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Help Us Help Our NDGW Home



Dear Sisters,

For the past, several years the four Parlors of District 21 – Santa Cruz No. 26, Aleli No. 102, Junipero No. 141, and San Juan Bautista No. 179 – sponsored the District 21 NDGW Home Tea as a fundraiser for our Native Daughters of the Golden West Home in San Francisco. At the meeting scheduled to plan the 2020 District 21 NDGW Home Tea, many ideas were discussed, and an alternative fundraiser was decided by the Sisters of Aleli and San Juan Bautista Parlors who attended the planning session.

We all know our Native Daughters of the Golden West Home, designed by famed California architect Julia Morgan, is currently in great need of financial assistance. It was determined that our Sisters statewide would like to be counted as among those who would join us in our fundraising efforts.

Rather than ask you to travel to a given location in District 21, our Sisters of Aleli and San Juan Bautista Parlors decided to request financial assistance from our Sisters through the direct channel of our Official Publication, The California Star. That publication reaches all our Native Daughters of the Golden West Sisters, and thus our fundraising efforts would be more successful.

When you receive your next issue of our Official Publication, please sit down in your favorite comfortable chair, find this letter in the issue, and enjoy a cup of tea as you read it. Then, take out an envelope, a stamp, your checkbook, and a pen, and write a check for whatever amount you decide. Make the check payable to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home (NDGW Home), and send it to Renee Rianda at 36780 Ashley Avenue, Greenfield, California 93927.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request. Deadline for receipt of donations is May 1, 2020. The total collected amount will be revealed at the Grand parlor Annual Meeting in San Luis Obispo.

For further information, you may contact either Renee Rianda at (530) 304-7065 or Past Grand President Sharon Johnston at (831) 637-4044.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Renee Rianda
Aleli Parlor No. 102
Sharon Johnston, PGP
San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179



Jurupa Parlor No. 296 — Riverside Collects Gifts for Veterans

BY MARTI NOYES

For the last ten years the Members of Jurupa Parlor No. 296 in Riverside have had a special relationship with the Veterans at the Loma Linda VA Hospital. As in years past, prior to the November meeting Jurupa Parlor Members patriotically decorated gift bags which were filled in assembly line fashion with items donated by Parlor Sisters in honor of our local Veterans and in celebration of Veterans Day. The Sisters of Jurupa Parlor delivered one hundred bags and personally hand delivered the labor of love to the

veterans in honor of their military service to our country.

Jurupa Parlor also attend events at the Riverside National Cemetery to honor the veterans buried there and the Parlor is a lifetime member of the Cemetery Support Committee.

In December Jurupa Parlor Members returned to the VA Hospital to deliver candy canes, 2020 calendars and Christmas cards to the veterans and share some holiday magic. God bless our Veterans!



Left to Right: Alison Eccleston, Melanie Vigil, Susie Buchko, Chris Gambino (prospective new member), Marti Noyes, Mary Pat Crawford; seated, Sue Anderson and Nancy Melendez.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

BY DAWN DUNLAP, GRAND PRESIDENT

Our beloved Home embodies more than just a place for meetings and overnight stays. For our membership it represents a place of Refuge, Relief, Respite, and Rest.

The establishment of our four Homes was a long and arduous journey by our enlightened leadership and dedicated membership. In 1892, S.P. Rodgers, a Member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, our California born Brothers who share many of our common goals, left \$600.00 in his estate to the Native Daughters with the stipulation that the funds be used for the aid and comfort of the Members of our Order, and administered by an entity separate from Grand Parlor.

A Board of Relief was quickly established and incorporated to administer the restricted bequest. A group of Past Grand Presidents carefully developed a plan for a place to serve as a hospital, home, and club that provided security, comfort, and friendly companionship for our Members. It was presented to the Delegates at our Annual Corporate Convention in 1898 and enthusiastically adopted.

Among this group of Past Grand Presidents were Tina L. Kane, Clara K. Wittenmeyer, and Dr. Mariana Bertola. The Board of Relief rented a residence at 925 O'Farrell Street in San Francisco, and established our first Native Daughter Home. It was formally dedicated on January 2, 1899.

The second floor of the Home was fitted out with all of the medical furnishings and equipment of a hospital wardroom with a staff of trained nurses and ten physicians on call. All of which was solely underwritten by one San Francisco Parlor, Buena Vista No. 68. The hospital wardroom and its attending staff were available free of charge to ailing Sisters recovering from operations, or suffering from non-infectious diseases and in need of medical attention and care.

This Home included a kitchen, formal dining room, meeting rooms, and lodging rooms on the ground floor for Members visiting or residing in the City. Why did our Home include a hospital wardroom?

At this time there were no governmental welfare agencies providing medical aid to those in need. All Subordinate Parlors were responsible for the care of their Members including funding for medical fees and costs. Each Parlor contributed \$3.00 to a Member Relief Fund that maintained the hospital wardroom. This was all part of our Sisterhood. From 1898 to 1905, additional funds from Subordinate Parlors, and outright donations of monies and furnishings were received by the Board of Relief from Members for the Home. Looking to the future, the Board of Relief opened a savings account toward the purchase of our second Home.

In 1903 a larger residence at 1113 Hyde Street was purchased and outfitted to meet our Members' growing needs. Like many San Francisco residences and businesses our second

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Important Updates

As addressed in the January 7, 2020 Memorandum from our Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant, Eve Brockmann, please update your records with the following new email addresses:

Grand Parlor Office email is now
grandparlor@ndgw.org

Grand Parlor Office Bookkeeper's email is now
bookkeeper@ndgw.org

NDGW Home Reservation email is now
ndhome@ndgw.org

All transitions of old email addresses
shall expire on April 1, 2020.

N.D.G.W. Donates to Town of Paradise at Wildfire “Remembrance Day”

By Gayle Gleim, Chairman,
Americanism and Civic Participation State Committee

The 2019-2020 N.D.G.W. Americanism and Civic Participation Committee Members, Mary Kingshill of Ruby Parlor No. 46, Murphys, and Shirley Svindal and Gayle Gleim (State Chairman), both from

San Jose Parlor No. 81, were privileged to be invited to be guests at the “Remembrance Day” events in the town of Paradise, which commemorated the one-year anniversary of the Camp Fire that devastated the Town in 2018. Also attending the Remembrance Day on November 8, 2019, was Barbara Seaton of Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento, Deputy Grand President to South Butte Parlor No. 226, Sutter.

In accordance with the Americanism and Civic Participation Committee’s constitutional charge to “promote good citizenship

The Native Daughters of the Golden West are honored to support the wildfire recovery of the town of Paradise November 8, 2019

through the preservation of the ideals of the American Way of Life” and to “encourage members of the Order and subordinate Parlors to participate in community projects thereby stimulating public

awareness of the principles and projects of the Order and assisting in building a better community and State,” this term’s Committee decided to donate \$1,000 towards the construction of a storage shed to hold the flags used for the Paradise “Parade of Flags.” This tradition of displaying American flags on the Town’s main street three times each year — on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day — suffered a major setback when the Camp Fire destroyed 95% of the structures in the Town, including the previous storage facility which contained



1,000+ flags. According to Steve Crowder, a Paradise town Council Member, over the past year they have received donations to replace all the flags lost in the fire, but have been raising funds to erect a building to store them. The town was able to display 85 flags on the Remembrance Day to memorialize the 85 victims of the fire.

