those first twenty-seven ladies. They went about

visiting the local cemetery. Twelve headstones of charter members were located. The headstones were flagged to make them easily found. Four members spent a morning putting together arrangements of red, white and yellow flowers, California flags and ribbons with the NDGW emblems. On the morning of March 13th, members of the parlor gathered at Rose Memorial Park to decorate the headstones of charter members. They also were able to find other members' headstones that they knew of and decorated those as well.

Of special note current member, Judy Griffen, located her Grandmother, charter member, Mabel Ware's headstone and decorated it. Native Daughters come full circle in our little town.

The Parlor maintains two pioneer

grave sites, that of Sarah Foster, a pioneer who traveled to California with the Donner Party and Mr. Greenwood, a gentleman who was a rescuer of the Donner Party. These two monuments also received the attention of the Sisters that day.

Member Julie Parker researched the local newspaper archives and found several obituaries of charter members, most notably that of Member Clara Methlan who was at the time of her death in 1976, the longest surviving charter member of the Parlor.

Fort Bragg Parlor is thankful for our foremothers and for the work they did in the community. Many Charter members were 50 year+ members as are many of our current members. NDGW is alive and strong in Fort Bragg.



President Frieda Clayton, Edith Goble, 3rd Vice Judy Griffen, 2nd vice Betty Carr, Linda Thornquist Stumpf, Susan Nella, and Kathy Wolchick





GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING

2021 SPECIAL SECTION

2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting

Native Daughters of the Golden West

Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents,
State Chairman, Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors
Native Daughters of the Golden West
Dear Sisters,

The Credentials Committee for the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, to be held at Feather Falls Casino and Lodge, #4 Alverda Drive, Oroville, California, 95966, will be June 15 – June 17, 2021. Reservations may be made at The Lodge at Feather Falls at (530)-533-3885. There is also a KOA on the grounds of the Casino as well as alternate hotels in the town of Oroville. (Holiday Inn Express – 855-516-1090 and Gold Country Casino 844-200-8878). We ask those planning to attend to **pre-register prior to arriving at the hotel. Registration check-in will be open on Monday June 14th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. NO Registration will be conducted inside the Sessions room following the opening of GPAM.**

Due to Covid restrictions, only Voting Members will be allowed into the Sessions Room and masks will be required at all times. A few exceptions to the voting member

restrictions may be permitted, based on space and necessity.

Temperature checks will be taken at the door each time a member enters. Sanitizers will be available throughout the room. A limit of 100 people will be allowed within the Sessions room at any given time.

Please complete and return the attached registration form, along with a combined check for Registration of \$35.00 per attendee, and meals (see attached meal form) to Linda Galassi, PGP & Sharon Logan PGP, at the address below. All registration checks should be made **payable to GPAM 2021**. Please include one registration form per member (forms may be copied as needed). **No on-site registrations will be accepted.**

The Grand Parlor will provide membership information to the Credentials Committee for verification of the number of voting Members allowed per Parlor based on membership as of the date of Election of delegates. **Please make sure that both Registration Information and the Election of Delegate information is submitted prior to May 25th, 2021 to Linda Galassi, PGP, & Sharon Logan, PGP, Credentials Chairman.**

The 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee, along with the Credentials Committee, is looking forward to greeting you this June in Oroville. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact the State Chairman of Credentials.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Linda Galassi, PGP
Sharon Logan, PGP

Approved by:

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Suzanne Renee Chandler, GP

2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting

Native Daughters of the Golden West

Tuesday, June 15th – Thursday, June 17th (Sessions)

Oroville, California

2021 Registration Form

(Please complete one Registration Form **per Voting Member** attending)

Please check as many categories as applicable:

1. _____ Grand Officer

2. _____ Past Grand President

3. _____ Delegate (**voting Member**)

4. _____ State Chairman of Committee _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parlor Name, Number and Location: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number: _____

REGISTRATION — VOTING MEMBERS ONLY

1. Attendance in Person:

\$35.00

2. Attendance via Zoom

\$35.00

3. Attendance via Livestream

No Charge

MEALS

1. Lunch (Buffet) (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) \$20.00 per day — (Total) \$60.00

2. Banquet (Buffet) (Wednesday Evening) — \$30.00

TOTAL PER PERSON (Registration, & all Meals) (Total \$125.00)

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING INSTALLATION ON THURSDAY NIGHT. Yes _____ NO _____

A check for the Registration Fee, and Meals, made payable to: GPAM 2021 for each registrant MUST accompany this form.

Please return by MAY 25, 2021 to:

Linda Galassi PGP, & Sharon Logan PGP State Chairman-Credentials

6061 Charlotte Drive, San Jose, California 95123

*** Please note: If a registrant is unable to attend GPAM 2021, the pre-registration fee and cost of meals will be returned provided that notification is received by the Credential’s Chairman prior to May 25, 2021, using the above contact information.**

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

TO THE 2021 GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA — JUNE 15–17, 2021

This is to certify that: (Parlor Name, Number & Location): _____ , District No. ____ , having a membership of _____, as of the date of Election, of which there are _____ Members over six months in arrears; has elected according to the Laws of the Order, the members whose names and signatures appear below.

*Members over six months in arrears for dues cannot be counted in the Parlor’s membership when electing delegates.

