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From the September-October 2017 Rancho La Puente Newsletter, "Across the Bridge"

As many of you already know, my mother, Phyllis Tucker, died August 19th, after a relatively short illness. My mother was a charter member of Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 when it was instituted in 1976. She was a very active member for many years and served as the Parlor's second President. She also served as other officers over the years. Native Daughters was an important part of my mother's life and she enjoyed its many activities over the years, going to the Children's Foundation luncheons and the many friendships she had with her Sisters.

I want to thank all of the Grand Officers who sent their condolences and sympathy. I would especially like to thank all of the Native Daughters from Rancho La Puente Parlor who attended my mother's vigil and funeral, were part of the NDGW graveside services, expressed their concern and sent sympathy cards. Your presence and support meant a great deal to my family and me.

Sincerely,
Deidre Tucker Vail



IT'S A ROAD TRIP!!!

JOIN US AS WE RETURN TO OUR ROOTS

The Charitable Foundation Inc. Committee
Invites you to tune up the car & get going
Come for lunch and visit historic Jackson
Cash for Christmas Drawing

VISIT AND TOUR*

Amador County Museum • Jackson Cemetery
See the grave site of the First Grand President
Burial site of the men that perished in the Argonaut Mine Disaster
Historic Downtown Jackson • Visit the quaint shops

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Native Sons Hall, 31 Court Street, Jackson, California

Mimosas at 10:30 AM • Lunch at 11:30 AM

Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Caesar Salad, Pasta & Bread

Price: \$20.00 — Checks payable to Ursula Parlor No. 1

RSVP – Nina Coffenberry

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**NO LATER THAN
November 4, 2017**

*Maps will be provided
for your convenience.



Save the Date

VERITAS PARLOR No. 75 of Merced
125th Anniversary Celebration

April 14, 2018

Branding Iron Restaurant

Dear Sisters,

Greetings, Sisters! I wish to thank all Parlors and Sisters with whom I've already had the privilege of meeting this term. I have learned so much from each Parlor and the blessings abounded as I talked with each of you individually. You are why each Grand President cherishes her year as the leader of this Order. I look forward to all the Official Visits, luncheons, and dinners I have yet to attend.

School has begun and our young people are out there making their way to school on their bicycles or on foot. Exercise caution when driving because the excitement with the return to school can cause inattention on everyone's part and accidents happen. Please be mindful of your surroundings at all times.

The Combined Native Sons/Native Daughters Admission Day celebration Friday, September 8, at the Scottish Rites Masonic Hall in San Francisco was a huge success! Over 200 Brothers and Sisters from throughout the State met to participate in a golf tournament and card tournaments. A wonderful dinner followed and historical talks were provided by NSGW PGP David Allen, NDGW GM Dawn Dunlap, and NSGW PGP Barney Noel. Proceeds of this celebration benefit the Native Sons Historical Preservation Committee and the Native Daughters California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings Committee. Sincere thanks to Native

Sons Dennis McLaughlin and Native Daughters PGP Suzi Riley for bringing the two Orders together for this momentous occasion. Please review this edition of the California Star for details about the Commemorations of our State's admission into the Union that our Sisters around the State hosted. Sisters, you are my inspiration!

Some of our Parlors have installed first-time book Officers and Trustees. If you are one of these Parlors, please contact Special Committee on Parlor Officer Education Chairman sPGP Dolores Ferenz to schedule a workshop for your new Officers and Trustees. Worthy sPGP Dolores will match you with the best team to provide the needed training.

Have you reviewed your Public Relations packet from GPAM 2017 in your Parlor, yet? If you have questions about the contents, please contact Public Relations Chairman PGP Debi Stalder and she will help you utilize the packet contents. If your Parlor doesn't have the Public Relations packet please contact the Grand Parlor Office to request one. Find out what some Parlors have done to publicize the Order. Just look through this edition of the California Star.

Parlors!! When was the last time you reviewed and updated your By-Laws? Now may be a good time to do so. Laws and Supervision Chairman GM Dawn Dunlap has model By-Laws for your use when working on this very important document. If you have questions about the process, contact her and she will give you the assistance you need.

Contact information for sPGP Dolores, PGP Debi, and GM Dawn can be found in the Official Directory or contact the Grand Parlor Office.

You will soon receive my Official Directory for 2017/2018. Please read it carefully. There are several Parlors for whom I have no Deputy Grand President. I am looking for volunteers to serve as Deputy Grand President to a Parlor other than their own. Until next time...

The future belongs to those who BELIEVE in the beauty of their DREAMS.
— Eleanor Roosevelt

Sincerely and fraternally,

Cynthia Connelly
Cynthia Connelly, Grand President

Valencia Peacock Turns 90

SUBMITTED BY JOAN M. HALL, PGP,
CHARTER OAK PARLOR No. 292

Val Peacock turned 90 on October 5, 2017. Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia, honored this event with a birthday cake at their October Parlor meeting. Val joined Native Daughters on April 20, 1972 at the urging of PGP LaVerne Stevenson. Val has held many offices throughout her years of Membership at the Parlor level, as well as the state level. After 45 years, Val is still attending every Parlor meeting and is a source of loving support to current Parlor members. Happy Birthday, Val — we wish you many more years to come!



California Admission Day 2017 — Happy 167th Birthday California!

SUBMITTED BY: SUZI RILEY, PGP, CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY STATE CHAIRMAN

Sadly, *California Statehood Day* is no longer observed as a legal holiday in our glorious golden State. Therefore, it is so important that as Native Daughters we do our best to preserve and acknowledge this central date in our State’s illustrious history. *Congratulations and thank you to the Sisters who celebrated California Admission Day in their local Parlors and in their communities!*

On Friday, September 8, 2017 the **Native Daughters of the Golden West** along with the **Native Sons of the Golden West** celebrated *California Admission Day in San Francisco*. This long-time tradition of both Orders joining together to honor California on Statehood Day had been lost in recent years and it was an institution that both Grand Presidents were



The presentation of California’s Birthday cakes!
From Left: NDGW State Chairman PGP Suzi Riley, Bonita Parlor No. 10; NSGW Grand President Erik Christeson, Excelsior Parlor No. 31; NDGW Grand President Cynthia Connelly, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168; and NSGW State Chairman Dennis McLaughlin, Guadalupe Parlor No. 231

hoping we could bring back. “*If we build it, they will come!*” was our mantra and we were elated to have 204 proud Californians join us for the return of Admission Day in San Francisco. Honorary Co-Hosts of the evening, **NDGW Grand President Cynthia Connelly** and **NSGW Grand President Erik Christeson**, ensured the entire event was a wonderful success.