At an afternoon community meal for approximately 2,000-2,500 people held at the Paradise Alliance Church (a large complex of several buildings that survived the fire), the N.D.G.W. State Committee Members formally presented the donation check and a small plaque, which will be attached to the completed storage shed that reads: *The Native Daughters of the Golden West are honored to support the wildlife recovery of the town of Paradise*

The meal was hosted by World Central Kitchen, a non-profit organization established by noted Spanish-American chef Jose Andres, which since its inception in 2010, has provided over 3 million free, healthy meals in the wake of major disasters worldwide with the help of local chefs and utilizing self-contained food trucks and food supplies and service from local volunteers. Chef Andres and his crew returned to Paradise to provide the Remembrance Day meal.

Earlier in the morning, the Remembrance Day activities included the

- **Opening of the Paradise Resilience Center** — a “one stop shop” for fire victims where advocates help survivors navigate through disaster recovery resources, insurance claims, building permit processes, etc.; the
- **Unveiling of the “Key Phoenix” Sculpture** (inside the Resilience

Center) — created by a local female artist who collected 18,000+ keys from the destroyed homes, cars, businesses, etc. of local residents and used them to form the figure of the mythological Greek Phoenix, a bird that dies in a show of flames and is reborn again, rising from the ashes of its predecessor, symbolizing renewal; and the

- **Groundbreaking of Hope Plaza** — the planned landmark, a former parking lot site, is being designed to honor the Camp Fire’s first responders, heroes and victims and to inspire hope for the future of Paradise by including a park-like setting with benches, water features, and a “Forest of Honor” — a wall of tall stainless steel trees engraved with the names of the 85 locals who perished in the fire.

The Paradise Remembrance Day was both a sad and glad experience. It was difficult to witness the extent of the fire’s devastation of structures, vehicles, trees and vegetation, and at the same time it was heartwarming to see all the people — first responders, government officials, citizens, volunteers — be so gracious and welcoming in spite of their struggles. It was humbling to feel the positive spirit evident with everyone, even as the suffering from this horrific disaster persists. The Americanism and Civic Participation Committee Members were touched by the friendliness and hospitality demonstrated at the Remembrance Day, and we were proud to represent the Native Daughters, an organization that continues to truly care about the welfare of our fellow Californians and our State.



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Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States, as mandated by our country’s Constitution. The statistics gathered determine not only our nation’s population, but also establish the basis for reapportioning Congressional seats, determining voting districts, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support state, county, and local community programs that impact housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public safety. The census takes about 10 minutes to fill out and can be completed on paper, online, or via telephone.

Taking part is everyone’s civic duty.

*The success of the census depends on
Everyone’s participation.*

CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 2020

NATIVE DAUGHTERS:
Spread the word about the importance of the 2020 Census to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to help ensure a complete and accurate count.

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Native Daughters of the Golden West
Americanism and Civic Participation State Committee



South Butte Parlor No. 226

By GAIL KUNSMAN

Sisters of South Butte Parlor Visited by Old Saint Nick

’Twas the night of December 9, 2019 and all thru Sutter a celebration was held at the South Butte Parlor Hall. Sisters of South Butte Parlor No. 226 gathered for their annual Christmas Potluck and Charity Giveaway. In lieu of exchanging gifts with each other, Sisters brought items to donate to Hands of Hope, a local non-profit which provides core support services to local members of the community that are homeless and help enhance their quality of life. The Parlor also donated a monetary gift to the charity.

All in attendance were in the holiday spirit and enjoyed their time together. The highlight of the event was the addition of one special guest, Old Saint Nick!

Wreaths Across America at Sutter Cemetery

National Wreaths Across America, an event held in December dedicated to remembering the sacrifices Veterans have made in war. South Butte Parlor No. 226 participated again on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Sutter Cemetery in Sutter, California. The Parlor is proud to remember and honor our Veterans by laying wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes. Parlor Sisters present were Rita Buttacavoli, and Gail Kunsman.



Mike and Gail Kunsman assisting at the Sutter Cemetery in remembrance of our fallen soldiers during National Wreaths Across America in December 2019.



Pictured Left to Right: Earlene Knight, Treasurer; Rick Millhollin, Executive Director of Hands of Hope, and Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary South Butte Parlor 226 donated to Hands of Hope for the Christmas Season.



Old Saint Nick



Wreaths displayed in the Veterans section of Sutter Cemetery.



Beale Air Force Base Honor Guard



Wreaths honoring all branches of service.



The crowd in attendance at Sutter Cemetery.



Pictured Left to Right: Barbara Seaton, Supervising District Deputy Grand President; Earlene Knight, Treasurer; Shirley Jimerson, Marshall; Debbie Groves, Inside Sentinel; Santa, Manny Cardoza; Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary; Gail Kunsman, Trustee Chairman and Publicity; Barbara Rogas, and Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary.

Golden Notes From San Jose Parlor No. 81

FROM THE GOLDEN GEMS JANUARY 2020 EDITION

Welcome to Suzanne Dong, initiated October 2, 2019, in a special Wednesday meeting. The regular monthly meeting for the Parlor on the first Thursday of the month is dedicated to Parlor business. The second meeting of the month is a SNAP (Social Night and Projects), held on the third Thursday of the month.

San Jose Parlor Members attended the town of Paradise’s Remembrance Day on November 8th.

Gayle Gleim and Shirley Svindal, along with fellow State Committee Americanism and Civic Participation Member, Mary Kingshill of Ruby Parlor No. 46, Murphys, formally presented a donation check and a small plaque which states, “The Native Daughters of the Golden West are honored to support the Wildfire recovery of the Town of Paradise. November 8, 2019.”

The donation and the plaque are for a storage shed to house the 1,100 American flags that are displayed on the town’s main street three times each year, Veteran’s Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

December was dedicated to sisterhood. The Sisters of San Jose Parlor No. 81 gathered

at Mimi’s Café to celebrate the holidays. Amongst the tinsel trees and garland, they laughed, chatted, and made merry. The table decorations were lovely and edible! A gift exchange drawing livened the occasion, giving all in attendance something fun to cherish.

The Parlor mourns the loss of their dear Sister Patricia LaMetre on December 15, 2019. Pat was the sister of Shirley Svindal and daughter of Past Grand President Marie Landini. Sisters of the Native Daughters of the Golden West send our sympathies, love, and prayers to Shirley and the entire family.

Looking forward:

Fantasy Tea is well underway with invitations sent out to all Members to enjoy a cup of tea at leisure and donate to the Parlor’s General Fund.

On January 23, the Parlor hosts a soup dinner at JW House at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara. This fun and worthwhile activity is a favorite community outreach project.

Thursday, February 27, come roll the dice with Parlor Members who are ready for Bunco. The event is open to Sisters and friends. Contact the Parlor for details.

Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors: October 11, 2019 – January 10, 2020.

