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Forrest Parlor No. 86 Recognizes Ruth Crain

BY BARBARA SEATON, RECORDING SECRETARY

When you think “community service” in Plymouth, Amador County, you think of Ruth Crain who faithfully serves lunch to local seniors every Wednesday.

It all began approximately 35 years ago when Ruth and Henrietta Lubenko, members of Forrest Parlor No. 86, decided to volunteer as co-chairs of the senior meal program in Plymouth. Ruth became acquainted with the senior meal program when she first brought her mother to have lunch. Ruth started helping and soon after she and Henrietta were in charge. They cooked the meals, greeted their “customers” and cleaned up following lunch.

Lunches are now created in Jackson and transported to the serving location at City Hall in Plymouth. Every Wednesday you can find Ruth cheerfully working a two-hour shift helping to serve lunch. Ruth has made many friends who enjoy spending time with each other while sharing a nutritious meal.

Ruth was also instrumental in starting a July tradition approximately 15 years ago whereby Forrest Parlor members share a salad potluck. The picnic soon morphed into a social activity that is shared with the winners of the Parlor’s scholarship award and the student art contest. Award winners are invited to bring their families along to share in the event as well.

Ruth has continuously served as Parlor Financial Secretary for over 30 years and has chaired the Scholarship competition.

Thank you Ruth for all you do for our Parlor and our Order!



Thank you Native Daughters of the Golden West!

SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH MITCHELL, ENCINAL PARLOR No. 156

Taylor Mitchell Kent, 2004 recipient of the Grand President’s Special “Bridges” Scholarship, has recently started her dental practice in Alameda, CA.

Dr. Kent received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, graduating with high honors. She is a member of two highly prestigious honor societies, Tau Kappa Omega and Omicron Kappa Upsilon, which select students distinguished by excellence in scholarship, while demonstrating exemplary traits of character. She is also a member of the American Dental Association, the California Dental Society, and the Alameda County Dental Society.

Dr. Kent is committed to volunteerism and service, both locally and abroad. She has participated in programs providing free dentistry to the homeless of San Francisco, and has also traveled to Jamaica to provide compassionate, free dental care to the vastly underserved Jamaican communities. Currently, she is committed to volunteering at a Veteran’s Memorial clinic in Grass Valley, which includes providing care to veterans and active military patients and their families.

It is with much gratitude that Dr. Kent wishes to thank the Native Daughters for the support that they provided through their generous scholarship.



Dear Sisters,

Happy New Year to all!! I hope you all had as wonderful Christmas and holiday season as I did.

I am excited as my GPAM 2016 Committee is planning a FUN time in June. Information will be rolling out soon. I hope you are already preparing to be represented.

It is a great experience being your Grand President and I am encouraging all subordinate parlors to encourage and promote members who are interested in becoming Grand Officers. Only by experience and support do we see the necessary progression to advance our Order with good leadership. It is important to make sure that your parlor stays connected and functions on the state level. As GVP Sherry Farley begins the process of selecting her team, I hope you consider how you can join in supporting the State Committees, and seek members who want to be involved a step beyond your community projects. Encourage and educate them so that they have expectations that are realized.

Committee Chairs are busy with their programs and as invitations and information arrive, please participate.

Loving the rain that we are experiencing as I will love to see a green California as I travel these next months.

Stay safe and I will see many of you soon.



Bonnie M. Tabor

Grand President

Home Chatter

SUBMITTED BY ANGELA BROWN, HOME CHAIRMAN

Happy New Year 2016!!!! What a way to start off the new year with rain, snow and lots of water.... We have our sand bags around the Home.

The Christmas tree lighting was a major success. Without the help that was provided by Jeanie Emery, Jeanne Meil, and Leslie Pettinger of Oakdale Parlor No. 125 and Judy Yost from Morada Parlor No. 199 for spending two days decorating the Home. What you did really helped the Home Committee. GP Bonnie’s tree was absolutely breath taking. CeCe Johnston out did herself on putting together a masterpiece. Mary Pezzoni provided a coral group to serenade us with holiday magic. Judy Cain and Silver Lady Sharon Johnston, PGP led us in Christmas carols. Cookies, tea and coffee added to the affair. Thank you again ladies from the Home Committee.

We had a plumbing problem in the sec-

ond floor bathroom which caused flooding. The cause of this problem was feminine hygiene products flushed down the toilet. Ladies, please don’t throw anything but toilet tissue down the toilet. Our pipes are delicate and very old. This latest incident cost us thousands of dollars.

We want to thank everyone that has donated to “Tree to Shining Tree”. Donations are still being accepted. We plan on starting the project in the next few months.

We are in NEED for shampoo, conditioner & lotions for our goodie bags for the rooms. We have plenty soap. Thank you for helping us.

Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP and Janet Somavia, GOS will be missed as they move on. We would like to thank them for their love and devotion to the Home.

Best wishes for a blessed New Year!!!!

Thank You Fran For All You Do!

Francine Bremer has been a Native Daughter for sixteen years and has worked at the Grand Parlor Office as our Bookkeeper for ten years. This year she is also pleased to be serving as Deputy Grand President to Vallejo Parlor No. 195 and State Chairman of Pioneer Roster and Native Daughter Archives.

Fran likes knowing that when she attends NDGW luncheons and events, there will be dozens of best friends attending too. “These friends are wonderful ladies from north and south!” Fran also has four daughters who have been members of our Order for more than ten years and they often attend events with her.

Fran is proud to be a member of the oldest fraternal organization for women in California.



San Jose Parlor No. 81

The 2015-16 term has been and will be a busy year for San Jose Parlor No. 81.

Change of Meeting Location: After meeting for over 25 years at the same I.O.O.F. Hall in San Jose, for multiple reasons it became necessary that the Parlor leave this location. The Parlor decided that starting last August, both monthly meetings (1st and 3rd Thursdays) would be held in Members' homes, and to "mix it up" a little, occasionally some meetings would have different themes/activities or would be held in a restaurant. Mary Ann Scadina arranged for a daytime meeting in October at Harry's Hofbrau. In November, a Pajama Party was held in the home of PGPs Linda Galassi and Sharon Logan, and a "Shamrocks and Bunnies Night" theme is planned for the second meeting in March at the home of Robbie McGagin.