The undersigned delegate(s) and alternate(s) hereby designate the mailing address of the Parlor as her (their) address for purposes of receiving notice of meetings.

Please print or type names of delegate(s) and alternate(s) **who must then sign in the space indicated.**

Delegate 1	Signature
Delegate 2	Signature
Delegate 3	Signature
Delegate 4	Signature
Alternate 1	Signature

Attest:

(Seal of the Parlor here)

(Signature of President)

(or indicate if Parlor Seal is not available)

(Signature of Recording Secretary)

(If one person is unable to sign this form, please indicate the date of the meeting that the election took place on the other signature line)

Please send this Certificate of Election to the State Chairman of Credentials:

Linda Galassi, PGP, & Sharon Logan PGP, 6061 Charlotte Dr., San Jose, California 95123

Susan Collins

Candidate for Grand President

Dear Sisters:

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 nominates Susan Collins for the office of Grand President of The Native Daughters of the Golden West and Susan excepts the nomination.

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

She has been an active member of our parlor for 16 years. She has served on the Board of Directors for five years. Susan is currently serving as Grand Vice President. She served four terms as President of Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 in 2008, 2009, 2015, and 2016. She served as Past President for two terms and as Supervising District Deputy Grand President and Deputy Grand President for four terms and is now serving as Recording Secretary of our parlor. She has chaired on many committees including Fund Raising, History and Landmarks and the committee for the Parlor's 100th anniversary in 2016.

She has been on the Lighthouse Preservation Committee for 5 years. By virtue of her office she is serving on the Finance Committee, James D. Phelan Fund, Laws and Supervision, CFIC, Personnel, Home Committee, and Investment Committee. She has been involved in all workings of the Order and is assisting GP Renee Chandler as to become familiar with the Requirements of the Position of GP.

Susan completed her education in Dental Assisting in 1979 at College of the Redwoods in Eureka. She worked as a RDA for over 35 years. She retired in 2012, although keeps her hand in dental assisting by filling in at two offices whenever needed. She has lived



in Fort Bragg since 1982, moving 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 has served as President of the Mendocino Coast Hospital Auxiliary Board for 2 years, and is a long time volunteer at the Fort Bragg Library. In 2018 she received the Community Volunteer of the Year Award. She is always willing to volunteer in the community for special events. She loves traveling with her beagle, Ginger, in her motorhome searching out historical landmarks and parks.

Susan has enjoyed becoming familiar with the administration of NDGW and meeting New Sisters during her travels throughout the State.

Susan is committed to doing the best job as Grand President that she is capable of. She is looking forward to serving as your Grand President in the 2021-2022 term and is available if you should have any questions for her. Her Email is scollinsndgw@gmail.com.

Susan Has the full support of her family and our members of Fort Bragg Parlor No.210.

Susan Collins accepts the nomination for the office of Grand President for the 2021-2022 term.

P.D.F.A.
Susan Collins, Recording Secretary
Frieda Clayton, President

Suzanne "Renee" Chandler

Candidate Jr. Past Grand President

Dear Sisters:

Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, Native Daughters of the Golden West, is proud to nominate our Member, Suzanne "Renee" Chandler, for election to the office of Jr. Past Grand President at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held in Oroville and she accepts the nomination.

Renee has been an active member of Poppy Trail Parlor for over 38 years. She is currently serving our Order as the Grand President and has met all the qualifications to serve our Order in the capacity of Jr. Past Grand President.

During her years as Grand President Renee has enjoyed meeting our Sisters and attending as many meetings and Official Visits as possible.

Renee graduated from Sawyer College of Business in Pasadena. She is currently a Legal Assistant and has worked in this field



for over 36 years.

Renee's husband, Tom, supports her desire to continue serving the Order. She also has the support of her two children and her two granddaughters! Renee's late Grandmother, Becky Meza, a Member for over 40 years, would have been proud to watch Renee serve our Order.

Renee is very grateful to her mother, her Sisters of Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 and her Sisters of her District and Order who have supported her in this journey.

The members of Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, respectfully request your consideration and support of our sister, Suzanne "Renee" Chandler, for election to the office of Jr. Past Grand President at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Sincerely and fraternally in P.D.F.A.,
Julie Patino, Recording Secretary
Gloria Saldivar, President

Nina Coffenberry

Candidate for Grand Vice President

Dear Sisters:

Ursula Parlor No. 1, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Jackson, is honored to present the name of our esteemed member, Nina Coffenberry, as a candidate for election to the office of Grand Vice President at the 135th Grand Parlor.

Nina has been a member of Ursula Parlor for 50 years, serving through the office of Past President. She is currently serving as Recording Secretary of Ursula Parlor.

She is a valued member of the Parlor and District 14, having served as Deputy Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President many times. She has served on the Legislation, CFIC, Childrens Foundation, Pioneer Roster and Archives, and Investment committees. She has served as State Chairman of Childrens Foundation, Laws and Supervision, and Legislation. She has also served as co-Chairman of two Grand Parlor Annual Meetings. She has served the Order as Grand Outside Sentinel, Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Trustee, Grand Secretary and Grand Marshal.