Amapola No. 338
Melissa Beal

Berendos No. 23
Charlee Reynolds

Darina No. 114
Sandra Ramet

El Vespero No. 118
Teresa O’Brien

Eshcol No. 16
Jane Thomas
Wilma Witherell

Joaquin No. 5
Ann Evans
Mary Gomez
Gloria Kelley
Theresa Kipilo

Terrill Powell
Beverly Ries
Melinda Smith
Mae Wong

Placerita No. 277
Donna Kalajian
Judy Lamppu
Rachel Ranieri

Rancho La Puente No. 331
Patricia Tsuneyoshi

Reichling No. 97
Kathy Major
Cynthia Packard

Reina del Mar No. 126
Kathryn Esparza
Patrica Tagles

Santa Cruz No. 26
Millie Allen
Krista Cramer
Barbara King
Deborah Ann Muth
Ann Quesinberry
Claudia Zapp-Martin

Sutter No. 111
Jeffrey Schmidt

Sutter’s Mill No. 336
Martha Brook
Patricia McConihe
Cathleen Sommer
Taylor Sue

Zinfandel No. 337
Dorothy Dutra

Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between October 11, 2019 – January 10, 2020.

Cotati No. 299
Barbara Schaaf

Lomitas No. 255

Mary Freitas; Carmella Lewis

Morada No. 199

Freda Lucas

Placerita No. 277:
Marjorie Stevens

Rancho La Puente No. 331:
Frances Maschio

San Jose No. 81:
Patricia LaMetre

Santa Cruz No. 26
Cecilia Novak

Sutter No. 111
Mary Mason

Eshcol Parlor No. 16

FROM THE *QUAIL QUIPS* JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020 EDITION

On December 3, 2019 Eshcol Parlor No. 16 participated in the annual Senior Bingo at the Community Center in Yountville, California. Ten dozen donuts fed the attendees. The event is held on the first Tuesday in December and is co-sponsored with the Yountville Kiwanis Club.

The new year marks the transition from Past President Dorothy Glaros to incoming President Sherri White. Installation was held at the regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020. Sherri and the Sisters of Eshcol Parlor are looking forward to the 2020 streamlined,

and time-sensitive meetings, designed to make the best use of Members' time. The tradition of having a social potluck prior to the meeting will continue.

In the spirit of the holidays, Eshcol Parlor Members provided Veterans on Ward 1B with Christmas gifts, pie, coffee, and friendship. The Parlor Sisters served the pie and coffee, giving them a wonderful opportunity to share in the true meaning of Christmas. It is a privilege to be able to thank the Veterans personally for their service.

San Diego Parlor No. 208

FROM THE *GOLDEN POPPY PRESS*

San Diego Parlor Sisters presented the Veterans Village of San Diego two checks totaling \$400.00 on November 26, 2019. One check was from the Veterans Welfare Committee and the other check was from San Diego Parlor. The Members worked diligently to raise the needed funds to donate to the local Veterans and was greatly appreciated.

On Saturday, December 21, 2019 the Sisters of San Diego Parlor gathered at Anthony's Fish Grotto in La Mesa to enjoy some Christmas cheer at the annual Christmas luncheon. A fun time was had by all in attendance, as Anthony's is a long time favorite of the Sisters of San Diego Parlor.

Zinfandel Parlor No. 337

BY CANDICE MCGEE

Assisting Our Future

During the holiday season Zinfandel Parlor Sisters collected over 25 bags of food and clothing items and donated them to the San Joaquin Delta College Food Pantry. The food pantry serves students with food insecurities during the school year. Those who greeted us include Dr. Charles Jennings, Area 4 Trustee, San Joaquin Delta College, Dr. Lisa Cooper Wilkins, Assistant Superintendent / Vice President of Student Services, Shayla Walker, Student Activities Director, Carla Alcantara, Student Activities Coordinator, and San Joaquin Delta College students..



Woodbridge Craft Fair Booth

We joined the Woodbridge Wine and Country Holiday Festival to raise funds for our Parlor. Our Sisters came together and put their creative talents together to create crafts to sell at our booth. An enjoyable time was had by all, especially when Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by!

A&W Fundraiser

Zinfandel Parlor held a fundraiser at the A&W Restaurant in Lodi, California. We are proud to report that Lodi's A&W restaurant is the original A&W restaurant and it was opened in 1919. We were happy to help celebrate with the A&W restaurant and commemorate A&W's 100th anniversary. What a perfect setting for a fundraiser!



Christmas Cheer

As a thank you to the firefighters of Woodbridge Fire District in Woodbridge, California for allowing us to use their community room for our monthly meetings, we presented them with two huge Christmas baskets! The look on their faces was priceless! Zinfandel Parlor Sisters are proud to support our local fire department and all they sacrifice for our community.



Congratulations to the Winners!

BY CHRISTINE TRIPOD, PGP, CHAIRMAN OF THE CFIC COMMITTEE

The CFIC Committee wants to congratulate the winners of our Cash For Christmas drawing. The drawing took place on December 1, 2019 at the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home during the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The first-place winner was NSGW Amador No. 17 of Sutter Creek. They won \$500.00.

The second-place winner was George Adams of Napa. He won \$300.00.

The third-place winner was Joaquin Parlor No. 5 of Stockton. They won \$100.00.

Congratulations to all who won. A special thank you to all who supported the CFIC Committee by purchasing tickets.

El Tejon Parlor 239 — Bakersfield has a Busy 2019 Holiday Season

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

El Tejon Parlor Sponsors Veteran Gift Basket

El Tejon Parlor annually sponsors a \$100.00 food gift basket for a Kern County Veteran through the VFW Post 26 in Bakersfield. They have an annual food basket program, and our donation sponsored a basket for one veteran and his family.



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

El Tejon Parlor sponsored a tree at the Bakersfield Woman's Club 39th Annual Festival of Trees event held on November 23, 2019. The event theme was Gingerbread Houses and all 1,700 attendees passed through a Gingerbread House façade when entering the venue. The table centerpiece and favors were a Gingerbread house and ornament. The winner of our tree was incredibly pleased with our snowman themed tree and the gifts, our tree really sparkled. There were 65 trees awarded at this event. The entertainment was a great band, "Not Dead Yet" who totally engaged the audience and had everyone up dancing. Our El Tejon Parlor Member, Darleen Carpenter, was the event Chairperson for the Woman's Club and was honored to have NDGW Past Grand Presidents, Sherry Farley, and Karen Fini as guests at her table. It was a wonderful day of a delicious lunch, great entertainment, and beautifully decorated trees. The event was extraordinarily successful and netted a profit for the Woman's Club of \$103,000.00.

Annual Parlor Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party was held at the Historic Guild House Restaurant on December 12, 2019. The Guild House is a non-profit and is staffed by volunteers who daily prepare a gourmet meal. All proceeds are donated to the Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic. We enjoyed a fantastic luncheon of tomato basil soup, chicken Delmonico and limoncello tiramisu. As is our usual tradition, we donated to Toys for Tots and collected \$80.00 to donate to the Marine Corp Program to supply toys for needy children. It was a lovely afternoon and enjoyed by all in attendance.