Name Badge Orders: For the 6th year, San Jose Parlor offered Native Daughters the opportunity to purchase a personalized California-shaped name badge. Fifty-nine badge orders were placed and mailed in October. Since 2010, a total of 252 badges have been bought and worn by our Sisters from all over the State. The Parlor hopes to continue this Extension of the Order project as long as there is significant interest.

Fantasy Tea Fundraiser: The Members of San Jose Parlor were invited to participate in a "Fantasy Tea." An invitation, a tea bag, and a return envelope were sent to each Parlor Member, requesting that during the hectic holiday season, they brew a cup of tea, put their feet up, and take time out to donate to their Parlor. This is a convenient way for those who are not able to attend meetings and/or participate in activities to support their Parlor. Many thanks to the Fantasy Tea donors!

Holiday Party: To celebrate the holidays, San Jose Parlor held a luncheon on December 9th at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant (on the Blackberry Golf Course) in Cupertino. The holiday-attired partygoers enjoyed a delicious lunch plus visiting and a Christmas trivia game.

Community Service: Some of San Jose Parlor's most rewarding activities revolve around serving the local South Bay community.

Baby Layette Project: Parlor Members continued their summertime contributions of new baby items and cash to the Baby Layette Project of the Diocese of San Jose. This annual activity, with a "Christmas in July" theme, supports the Diocese and Visiting Health Nurses who furnish clothing and other baby items to mothers who otherwise may not be able to provide the bare essentials for their newborns.

Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors: This is a new activity for San Jose Parlor. Heart of the Valley provides free services to seniors in the area, such as escorted transportation for shopping, errands and doctor appointments, help with pet care, minor gardening and handyman projects, filling out forms, writing letters, paying bills, and companionship/visitation. Instead of exchanging gifts at the Parlor's holiday party, it was decided to donate toiletries and personal items to Heart of the Valley's "Safety Net for Seniors" project for shut-ins. Then prior to Christmas,

PGPs Linda Galassi and Sharon Logan joined other Heart of the Valley volunteers to deliver holiday gifts to the agency's clients. The Parlor plans to keep Members informed of future opportunities to provide volunteer time and goods/services to this very worthwhile organization.

JW House: Located adjacent to the Kaiser Hospital facility in Santa Clara, JW House (modeled after the Ronald McDonald Houses) provides a caring and compassionate "home away from home" for families facing medical crises. Families and individuals are welcomed for rest, meals and overnight accommodations while their loved one is in the hospital. One of the ways community organizations and businesses support JW House is by providing food for their "Dinner Is Served" program, and on January 14, San Jose Parlor cooked and served our popular Walking Taco buffet for approximately 30-35 people.

Evaluation of Proposed New NDGW Rituals, Ceremonies and Manual of Instruction: On January 19th, San Jose Parlor met to review and evaluate the proposed changes to these sections of the Books of the Order, which were distributed at the close of GPAM 2015. The Parlor's suggested modifications will be submitted to the Ritual and Manual of Instructions State Committee by the February 15th deadline for input.

Upcoming Activities:
District 20 Joint Official Visit: On Saturday, February 20th San Jose Parlor will join with hostess Vendome Parlor No. 100 and Gilroy Parlor No. 312 at the Official Visit of Grand President Bonnie Tabor for a "Stroll Down the Garden Path" luncheon at the Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose.

"Road Trip" to Historic Benicia: On Tuesday, March 22, Parlor Members will travel to Benicia, our early State Capitol. As with all such outings, the traveling group will have lunch— hopefully on the pier overlooking the Bay.

Bunco and Brunch Fundraiser: Another Parlor Bunco party is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at the home of Shirley Svindal. Players will gather this year for brunch and then continue with the traditional afternoon of playing Bunco with cash prizes for winners.

GPAM 2016: Based on past participation, San Jose Parlor anticipates that 10-12 Members will travel to Modesto in June for this year's Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. In addition to the Parlor delegate's participation in the business sessions, the entire group looks forward to the various luncheons and to renewing friendships and making new friends with Sisters from other Parlors. It's always a highly anticipated week for San Jose Parlor.

Lomitas Sisters Sprinkle Holiday Charm

SUBMITTED BY LINDA GOSLING
The Sisters from Lomitas Parlor No. 255 were holiday early birds starting with their November meeting. Upon arrival, the members brought in canned goods and non-perishable food items for the local chapter of the Salvation Army. Their holiday spirit extended to being a partner in the annual holiday community dinner which teams up local organizations and produces a grand chicken and pasta dinner for 300! But, November was just the beginning. The Christmas meeting in December is one of their favorites! For the past five years, Lomitas members have purchased wrapped and donated gifts for local teens in need. Gifts are personally selected by attending members. All in attendance at the December meeting shared a very warm and charming gathering as they enjoyed a delicious Christmas buffet and watched many colorful ribbons and bows enter through the door of their meeting room. GIVING was the word for this wonderful evening!

Gift Bags to Our Veterans

FROM THE SANTA CRUZ PARLOR NO. 26 JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

A special thank you to all the members who collected tooth brushes, sample dental floss and tooth paste, samples of hand lotion-shampoo-conditioner-travel soap, small candy packets, pens and note pads, combs, lip gloss, tube socks and sweat shirts during 2015.

We also thank the 42 members who donated "money" to our Veteran's project last summer as we were able to fill in any shortages and buy 300 Puzzle Books. To those who came for the "counting and sorting" and those who did the assembly line filling of 300 gift bags, what can we say, you were outstanding at both events, working in the cold garage!

We had twice as many lap blankets, compared to last year. Debbie Mandella delivered the gift bags, sweatshirts and lap blankets to the 41st Ave. Vets Center in Capitola and the VA Palo Alto Veterans Health Center.

We, with our cinematographer Pam Howell, delivered gift bags, sweat shirts and lap

blankets to Front Street Veterans Hall. We also gave a \$200.00 donation from our Parlor to the three organizations.

All the ladies who worked on this project during the past year were really impressed with the contributions and participation of our new members: Carmelita Austin-Schreher, Allison Washburn and Canon Western, among others!

For those of you who have not participated in the stuffing and delivering of bags in years past, I have a tip for you! First, this is in not an exclusive group. We LOVE to have new folks join in the fun.

Second, Barbara Miller is a fantastic cook and treats all of her elves to a wonderful soup luncheon after our work is done. Many of the elves added to the lunch so it was a real feast. It was so nice to sit and chat with our friends, both new and old, and realize how lucky we are to be members of this wonderful organization. See you next year!