Nina's experience as a Grand Officer, as well as her professional and business experience has rounded out her ability to serve the



Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West completely and enthusiastically. For many years she was owner and operator of her own Beauty Salon. During this time she also served as bookkeeper for her husband's automobile repair shop. In later years she has been an employee of the State of California. She was an underwriting technician for the State Compensation Insurance Fund, Secretary for the personnel manager at the Department of Corrections, and receptionist for the Health and Safety Office at Preston School of Industry.

Reposing full confidence in Nina's ability to promote our Order, the members of Ursula Parlor No. 1 gladly sponsor and nominate Nina for the office of Grand Vice President. We are very happy that she has accepted the nomination. We ask for your favorable consideration and support to elect NINA COFFENBERRY to the office of GRAND VICE PRESIDENT at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Nina Coffenberry accepts this nomination for Grand Vice President for the upcoming term of 2021-2022.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Jeanette Assereto, President

Billie McArthur

Candidate for Grand Secretary

Dear Sisters:

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, in conjunction with Ruby Parlor No. 46, nominates our member Billie McArthur to the office of Grand Secretary at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and she has accepted this nomination. She is supported by our Parlor and her family for this position.

Billie has been a member of Ruby Parlor since 2012, serving as Recording Secretary, President and Past President of our Parlor. She also served and continues to do so this year as Deputy to the Grand President for Golden Era Parlor No.99. She has served on the NDGW Lighthouse Committee, NDGW Home Committee and the State Committee of Extension of the Order. As a member of the NDGW Home Committee, she served three years as Committee Secretary and two years as Chairman. Currently Billie is serving as Committee Chairman of the Extension of the Order.

Billie McArthur's work experience



consists of twenty-five years as an educator and ten years as a Marriage, Family & Child Therapist. She has been active in the community throughout her career in Rotary International and the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association and Plumas Rural Services. She has served on the Advisory Boards for Plumas Mental Health and the tri-county Area 12 Agency on Aging.

We believe Billie has the experience and dedication to serve the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West effectively and with enthusiasm. Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 and Ruby Parlor No. 46 asks for your favorable consideration and support to elect Billie McArthur to the office of Grand Secretary.

Billie McArthur accepts the nomination for the office of Grand Secretary for the 2021-2022 term.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Cynthia Connelly, Recording Secretary
Michele Klassy, President

Rae Rosas

Candidate for Grand Marshal

Dear Sisters,

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 is proud to submit the name of our esteemed Sister, Rae Rosas, as a candidate for the office of Grand Marshal at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Rae served on the Board of Directors as Grand Inside Sentinel and several terms as a Grand Trustee. She also served our Order as Supervising District Deputy Grand President, Deputy Grand President, and as a member of the Investment Committee. She also enjoyed serving on various other state committees, and currently she is serving on the Finance Committee.

In her professional life, Rae was employed by the City of Santa Barbara, retiring after



thirty-six years of service. She was involved with the daily functions of purchasing, budget, and work orders of the Airport Maintenance Division. Currently Rae is working part time at Home Depot where she is a cashier and back office assistant.

Rae has the support of her family and our Parlor Sisters in her desire to serve our Order once again. Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 respectfully requests your favorable consideration of Rae Rosas as she seeks the office of Grand Marshal at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Rae Rosas accepts the nomination for the office of Grand Marshal.

Sincerely and fraternally,
yours in P.D.F.A.
Francine Mackey, Past President
Anna Ortiz, Recording Secretary pro-tem

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Barbara Bruce

Candidate for Grand Inside Sentinel

Dear Sisters:

Barbara has been an active Member of San Miguel Parlor No. 94 for fourteen years. She has served as our president twice, Vice President, Past President, Marshal and Financial Secretary. She also has served as District Grand President to El Pinal Parlor No. 163 for several years, District Grand President to San Luisita Parlor No. 108, and Supervising District Deputy for District 23. She is currently serving as Supervising District Deputy to District 23 and Deputy Grand President to San Luisita Parlor No. 108. At the state level she has served on Laws and Supervision, the Veterans Welfare Committee and is currently the Outside Grand Sentinel on the Board of Directors.



Barbara grew up in the San Fernando Valley where she attended Pierce College in Northridge, California until moving with her husband Pat, to the Central Coast. Barbara and her husband both worked and raised two wonderful children and now have two smart grandchildren. Once her children were grown, Barbara worked for NCI, a company that works with disabled adults to learn to become independent. She later made a career as a massage therapist and finds it extremely rewarding.

In Barbara's spare time, she quilts and makes jewelry for local fundraisers in our district. She has made quilts for local Veterans as well as helping to serve lunch for

the Veterans at the Mighty Oaks retreat. Barbara also makes receiving blankets for Tree of Life, as well as masks for first responders. She helps with the Pioneer Ladies tea, garage sales, carrying the Big California flag in parades in San Miguel and Paso Robles. She has also assisted with clerking for the San Miguel Precinct on election day and encourages Native Daughters to work with the Native Sons in helping with local community events. Barbara has been a delegate or an alternate to several Grand Parlors and bringing what she learns back to our Parlor.