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Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office or NDGW Home Office

Joaquin Parlor No. 5 — Stockton Annual Veterans Christmas Party at Dignity Alcove

By IDA EVANS

Joaquin Parlor No. 5 held their annual Christmas party for the Veterans at Dignity Alcove in Stockton, California on December 18, 2019. Parlor Sisters, Roberta Taylor and Susan Machado serve on the facility’s Board of Directors. The event organized by Roberta Taylor was



Roberta Taylor with the Lincoln High School Junior ROTC Members who served the Christmas dinner.

a tremendous success. The veterans greatly appreciate the dedication of their favorite Joaquin Parlor Member, as Roberta spends numerous hours throughout the year dedicating not only time but donating various needed items to the gentleman that reside at the facility. Roberta hosts an annual fundraiser, Joaquin Parlor Flapjack Breakfast, in March at the Applebee’s restaurant in Stockton to help raise funds to cover the needs of the veterans. This year the Parlor was able to provide sweatshirts for each of the forty-two residents. The sweatshirts were purchased from The T-Shirt Center in Stockton, whose owner graciously donated beanie hats for each veteran as well. The veterans also received a goodie bag filled with candies and nuts. Parlor Member Linda Renner donated a two-pound box of See’s candy as a door prize. The highlight of

the day was when Junior Past President Carol Bickley set up her Bingo game, which brought much joy to all in attendance. Various Parlor Members donated bingo prizes. The delicious lunch was catered by DeVinci’s of Stockton and included, raviolis, salad, chicken, and focaccia bread. Members provided cake and cookies for dessert. Parlor Member, Hortenzia Moreno, made table decorations and napkin holders which added to the festivities. Senior Past President Alma Huff, Yolanda Rodriguez, and Diane Heggen assisted at the event. Joaquin Parlor is holding their next Annual Flapjack Breakfast on March 7, 2020. The fundraiser is held to raise funds for local veterans. The event is from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. and will be held at the Applebee’s Restaurant located on March Lane in Stockton, California. To purchase tickets, cost is \$10.00, or for more information, please contact Roberta Taylor at (209) 477-6011.

Joaquin Parlor Annual Christmas Party

By IDA EVANS

Joaquin Parlor held their annual Parlor Christmas party on December 10, 2019 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Stockton. Chairman Susan Machado and her committee, Linda Renner, and Roberta Taylor, hosted the event. There were seventy-two Members and guests in attendance. All enjoyed a delicious dinner of tri-tip, roasted potatoes, green beans, Caesar salad, and Boudin French bread. Our fabulous cooks, which included Members and their spouses, were Genevieve Galli, Susan Machado, Joan and Lee Stafko, Ida and Ken Evans, Josie Orozco, and Denise Aguirre. Linda Renner, Susan Machado, and Roberta Taylor made thirty dozen scrump-

tious holiday cookies for dessert. Members of the Lincoln High School Junior ROTC program served the dinner. Parlor Members were generous and donated forty opportunity drawing baskets, which included a special drawing of a Smart television set. The room was festively decorated for Christmas and include decorated lighted bottles and poinsettia centerpieces. The highlight of the evening was when twelve brave Joaquin Parlor Sisters donned in various costumes performed the Twelve Days of Christmas, which was very entertaining and delighted all in attendance.



Alma Huff, Carol Bickley, Susan Machado, and Roberta Taylor prepare the presents to be given to the Veterans at Dignity Alcove.



Josie Orozco and Veronica Aranjuez preparing for the Opportunity Drawing.



Twelve Days of Christmas Players: Diana Miller, Denise Aguirre, Josie Orozco, Ida Evans, Marta Banning, Linda Renner, Diana Machado, and out front, Genevieve Galli, leaping like a lord!



The Kitchen Crew: Genevieve Galli, Susan Machado, Joan Stafko, Roberta Taylor, Ken Evans, and Lee Stafko.



Susan Machado and Veronica Aranjuez announcing the lucky winners.

Junipero Parlor No. 141 Community Service Project

By Kelli Hutten

Sisters of Junipero Parlor No. 141 rallied together for their community to provide much needed school supplies. In November 2019, Members worked with Office Depot to obtain hundreds of pounds of donated school supplies to sort and distribute to local public-school teachers in Seaside, California. The various supplies went to twenty teachers and their students at four different school sites. The teachers are within their first few years of teaching and were very appreciative of the donations and arduous work that went into organizing the community service project. The students were so excited to receive the supplies.

The project was so successful that Office Depot has contacted Junipero Parlor No. 141 about doing the project again next year.



Reichling Parlor No. 97 — Fortuna

By Lee Cramer, Recording Secretary

Members of Reichling Parlor No. 97 in Fortuna, California held their Holiday party on December 10, 2019 at Launi McCombs home. Members were festively dressed for the occasion and a wonderful time was had by all in attendance.



Launi McCombs who so graciously opened her house for our party.



Members of Reichling Parlor



Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 — Hemet

By Marti Noyes

Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 – Hemet earned a check of \$238.50 for their collection of clothing and accessories from Fun Savers on December 6, 2019 in Riverside, California. These funds were earned from the clothing drive that was conducted by the Members of Tahquitz Parlor during the Fall. Many family and friends, including Sisters in Jurupa Parlor No. 296 and Grace Parlor No. 242, helped with the collection of over 900 pounds of clothing, shoes, purses, belts, and hats. The process included the delivering the clothing at the front door of Financial Secretary, Sherry Hudelson's house. The items were then sorted and placed in thirty-two-gallon black

bags that when filled weighed approximately thirty pounds apiece! The bags were then stored in a trailer owned by Diane Thomas until the trailer was full. Several weighing and loading events were held to fill the trailer by the Members of Tahquitz Parlor. Brick Noyes, husband of DGP Marti Noyes of Jurupa Parlor No. 296, drove the trailer, followed by a caravan of Members, and traveled from Nuevo to Riverside to the Donation Center, to deliver the items. Luckily, the young lady who greeted the delivery party was extraordinarily strong! The Sisters of Tahquitz parlor is already planning another collection for the Spring.



Left to right in back row: Diane Thomas, Marti Noyes, Brick Noyes, and Sherry Hudelson
Front row, holding symbolic check is Lu Vadjnal

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.

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Many New Members For Reina Del Mar 126

By Mary Louise Days and LEEANNE FIGUEROA

Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara, has had a highly active year, with initiation of candidates at nearly every meeting. The annual Pre-Fiesta Tea took place on Sunday, July 14, 2019, at Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara.

Many guests attended and enjoyed the festive musical and dance entertainment. The 2019 Saint Barbara was presented to the audience, and former portrayals of the patron saint were recognized. Dora Garcia, the 25-year Saint Barbara, was welcomed and presented flowers. Patricia Joyal Cole, the 50-year saint, was unable to attend. She resides in Oregon.

Reina del Mar Parlor selected, Debra Fedaleo, to be the 2019 Saint Barbara, portraying the city's patron saint during Old Spanish Days Fiesta and at other events. An eight-year Member of the Parlor, she has been active in Fiesta for most of her life. She received a BA in Child Development, a teaching credential, and an MS in education from Hayward State University. Debra has been an elementary school teacher for several years. She is also a community volunteer and supports Parlor activities. The Parlor has sponsored the Saint Barbara portrayal and parade float since 1926.

Parlor Members welcomed Grand President Dawn Dunlap to Old Spanish Days Fiesta events, as she joined us in wearing costumes and greeting friends. She enjoyed the Misa del Presidente (mass of the president of Fiesta) at Old Mission Santa Barbara, including the social gathering afterward in the Sacred Garden. Grand President Dawn took pleasure in distributing NDGW Membership applications to prospective Members. She greatly enjoyed a private tour of the Mission given her by Parlor Member, Kristina Foss. During that evening she joined Historian of the Order, Mary Louise Days, in a visit to the historical parade float yard and to a performance of the Noches de Ronda outdoor show at the County Courthouse. Several Reina del Mar Parlor Members are on the committee for the show. The next day the Grand President rode on a parade float sponsored by Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304.