Pam Howell



List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors:
October 10, 2015 — January 10, 2016

Darina Parlor No. 14

Louise Frechette
Veronica Reyes

Eshcol Parlor No. 16

Sara Turley

Califia Parlor No. 22

Jennifer Allen
Emily Rios
Frances Villierme

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26

Leslie Adams
Lee Stewart
Heather Stiles

Naomi Parlor No. 36

Joanne Nolan

Ruby Parlor No. 46

Diane Tussey

San Luisita Parlor No. 108

Lillian Toberer
Karen Turner

Darina Parlor No. 114

Marlyn Castillo
Natalie Melendy
Laura Rousseau

Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126

Karen Cywan
Lauren Cywan

Hiawatha Parlor No. 140

Judith Arey
Donna Kinsner
Elizabeth Williams

Annie K. Bidwell

Parlor No. 168
Phyllis Cantwell
Patricia Jones

San Juan Bautista

Parlor No. 179
Jim Botelho

San Diego Parlor No. 208

Phyl Hernandez
Maria Massa

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210

Karen Horner
Nancy Mantel

El Tejon Parlor No. 239

Deborah Gregory
Bryan Williams
Karen Williams

Lomitas Parlor No. 255

MaryEllen Allen
Cindy Climer
Tonya Nunes
Leann Purser

Placerita Parlor No. 277

Cher Sesma

Jurupa Parlor No. 296

Nancy Melendez

Zinfandel Parlor No. 337

Vickie Meindinger
Michelle Parker

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Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office
or NDGW Home Office

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Annual Christmas Party

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

Our Annual Christmas Party was held on December 14, at the Bell Tower Club. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all seventeen members in attendance. The Bell Tower Club closed on Christmas Eve and reopened after the first of the year, as a public venue run by Steak and Grape. Our Annual tradition of Toys for Tots collection, originated by Dorothy Basher, was held again and we raised \$125.00 in donations. We also donated food for a basket and gifts for the three children of our woman veteran. President Ethel White thanked Barbara Miner for hosting us at this beautiful venue.



Grand President Bonnie Tabor Shares Sense Of Fun and Camaraderie During Official Visit

FROM THE OCT-DEC, 2015 ISSUE OF THE MARGUERITE MESSENGER,
MARGUERITE PARLOR NO. 12

Marguerite Parlor No. 12 was pleased to host Grand President Bonnie Tabor, Morada Parlor No. 199, for her Official Visit on October 20, 2015.

GP Bonnie communicated her determination to “move the Order forward without losing the past.” She believes that a focus on education for newer members will be key in achieving this.

On the lighter side, parlors are charged by this energetic Grand President to create a “Fun Box” to bring to Grand Parlor in Modesto this June with mementos describing or depicting fun practices, outings, and activities engaged in by the group this year.

Karen De Berry presented GP Bonnie with a California lighthouse calendar while the Parlor gifted her with a basket filled with gardening items and cash for her official project this year: remodeling the N.D.G.W. Home’s Voss Garden. The day’s coin march of \$27.00 was designated for the project as well.



GRAND PRESIDENT BONNIE TABOR (right) receives this monetary gift from Marguerite Parlor No. 12, presented by Past President Leona Sunseri, who presided at the Grand President’s Official Visit in October during the absence of Parlor President, Sharon Antognazzi.



DEE GOODSPEED (right) welcomes Barbara Custer to Marguerite Parlor No. 12 at Grand President’s Official Visit in October.

NSGW and NDGW Homeless Children Project: Out of the Archives

SUBMITTED BY JOANN McDONALD, MORADA PARLOR NO. 199

Each year NDGW Archives receives multiple requests for information about “The Children” who were adopted through an adoption agency run by the Native Sons and Native Daughters. Sadly, we have to say that we do not have information because when the State of California took over adoptions we were required to turn over all of our records.

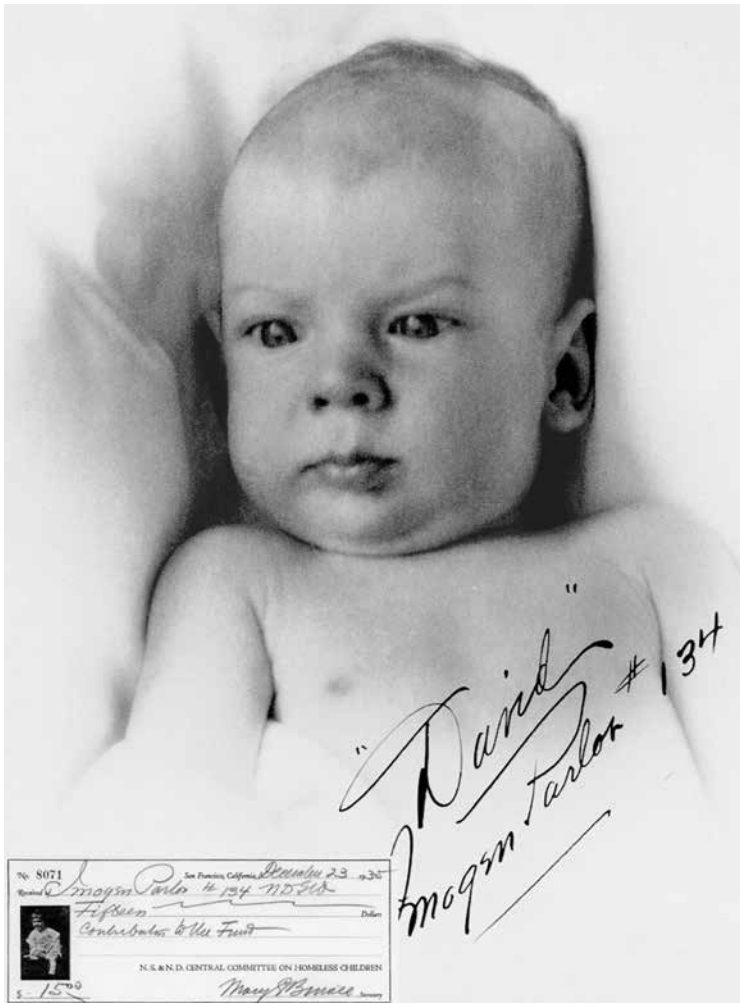
Every once in a while, we discover a forgotten “treasure” which has been tucked away in a box or information comes in from a Parlor which has closed. As time permits, the Archive Committee will process and organize incoming records. We keep the minute books and discard items which have no historic value to our Order. Recently we came across a picture of a baby. It had the name “David” written on it. We had no idea why this picture would have been sent with the records of a closed Parlor. As we looked further, we soon discovered there were also receipts for milk for David. We consulted the

a baby that they supported through milk. These receipts which recently surfaced were from 1932-34.