The dinner was held in the historic Scottish Rite Hall in San Francisco and followed a day of golf and an afternoon of lunch and table games. All of the Native Sons Parlors in San Francisco donated funds to the event along with several Native Daughter Parlors in District 15 as well. The **NSGW Hall Association** also donated funds to secure the venue and the tables were decorated with large California Bear Flags donated by **Grace Parlor No. 242** and brightly colored California postcards. The NDGW California Admission Day Committee also made a donation and helped to supply the favors for each guest. We were also very pleased to have local Balboa High School ROTC students presented the colors in a lovely ceremony followed by both Grand Marshals: **NSGW GM Jerry Stinson** and **NDGW GM Dawn Dunlap** leading the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The Invocation and Benediction were offered by both Jr. Past Grand Presidents – **Jr. PGP Sherry Farley** and **Jr. PGP Paul Lapachet** respectively. A delicious dinner was catered by the Lucca Ravioli Company in San Francisco and the ROTC students assisted with serving. Following dinner we sang “*Happy Birthday to California!*” with both Grand Presidents cutting the cake and **PGP Sharon M. Johnston** and **PGP Barney Noel** leading the singing! Three keynote speakers added to the evening: **NSGW PGP David Allen** from the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation showcasing the fine work and plaques sponsored by the HPF. NDGW keynote speaker **GM Dawn Dunlap** shared her interesting and engaging talk entitled “*America’s Philosophy of Manifest Destiny*” focusing on the inevitable westward expansion. **NSGW PGP Barney Noel** was the final speaker and his slides depicting huge crowds and amazing celebrations of California’s Statehood Day from 100 years ago made all of us hopeful that one day we might return to those glorious days gone by! Great thanks to all three presenters for excellent and thought-provoking talks – You all added to the importance of our celebration!

THANK YOU to all of our PROUD N.D.G.W. Parlors who supported California Admission Day with Donations!!	
Ursula Parlor No. 1	Bonita Parlor No. 10
Eshcol Parlor No. 16	Califia Parlor No. 22
San Jose Parlor No. 81	Forrest Parlor No. 86
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history, Landmarks and Historic Buildings Committee. NDGW State Chairman **Ida Evans** from Joaquin Parlor No. 5 was in attendance and she is thrilled to have received \$3,500 for her Committee’s use.

Once again, the N.S.G.W. and N.D.G.W. California Admission Day Committees sincerely thank everyone for their attendance and support. We were grateful to all of the Native Californians who attended as well as to our many donors for their amazing contributions as well. Lastly, it is the hope of my **Co-Chairman, Dennis McLaughlin** and myself that we can build this exciting **San Francisco Admission Day Celebration** into an annual event to help preserve the history of our beloved Golden State!



More California Admission Day Celebrations from Around Our Golden State!

DGP Marianne Griffith of Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore presented a book of *The California Missions* to teacher Maria Ruiz of **Mountain House Elementary School**, as a special presentation in honor of California Admission Day, 2017. Marianne also presented each student and staff member with an “*I Love You, California*” bracelet to commemorate this historic day. Mountain House School is located in rural eastern Alameda County, established in 1893. In 2002, historic Mountain House School was presented a plaque from Native Daughters of the Golden West Parlors — **Angelita No. 32 and Donner No. 193 in Byron**.



Esther Holm of Veritas Parlor No. 75 was instrumental in reminding her local government that the Native Daughters have been in California for 131 of her 167 years!



In celebration of the Native Daughters of the Golden West as a 131-year-old fraternal organization on Admission Day, **Veritas Parlor No. 75** was presented a certificate of recognition by the **Mariposa County Supervisor Marshall Long**. The Mariposa County Supervisors commended the Native Daughters for beginning with a group of California born individuals whose roots in their community date back to the pioneers. Founded on September 25, 1886, the Native Daughters continue to celebrate and honor the importance of California’s rich history and traditions. The Veritas Parlor Sisters are dedicated to remembering and recognizing the Pioneers of California who worked diligently to ensure that our Golden State became the 31st Star in our Union. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors also recognized Veritas Parlor for their presence in the local community. On another note, both **Supervisor Long’s mother and wife Robin** are both members of the Order as well. **Congratulations Veritas Sisters!**

San Jose Parlor Sisters are a Cut Above!

San Jose Parlor No. 81 will certainly be remembered in their community for sharing cake with patrons as they visited the Santa Clara Public Library on September 9th.

From left: Sisters Gayle Gleim, Robbie McGagin Jeannie Gregorio, and Shirley Svindal served slices of California’s Birthday cake to all visitors to their local library on Admission Day. What an excellent way to celebrate California’s Birthday and to get Native Daughters out into the community! **Thank you Sisters of San Jose Parlor!**



El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Celebrates California Admission Day

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

On Friday, September 8, 2017, our Parlor held a luncheon and program in honor of California’s 167th birthday at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant. We had approximately 40 in attendance. We present a different topic of California history each year at our Admission Day Luncheon.

Our theme this year was presented by our member Bryan Williams and focused on “Two Years Before the Mast.” Two Years Before the Mast is a memoir by the American author Richard Henry Dana Jr., published in 1840, having been written after a two-year sea voyage from Boston to California on a merchant ship starting in 1834. In the book, which takes place between 1834 and 1836, Dana gives a vivid account of “the life of a common sailor at sea as it really is”. He sails from Boston to South America



Sandee Senior, Mayor Karen Goh

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List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors:
July 11, 2017 – October 10, 2017.

We are asking our readers for their patience during the current transition at the Grand Parlor Office. You can expect to see a list of newly initiated members from July 11, 2017 to January 10, 2018 in our next issue of the *California Star*.

Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between July 11, 2017 –October 10, 2017. We are asking our readers for their patience during the current transition at the Grand Parlor Office. You can expect to see a list of deceased members from July 11, 2017 to January 10, 2018 in our next issue of the *California Star*.

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Calistoga Parlor No. 145 Celebrates Admission Day

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MCCLOSKEY

At Calistoga’s City Council meeting on September 5, President Camille Hurley accepted a Proclamation from Mayor Chris Canning, stating that “it has been resolved that the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby declares Sept. 9, 2017 to be Calistoga Parlor No.145 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Day in conjunction with California Admission Day.”

On September 9, Calistoga Sisters (Carolyn Cardoza, Lucille Doyle, Devon Emre, Edith Kendall, Camille Hurley, Barbara LaFranchi, Barbara Maxfield, Kathy McCloskey and Paulette Solt) witnessed the raising of our Native Daughters of the Golden West Flag on our City Pole. The Calistoga City Pole is situated between the Police Department and Sharpsteen Museum and across the street from City Hall - a great



place for all to see our Flag proudly fly. During the raising of our Flag, Kathy used the Bear Flag presentation ceremony, substituting the words “N.D.G.W. Flag” for Bear Flag and other pertinent information where applicable. The N.D.G.W. logo was also explained. Our Ceremony and Vests really drew the attention of many passersby. The Flag will fly through September 15 - What an Honor.

A lovely celebratory breakfast followed at the Hydo Restaurant.



Ursula Parlor No. 1 Celebrates Admission Day

SUBMITTED BY MARILYN BUSTILLOS, PGP, RECORDING SECRETARY, URSULA NO. 1

PGP Marilyn Bustillos, DGP Nina Coffenberry and Treasurer Sandy Digman, members of Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson, celebrated Admission Day by distributing poppy seed packets on Main Street in Jackson on September 9th. We explained Admission Day to the merchants and the customers, gave them poppy seeds and asked them to plant them wherever they lived. We were universally greeted with smiles and thanks. Many responded that they love the California Poppy!



Forrest Parlor No. 86

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA SEATON, RECORDING SECRETARY

On September 14, 2017, Debbie Cowan, member of Forrest Parlor No. 86, presented a new California Flag and a new American Flag to Plymouth City Council to commemorate Admission Day.



Arcata Parlor No. 325

SUBMITTED BY DIANA COOPER

At the request of the Arcata Parlor, on September 6, 2017 the Arcata City Council issued a proclamation recognizing California History Week. The proclamation further recognized the Arcata Parlor and Native Daughters and all that is done to promote California history. Arcata Parlor Member, Marcia Marling, a descendent of pioneers who came to Humboldt County in the 1850’s, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Arcata Parlor.



San Luisita Parlor No. 108 Celebrates Admission Day

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY JONES, RECORDING SECRETARY

Celebrating California’s Birthday, we all met in front of the San Luis Obispo County Courthouse. It was overcast and then the fog burned off to a nice, sunny day. We handed out 150 bags of poppy seeds. People were very delighted to receive these seeds. They were glad that they would be able to plant them. It was a very happy day for California. There were six members of San Luisita Parlor. We had so much fun handing out the poppy seeds. We enjoyed a nice lunch afterwards.



Pictured are Nadine Lewis, Shirley Post, Kathleen Luiz, and Jackie Mansfield. Not pictured are Shirley Jones and Judy Fry.

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Celebrates California Admission Day

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and around Cape Horn to California. Dana’s ship was on a voyage to trade goods from the United States for the Mexican colonial Californian California missions’ and ranchos’ cow hides. They traded at the ports in San Diego Bay, San Pedro Bay, Santa Barbara Channel, Monterey Bay, and San Francisco Bay. Dana arrived in Alta California when it was a province of Mexico, and no longer Spanish colonial *Las Californias*. He gives descriptions of landing at each of the ports up and down the California coast as they existed then. The ports served (south to north) the Mission San Diego de Alcalá, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Pueblo de Los Angeles (and Mission San Gabriel Arcángel), Mission Santa Barbara (and Presidio of Santa Barbara), Presidio of Monterey, and Presidio of San Francisco. The headlands, along with the adjacent present-day city, took on Dana’s name as Dana Point. If you have not read this book, you will find much more about early California history.



Bryan Williams, Ethel White

Each attendee received a bar of homemade poppy soap wrapped in clear paper with poppies, handmade by our member, Brigitte Bonnet. Our table decorations, of course, were our beautiful poppies. Our President, Ethel White opened the celebration with the flag salute, which was led by our Darleen Carpenter with the invocation led by our member Ruth Jacobus.

After a delicious luncheon, we were presented with proclamations and resolutions



Proclamation

Designating the
Week of September 3-9, 2017
California History Week

WHEREAS, California was granted statehood status on September 9, 1850 and the California State Legislature voted in August 1999 to designate the week surrounding Admission Day, September 9 of every year, as California History Week; and

WHEREAS, Arcata Parlor No. 325 has been the local affiliate of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West for over 50 years; and

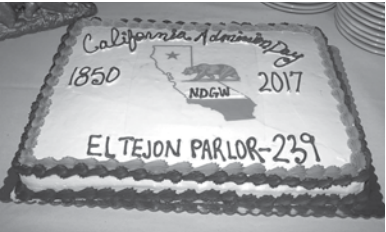
WHEREAS, the Order honors California by promoting study of its state history, marking and restoring historic monuments, assisting in restoring its system of missions, conserving redwoods and pines, and preserving early day relics and traditions; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Arcata to preserve the rich history and multicultural heritage of the Great State of California and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby designates the week of September 3-9, 2017 as CALIFORNIA HISTORY WEEK, and encourages all Arcata citizens to give thought to the history, grandeur, diversity and opportunities that California provides.

Dated: September 6, 2017

Susan Ornelas
Mayor



The Cake

from the offices of Bakersfield City Mayor, Karen Goh, Congressman, Kevin McCarthy, State Senators, Jean Fuller and Andy Vidak, Assemblyman, Vince Fong, and Kern County Board of Supervisor, Zach Scrivner, by our own Bryan Williams. One of the presenters recounted that he was able to explain to a group he was addressing the various capitals of California over the years due to attending one of our Admission Day Programs which focused on the many state capitals that preceded Sacramento.