As the year progressed Reina del Mar Parlor contributed to community welfare projects and fundraising efforts. Seasonal social events began in October with a Halloween Party at the home of Parlor Past President, Betty Dominguez. It was a lot of fun and included prospective members. The Harvest Feast took place on November 19 and was remarkably successful. Members



2019 Saint Barbara Debbie Fedaleo of Tierra de Oro Parlor also attended. A salad potluck and Christmas ornament party were features of the December meeting of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126. Later in the month a gala "Mingle" party was held in honor of the many new Parlor Members. It was hosted by Parlor President LEEANNE FIGUEROA, Gloria Dominguez, and Margaret Mira.

Since July 2019, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 has initiated ten new Members and reinstated one. Several devoted Members, Officers, and newer Members themselves have answered Grand President Dawn Dunlap's request to increase our Order's membership.



Pre Fiesta Tea picture taken at Casa de la Guerra. Pictured Mary Louise Day, Santa Barbara Mayor Cathy Murillo, Sue Ziliotto, LEEANNE FIGUEROA, Caroline Wedderburn, Priscilla, Linda Romero, Dora Garcia, Anne Petersen, and Christine Herrera



From the Parlor's Holiday Mingle held on Wednesday, December 11. Pictured Teresa Nowak, Helen Cornell, Betty Dominguez, Margaret Mira, Mary Ellen Chacon, Patricia Tagles, Andrea Sanchez, Gloria Lopez, Yvonne Robles, Jeannine Robles Wright, Patricia Orena, LEEANNE FIGUEROA, and Gloria Dominguez, Chair



Trolley Tour into California History

By Sandra Firpo, San Bruno Parlor Outside Sentinel

Members of San Bruno Parlor No. 246, and their guests, enjoyed a Trolley Tour of the Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma, California on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

They say it is "great to be alive in Colma" and the NDGW Members were very lively during this inside look at a California gem that most people just drive by. This event also served as a fundraiser for San Bruno Parlor No. 246, since the Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation donates to non-profit organizations who organize a tour of the memorial park.

While this tour was timed as a fun pre-Halloween outing, it also was an entertaining trip into the history of San Francisco, the creation of Colma, as well as some surprising architecture, artwork, and landscaping (Tiffany stained glass, a cork tree, one-of-a-kind period architecture).

Among the California notables buried at Cypress Lawn are: members of the Hearst family; Gladys Hansen – who made it her life's work to get an accurate count of those who died in the Great 1906 San Francisco Quake; Frank "Lefty" O'Doul; members of the Ralston family; John McDougal – a former California Lt. Governor and Governor who served in California's constitutional convention; actress Blanche Bates Creel; silver baron James Flood; and baseball great Willie McCovey.

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210

By Grand Marshal Susan Collins

Portraits of History

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 has had a remarkably busy and productive Fall. The Parlor held an event at the Town Hall in Fort Bragg, which featured photos and stories of Mendocino County History. The event titled, "Portraits of History", featured Katy Tahji, who has recently published a new book about the area called "Eclectic History of Mendocino County". The Members of Fort Bragg Parlor were honored to provide Katy with her first book signing opportunity. Also featured at the event, was Mike Stenberg who spoke of his mother's book, "Glen Blair, The Town That Was", which was written by our Parlor Sister, Denise Stenberg.

Members Frieda Clayton, Edith Goble, and others displayed books and history of Fort Bragg Parlor, which was instituted 104 years ago this coming March. Also, participating were Members Judy Griffen and Meri Meskis who had a display on one of the pioneer families of the area, the Ware family. The Mendocino Coast Historical Society were also represented with a display of books available at the Guest House Museum.

Veterans Day Celebration

On Veterans Day, Fort Bragg Parlor provided hundreds of cookies for refreshment at the Veterans Hall in Fort Bragg. The Parlor was well represented at the Ceremony held that day. As we have done for many years in November, Fort Bragg Parlor held a food

drive and contributed over 160 pounds of nonperishable food to the local food bank to help families have a better Thanksgiving.

Christmas Cheer

Sisters of Fort Bragg Parlor jumped right into the holiday season full of cheer and good will. Members in attendance at the December meeting helped to pack gift bags of toiletries, and treats for guests staying at the Hospitality House, which is a transitional home for members of our community who are currently homeless. Each bag provided contained socks as well as hats knitted by our Parlor Sister, Betty Carr.

Extension of the Order

Fort Bragg Parlor Sisters are hard at work to continue to share what a wonderful Order we all belong to. In December, our Parlor was proud to initiate four new Members. We welcome Teresa Roberts, Susan Munson, Cynthia Wuoltee, and Georgia Richardson as our newest Sisters of Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210. We are incredibly happy to add these very enthusiastic Sisters to our Parlor as we move forward in planning a Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to be held June 26 thru June 30, 2022. The Parlor held the first Sessions Committee for GPAM 2022 on January 4, 2020 at the Redwood Coast Senior Center in Fort Bragg. The meeting was very productive with a lot of participation for all in attendance. The next Sessions Committee meeting will be held in March 2020 in Sonoma County.



Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266

The Sisters of Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 held a fundraiser to purchase “Finley the Fox” stuffed toys to donate to the children in need within their community at the Christmas at the Cannon in Montebello, California. Julie Pantino and her Sisters worked diligently to promote the fundraiser so the sweet boys and girls of Montebello could have a new friend for Christmas!



Sisters of Poppy Trail Parlor holding their adorable donations to be given to the local children within their community.



NDGW Environmental Issues Committee

By JULIE PANTINO

Penny For Pines in Honor of National Arbor Day

Did you know that only \$68.00 can make a difference? A minimum donation of \$68.00 may be made to a specific National Forest. The funds deposited into a Penny Pines Reforestation account, drawn upon as improvement projects are determined by resource managers.

Your donation to the Penny Pines Project will help bring new life into our National Forests! Let us set a goal for each Parlor to raise and donate a minimum of \$68.00 for their local forest by or before National Arbor

Day, which is celebrated on March 21st! Get those coin purses out Sisters!

Protect Our California Resources

Your Parlor can become a member of the California State Parks Foundation for only \$25.00. The California State Parks Foundation is celebrating 50 years! What a wonderful way to celebrate with the foundation while helping protect our State Parks by becoming a member.

The California State Parks Foundation is an independent, member-supported, nonprofit that mobilizes a diverse network



of Californians to be active champions for our state parks. They believe that all Californians are essential to sustaining

our State Parks. For more information visit their website at calparks.org

Looking forward, plan to celebrate and promote, Earth Day on April 22, 2020. For ideas in which your Parlor can participate visit the CalRecycle.ca.gov website. Perhaps, your Parlor can host a contest with the local youth programs or with schools in your community, to promote Earth Day 2020 and make our future generation better stewards of Earth.



Native Daughters
of the Golden West
Donner Parlor No 193
Cordially Invites You
and Guests
To Attend Our
NDGW
Home Luncheon

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Sweeney’s Grill & Bar
301 Oak St. Brentwood, CA 94513 – 925-634-5192

Luncheon Begins at 12:00 Noon
(Please don’t arrive before 11:30 am they open just for us!)