Our Parlor is proud to present Barbara Bruce. She has all the qualifications necessary to serve on the Board of Directors and is willing to meet her obligations as Grand Inside Sentinel. We respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our Member, Barbara Bruce, for the election to Grand Inside Sentinel at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Barbara's family support her and her Parlor members know that she will be an asset to the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Barbara Bruce accepts the nomination for the office of Grand Inside Sentinel for the 2021-2022 term.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jodi Birks, President
Jean Hoffmann, Recording Secretary

Renee Rianda

Candidate for Grand Outside Sentinel

Dear Sisters,

Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas is honored to present our member Renee Rianda as a candidate for the Office of Grand Outside Sentinel for the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Oroville.

Renee has been a member of the Woodland Parlor since February 2014 and a dual Member to Aleli No. 102, Salinas since 2016. In the Woodland Parlor she served as Treasurer and Chair of the Mission Restoration Committee. In the Aleli Parlor she has served as President for 3 terms and is a Past-Chair of the California History, Landmarks and Building Committee, and Past-Secretary of the CFIC Committee. She is currently the DGP to Aleli Parlor No. 102 and SDDGP to District No. 21. She is currently the Recording Secretary for Aleli Parlor No. 102



Renee was born and raised in the Soledad Mission District area in the heart of the Salinas Valley. Active in 4-H she showed steers and horses and competed in a variety of projects, including baking which she continues to do today at various County and State competitions. She attended Hartnell Jr. College in Salinas prior to transferring to Fresno State and graduated with a BS Degree in Ag Business in 1989 and completed an MBA from the University of Phoenix – Sacramento campus in 2004.

Renee came to Woodland in 1990 to work for Contadina Foods handling their Pesticide Use Program. Subsequently Del Monte Foods purchased Contadina and additional responsibilities followed eventually landing at The Morning Star

Packing Company in the early 2000's adding on Product Traceability, Food Safety and Sustainability programs. Renee works with customers and growers to meet the increasing requests for Sustainable Agriculture conformance. She also holds a Pest Control Advisers License, Qualified Applicator License, and a Certified Crop Adviser Certificate with a specialty in Sustainability.

She has been active in the local Woodland Chapter and State organization of CAPCA, (California Association of Pest Control Advisers) holding various offices including Chair position in 2009-2010 of the 4,000 Member organization, Board member of the FFA Foundation Board, Past Committee Chair of the Ag Production Committee of the California League of Food Producers for 5 years and various other Agricultural oriented associations.

She and her husband Thad enjoy travelling across the continental USA to visit friends and family that are scattered from Coast to Coast and enjoy stopping at every monument, plaque, and historical location throughout the USA.

Renee is excited to be a candidate for the office of Grand Outside Sentinel and Aleli Parlor No. 102 respectfully requests your consideration and support of our Sister for election. Renee Rianda has accepted this nomination for election to office for the 2021-2022 term.

Sincerely and Fraternally in P.D.F.A.,
Renee Rianda, Recording Secretary
Doris Gularte, Co-President
Kari Sanders, Co- President

Juanita Case

Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters:

Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, Native Daughters of the Golden West, is proud to present our esteemed Member, Juanita Case, G. T. for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. At our January 21, 2021 Parlor meeting, Juanita accepted the Parlor's nomination for this position.

Juanita continues to be an active Member of Joaquin Parlor. During her eleven-year membership, she has served our Parlor as President for two years, First Vice President, Past President, Jr. Past President, Outside Sentinel and is currently serving her Parlor as our Marshal. Juanita has served on many committees within the Parlor. She shows a great love for our Order and by her assistance on and attendance at nearly all our Parlor events, she is revered as a valuable Parlor Member.

Juanita is a dual Charter Member of Zinfandel Parlor No. 337, Lodi, where she has served as their 3rd Vice President and Financial Secretary. She was appointed this year as Supervising District Deputy in District 19, as well as serving as Deputy Grand President to Lomitas Parlor No. 255. She served as Deputy to Oakdale Parlor No. 125 in 2019. She is revered by her Parlors as a fair and helpful Deputy and admired for her hard work and attention to detail in our



Ritual work.

Community involvement is of importance and valued by Juanita. She has served as Conductor in the Eagles Auxiliary No. 848, Lodi for five years. She also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Moose in Lodi, where she has served as Outside Guard. She acquired her Academy of Friendship pin after only one year! She also supports Grace & Mercy, a charitable foundation in Lodi.

Juanita has traveled to many locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. A wonderful memory of hers is when she was in Alaska on July 7, 1958 to witness the Alaska Statehood Ace (Pub. L 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) being signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, allowing Alaska to become the 49th U.S. State on January 3, 1959.

The Members of Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, respectfully request your consideration and support of our Sister, Juanita Case, for election of Grand Trustee at the 2021-2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. We believe her most worthy of this office and know that she will continue to serve our State well in this capacity. Juanita Case accepts this nomination for Grand Trustee for the 2021-2022 term.