The program concluded with the serving of our beautiful Birthday cake. Many thanks to Bryan Williams, chairman, and the committee of Ethel White, Darleen Carpenter, Chris Kildare, Brigitte Bonnet, Lurine Webb, Sandee Senior, and Ruth Jacobus.

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Honey Run Bridge Rededication

SUBMITTED BY DEANA GLATZ

On August 27, 2017, Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 rededicated the Honey Run Bridge plaque. The successful event was held in Butte Creek Canyon, Chico. It was well attended by Grand Parlor Officers, Members, and by the community.

Last year, it was discovered that the 1949 plaque installed by previous members was historically incorrect. The 1949 plaque incorrectly states that the Bridge was built in 1894.

Research completed from 2016-17 of Butte County newspapers, county road and engineering, and other public records by member Deana Glatz and historian, John Rudderow, show the Honey Run (Carr Hill) Bridge was actually built in 1886 and opened to the public in January 1887, 130 years ago. This new research shows that the Bridge is older than originally thought by seven years. Guest speakers at the rededication included Robert Catalano, President, Honey Run Covered Bridge Association Board of Directors; Doug Teeter, Butte County Supervisor District 5; Ida Evans, State Chairman of Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Joaquin Parlor No. 5; and our Grand President, Cynthia Connelly, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168.

This was a joint effort of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, John Rudderow, Butte Creek Canyon Historian, the Honey Run Covered Bridge Association and the Pair-O-Dice Chapter 7-11 E Clampus Vitus.



Celebrating 100 Years of Service

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY JONES,
RECORDING SECRETARY, SAN LUISITA PARLOR NO. 108

San Luisita Parlor No. 108 held its monthly luncheon at the Cowgirl Café on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at noon. Two Sisters were presented with their 50-year pendants by Past Grand President Jackie Thomas of Toluca Parlor No. 279, Burbank. Their names were Nadine Lewis and Lucille Cardoza.

Nadine Lewis was initiated on April 4, 1967. She has been very active in the Native Daughters of the Golden West. The Native Daughters are very important to her. She has served the Parlor as President, Past President, Treasurer, Trustee, Sentinel, and is currently serving as Marshal. Nadine has also served as Deputy Grand President to San Miguel Parlor No. 94. She has served numerous years on the Evelyn I. Carlson Subcommittee and during that time has made numerous trips to San Francisco and stayed at the Native Daughter Home. She has attended many Grand Parlor Annual Meetings as a Delegate and as an Alternate. She has made numerous friends up and down the State of California. Nadine has been a great leader in our Parlor by putting on dinners and fundraisers. The Parlor supports her in all she does. We were very proud to present her with her 50-year pendant.

Lucille Cardoza was initiated on November 28, 1967. She has been a member for a long time. She attended meetings for a little while. We were very proud to present her with her 50-year pendant.

It is a great honor to celebrate 100 years of service to our Order.



Lucille Cardoza, PGP Jackie Thomas, and Nadine Lewis.

South Butte Parlor No. 226 Happenings

SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN, PUBLICITY

South Butte Parlor No. 226 hit the pavement running this year after our summer break.

Our incoming President had to step down due to medical issues so our new President, Claudia Warner, stepped up and took command.

Admission Day found us placing California Flags on the graves of our dearly departed sisters at Sutter Cemetery in Sutter.

We had our 12th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Full Salad Bar on September 16, 2017.

It was another fun evening at the Native Daughters Hall in Sutter. Much socializing, meeting new friends and delish food.

Our Parlor still collecting soaps, sham-poops and other supplies for our Veterans. We're also getting ready to collect supplies for Hands of Hope.

South Butte Parlor No. 226 would like to congratulate Cynthia Connelly, Grand President, and the new in-coming Grand Officers who were elected at Grand Parlor and wish them a fun and successful year.

Reina Del Mar No. 126

— A Busy Summer

BY MARY LOUISE DAYS

The annual Pre-Fiesta Tea began a busy summer for Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara. It was held on July 9, 2017, at Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara and was co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, owners of the historic adobe house. Guests included descendants of early families and directors of Old Spanish Days Fiesta. We were honored this year by the presence of Grand President Cynthia Connelly of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, accompanied by Past Grand Presidents Linda M. Galassi and Sharon Logan, both of San Jose Parlor No. 81. Also in attendance were Rae Ann Rosas, Grand Trustee, of Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, and Past Grand President Adeline Coronado of Toluca Parlor No. 279, plus several visiting Native Daughters.

La Presidente of Old Spanish Days, Rhonda Ledson Henderson, spoke of her plans for Fiesta and introduced her officers and board members. The Parlor's President, Leeanne Figueroa, and the mistress of ceremonies, Thea Palencia, welcomed guests. Entertainers during the program included Parlor friend and longtime community favorite pianist, Gil Rosas. Dance performers were Danza de Cota, Baile de California, Norma Escarcega, who was the Spirit of Fiesta, and Eve Flores, the Junior Spirit of Fiesta. Parlor member Vivian Rangel's group of singers, El Coro, sang early California songs accompanied by the Flor y Canto Ensemble.

A highlight of the Tea was the presentation of the 2017 Saint Barbara, sponsored each Fiesta since 1926 by Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126. This year's honoree is Robin Hill Cederlof, who was born in Santa Barbara and raised in Goleta, a member of a pioneer Goleta family. She has been a member of Reina del Mar Parlor for ten years and is a retired radiologic technologist.

Robin has been active in Old Spanish Days Fiesta since childhood and has been active in numerous civic organizations, receiving several awards. She was named Goleta's Woman of the Year in 2006. She was president of the Goleta Valley Historical Society from 2002 to 2010. Robin is active with the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and has participated regularly in Parlor activities.

Karen Stupak, the Parlor member who portrayed Saint Barbara fifty years ago, was an honored guest at the Tea. The 1967 Saint was given a floral arrangement and happily



The 2017 Saint Barbara, Robin Hill Cederlof, wearing her robe, scarlet cape, and crown.

posed for a group photograph with the large number of former Saint Barbaras who were present. She had traveled from her home in Arizona for the occasion.