Luncheon selections: Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Steak
Vegetarian Dish available by request
All served with salad, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

\$27 per person

Reservation Deadline is Monday February 3, 2020
Tax and Gratuity are included.

----- Cut and Return with your reservation count -----

Name _____ Parlor Name and Number _____
For each reservation, please identify below each person’s luncheon
choice: Chicken Parmesan, Steak, Salmon or Vegetarian dish
Total Number of guests ____ X \$27 = Total Amount Enclosed \$ ____

Please mail reservation payment by Monday February 3, 2020 to:
Annette Hansen 15674 Von Sostan Rd Tracy, CA 95304 - (209)835-3851

Name and title if you hold an office: _____

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Santa Cruz
Parlor’s



132nd Anniversary
Luncheon at the Crow’s Nest
Saturday, March 14th, 2020

11:30 am for social
12:15 pm lunch served*

Please contact Cindy Gjers at cindy@gjers.net or
831-247-9089 with your menu choice*.

Pay at the luncheon (cash or check please),
\$35.00

at the time of the luncheon.
The cost includes tax and tip.

Please make your check payable to Santa Cruz Parlor No.
26, NDGW or bring the correct cash amount, if possible!

Menu choices* for March 14, 2020

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26,
Native Daughters of the Golden West

Start with warm breads.
Drink choices: soda, tea or coffee

Sirloin Angus Steak

Aged Midwestern corn-fed beef, marinated in our sweet,
smoky barbeque sauce, charbroiled to order
and thinly sliced

Vegetable Stir Fry

Sauteed veggies and tofu tossed in a sesame ginger
sauce over jasmine rice

Seafood Special

The Chef’s daily selection,
served with our delicious sauces

Butternut Squash Ravioli

Sautéed with brandy cream, spinach and tomato

Dessert included

A Season of Giving

By Kimiko McCulloch

The Sisters of Amapola Parlor No. 338 have turned the end of 2019 into a true “Season of Giving” with several community service projects and events. Sisters initially voted to give a donation monthly to different organizations throughout Sutter Creek and Amador County. Through this they have supported Boy Scout Eagle Projects, community scholarships, providing firewood to seniors in need, the animal shelter and more.

To fund these donations and more, the Fundraising Committee planned and held the 3rd annual Harvest Party. Committee chair, Sister Hailey Edmonson and her committee hit the streets and were able to get the meal donated along with multiple opportunity drawing prizes. This led to a wildly successful event that was enjoyed by all.

Boosted by the success of this endeavor, Sisters came together in November to decorate and stuff stockings for lonely seniors who are alone for the holidays. Stockings were filled with necessary toiletry items, gloves, socks and crossword puzzle books. The stockings were delivered to Amador Senior Visitors to be delivered to 23 seniors before Christmas.

Next, Sisters proved that the weather was no deterrent to true Californian’s by braving the rain and sleet to plant 700 daffodil bulbs at the Gateway to Sutter Creek. This initial effort is just the beginning of a plan to plant 10,000 bulbs throughout the city so that in the spring all can marvel at the golden beauty of the foothills.

To top off the season, Sisters were challenged to beat last year’s donation of non-perishable food items for the Interfaith Food Bank. Again, they rose to the challenge and collected 176 pounds of food to donate in addition to presenting a \$500 check in support of those in need.

Now that the holiday season has come to a close, the Sisters of Amapola have no intention of letting their season of giving end. Plans are already in the works for more to come in 2020, including a St. Patrick’s Day party. The party, to be held March 21, 2020, 5:30PM-9:30PM at the Sutter Creek Native Son’s Hall will benefit Amador Stars — Cancer Support, Common Ground Senior Services, and Silver Paw Ranch. Email ndgwamapola338@gmail.com for tickets and information.



NSGW Amapola No. 17 President Jon Campbell presenting a generous donation to NDGW Amapola Parlor No. 338 President Kimiko McCulloch



Sisters of Amapola Parlor No. 338 proudly marched on December 14, 2019 in the Sutter Creek Parade of Lights. As you will note in the picture even Smokey the Bear wanted to hang out with the coolest Sisters of the Order!

Twenty-Five Years Celebrated

Laurel Parlor No. 6 and Manzanita Parlor No. 29 gathered in December 2019 to share fellowship at their Annual Christmas Luncheon. The highlight of the afternoon was celebrating two Parlor Sisters who achieved their 25-year Membership pins. Jeanne Allgeier and Marge Brown were honored to receive their pin from Past Grand President Debi Stalder.

During the luncheon, guests in attendance were delighted to enjoy New York Times Best Selling author, Chris Enss, who gave a wonderful speech about the twenty plus books she has authored. Many of her books focus on women and their impact and influence on the Wild West, and how they shaped American history.



Jeanne Allgeier, Past Grand President Debi Stalder and Marge Brown celebrating Jeanne and Marge accomplishment of 25 years of being a Member in the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Lomitas Parlor No. 255

FROM THE LOMITAS PARLOR POPPY PRESS

Lomitas Parlor No. 255 were busy little elves in the month of December. Members provided many cheerfully packaged gifts to the Salvation Army for teenagers in the community which were lovingly delivered by Arlene Salha, and Margie Cotta. Veterans were also remembered. Kathy Davis, and Pat Enos delivered hand knit caps and scarfs to the Veterans Hospital in Fresno.

The annual Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Lomitas Parlor provided a monetary donation to purchase wreaths for placement on Veterans’ graves. Several Lomitas Parlor Members attended.

January 2020 brings change to the Parlor. On January 15, 2020, new Parlor Officers were installed by Deputy Grand President, Junita Case, Grand Trustee. The Installation Ceremony and Parlor meeting was enjoyed



by all in attendance. The monthly Parlor hosts did a fantastic job providing a delicious meal and the room was decorated with a football theme in honor of the upcoming football playoffs. Congratulations to this terms Parlor Officers!

Members brought their donations of pet food and used towels to the January meeting. The numerous donated items received shall be delivered to the Los Banos Animal Shelter. This is a wonderful community project that the Sisters of Lomitas Parlor all support. The Parlor recommends adopting, not buying, your next “best friend.”

The Parlor honors the passing of beloved member, Mary Lewis Freitas. Mary was born in the City of Los Banos on April 9, 1912 and was vibrant and gracious for 107 years. She received both a twenty-five and a fifty-year pin from the Parlor. She is fondly remembered for her cheerful outlook and independent spirit. She was proud of her California heritage and Lomitas Parlor was profoundly proud of Mary.



Grace Parlor Special Thanksgiving

By Helen Leiva, Chairman

A Thanksgiving feast was offered at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley especially for Grace Parlor No. 242 on Saturday, November 9, 2019. A delicious bake sale was provided with homemade goodies by the Parlor Members. Roycene Dierberger made beautiful table decorations of cornucopias that were surrounded by Thanksgiving figurines, nut cups and table favor. A special birthday, was celebrated by PGP Marie Otto, with a small cake, the perennial birthday song, and best wishes from everyone. Joining in the celebration was PGP Beth Perrin,

PGP Joan Hall, and PGP Sherry Farley, GVP Renee Chandler and GT Viola Gene Dana.