Further research in the Grizzly Bear, the publication before the *California Herald* and the *California Star*, showed the babies were most likely born in a hospital in Los Angeles or in San Francisco. There was a physician and a social worker in San Francisco who worked closely with our Orders.

The group homes which the babies lived in were known as “cottages.” One cottage was known as Felton Cottage and the second was known as Holsclaw Cottage. These cottages were located at 740 and 745 30th Avenue. Our research does not show who owned these homes. Felton Cottage was named for Katherine Felton who worked for the Social Service Department in San Francisco. Miss Felton was secretary of the San Francisco Associated Charities who approached Pacific Parlor No. 10 of NSGW to ask for assistance in making plans to aid the Homeless Children of California. Holsclaw Cottage was named for Florence Holsclaw a physician at Children’s Hospital in San Francisco. Both of these ladies were forerunners and on the cutting edge to see that the needs of women and children were met. In 1909, the Central Committee on Homeless Children was established. As the State of California government grew to meet the needs of the citizens, this Committee was licensed as an adoption agency.

Red Centennial Book and the Proceedings of Past Grand Parlors and discovered that Parlors around the State temporarily named



Upon checking the 1940 Federal Census for San Francisco, there was a listing of an institution known as Babe’s Aid Nursery on 30th Avenue. Mary Powell was the manager. There were seventeen infants from 0 to 2 months old and one four-month-old baby.

When the State of California took over management of adoptions in our State, the remaining funds were split between the Native Daughters and the Native Sons. The Native Daughters continues to work for children under the nonprofit NDGW Childrens Foundation.

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Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between October 10, 2015 — January 10, 2016

Eshcol Parlor No. 16 Margaret Boitano

Califia Parlor No. 22 Twyla Bidstrup

Berendos Parlor No. 23 Marian Calbreath

Ruby Parlor No. 46 Carol Brown

Annette Cyrus

Mariposa Parlor No. 63 Lamerna Mari

San Jose Parlor No. 81 Irene Panighetti

Golden Era Parlor No. 99 Allene Kirschman

Junipero Parlor No. 141 Zola Carver

Calistoga Parlor No. 145 Caroline Smith

Mary Heitz

Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 Margery Abern

Jean Mayer

Morada Parlor No. 199 Mary Clay

Amelia Fidalgo

Rita Hanchett

San Diego Parlor No. 208 June Chaffee

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 Joyce Drew

Lomitas Parlor No. 255 Jean Smith

Placerita Parlor No. 277 Betty Hutchings

Beverly Swaner

Toluca Parlor No. 279 Lucille Jacobson

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 Genevieve Franco

Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 Evelyn Tenorio

NDGW Sponsors “Beautify Cambria” Receptacle

SUBMITTED BY CONSUELO MACEDO
PHOTO BY PENNY CHURCH



Sisters Consuelo Macedo and Kelly Johnson planted a trash receptacle commissioned by the Beautify Cambria Association, and crafted by a local woodworker. El Pinal Parlor No. 163 is one of 28 non-profits who have contributed for the items, which are strategically placed about the little village; they will each be identified with small plaques. The parlor has been active for several years in Cambria Pride, with small groups of volunteers weeding, sweeping, and planting along the main streets. They also have an ongoing service project to tidy up both local cemeteries.

Jurupa Parlor Makes Two Special Deliveries For Our Veterans

For a number of years Jurupa Parlor has supported veterans at our local VA hospital/healthcare center with donations of gifts and funds. To honor veterans for Veterans Day and prior to the regular meeting of Jurupa Parlor on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, members assembled 101 patriotic decorated bags to be delivered to veterans. The white lunch-sized bags had previously been decorated with patriotic and happy face stickers. In assembly line fashion, the bags were filled with a Veteran’s Day card from Jurupa Parlor, a blank Christmas card for use by the recipient to send, a spiral note pad decorated with an American flag, a credit card size note — “Thank You for Your Service and Dedication to Our Country”, a pen, sugar-free hard candy, a Kleenex packet, and a deck of cards or similar game. All items including the bags and stickers were donated by Jurupa Parlor members. Sue Anderson and Marti Noyes delivered the bags to the Loma Linda VA Healthcare Center on November 9th in honor of Veterans’ Day 2015.

Then on Thursday, December 17, 2015, Laurel Weiler and Marti Noyes traveled to the Loma Linda VA Healthcare Center and delivered candy cane mice for the veterans and a monetary donation for the Volunteer Services Center. The candy cane mice bodies were felt with a candy cane tail and were handed out to veterans in the lobby and waiting areas and to employees and volunteers who are also veterans. In addition, a large collection of 2016 calendars was also delivered. Thank you to Laurel who made the mice this year. Donna Moir made the mice in years past, but was unable to do it this year.



Laurel Weiler and Marti Noyes In front of the large Christmas tree with their baskets of candy cane mice at the Loma Linda VA Healthcare Center



Sue Anderson, Marti Noyes with Volunteer Services Manager Pat Moreno at VA.



Filling the “goodie” bags for the veterans (left to right) Patricia Smith, Sue Buchko, Susan Anderson, and Laurel Weiler.

San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Community Service Project

SUBMITTED BY, CECE JOHNSTON, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179



Angie Rolland (left), Director of Hollister Pregnancy Center, accepts baby items from Cece Johnston in behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 as one of their many Community Service Projects. Included in the six boxes of items delivered were baby clothing, booties, bibs, diapers, home-made afghans, quilts, and blankets, sleepy time CD’s and toys.

Sitting in Style!

SUBMITTED BY, SUZI RILEY, JR. PAST GRAND PRESIDENT

Special thanks and great appreciation are extended to the wonderful Sisters of South Butte Parlor No. 226 in Yuba City.

Last October during my Official Visit I noticed they were holding a fund raiser selling chair cushions with a fantastic poppy and quail motif. Needless to say, I was thrilled with their project and asked if I could purchase twelve chair pads for the dining room at the Home. They explained that unfortunately finding the fabric for that many chair cushions was not possible, but they promised they would keep looking.