Sincerely and fraternally
yours in P.D.F.A.,
Heidi Altamirano Dillon, President
Joan Stafko, Recording Secretary

Viola Gene Dana

Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters:

I am Viola Gene Dana and I am declaring my candidacy for the office of Grand Trustee. I am currently serving my fourth term on the Board of Directors. Although I was born in Tulare, I have spent most of my life in Southern California and am currently the proud President of Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331. Like some of you, I was not an "active" member of my Parlor when I first joined. Home, family and career left little time to spare. However, when the opportunity presented itself, I became a Parlor Officer. Then, having learned more about the various committees and their work, I offered my service to Lighthouse Preservation Committee and Childrens Foundation. By virtue of my Office, I now serve on the Home Committee. I am also a member of the Legislation and Fraternal Jewelry Committees. My husband,



Richard, my family and my Parlor all support my candidacy. For that, I am grateful! This term has offered many challenges and called for special diligence in service to the Order for all of us. We have had to put aside time-honored celebrations. We have learned to master technology with varying degrees of success and "Zoom" into the future. We have foregone the joy of meeting with our sisters face-to-face. And yet, we have survived. I congratulate you for all you have done this year in support of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. I accept the nomination for the office of Grand Trustee for upcoming term of 2021-2022.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Lucinda Boswell,
1st Vice President
Rancho La Puente Parlor, No. 331

Mission Restoration Committee Has a Banner Year!

By Jana Jack, State Chairman for Mission Restoration

The Members of the Mission Restoration Committee want to thank everyone for all the wonderful donations during the past year! The "Green March," that began in April of 2020, was our "virtual" fundraiser during the past pandemic year! Our Historic California Missions have many needs, too many to list, but with the generosity of so many Native Daughters and Parlors statewide, the Committee is able to fund some of the needs that were

requested in the Mini Grant application that was created this past year!

As the State Chairman, I want to say thank you to all the Committee Members for your help, guidance, and support. It will be a red letter day, when all the needs of the Missions are met and fundraising is put on the shelf! Until then, we will keep raising funds to support our beautiful Missions. Jana Jack, State Chairman for Mission Restoration

Shelly Buchberger

Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters:

Angelita Parlor No. 32 is pleased to present their esteemed member Shelley Buchberger for the election of office of Grand Trustee.

Shelley has served our Parlor as Trustee, Vice President, President, Past President and now Recording Secretary. She has also chaired numerous Parlor committees over the years. She has fulfilled duties as Deputy Grand President, first to Encinal Parlor No. 156 and this year is Deputy Grand President to Hayward Parlor No. 122. Shelley has served on several State Committees, the NDGW Home Committee, the NDGW Childrens Foundation and Mission Restoration. Currently, she has been appointed as Grand Trustee number 5 to fill a position needed on the board and by virtue of her office, she is serving as a non-voting member of the Legislation Committee.

Shelley was born in the Central valley and attended school in Fresno. She attended DeVry University for Electronic Engineering where she met her husband Doug. Her early background of bookkeeping for her family and other businesses has served her well. She has been on the board of several charities and helped many non-profits over the years with their bookkeeping issues including Tracy In-



terfaith Ministries, Salvation Army, the local chapter of NAMI, and the Livermore Lithophiles. Due to her husband's job, Shelley has had many careers and moves over the years. She has been a Controller, Bookkeeper, Payroll Specialist, Physical Therapy Assistant and Instructor. Shelley worked for the Tracy School District Teaching Special Needs Children before she retired.

Shelley has been a member of Angelita Parlor No. 32 for almost 10 years and has served the Order with dedication and enthusiasm. She has the support of her husband and her two children, Douglas and Alaina as well as her mother Mary (Kitty) Lancaster, her sister Alison Emler and all of her Parlor Sisters in seeking the office of Grand Trustee.

The members of Angelita Parlor No. 32 respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of their member, Shelley Buchberger, for election as Grand Trustee at the 2021 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Shelley Buchberger, accepts the nomination for the office of Grand Trustee for the 2021-2022 term.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Dianna Geyer, President
Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP
Financial Secretary

Francine Bremer

Candidate for Grand Trustee

Dear Sisters:

Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa, is pleased to present our Member, Francine Bremer, for the nomination of Grand Trustee for the 2021-2022 term Board of Directors. Fran has had a variety of experience within our Order, always an officer of her Parlor: Past President, President and Recording Secretary and she has served in our Napa, Lake and part Solano Counties District No. 12 several times as Supervising District Deputy Grand President and as a repeating Deputy Grand President to our District Parlors and once to a neighboring District Parlor. On State level, she served several times as State Chair of Pioneer Roster and NDGW Archives. She may be remembered as the Bookkeeper of the Order, a position she held in the Grand Parlor Office for nearly twelve years, retiring in 2017.

Before NDGW, Fran was the Purchasing Agent for Diamond Shamrock Chemical Company in Richmond, California. During this time, she attended San Francisco State University where she received a BA in English with some teaching credential credits. After retirement from Diamond, she was a substitute teacher in the English Department of the high school in her home town of Crockett. In the community of Crockett,



Fran was active as PTA president for two schools and, today, she continues more than 15 years as Treasurer on the Board of the Crockett Historical Society and Museum.

Fran and her husband, Robert, were married 55 years until his death in 2007. They raised six children who are now adult and have been active in the Crockett community. She enjoys eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Robert's mother, Bobby, was a 60-year member of Vallejo Parlor 195. Before her death in 2013, she and Fran participated in Grand Parlor Annual Meetings and District fundraisers. Daughter Jacki Matejka is currently active on the NDGW Investment Committee. Fran's four daughters have been members of NDGW since 2006 and her five granddaughters joined in 2016.

The Members of Eshcol Parlor 16 respectfully request your consideration and support of our Sister, Francine Bremer, as she seeks election for the office of Grand Trustee.