Thanksgiving themed door prizes were given out to everyone. The top prize of a frozen turkey was won by Judy Sanders of Placerita Parlor No. 277. Members brought in can goods of unperishable food to be donated to the “Pathways of Hope”, located in Fullerton, California.

A special thank you to all the Grace Parlor Members who generously helped make this event so successful and to all our guests who attended.



The Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

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Home and all of its furnishings and contents so generously donated were destroyed in the conflagration after the Great Earthquake of 1906.

Of our many Parlors in San Francisco, only two survived unscathed by the earthquake and fire. Our Order's efforts of addressing the responsibility of feeding, housing, and meeting the medical needs of our distressed Members who had lost everything were unprecedented. For two years our Sisters who were ill and in need of assistance were housed and cared for in various Members' private homes in San Francisco.

Many of our Sisters on both sides of the Bay also provided daily acts of true charity to hundreds of the displaced citizens of San Francisco.

As we still owed \$1,950 on our mortgage for the Hyde Street Home, we sold the burned-out lot for \$2,500. Subordinate Parlors throughout the State raised additional funds with bazaars, rummage sales, and theatre parties to fund and establish our next Home. The Board of Relief name was changed at this time to the Home Committee. By June of 1913 \$6,000 had been set aside and a two and one half story residence with an adjoining lot on Baker Street was purchased and refurbished as our third Home. Once again Buena Vista Parlor No. 68 provided medical furnishings and equipment for our hospital ward, and other local Parlors provided the furnishings for the House matron's room, and six bedrooms for our visiting and residing Sisters. Additional funding was requested by Grand President Olive Matlock first in the form of a penny-a-week pledge from our 8,000 Members.

In 1919 the voluntary pledge turned into a mandatory Annual Home Assessment of \$.50 per Member. In 1924, an adjacent residence on Baker Street was purchased and utilized for additional lodging rooms for our Members.

Dr. Bertola worked closely with her friend Miss Julia Morgan to convert both residences into one large structure by exploring a means of connecting the two buildings with a tunnel. Despite numerous plans and proposals, this desire proved impractical.

(However, several years later Miss Morgan was successful in connecting her adjacent apartment houses on Divisadero Street with a tunnel.) The Home Committee made the decision to

tear down the two residences and build an entirely new Home.

In 1927 Grand President Grace Stroemer promoted the idea and received an avalanche of \$100 donations from Subordinate Parlors toward the project. Miss Morgan and Dr. Bertola combined their practical and creative talents, and designed our beautiful fourth Home that we are all privileged to enjoy.

A unique quality in all the structures designed by Miss Morgan was the particular attention she placed on the interaction of air and light in every room.

She truly designed a structure from the inside out. The Home was formally dedicated on January 12, 1929.

Fifteen hundred Members and guests toured the Home that day, and five hundred attended the formal dedication reception that evening.

The flaming torch emblems adorning the iron gates at the entrance symbolize our Home as a place of protection and safety.

They were generously donated by the Native Sons. The Grand Parlor Office, two Parlor meeting rooms, and a large meeting room were located on the first floor.

Miss Morgan had originally planned the large meeting room (now known as the Bertha Briggs

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California Poppy Christmas Tree



The California poppy Christmas tree lovingly created by Dianna Geyer, of Angelita Parlor and member of the NDGW Home Committee, that was prominently displayed in the Dining Room on the second floor at the NDGW Home in San Francisco. Absolutely stunning!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORREST PARLOR NO. 86 SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

Honoring 50 Years of Student Art Contest Submissions

Social 11:30 am

No host wine & beer

Lunch 12:30 pm

\$35 per person

Menu

Ham w/ Fresh Fruit Relish
Scalloped Potatoes
Caesar Salad
Vegetables
Meatless Baked Beans
Dessert

Location

Shenandoah Schoolhouse (built in 1879)
10010 Shenandoah Road, Plymouth
Just past the Amador Flower Farm

Please RSVP by March 21st by mailing payment payable to Forrest Parlor No. 86
Barbara Seaton, 8085 Rook Drive, Granite Bay CA 95746-9414 (916) 791-1037

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Auditorium) as a salt water plunge, but replaced that idea at the behest of Dr. Bertola who lobbied for a large auditorium for our formal meetings with their ritual pageantry.

The first and second floors had three stone fireplaces and mantels and Persian rugs.

The formal parlor was graced with fine furniture, crystal chandeliers, oil paintings depicting beautiful California scenery, books of varying interest, and a grand piano.

The kitchen was equipped with the latest appliances, cookware, crockery with the NDGW monogram (which we still use), and glassware.

Subordinate Parlors, Members, and friends made monthly donations of groceries, including fresh fruit and vegetables from their farms and orchards.

The third floor provided lodging for our Members.

One wing of the fourth floor was the hospital wardroom furnished and equipped, once again, by Buena Vista Parlor No. 68.

The remaining rooms in the other wing of the fourth floor were also utilized lodging for our Members.

Miss Morgan's original blueprints depict a roof garden much like the one atop the Hotel Hassler in Rome. This never came to fruition, but in September 1930, the Native Daughters Home had a pee wee golf course installed on the roof. It was purportedly much-loved, but short-lived, having been abandoned as being too expensive to maintain.

The total cost of constructing our steel frame and concrete Home was Ninety-One Thousand Dollars.

A mortgage was obtained by Dr. Bertola in behalf of the Native Daughters from her friend Amadeo P. Giannini through his San Francisco-based Bank of Italy.

This business arrangement took place shortly before Mr. Giannini bought a small bank in Southern California named Bank of America which soon gave rise to his merging the two and abandoning the bank's former name.

At our Annual Corporate Convention in 1929 Grand Secretary Sallie Thaler and Grand President Dr. Louise Heilbron presented and promoted the idea of a voluntary donation called The Loyalty Pledge that would require \$5.00 assessment per Member.

It was a grand success.

On August 14, 1932 the mortgage documents were ceremoniously burned; paying this entire debt off in three years at the beginning of the Great Depression was a most worthy achievement. At this time we had visiting, temporary, and permanent residents staying at the Home.

Our records show that in July of 1929, 24 Members were living in the new Home paying \$45.00 a month for room and board.

Dr. Bertola who served as the head of our Home for 47 years (from 1906 to 1953) took particular interest in encouraging young women to come and work in San Francisco.

She provided them safe shelter in our Native Daughter Home and counseled them in becoming self-supporting.

Those fortunate enough to come under her protection and tutelage were referred to as "her girls". In 1939 an adjacent residence on Baker Street was purchased by Grand Parlor, and rented out to provide additional income for the Home.

Past Grand President Emma G. Foley was the Home Committee Secretary for 23 years.

In 1945 her estate distributed property in San Anselmo (Marin County) that she had bequeathed to the Native Daughters.

She had hoped that the property would be utilized as a Summer Retreat for our Members. Instead the property was rented out, and the monies applied to the maintenance and repair of the Home.

In 1959 at our Annual Corporate Convention a controversial proposal was introduced to sell the San Anselmo property and construct a new building on Baker Street.

After much discussion, it was narrowly adopted. The property was sold for \$21,000. Over the next few years additional funds for

the project were collected, and the money invested.

In 1964 the rental residence next to the Home was demolished and a new building was constructed.

It was designed by Harada and Meu, and built by Empire Construction Company.