Well, imagine my great surprise when Grand President Bonnie delivered all twelve beautiful chair cushions to me to help decorate the dining room. The cushions look terrific and are very comfortable too! What a generous and thoughtful donation!

Thank you again to South Butte Parlor and special thanks to Claudia Werner and Carolyn Childers for sharing your super-star sewing talents!

Be sure to look for the new chair cushions next time you’re revisiting our Home dining room!



Grand Secretary Jana Jack shows off a new chair cushion at the N.D.G.W. Home!

News from Past President’s Association

SUBMITTED BY DEE GOODSPEED

I have been having a great year visiting Past President’s Associations around or beautiful state. I have enjoyed thirteen official visits and have four remaining before my General Assembly in Rancho Cordova, April 15-17th, 2016.

Every one of my visits has been wonderful and FUN. All my Sisters have been so kind.

At each OV, I have asked the Sisters what their careers were. This has been amazing and fun. Here is a partial list of responses, you are left to wonder who: African midwife, circus performer, ballerina, ballet studio owner, Rosie the Riveter, postal inspector, tax collector, prison social worker, owner of an

embroidery store, special education teacher, pharmacist, hearing aid repair technician, school kitchen cook, Mom and Pop grocery store owner, bank platform officer, escrow officer at a title company, school bus driver, draftsman, teacher, bookkeeper, welder, organizer of the Senior Gleaners, wrangler and ranch owner. Wow, we have contributed to our communities, and what a fun time to hear all the stories.

I am also privileged to have Carol Layton as my Silver Anniversary President. She served as President twice, 1990-91 and again, 2003-04. Carol belongs to Association 14, Shasta/Tehama.

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Joaquin Parlor No. 5

SUBMITTED BY VICKY CESENA AND LAURA FRAUSTO

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALMA HUFF

October 27 Halloween Meeting/Luncheon

It took some make-up and sinister costumes to transform the ladies of the Parlor into Halloween-themed characters. Tencha Moreno outdid herself with the glittering pumpkin and black cat table decorations. She gave great attention to detail. Even the cutlery was decorated, with a band of satin ribbon and black rose encircling each place setting. President, Juanita Case, dazzled in her black gown and pointed hat decorated with ribbons, feathers and a black raven. Beware! Though there was nary a cauldron in site, the members feasted. Creepy kale salad, ghoulish pizza, and devil's food cupcakes prevented their stomachs from rumbling. A business meeting concluded the day's activities.

Black and Pearls Tea

On November 14, the Parlor held its annual fall tea. This year's theme was Black and Pearls. Black/white attire, pearls, and hats were encouraged. Guests enjoyed the unique signature drink, pearl drop mimosas. This year's event was an authentic English afternoon tea, catered by Heidi Silva. The servers were dressed in black with white aprons and ruffled bonnets. The menu was customized for the Parlor and included sweets such as chocolate pearl brownies and the Joaquin cookies decorated with sugar poppies. Each lady received a pearl bracelet as a keepsake gift. A sold out event, opportunity raffle, and 50/50 drawing led to a successful fundraiser. The event chairman, Carol Bone, selected Valley CAPS as the recipient of this year's charity proceeds.



Joaquin members, Francis Halley and Helen Prieto, admiring the pearls and hats worn at the tea event.

Mission Restoration Dinner in Napa



GT Renee Chandler and GM Cynthia Connelly on tour of NSGW Hall prior to the Mission Restoration Dinner in Napa. Note they are wearing reindeer antlers that continued to be worn during dinner and the next day at the Childrens Foundation Luncheon and then the Tree Lighting with the other Grand Officers.



Picture from Tree Lighting with CeCe Johnston (left) who decorated the tree for Grand President Bonnie including the retro bubble lights.



Ida Evans, Alma Huff, and Angie Smith arrive at the Home for the Christmas Tree lighting event.

Christmas Shopping and Tree Lighting Trip to San Francisco

Who knew we could have such a fun time on the bus ride to San Francisco. It was a cozy ride with members, friends, and family. The bus hummed with conversation and laughter. The miles flew by as we enjoyed the food and opportunity drawing. Finally, we arrived at our selected shopping destination at Union Square. Oh what excitement as we wandered from small boutiques to multi-storied department stores including Macy's, Victoria's Secret, and Saks, to name a few. They had us in awe. They don't have this in Stockton. As lunch time rolled around, we headed to Lefty O'Doul's Restaurant. As we enjoyed our lunch, we viewed the 49ers vs Seattle football game. Cheers to the home team as we raised our glasses decorated with a twist of lime and a bright red cherry. After a bit more shopping, we loaded onto the bus and reunited with those who chose to shop at Pier 39. Our new destination was the NDGW Home on Baker Street.

The Holiday Decorating Committee for the home did a wonderful job dressing it in holiday style. We gathered in the parlor to listen as a choir of three, dressed in clothing that was reminiscent of the Dickens' era, entertained us with Christmas Carols. The adjoining room had tables filled with holiday goodies and hot beverages. Speeches were given, songs were sung, and memories of those no longer with us were shared. The afternoon seemed to fly by and we were once again in the bus. On our return trip, we shared stories of shopping bargains, unique finds, and tasty food. We were filled with the holiday spirit and sisterly love and vowed to return again next year.

Christmas Party

December 8th was the last meeting of the year and the Parlor Christmas Party. Carol Bickley and her committee planned a very merry occasion. Members were encouraged to invite friends and relatives to the event. There was good food, festive decorations, and bright holiday sweaters. Guests were encouraged to donate gifts for the opportunity drawing which led to such an abundance that many were fortunate to win more than once. What a wonderful way to end the year.

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to initiates Carlos Buenrostro, Susan Post, Esther Perez, Virginia Rico, Amelia Sandoval, and Wendy Woodrom. The upcoming year will provide many opportunities to meet your fellow Parlor members and participate in events to benefit the Parlor and the community. We invite you to share your time and talents with us as we work towards our goals.

Christmas Giving By Brandy Torres-Fletcher

Dignity's Alcove is a Veterans rehabilitation facility located in Stockton. Joaquin Parlor members donated new and gently used items for the Veterans. Each of the residents was gifted with a holiday bag which included a tasty homemade treat. Brandy Torres-Fletcher, the chairman, and her committee, Donalee McGary, Roberta Taylor, and Kaelin Fletcher, worked hard to help fulfill the needs of our Veterans. In December, the committee delivered a fully decorated Christmas tree to the facility. Joaquin Parlor members are thankful and appreciative of the service the Veterans have devoted to their county.