During Old Spanish Days Fiesta members attended La Merienda at Rockwood, home of the Woman's Club, and the opening ceremony of Fiesta at Mission Santa Barbara. Grand President Cynthia Connelly was among those watching the gala show, at which Robin appeared as the patron saint. The next morning, Thursday August 3, the Grand President and several other Native Daughters of the Golden West attended the Misa del Presidente at the Old Mission. Saint Barbara Robin Cederlof participated in the event.

We decorated the Saint Barbara float that evening, and the historical parade took place on Friday. Robin was lovely standing alone on the flower-bedecked float which was drawn by handsome mules. Saint Barbara also made appearances at the nightly Courthouse shows. It was a very successful Old Spanish Days Fiesta.

In addition to the Old Spanish Days festivities, Leeanne Figueroa was installed for her second term as Parlor President, and Members are enjoying their new meeting room in the Buenaventura Pico Adobe. Plans have been made for the Harvest Feast and for holiday parties and dinners. Committees are also at work on fund raising events.



Former Saint Barbaras enjoyed Reina del Mar Parlor's Pre-Fiesta Tea. They are shown with Robin Cederlof, the 2017 Saint Barbara, who is in the white Spanish dress.

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.

Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton

Grand President Cynthia's Official Visit to South Butte Parlor No. 226

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI DILLON

Joaquin Parlor Members celebrated Admission Day on September 9 at Joaquin Parlor's Apron Luncheon which was held at the Lockeford Café. The Apron Luncheon is an annual event to honor and celebrate the beloved Parlor Sisters who have gone before us. Guests all arrived adorned in their favorite apron. The beautiful event was hosted by Ardylee McCurdy. In appreciation of California's Admission Day, the room was festively decorated with the state flag of California and red, white and blue carnations. Linda Stirm kept the room on their toes with the many fun games played throughout the afternoon. Joaquin Parlor would like to thank Annette Hansen and Marianne Griffith for sharing the special day with them.

A beautiful fall day was the setting for Joaquin Parlor's Fall Tea. On September 23rd guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, beautiful opportunity drawings and remarkable door prizes.



Ida Evans

A wonderful time was had by all. The lovely event was hosted by Ida Evans and Joan Stafko, who donned period costume for the event. Guests also wore beautiful period costumes much to everyone's delight! One classy lady even donned spurs! She was a true Native Daughter of the Golden West!

An enchanted evening sprinkled with Pixie dust made for a magical celebration to honor our Worthy Grand President, Cynthia Connelly, at Joaquin Parlor's Official Visit on October 10th. A special appearance by Tinker Bell and Peter Pan started the festivities off, followed by a delicious dinner catered by the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton. A Tinker Bell adorned fairy cake was enjoyed by all.

Grand Trustee Stephanie Kerr who is Deputy Grand President to Joaquin Parlor commenced the Official Visit. Carol Bickley, Joaquin Parlor President, did a beautiful presentation of the ceremony. A special thank you to Past Grand Presidents, Linda Galassi and Sharon Logan, as well as Wayne Shellcross, President of the Native Sons of the Golden West Stockton Parlor No. 7, for always supporting Joaquin Parlor, and attending the event



Annette Hansen of Donner Parlor and Marianne Griffith of Angelita Parlor having fun at the Fall Tea.



Ardylee McCurdy at the Apron Luncheon.



Carol Bone, Joaquin Parlor, adorned as a true Native Daughter of the Golden West, down to her spurs!!!



Joan Stafko



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SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN, PAST PRESIDENT

South Butte Parlor No. 226 hosted an Official Visit from Grand President Cynthia Connelly. A luncheon was held on October 9th at the Dancing Tomato in Yuba City at 11:30 am. Tables were festively decorated with poppies as centerpieces, quails, and fall leaves.

The menu included spaghetti, fettuccine alfredo, French dip or Caffee Club sandwich with soup or salad or a vegetarian salad, beverage and a dessert of fall cupcakes.

Grand President Cynthia spoke about some of her goals for the year. Everyone had a great time socializing. "Fairy Dust?" Did anyone see any? Our Grand President loves "Tinkerbell".



Pictured from left to right: Cynthia Connelly, Grand President, and Claudia Warner, President of South Butte Parlor No. 226

NDGW Keith Postier Memorial Scholarship

FROM THE JULY 2017 VENDOME PARLOR NEWSLETTER, "VENDOME CALLING"

Gannon (on left) and Logan Eberle were VERY happy to receive the scholarship checks from Vendome Parlor No.100. Both indicated the money would go toward their books next semester.



Please join the
California
Lighthouse
Preservation
Committee

In a visit to

Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse

Thursday, November 2nd at 11:15 am

We will join the Trinidad Civic Club
At Trinidad City Hall
409 Trinity Street, Trinidad, California
After a program presented by the Civic Club,
"Getting to Know You"
A check will be presented to help
Save Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse.
Lunch will be served by NDGW District 1 Parlors
and the Trinidad Civic Club.
A visit to the Trinidad Museum
at 400 Janis Court will follow.

RSVP by October 26th to D'Lorah Hurton (530)526-6818
Or Susan Collins jscoll@comcast.net



El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Wins Second Place at the Kern County Fair

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

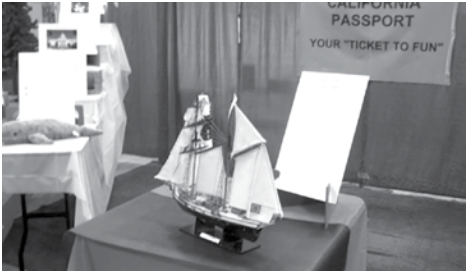
El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, NDGW, sponsored an exhibit in the Community building at the Kern County Fair running from Sept. 20, through October 1, 2017. This is the ninth entry for the Parlor, having previously won five first place, one third place, and two second place awards. Our award for Second place last year was \$500.00 for our Treasury.

The theme of the Fair is “Ticket to Fun.” Our theme is “California Passport for a Ticket to Fun.” which showcased the California Passport with the symbols of everything California. We had posters made of California symbols which had a physical object with the poster. Our centerpiece is the State ship, The Californian, and included an exact replica of the ship that is docked in San Diego. Our Parlor banner was displayed behind the exhibit with vases of poppies and our theme banner. This year we again won Second Place and \$500.00.