At an Open House on June 17, 1964 the structure was formally dedicated as The Emma G. Foley Wing.

The building included a social hall, kitchen, and garages on the first floor, as well as a Historical Relics Room to house and display the many relics donated to the Order by our Members, and an additional recreation room for the residents of the Home. At our 1959 Annual Corporate Convention a resolution was passed directing the California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings Committee to investigate a suitable place to display and store the relics that had been donated to the Home.

Past Grand President Evelyn I. Carlson was appointed State Chairman of the Relics Committee, and spearheaded the effort to collect additional historic articles or relics for the proposed Historical Relics Room.

In June 1966 the Historical Relics Room was furnished with display cases and opened for the viewing pleasure of our Members.

The Room also housed our Roster of California Pioneers and Landmark files.



In the mid-1980s, great changes were made in the Home and the Foley Wing.

In 1985 the Grand Parlor Office was moved to the former Recreation Room in the Foley Wing.

Due to an insufficient number of residents the residence program was discontinued on October 1, 1986.

Our records indicate that the remaining permanent residents were each paying \$375 a month for food and lodging.

The Home Committee was paying a staff of four to provide care and services to five women. In 1987 the Historical Relics Room was rechristened the Evelyn I. Carlson Native Daughter Historical Collection and the collection of artifacts were dispersed

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NATIVE DAUGHTERS of the GOLDEN WEST HOME
555 Baker Street (near Fulton), San Francisco, California 94117
Phone: 415-921-2664
Email: ndhome@ndgw.org

RESERVATION FORM

NDGW Members may **REQUEST ROOM RESERVATIONS** by guaranteeing payment for the first night's stay at the NDGW Home for each reserved bed. You may provide this information by telephone (415) 921-2664 or email ndhome@ndgw.org or by completing this form, and then mailing your check(s) to: NDGW Home, 555 Baker St., San Francisco, California 94117. Credit card payments, including a processing fee, are also acceptable payment options.

A 24-hour (noon of the prior day) cancellation notice is required to negate your pre-paid guarantee. If you will be arriving later than your estimated time of arrival (ETA), please call the number noted above. **Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM.**

The NDGW Home Committee and/or the NDGW Home Staff have the right to refuse a reservation to a Member and/or guest or to terminate their stay. **Guests must be age 12 years or older. (Rev. 2015) All guests must be accompanied by Member at all times during their stay at the NDGW Home. Members and their guests may stay no more than 5 consecutive nights without prior approval of the Home Committee (see NDGW Committee Policies, NDGW Home Committee, #5, page 28, second paragraph).**

Member NAME _____ Parlor _____

Address _____
(Street number and name, city, zip code)

Phone: (____) _____ Emergency Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ ETA _____ am/pm
(Estimated Time of Arrival)

LENGTH OF STAY nights _____ (5 nights maximum)

Names of Members who will accompany me: _____

Names of guests who will accompany me: _____

My accommodation preferences: Single room w/bath Room ____ Double room w/bath ____
Double room and single room connecting w/shared bath ____ IF AVAILABLE I would prefer room number(s): _____, _____
****Specific room requests may not be available. If rooms with a bath are not available, a room without a bath will be designated.****

RATES Members: \$45.00 per night
Non-member guests: \$60.00 per night (guests must be accompanied by a Member, at all times.)

Make checks payable to: NDGW Home
of Checks enclosed: _____ Total of all enclosed checks: \$ _____

By my signature below, I agree to abide by the Home Rules (NDGW Committee Policies, Page 29, Section 9, House Rules), and I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of myself and my guest(s) while in the Home. I agree to my liability and will pay for any damage to the Home including, but not limited to, damage to the facility, furniture, linens, appliances, and equipment that is caused by me or my guest(s) while I am/we are on the premises.

Member's **SIGNATURE** and **GUARANTEE** _____ **DATE** _____

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

Native Daughters of the Golden West – Mission Statement:

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

Calendar of Events, Special Days of the Order, State Committee Meetings and Official Visits January and February 2020 – REVISED 1/9/20 For Grand President Dawn Dunlap

EVENTS:

January 10th - Home Committee Meeting; 1 P.M.; San Francisco
January 11th – Childrens Foundation Meeting; 9 A.M.; San Francisco
January 18th - Grace Parlor No. 242, NDGW Home Luncheon; Fullerton
January 24th -25th - NSGW Discovery of Gold Weekend; Newhall
January 25th – Board of Directors’ Meeting; Stevenson Ranch
January 24th, 25th & 26th – Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee Meeting; Hollister
February 1st – Special Event – Anchor Steam Brewery Tour; San Francisco
February – Home Committee Meeting – Date to be determined
February 7th, 8th & 9th – Board of Directors’ Meeting; San Francisco
February 9th – Donner Parlor No. 193, NDGW Home Luncheon; Brentwood
February 15th – District 14, Childrens Foundation Luncheon, Jackson
February 21st – Investment Committee Meeting 9 A.M. and Finance Committee Meeting 1 P.M.; San Francisco
February 22nd – 110th Anniversary Celebration of San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179, Hollister
February 27th – Special Event - Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Community Networking Mixer; Fort Bragg
February 29th – Charitable Foundation Inc. (C.F.I.C.) Committee Meeting 10:30 A.M.; San Francisco 2

OFFICIAL VISITS:

January 4th – La Tijera Parlor No. 282, Inglewood
January 9th – Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331, La Puente
January 12th – San Diego Parlor No. 208, San Diego
January 14th – Placerita Parlor No. 277, 11:30 A.M.; Van Nuys
January 14th – Toluca Parlor No. 279, 7 P.M.; Studio City
January 27th – El Tejon Parlor No. 239; Bakersfield
January 28th – Zinfandel Parlor No. 337; Woodbridge
February 3rd – Angelita Parlor No. 32; Livermore
February 4th – Vendome Parlor No. 100, 11:30 A.M.; San Jose
February 4th – Petaluma Parlor No. 222, 7 P.M.; Petaluma
February 6th – Cotati Parlor No. 299, Santa Rosa
February 9th – Argonaut Parlor No. 166, El Cerrito
February 10th – Encinal Parlor No. 156, Alameda
February 11th – Hayward Parlor No. 122, Hayward
February 12th – El Vespero Parlor No. 118, Daly City
February 13th – Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City
February 18th – Darina Parlor No. 114, San Francisco
February 19th – Calistoga Parlor No. 145, Calistoga
February 24th – Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, 1 P.M.; Soquel
February 24th – San Bruno Parlor No. 246, 6 P.M.; South San Francisco



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thorough-out the Home with the majority of items placed on the first two floors.
The vacated former Historical Relics Room became the Board of Directors’ and

various State Commitees’ meeting Room and was named for our Founder, The Lily O. Reichling Dyer Conference Room.
The Roster of California Pioneers, Land-mark files, along with the collection of Cali-

fornia history books in our library, and the Archives of our Order were moved to the first floor of the Home in the former Grand Parlor Office and renamed The California Room. Our Home is supported by membership assessments through our Subordinate Parlors, donations, room stays by our Members and their guests, invested dividends and interest. The history of our Home is more than the

tale of a building.
It is the pursuit of turning a dream into a reality. To quote Ralph Waldo Emerson....
“A house is built of bricks and stone
Of sills and posts and piers;
But a Home is built of dreams and loving deeds
That stand a thousand years.”