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.



Ardylee McCurdy with her granddaughter Morgan (center) and daughter (far left) enjoy holiday shopping at Pier 39 in San Francisco.



Angie Smith, Tencha Moreno, Joaquin President Juanita Case, and Connie Bills haunt the Halloween event.



Black and Pearls Tea Chairman, Carol Bone (center), graciously welcomes Marianne Hopper (left) and Lydia Kelly (right), to the annual fall tea event.



Chairman of Joaquin Parlor's Veterans Committee, Brandy-Torres Fletcher, takes a selfie with her committee (left to right), Donalee McGary, Roberta Taylor, and Kaelin Fletcher.

More Information on the “Penny Pines” Program

In our last issue of the California Star our Grand President, Bonnie Tabor, requested that each Parlor consider making contributions to the Penny Pines program to help restore national forest areas throughout the State damaged by fires. Here is some more information to help your Parlor contribute to this worthy project.

How the “Penny Pines” Plantation works

Your contribution of \$68 goes toward the cost of planting seedlings on about one acre of National Forest land in California. Your donation is combined with Federal funds, used by the Forest Service to do the planting on the National Forest nearest you, or on the forest of your choice. The plantation will be marked with a standard Forest Service sign naming the contributing individual or organization. Contributions must be in multiples of \$68 or more. For each \$68 contribution, you will receive a PENNY PINES certificate from the Forest Supervisor, who will inform you of the location of the plantation at your request. Please see the sample Conservation Agreement below.

Below is a list of the forests participating in Penny Pines:

- Angeles National Forest
701 North Santa Anita Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006-2725
(626) 574-1613
- Cleveland National Forest
10845 Rancho Bernardo Rd., Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92127-2107
(858) 674-2901
- Eldorado National Forest
100 Forni Road
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 622-5061
- Inyo National Forest
873 North Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514
(760) 873-2400
- Klamath National Forest
1312 Fairlane Road

- Yreka, CA 96097-9549
(530) 842-6131
- Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
870 Emerald Bay Road, Suite I
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 573-2600
- Lassen National Forest
2550 Riverside Drive
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 257-2151
- Los Padres National Forest
6755 Hollister Avenue, Suite 150
Goleta, CA 93117
(805) 968-6640
- Mendocino National Forest
825 N. Humboldt Avenue
Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-3316
- Plumas National Forest
159 Lawrence Street
Quincy, CA 95971-6025
(530) 283-2050
- San Bernardino National Forest
1824 South Commercenter Circle
San Bernardino, CA 92408-3430
(909) 884-6634
- Sequoia National Forest
900 West Grand Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257-2035
(559) 784-1500
- Shasta-Trinity National Forests
2400 Washington Avenue
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 244-2978
- Sierra National Forest
1600 Tollhouse Road
Clovis, CA 93611-0532
(559) 297-0706
- Stanislaus National Forest
19777 Greenly Road
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 532-3671
- Tahoe National Forest
631 Coyote Street
P.O. Box 6003
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-4531

SAMPLE

CONSERVATION AGREEMENT
FOR
PENNY PINES PLANTATION

REGIONAL FORESTER, USDA Forest Service
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592

Date: _____

Dear Sir:

We understand that upon contributing \$68.00, the Forest Service, as part of its regular reforestation program, will plant trees on about one acre in a National Forest in California.

The Forest Service will provide to the plantation the same protection from fire, insects and other hazards given other National Forest areas. The plantation will be marked with a standard Forest Service sign. We desire the name of our organization as contributors, to appear on the sign as follows:

(Each contributing organization will be listed only once at any plantation. The name of any individual member of an organization will be shown only on the PENNY PINES certificate.)

The plantation will be the property of the people of the United States as part of the National Forest in which it is located and subject to multiple use management.

It is understood that each contribution of \$68.00, or multiple thereof, will be made payable to USDA—FOREST SERVICE and mailed to Penny Pine Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, California 94592. Such contribution is for deposit to a Cooperative Work Fund as authorized by the Act of June 30, 1914 (16 U.S.C. 498) and is to remain available until expended to assist in the reforestation of National Forest lands.

It is understood that no Member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part in this agreement, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom and that the accomplishment of the Forest Service’s share of this agreement is contingent upon the appropriation of funds by Congress.

The agreement covers the initial and any subsequent contributions which may be made by the contributor during the period of this agreement. The period of this agreement shall be from the date shown until cancelled by written notice from one party to the other.

APPROVED:

Very truly yours,

California

SIGNATURE AND OFFICE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

ADDRESS

FOREST SUPERVISOR

CITY/STATE/ZIP

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Region 5

2001

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Thanksgiving Display at Beale Library

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, had their annual display at the Beale Main Library. Our member, Kathy Puryear arranged the display for the month of November to honor Thanksgiving and to inform the community of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and our community activities. Thousands pass by our display throughout the month of November. We provide information on Admission Day and display the Proclamations that are presented to the Parlor, display the NDGW brochures, our First Place Ribbon for our booth at the Kern County Fair, American and the Bear flags. The display features many Thanksgiving items and lots of poppies. Many thanks to Kathy for her beautiful display. We take every opportunity to promote Native Daughters and our activities to the community.



Ruby Parlor’s Holiday Activities

SUBMITTED BY BILLIE MCARTHUR

The end of the year is busy for all Parlors, but Ruby No. 46 is hoping for relief. Our annual Fashion Show in October was a stunning success! We had good food, great models and full tables. The proceeds filled the coffers with much needed funds. Big thanks go out to our President, Laura Miser for her tireless work in organizing (without a phone and displaced from her home during the Butte Fire). Also, to all of you Sisters that said to me, “Oh, I really want to get up to Ruby Parlor to see our lovely Parlor building,” set your calendars for mid-October 2016, because we’ll be doing it again.



Fashion Show models: (left to right) Donna Milsner, Vienna Watkins, Anita Reeves, Billie McArthur, Cathy Sage & Nancy Davis and grand daughters Of President Laura Miser.