Francine Bremer, accepts the nomination for the office of Grand Trustee for the 2021-2022 term.

Sincerely and Fraternally in P.D.F.A.,
Sherri White, President
Jana Jack, Recording Secretary

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Oroville, California. Grand President Renee Chandler and Sessions Co-Chairmen and her Committee are very pleased to host an "in-person" Grand Parlor this year. In order to maintain social distancing guidelines, space will be limited, but live-streaming and Zoom access will both be available for Sisters not able to attend in person. All safety protocols will be in place and we are ready to welcome you!



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A Zoom Year For Reina Del Mar No. 126

SUBMITTED BY MARY LOUISE DAYS

Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara, has had a busy year despite the restrictions caused by the pandemic. The major activities of Santa Barbara’s annual festival, Old Spanish Days, were cancelled and a highly reduced virtual celebration was held in August 2020. Although Fiesta Pequena at Mission Santa Barbara and the historical parade were not held, Reina del Mar Parlor decided to continue its tradition of selecting a member to portray Saint Barbara. In late June we introduced Teresa Kuskey Nowak as the 2020 Saint Barbara. A small but enthusiastic crowd of mask-wearing dignitaries stood at the edge of Mission Historical Park to welcome the latest portrayer of the city’s patron saint. Teresa Kuskey Nowak appeared on local television shows, joining the virtual Fiesta entertainment offered by Eric Davis, 2020 El Presidente of Old Spanish Days. She and several former St. Barbaras attended the opening of a special Fiesta exhibit at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum. Saint Barbara 2020 received excellent publicity in local media and was a credit to her position. She is a parlor officer and the chair of the Veterans Welfare Committee. Mrs. Nowak has six children and is head of a popular dance group.

In the autumn Patricia Orena, parlor first vice president, designed a protective mask as a fund raiser. The masks featured an image of California poppies with the parlor’s name, and they quickly sold out. Members

have contributed toward a fund to aid in the repair of Mission San Gabriel. The parlor made a donation to Mission Santa Barbara to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the present church structure. Gifts have been presented to Transition House, a temporary shelter for homeless families. Past President Betty Dominguez delivers useful items and monetary donations at Christmas and Easter.

On December 4, 2020, the feast day of Saint Barbara, Teresa Kuskey Nowak and a delegation of former St. Barbaras attended an early morning outdoor Mass at Mission

Santa Barbara, in front of the building. Mrs. Nowak was dressed in a beautiful Spanish gown and mantilla. After the Mass the priest introduced her to the socially-distanced and mask-wearing attendees.

In February several parlor members virtually attended the annual conference of the California Missions Foundation at Mission San Gabriel. These included participants Monica Orozco, Anne Petersen, and Kristina W. Foss.

The installation of officers and all meetings are held via Zoom as was the March

2, 2021 Official Visit of Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler to District 25. We all enjoyed the visit, with the hotel room gift basket decorated by Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, and an illustrated collection of parlor activity reports prepared by Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126.

New members have been initiated into Reina del Mar Parlor 126, and other applications are pending.

We look forward to the opportunity for an increase in activities when we can personally meet as sisters.



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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.

San Miguel Parlor No.94 Celebrates Edna Eyler’s 100 Years

On September 15, 2020 family, friends, and the San Miguel Native Daughters of the Golden West gathered to celebrate Edna Clark Eyler’s 100th birthday. At this special occasion, the San Miguel Native Daughters, Parlor No. 94, presented Edna with her 75-year pin! A special commemoration to a Member for her many years of service to our origination.

Edna has lived life to the fullest and all the while touching many lives throughout her 100 years. As she begins her second hundred years, she continues with her positive attitude and desires to keep reaching for her goal as “oldest woman in California”.

Below Edna Eyler with her family, friends, and Native Daughters.

NDGW — CFIC

California Lighthouse Preservation Fundraiser

We need help climbing 300 stairs, so that we can get our Lighthouse lit up in time for GPAM (Grand Parlor Annual Meeting)

No physical climbing is required. Five dollars gets us all one step closer to the top. Each step also earns one entry for a mystery Grand Prize that will be revealed when we make it to the lantern room at the top. We hope to get there by June 15th. Hope you will be able to join us in this effort. Please see our flyer and contribution information in this issue of the California Star or you can send your contributions to: Linda Thornquist Stumpf, P O Box 1732, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Make checks payable to NDGW CFIC; note CA Lighthouse Restoration on the memo line. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, number of steps, and your Parlor name and number.

We are hoping to contribute \$550 dollars each, to Point Fermin Lighthouse, Piedras Blancas Light Station, Pidgeon Point Lighthouse and the Point San Luis Lighthouse. We received \$705 from the NDGW, Charitable Foundation, Inc Committee. These \$705 amounts were evenly distributed, to our committees, from the “Cash for Christmas” fund raiser. This amount along with generous contributions towards the Lighthouse Steps can help us reach this goal!

Two of these restorations involve fog signal buildings, electrical, lighting and flooring. One involves the restoration of cisterns as well as general building repair and maintenance. The fourth wants to purchase historically accurate reproduction lace curtains to “compliment the setting as a formal receiving area, circa 1874.”

Grant requests can be given for school and educational programs having to do with lighthouses as well.