There was a supply of brochures for CFIC and Children’s Foundation, applications, and our business cards on the table. Many thanks to our Fair Committee team approach, Darleen Carpenter, Sandee Senior, Ethel White, Bryan Williams, Kathy Puryear, Chris Kildare, Lynn Montgomery, Lurine Webb, and Special thanks to Sandee’s husband, Larry Senior, and Lynn’s husband Keith Montgomery and his friend who helped to hang the banners, assemble the display, disassemble and transport the display back to our storage unit. Our fair participation brings money to our Parlor along with publicity and name recognition for Native Daughters.



Kathy Puryear, Darleen Carpenter, Chris Kildare, Sandee Senior, Ethel White. Not pictured: Bryan Williams, Lynn Montgomery, and Lurine Webb.



Second Place Ribbon and \$500.00

We still have NDGW t-shirts for sale!

They are red v-neck 100% cotton t-shirts with our NDGW emblem on the front and our new logo and website address on the back. If you’d like to order a t-shirt (or a few for your Parlor Members), please contact GS Nickie Acevedo at Nickie_acevedo@yahoo.com or (559) 936-2735. We have sizes up to 4X!

Medium – XL = \$25.00 and 2X – 4X = \$30.00



Veritas Parlor No. 75’s Annual Potluck

SUBMITTED BY MARGIE TREANOR

The end-of-summer potluck dinner has become a tradition for Veritas Parlor No. 75 members and guests at the beautiful pool side patio of member, MaryJo Stavros. The second meeting day of the month is switched to a non-meeting evening of socializing and devouring deliciously prepared enchiladas, fall-down-good chicken, pasta salads, slippery step jello, yummy cakes, pies, and great chocolate nut candy. Fifteen members and 3 guests braved the breezy autumn air for an enjoyable evening. Thanks to Mary Jo who has been hosting the potluck for at least 10 years and thanks to her son who helped set up, along with his friend, Daisy, who greeted everyone.

Two announcements were made by President, Amber Baker who will hold a huge yard sale at her home on Olive Avenue on October 14, 2017. She is pleading for all to help out with this sale. Proceeds raised from this sale will be earmarked for the Native Daughter Home in San Francisco.

Then President Amber reminded members to purchase their tickets for GVP Karen Fini’s event at our Image Award winner, The Double T Ranch, coming up on October 22, 2017, where there is so much history to view.

Also, a reminder to Veritas Parlor No. 75 members, the Poinsettia sale with orders the last of November is coming up.

SAVE THE DATE

Oakdale Parlor No. 125 will be having a Fashion Show and Luncheon on January 27, 2018. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church in Oakdale at: 1480 Poplar Street, Oakdale, CA 95361 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There’s plenty of room for parking at the church. Mark your calendars for this special event... hope to see you there!



GIFT BASKETS
DOOR PRIZES
SISTERLY SURPRISE!
Delicious Salad Lunch and Dessert
Fashion Show by one of your favorite shops in Oakdale!
JOIN IN THE FUN

Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112

SUBMITTED BY MELANIE D. FOWLE

Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 took up the challenge and entered a feature booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair. Co-Chairs Marlene Martin and Melanie Fowle along with Sherma Isbell, Jim Isbell, and President Francyne Jenner rounded up examples of both old and new kitchen equipment and clothing to address the theme, “BYGONE DAYS TO MODERN WAYS.”

On September 5th, the Parlor utilized the same theme when Grand President Cynthia Connelly visited. The membership was divided in half, one group brought something old and one group brought something new. Each item was placed on the table in front of the owner. During dinner each lady introduced herself and shared a brief comment about the item she had displayed.



NDGW 2017 Scholarship Winner

SUBMITTED BY LINDA BAKER, WOODLAND PARLOR No. 90

It is with great pleasure that Woodland Parlor No. 90 introduces the 2017 NDGW Scholarship winner, Kaitlyn Castillo. Kaitlyn graduated from Dixon High School in 2016 and is currently a Sophomore at California State University Sacramento. She is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. In addition to her studies, she is a Resident Advisor for one of the dorms. She is using the scholarship money to purchase books and other supplies required for projects this year.

Kaitlyn Castillo and her grandmother Ellen Grim joined the Native Daughters Woodland Parlor No. 90 in November 2016. They are pictured with President Linda Baker at their initiation. In addition to the Grand Parlor Scholarship, she was the winner of the Woodland Parlor \$500 scholarship and is pictured receiving that scholarship from Renee Rianda in June. Kaitlyn attends Woodland Parlor meetings when possible and is looking forward to becoming an active member. Congratulations Kaitlyn — we are proud to have you as a member.



A Fiesta for Our Hacienda

SUBMITTED BY JOAN M. HALL, PGP, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292

On August 12, 2017, Charter Oak No. 292 honored the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home with their “Fiesta for Our Hacienda” luncheon. The luncheon was held at Amigos Restaurant and Cantina in Visalia, and 40 Members and guests attended from throughout the state.

The day included a wonderful Mexican buffet and guests had a chance to win many raffle prizes. Speakers for the Home Committee included Heidi Dillon, Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, and Brandi Fleischmann, Luncheon Chairman and Home Committee member. Marjorie McKisson, GIS, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento, and State Chairman of the Pioneer Roster and NDGW Archives spoke about the work of her Committee, and Home Committee member, Joyce James, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City, spoke about the work of the Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection. Home Committee State Chairman Billie McArthur, Ruby

Parlor No. 46, Murphys, read the donations. PGP Sharon M. Johnston, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179, San Juan Bautista offered the Invocation, and PGP Marie M. Otto, San Diego Parlor No. 208, San Diego, offered the Benediction.

Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 would like to thank all of those who made the luncheon such a success. The parlor raised \$1,925.00 through donations and the raffle to benefit the Home. Everyone had a great time and Charter Oak Parlor has voted to hold their “Second Fiesta for Our Hacienda” in 2018!



Home Improvement

SUBMITTED BY BILLIE McARTHUR, STATE CHAIRMAN, NDGW HOME COMMITTEE

The Home Committee is hard at work finishing up projects from last year and getting spruced up for our Christmas Tree Lighting program scheduled for December 3, 2017. The support from Parlor luncheons and individuals has been stellar! Our thanks seem measly in comparison to the adoration you have shown to our gem.