Going into November, we celebrated our Veterans with our annual spaghetti dinner. This year we served 180 dinners, more vets (free) than guests (\$10.00/plate). We donated the net profits (\$780.00 rounded up to \$800.00) to Rick Ryan, the “Murphys Walking Man for Vets” through UCLA Operation Mend, a nonprofit organization working for our veterans. Big thanks go out to chefs Mary and Tom Kingshill and their sous chefs Jenny Baxter, Liz Graham, and Pat Osterhout, and to our servers Karen Kaua, Sheryl Stanger, Liz and Diane Tussey, Coleen Franklin, Betty Smallin and Cathy Sage. Our raffle alone brought in \$718.00, thanks to Erin Borean, Pearl and Stacy Arhontes. You can bet, we’re proud!



Flag salute at NDGW Ruby Parlor No. 46 Veterans Dinner, November 11, 2015.

But we’re not finished yet. We started December with our Christmas Potluck meeting and Ruby Sisters brought in gifts for children to be donated to those in need. We also put in our appearance at the annual Christmas parade for Murphys Open House, giving the \$800.00 (Publishers Clearinghouse sized check) to Rick Ryan in front of the Murphys Hotel just prior to the start of the parade. Thank you Mary Kingshill for organizing the sisters in marching down Main Street for this event. Our own sister, Jenny Baxter, organized the whole 54-entry parade!

We had dinner with NSGW on December 18, donating 50 dozen cookies for dessert. So, Sisters of the Order, with our last gasping breath before we fall into slumber, dreaming of sugar plums dancing in our heads, we at Ruby Parlor wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

A Few Facts about California

FROM THE JANUARY, 2016 ISSUE OF THE “VENDOME CALLING” NEWSLETTER
VENDOME PARLOR NO. 100

California joined the United States with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War, in 1848. The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million for war damages. In turn, Mexico ceded nearly half of its territory, including what became the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and parts of Colorado, Nevada, and Utah. California officially became a state (the 31st) in 1850.

California was originally known as the

Grizzly Bear State. As California boomed — and the bear population was wiped out — it became the Golden State.

California is the only state that has hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics.

California is the most populous state (and the third largest by area). To put California’s population, approximately 38 million people, in perspective, one out of every eight Americans lives in California.



Lomitas Parlor No. 225 Participates in Veterans Day Parade

FROM THE DECEMBER 2015 POPPY PRESS, LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 225

Lomitas Parlor had the privilege of paying tribute to the Mothers, Fathers, Wives, Husbands and Children who sacrificed a loved one for our Freedom, at our annual Los Banos Veterans Parade.

We had the good fortune of having four of our local Veterans ride on our float, along with many of our Lomitas sisters.

Thank you to all who attended, especially all of the Veterans. Because of you, we are able to enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted. God bless America and all of our Veteran's.

Pictured above are Tina Accardo and her nephew Jake, Sandee Baird, Pat Enos, and PGP Sylvia Lowrie.



El Tejon Parlor No. 239's Kathy Puryear, Chris Kildare, Ethel White

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield Had a Busy Holiday Season

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

El Tejon Parlor Sponsors Veteran Gift Basket

Our Parlor sponsored a \$100.00 food gift basket for a Kern County Veteran through the VFW Post in Bakersfield. They have an annual food basket program, and our donation sponsored a basket for one veteran and his family. We raised the funds from selling Macy's Shopping passes. Please support our fundraisers.

El Tejon Parlor Sponsors Tree at Womans Club Festival of Trees

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 sponsored a tree at the Bakersfield Womans Club Festival of Trees event held on November 21, 2015. The event was attended by 1700 women and a few men and was very successful. The winner of our tree was very pleased with our Chocolate themed tree and the gifts. Thanks to Ethel White, Chairman, Chris Kildare, and Kathy Puryear who all helped with the decorating.

Woman Veteran Annual Christmas Project
Written by Ethel White, President for Barbara Minor, Veterans Chairman

*All I Ever Needed to Know
About Life, I Learned
From A Snowman*

FROM THE JANUARY 2016 POPPY PRESS, LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 255

Wearing white is always appropriate.
Too much sun is not a good thing!
Being a little round
and bottom heavy is OK.
Hanging out in the front yard
is always fun.
Accessorize! Accessorize!
Accessorize!
Hold your ground even
when the heat is on!
Learn to roll with the times!

childrens gifts, and canned/package food for our Woman Veteran Christmas Project. We contact the local Veteran Organization who provides the name of a local Woman Veteran who could use a little help. This year Denice Mettle, Phyllis Hensley and Ethel White delivered food, toys and a \$200.00 gift certificate to our lady veteran, Andrea Porter, on December 21, 2015. Andrea was very grateful and appreciative. She is the mother of three children, 2 boys ages 12 and 10, and a girl age 8. The oldest boy had asked for a soccer ball and Andrea told him she didn't think she could manage it. One of the gifts we brought was a soccer ball and Andrea was so very thrilled. We had a very rewarding visit and all of us felt honored to have been able to bring some Christmas spirit into the lives of such a deserving family. Funds were raised by selling Macy's Shopping passes and donations from Parlor members.

Aleli Parlor Hosts Bingo Fundraiser

SUBMITTED BY LAURA LAWRENCE, ALELI PARLOR NO. 102

On Sunday, November 1, 2015 the Sisters of Aleli Parlor No. 102 hosted a Bingo Fundraiser at the Monterey Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks, California. The event was open to the public and gave Aleli Parlor an opportunity to let the community know about Native Daughters of the Golden West, the non-profit foundations, and our Home in San Francisco.

Thirty people attended, including members of Junipero Parlor No. 141 and San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 who also joined in the fun. Guests had the opportunity to play early-bird as well as regular Bingo games. Aleli Parlor members donated a variety of gift baskets for use as Bingo game prizes in addition to a plethora of raffle and door prizes. Pizza, nachos, homemade sweets, and other snacks were available for purchase.

The event, Aleli Parlor's first fundraiser in many years, helped to raise over \$1,500 to support parlor activities and to fund community outreach programs. Parlor members were pleased with the outcome and are planning another Bingo fundraiser in the summer of 2016.

Many thanks go to Aleli Parlor members Joanne Reyes for chairing the event and to Arlene Tavani, Joanne Reyes, Laura Lawrence, Lillian King, Marlene Wisdom, and Rosemary Perez for their donations and effort to make this event happen. Special thanks go to Aleli Parlor husbands Rocco Tavani and Elrond Lawrence for cooking and running the snack bar during the event.