The committee’s main function is philanthropic in nature. Of course, the raising of funds at an event, that also tours and teaches about lighthouses, is a perfect combination. We are still hoping to have a fund raising event on the USS Potomac, President Roosevelt’s floating Whitehouse, that will take us to see some lighthouses in the San Francisco Bay. That will have to wait a bit longer. Several calls have been made and I have been assured that we will be notified as soon as they start booking trips again. Keep an eye out for fall or spring of 2022 for our trip.

The more money we can raise, the more we will have to give. The lighthouses have all taken a financial hit this year. Many had trouble responding to our requests because of short or no staffing. Any and all help will be very much appreciated.



Pigeon Point Lighthouse



Point San Luis Lighthouse



Pigeon Point Lighthouse Fog Signaling Building



Point San Fermin Lighthouse



Piedras Blancas Light Station

Morada Parlor No. 199 Adopts

Environmental Issues

SUBMITTED BY BONNIE TABOR, PGP

When Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler asked each subordinate parlor to adopt a state committee in need of funding, there were many choices to consider. After discussing a few, Morada Parlor No. 199 decided to adopt Environmental Issues as our one to support. The purpose of this decision was two-fold. One, we were well aware of the devastation to our beautiful California forests. Second, we were also aware of the Penney Pines project that could be available as a reach out for the purpose of reforestation.

With a thought to focusing on donations that might honor or memorialize Husbands, sons, brothers and families in a new way, we discussed our goal. Remembering the years

that each had spent enjoying hiking, fishing, camping and hunting in our Stanislaus National Forest seemed fitting. I remembered how much of an outdoorsman my son Rick had been. He loved all these activities and so I made the first donation in his memory.

We asked every member for a small donation and thanks to their generous support, we are now able to send a check for \$1162.42 to Environmental Issues State Chairman, with request that the funds be used in the Stanislaus National Forest Reforestation Project.

It was my pleasure to chair this project, but the real credit goes to the generosity of Morada No. 199 Sisters

Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away. Deceased Summer 2021.

Ursula No. 1 Emma Boro	Reina del Mar No. 126 Susan Parent	Fort Bragg No. 210 Rae Nordell
Joaquin No. 5 Marlene Good	Junipero No. 141 Esther Payton	El Tejon No. 239: Mildred Blackburn
Eshcol No. 16 Hilda Leighton	El Pinal No. 163 Jean Chinnici	Grace No. 242 Mary Pat Crawford (new)
Forrest No. 86 Elsina Dean	Laurie Prescott	Lomitas No. 255 Sylvia Thompson
Vendome No. 100 Eleanor Gluhan	Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 Dana Lake	Arcata No. 325 Elaine Turner
Adelaide Stebbins	Marinita No. 198 Claudette Collamer	Enid Westcott
Eschsoltzia No. 112 Carla White	Adeline Herbert, Donna Turner	

Art Talent Show

SUBMITTED BY LINDA SRULEVITCH, STATE CHAIRMAN ART TALENT

Dear Native Daughter Sisters,

Once again the pandemic has caused a change within our Order and once again Na-
tive Daughters have met the challenge! With the agreement of the Grand
President, the Art Talent Sub-Committee has postponed this year’s Art
Contest for California students. However, the good news is that the Com-
mittee has modified the member portion into a Virtual Arts Talent Show
with no judging — and all Sisters are invited and encouraged to participate.

With the limitations we have all faced, due to quarantine and social
distancing, it was too difficult to promote the Art Contest to teachers and
students, many which have no supplies or access to supplies. Although many NDGW
members have most likely created many fine art pieces and completed many are pieces or
craft projects while at home. While we are still limited in space at Grand Parlor as well
as the number of people who can attend and this prohibits having a room for viewing
the art submissions.

That being said, we are very excited to modify the member portion
into a virtual photo album which can be shown during Grand Parlor and
perhaps later added to our website. Any creative Members who would like
to share projects they might have entered into the Art Talent Contest are
asked to take a photo of their art project and email it to me. **Remember, the same quali-
fiers apply to our virtual art show for this year: The subject of your piece or project must
emulate some aspect of California and/or integrate Monarch butterflies, as that was
the requested theme from Worthy Grand President Renee Chandler.**

As with many things this past year, we are using our creativity and hope-
fully we will be able to admire the talents of many of our Sisters using this
virtual format. Next year we hope to continue with our more traditional Art
Show but include a section for the 2021 submissions as well as 2022 for judging.

Adult Member Division:

1. Member’s entered piece(s) must relate/showcase our glorious, golden *State of California* and/or the Grand President’s theme: *Monarch Butterflies*
2. Entry categories:
 - a. 2-Dimensional Fine Art: Oil, Watercolor, Pencil drawing, Charcoal drawing
 - b. Photography, still only, no videos (digitally manipulated photographs acceptable)
 - c. 3-Dimensional Fine Art: Found Items, Sculpture, Wood, Metal
 - d. Fine Crafts: Fabric, Quilt, Weaving, Needlepoint, Embroidery, Knit and Crochet
3. Using good lighting, photograph your item, edit it so that any background not part of the item is cropped out, and email image to me at lsrulev@charter.net.
4. Please include: Your Name, Parlor Name and contact information with all entries.
5. Photos must be received by May 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Linda Srulevitch at the email above.