The second floor bathroom reconstruction is scheduled for October 30 and 31. This has been a long anticipated project and seeing it's completion will be such a thrill. El Pinal Parlor No. 163 has recently taken over the sponsorship of this bathroom and they are anxious to complete the redecoration. We expect it to be finished by our Christmas tree lighting program. Be certain to look in to see it!

Dan Coffield, our Mr. Sister on the Home Committee, is our handyman/safety expert. Through his direction we have placed non-smoking signs (required by the city of San Francisco) and five new first aid kits (one for each floor and basement.) We will soon have an eye wash station in the basement, making us OSHA legal, as well.

We are working on an unanticipated electrical concern dealing with the outlets in a number of rooms. The collection of bids is almost complete. When the electricians come in for this job, they will also reconfigure the electricity in the guest alcove in the dining room, to accommodate an additional plug for the new computer purchased with the donation at GPAM 2017 from PGP Bonnie Tabor.

The Home now has a security system with three cameras and a monitoring station. This was a gift from Jr. PGP Sherry Farley. The cameras are placed with one in the entryway, one in the California Room, and the third in the GP office. Monitors can be viewed from the computer in the GP office as well as the phone in the Home office. The Home Committee sends our greatest appreciation to Jr. PGP Sherry Farley. It is worth mentioning that this is a gift for you too, as your membership of good standing in NDGW makes you part home-owner (1/4,500) of this lovely piece of real estate in the City.

The Home Committee would like to reach out to the following Parlors with a special thank you for their long-term sponsorship of a room in the Home: Placerita Parlor No. 277 — rooms 302 and 303; Lomitas Parlor No. 255 — room 307, and Poppy Trail No. 266 - room 312. These Parlors have continued to sponsor their rooms since the Home Committee started the room sponsor program in the 1970's. Their support is greatly appreciated. We are aware that more rooms have long-term sponsorships, unfortunately this information was lost with the computer crash last year. We ask that those Parlors sponsoring rooms communicate with us as to when your sponsorship began. The Home Committee recognizes the importance of ALL Parlors sponsoring rooms and wish to express our appreciation.

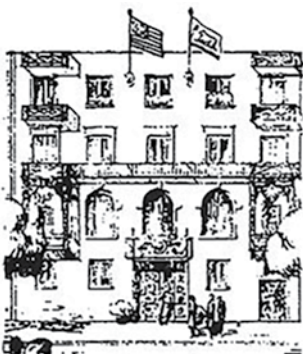
We hope to see you on December 3 for the Christmas Tree Lighting!

Stay at HOME, see San Francisco!

BY MICHAL LAWRENCE,
FROM THE JULY-SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE “MARGUERITE MESSENGER”

On our way to San Francisco, the first Monday in October, Carol Mueller and I stopped off at Muir Woods National Monument in Mill Valley for a bit of hiking among the magnificent redwoods, preserved for us to enjoy today by the vision and generosity of the Kents who gifted their forest land to the government early in the 1900's to save it from being flooded for a reservoir.

We arrived in the early evening at the N.D.G.W. HOME at 555 Baker Street in San Francisco, designed in 1929, by architect Julia Morgan, one of the greatest female architects in history. After a self-check-in we began exploring the common rooms full of antique furniture and displays of N.D.G.W. clothing, china and silver in addition to memorabilia and framed photos of



Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

N.D.G.W. events throughout the past century.

The comfortable rooms for overnight guests vary in size and amenities, but have in common that each has been adopted and lovingly decorated with coordinating fabrics and handmade art work by individual Parlors. Elegant, beautiful, quiet and peaceful, the Home offers the perfect place to meet friends, research in the Pioneer Roster, prepare a meal, or just relax.

Cathy Lawrence joined us on our second day to get her first peek at the Home and visit Golden Gate Park. We all decided that we'd need at least a week to enjoy all the Park has to offer. And at the modest charge of \$45 for a night's lodging at the Home, a future visit could very well be on the horizon.

NDGW Childrens Foundation

SUBMITTED BY DOROTHY ROGERS, STATE CHAIRMAN

This article is from your Childrens Foundation and directed to all our wonderful and generous Sisters throughout the State.

This Committee has been working very hard to bring the Children of California a little better quality of life to grow up and prosper in their future. These Children have been given a bump in their course of life and the CF works to help smooth their road ahead. It may be something like a computer for a disabled child to communicate with others or an electric wheelchair to move around easier. It could be helping to purchase a ramp installed on a family-owned vehicle, so the parents no longer have to carry the child to and from or lift the child into the vehicle. Maybe a child needs dental appliances/braces, but cannot afford the cost and if the CF gives them the down payment, it becomes affordable for the family to pay the monthly cost. Some children need help with medical, physical and/or educational therapies and these are sometimes what make a huge difference in a child's future communication skills.

There is a new part of our helping children and it goes to newborn babies that have a need to be in a neonatal clinic for a time due to a premature size, etc. We are putting together a working program with those hospitals that provide this service. This program will help to provide the fortified milk that these babies will need to grow and to be given a normal start in life. What a wonderful way



to give help to a California child just getting started.

You can also help the NDGW-CF by joining a grocery program in your area. Go to http://ndgw.org/child_found.htm. Make sure to reregister every year around September to the following script type programs at Ralphs Grocery Program for our Southern California sisters at www.Ralphs.com. Click on Community, Community Contributions, Enroll Now and follow the instructions using **NPO #93648**; Foods Co. or Food 4 Less **NPO #93648** and the Lucky Shares Program at www.Luckys.com and use the NDGW/CF as the recipient of the donations. These are easy to use as we all shop for food and these companies make giving a little easier. If you need any help, the Committee Members are here and able to help.

These are only a few of the ways the CF can help the Children of California. This is only possible because of the funds that our NDGW and friends raise at the Luncheons/Brunches throughout the State, the donations to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend, or including the CF in your will or trust, which will continue to grow for the future. This Committee was built and has been able to continue its work for almost 75 years by the generosity of our NDGW Sisters. You can be very proud of your support and continue to support the NDGW Childrens Foundation because “The Children are our Future”.