(Left to Right) Aleli Parlor Sister Laura Lawrence and Aleli Parlor husbands Elrond Lawrence and Rocco Tavani hang out at the snack bar.



Aleli Parlor Sister Arlene Tavani shows the many raffle prizes offered.



Bingo enthusiasts join in the fun at Aleli Parlor's Bingo Fundraiser on November 1, 2015.

Grand Parlor President Visits South Butte Parlor No. 226

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN, 1ST VP/PUBLICITY

South Butte Parlor No. 226 celebrated their Official Visit with Grand President Bonnie M. Tabor on October 26, 2015 with a spaghetti luncheon prepared by members.

In keeping with Grand President Bonnie's theme, the tables were decorated with a garden theme.

The Grand President was given chair cushions to take back for the Grand Parlor Home donated by Parlor No. 226. The cushions were recovered by Claudia Warner in a poppy and quail motif. The coin march proceeds were given to the Grand President for her special fund.

As a remembrance of her visit to So. Butte Parlor No. 226 Grand President Bonnie was given a basket of items from our area and a garden plaque.



Bonnie M. Tabor, Grand Parlor President, and Christine Cooley, President of So. Butte Parlor No. 226

Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

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

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

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



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

Native Daughters of the Golden West – Mission Statement:

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

Itinerary of Grand President Bonnie Tabor 2015–2016

(REVISION DATE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015)

2016

JANUARY

- 29 Personnel Committee Meeting — 3:00 PM
- 29,30,31 Board of Directors Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 3 Official Visit — Vallejo Parlor No. 195 — Vallejo
- 6 Mission Restoration Luncheon — San Juan Bautista
- 9 Official Visit — Reichling Parlor No. 97 and Arcata Parlor No. 325 — Fortuna
- 12 Home Committee Walk-through — 2:00 PM
- 13 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 14 Home Luncheon — Donner Parlor No 193 Byron
- 14 Happy Valentine’s Day!
- 16 Official Visit — Darina Parlor No. 114 — San Francisco
- 20 Official Visit — District 20—San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100, Gilroy No. 312 — San Jose
- 22 Official Visit — San Bruno No. 256 — South San Francisco
- 27 Childrens Foundation Luncheon—Jackson

MARCH

- 5 District 17 Luncheon
- 11 Home Committee Meeting 2:00 PM
- 12 100th Anniversary — Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 — Fort Bragg
- 13 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 13 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 10:00 AM — Southern CA
- 18, 19, 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 Personnel Meeting — 3:00 PM
- 23 Official Visit—Placerita Parlor No. 277, Toluca Parlor No. 279—San Fernando
- 27 Happy Easter

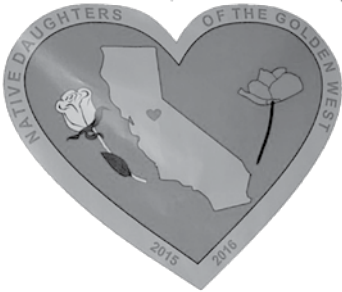
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- 2 Official Visit — District 23 — San Miguel No. 94, San Luisita No. 108, El Pinal No. 163, El Paso de Robles No. 335 — San Luis Obispo
- 3 District 21 Home Tea — San Juan Bautista — Adobe
- 4 Official Visit — Angelita Parlor No. 32
- 5 Official Visit — Veritas No. 75 and Mariposa No. 63
- 7 Official Visit — Ruby Parlor No. 46, Golden Era Parlor No. 99 — Columbia
- 8 Home Committee — 2:00 PM
- 8 CFIC Meeting 10:00 AM
- 9 Official Visit — Grace Parlor No. 242 — Fullerton
- 9 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 15 Investment Meeting 9: 00 AM
- 15,16,17 Past Presidents General Assembly — Sacramento
- 18 Official Visit — El Tejon No. 239 — Bakersfield
- 20 Official Visit — Lomitas Parlor No. 255 — Los Banos

- 22, 23,24 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Joint Meeting
- 22 Finance Meeting 2:00 PM
- 26 Official Visit — District 14—Ursula No. 1, Chispa No. 40, Forrest No. 86—Ione
- 30 Official Visit — San Diego Parlor No. 208

MAY

- 1 District 11 — Childrens Foundation Brunch — Marin/Sonoma
- 2 Official Visit — Oakdale Parlor No. 125 — Oakdale
- 7 Official Visit Tahquitz No. 333, Jurupa No. 296, and Lugonia No.241 — Hemet
- 8 Happy Mother’s Day
- 12 Official Visit Bonita Parlor No. 10, El Vespero Parlor No.118
- 13 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM
- 14 Official Visit — Fresno Parlor No. 187, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292—Fresno
- 14 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 16—19 NSGW Grand Parlor —Rohnert Park
- 21 Official Visit — Sutters Mill Parlor No. 336
- 24 Official Visit — Zinfandel No. 337 — Lodi



Call for Nominations for NDGW Image Awards

JOAN M. HALL, PGP, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292
START CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Awards are given to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses that publicly portray a positive image of California. It is time to start thinking about and preparing your nominations for the 2016 Image Awards to be presented at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting this June in Modesto. Entries may be submitted by Subordinate Parlors, individual Members, the Board of Directors, or the Members of the Public Relations Committee.

If you nominated a candidate last term, please note that nominations are not carried over to the following term. If you wish to re-nominate them, you must re-submit their information. Candidates that have not previously received an Image Award may be nominated. In your nomination, please include the name and contact information (mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address) for the nominee. Please include compelling information as to why your candidate is deserving of an Image Award this year. For further information on Image

Awards, please consult the Public relations section of the NDGW Committee Polices. Please mail your nominations to Joan M. Hall, PGP, State Chairman of Public Relations, 3511 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia, CA 93292. All nominations must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2016 to be considered.

Three reminders:
Please include the State Chairman of Public Relations on the distribution list for your Parlor Newsletters if you are not already doing so. They can be mailed to the address above, or e-mailed to jandrhall@juno.com.
NDGW Banners are available to all Parlors for events promoting our Order. They are available at the Grand Parlor Office in San Francisco. Please let me know if you wish to borrow one.

The Public Relations Committee has a limited supply of NDGW Luggage Tags. They are two for \$5 and come in blue and red. Please let me know if you are interested.

Please continue to promote awareness of Native Daughters of the Golden West in your community.

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