Thank you for your flexibility and willingness to participate in our Virtual Art Talent Show!

Linda Srulevitch, State Chairman Art Talent — Approved: Renee Chandler, Grand President

Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors. Initiated in Spring 2021

El Vespero No. 118
Mia Collins

Argonaut No. 166
Cecilia Johansen

Petaluma No. 222
Irene Collins

Reina del Mar No. 126
Christina Eliason

Gilroy No. 312
Marilyn Bankert



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Approved: *Suzanne Renee Chandler*, Grand President

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 Suzanne Renee Chandler 2020-2021

APRIL

- 2 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, Zoom Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 4 **Happy Easter**
- 5 Oakdale Parlor No. 125 Official Visit, Zoom Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.
- 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 (To be re-scheduled)~~
- 9 Investment Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.
- 10 District 22 Official Visit, Fresno Parlor No. 187
- 11 Argonaut Parlor No. 166 Official Visit Books @ 2 p.m.;

Encinal Parlor No. 156 Has Been Active During The Pandemic

SUBMITTED BY TERRIE KURRASCH

We were fortunate enough to initiate new member using the Emergency Guidelines. We met early on via email (just to conduct routine business such as paying bills); starting in August we began meeting via Zoom. A Parlor “angel” paid for a Zoom pro account so we do not have a time limit, members without internet access can phone it, and we get a complete recording of meeting (which is a big help to our Secretary.) We held our Official Visit via Zoom and had 25 participants, including many Grand Officers. Recently we re-started our “4th Mondays social” by having a zoom get together over a brown bag lunch in our own homes. Members are encouraged to get a sandwich from a local shop, and we spend an hour just chit chatting. We used to send a newsletter out quarterly, but now do it monthly, usually within a week of our meeting. We revised our by-laws and standing rules using zoom and the USPS and started work on our own Parlor scholarship using those same two means of communication. We started a telephone committee to reach out to some of our more senior members who might be isolated and/or under the weather. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays we held a fund raiser to help support putting together food baskets/gift cards for local social service organizations to give to families in Alameda. Donations of food, toiletries for veterans, and toys were contributed by Parlor members. We also

made Christmas goodie bags for veterans in the Operation Dignity Programs. This multifaceted program starts with outreach to homeless veterans, moves into transitional housing and finally independent housing, each step including social services, counseling, etc. The fundraiser netted \$600 and we received a \$200 donation from a Parlor member. We also visited our more senior members and left bags of homemade cookies - socially distanced of course. With Argonaut and Hayward Parlors, we had been working on the cleanup of the fountain in Oakland’s Lakeside Park that was dedicated by the NDGW in 1961 to honor Sarah May “Sallie” Rutherford Thaler, our Grand Secretary for 31 years. Although the fountain was given to the City of Oakland on the day it was dedicated, it has not had water running to it for many years and has not been maintained by the City. Work continued monthly through November and then the weather turned bad, and the virus had a big up-tick. We hope to resume our work soon. We will try hard to continue to use Zoom even when we are allowed to meet in person because it allows members who, for any number of reasons, cannot attend an evening meeting. It has been wonderful to “see” some older, long term members on Zoom. We have met all our obligations in terms of audits, meeting outside when the weather permitted and via Zoom when it did not.

- Zoom Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- 12 Nataqua Parlor No. 152 Official Visit, Susanville
- 13 Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Official Visit, Books @ Moose Lodge @ 5 p.m.;
- Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Morada Parlor No. 199 Official Visit, Books & Zoom Meeting
- 15 District 18 Official Visit, Ruby Parlor No. 46 and Golden Era Parlor No. 99
- 16 Golden Era Parlor No. 99
- 16 Finance Meeting, San Francisco - 1 p.m.
- 20 Marguerite Parlor No. 12 Official Visit, Zoom Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 21 District 8 Official Visit, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Manzanita Parlor No. 29, Naomi Parlor No. 36
- 26 El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Official Visit

MAY

- 1 Joint meeting with Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents via Zoom
- 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 (To be re-scheduled)
- 7 District 11 Official Visit, Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Marinita Parlor No. 198, Sonoma Parlor No. 209, and Cotati Parlor No. 299
- 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**
- 10 Junipero Parlor No. 141 Official Visit
- 11 Mariposa Parlor No. 63 and Veritas Parlor No. 75 Official Visit
- 12 Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 Official Visit
- 15 District 16 Official Visit, Donner Parlor No. 193
- 16-19 Native Sons of the Golden West Grand Parlor Convention (Feather Falls Casino & Lodge)
- 21-23 Past President’s General Assembly, Holiday Inn, Rancho Cordova
- 22 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.
- 22 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco – 2 p.m.
- 23 San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Official Visit

JUNE

- 5 Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 and Toluca Parlor No. 279 Joint Official Visit and Homecoming of Grand President Suzanne “Renee” Chandler – The Reef on the Water, Long Beach
- 14 Flag Day – Fly your Flag!
- 15–17 Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (Feather Falls Casino & Lodge)
- 20 **Happy Father’s Day**

****All Official Visits and Events are tentative, pending Coronavirus restrictions. If an event/luncheon is currently on the Itinerary but it has been cancelled or re-scheduled, please email Grand President Renee Chandler as soon as possible to inform her.**

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