Waiting for the Eclipse on August 21, 2017

ROGER AND JOAN M. HALL, PGP, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292

We left Visalia on Thursday, August 17th and spent the night in Weed. Hotel rooms were hard to find there as many people from California were heading north. We left I-5 at Weed and took US97 north. This route took us through Madras, OR, where some of the hundreds of thousands eclipse viewers were already arriving and filling hotel and camping sites. Traffic was very heavy, and slow, as US97 is not a freeway, or even a four-lane highway.

The last time there was an eclipse visible to this wide an area of the United States was 1918, although an eclipse was seen in a small part of the US in 1979. The path of the eclipse began on the Pacific Coast and ended at the Atlantic. Thousands and thousands of people chose to come to central Oregon to view it on August 21st.

The town of Madras, OR (population 6,700) hosted an Eclipse Festival the weekend of August 18th – 21st, and crowds were estimated to be over 100,000. The TV news Friday evening (8/18) reported that 40,000 people were camped in one Madras campground. We stayed in Pendleton, OR, as that was the closest town to the line of totality we could find that offered available hotel rooms. In January 2017 when we started looking for places to stay in the path of totality, most had all their rooms reserved two years in advance.

We left our hotel in Pendleton, OR at 5:45 am and drove south on US395 toward Long Creek - a drive of 90 miles. From there we went west on OR402 for 8 miles, finally finding a parking place at 8:10 am. Roger set up tripods and cameras to film the eclipse, had breakfast, and then we waited.

All along the area of totality on US395 cars were parked everywhere there was an open space, and the small community if Long Creek was packed with cars and people. Property owners were charging \$25 to park a car, and \$40 to park a RV. Our viewing site, which we had checked out the Saturday before and could hold dozens of vehicles, had two or three cars parked in it when we arrived, with several more stopping the closer it got to totality.

The moon first touched the sun at 9:10

am. It slowly crossed the path of the sun until it reached totality at 10:22. At our viewing location, totality lasted for two minutes and one second, then continued on its way, finally leaving at 11:45 am. Totality lasted a “very fast two minutes and one second”. Everything was dark in the sky and the temperature dropped noticeably.

You couldn't see any stars, but the corona was brilliant around the disc of the moon. Everything and everyone around us was silent. It was an awesome 2 minutes, and as Roger told someone who stopped as we were packing up, “It was well worth the trip.” This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us and the best part is that we have pictures to remember it by.

Little did we know that the traffic leaving the area of totality would be so heavy with backups for miles and miles in all directions. Getting back to Pendleton took over four hours, and the trip back to California on the day after (8/22) took hours longer than the trip to Oregon.

At one point in central Oregon, it took us two hours to go 35 miles. As we passed through Bend (south of the area of totality) traffic was backed up for three miles at the first traffic light. We ended up taking state and county roads east across Oregon to Lakeview, then through to Alturas to Redding, and on home to Visalia.

The next eclipse is scheduled for 2024 and visible in the central states. If we choose to go, we will definitely go on a tour, letting someone else do the driving.

Pictures by Roger Hall taken on August 21, 2017 near Long Creek in central Oregon:

The sun at totality at 10:22 am.

The sun past totality at approximately 11:00 am.



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 Cynthia Connelly 2017-2018

OCTOBER 2017

- 21 Midstate Childrens Foundation Luncheon, Bakersfield*
- 22 GPAM 2019 Fundraising Luncheon, Fresno
- 25 Official Visit District 26 - Placerita Parlor No. 277 and Toluca Parlor No. 279 (H), Reseda
- 27–28 Grand Officers’ and Past Grand Presidents’ Retreat, Madera
- 29 Donner Parlor No. 193 Childrens Foundation Luncheon

NOVEMBER 2017

- 4 Official Visit District 20 - San Jose Parlor No. 81 (H), Vendrome Parlor No. 100, and Gilroy Parlor No. 312, San Jose*
- 4 Childrens Foundation Committee, NDGW Board Room, 9 AM
- 10 NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room, 2 PM
- 10 Amapola Parlor No. 338 Harvest Dinner, Sutter Creek
- 11 Angelita Parlor No. 32 Home Luncheon, Livermore
- 12 CFIC Walking Tour & Fundraiser, Jackson
- 17 Personnel Meeting, NDGW Board Room
- 17–19 Board of Directors Meeting, NDGW Board Room
- 22 - 26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Wishing you much thanksgiving!!

DECEMBER 2017

- 2 NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room, 1 PM
- Eschol Parlor No. 16 Mission Restoration Dinner, Napa
- 3 District 15 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, San Francisco
- NDGW Home Committee Tree Lighting, San Francisco, NDGW Home, 3 PM
- 22 - 26 Christmas Holiday — Merry Christmas to all!
- 29 - 31 New Year’s Holiday — Celebrate wisely.

JANUARY 2018

- 1–2 New Year’s Holiday — Many blessings throughout the new year.
- 6 GPAM 2018 Sessions Meeting*
- Childrens Foundation Committee, NDGW Board Room, 9 AM
- NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room, 2 PM
- 13 Investment Committee, NDGW Board Room, 9 AM
- Finance Committee, NDGW Board Room, 2 PM
- 14 NDGW Charitable Foundation Inc., Committee, sPGP Dolores Ferenz’s Home 10 AM
- 20 Grace Parlor No. 242 Home Luncheon, Fullerton
- 26–27 Board of Directors Meeting, Monterey
- NDGW and NSGW Discovery of Gold, Monterey

FEBRUARY 2018

- 3 Official Visit District 15 — Bonita Parlor No. 10 (H), Darina Parlor No. 114, El Vespero Parlor No. 118, Vista del Mar Parlor No. 155, and San Bruno Parlor No. 246, Pacifica*
- District 6 Home Luncheon, Chico
- NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room, 9 AM
- 10 Official Visit District 28 — Lugonia Parlor No. 241, Grace Parlor No. 242 (H), Jurupa Parlor No. 296, and Tahquitz Parlor No. 333, Fullerton*
- 12 Official Visit Encinal Parlor No. 156, Alameda
- 17 District 14 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, Jackson
- 18 District 16 Home Luncheon, TBA
- 21 Official Visit District 1 — Reichling Parlor No. 97 and Arcata Parlor No. 325 (H)
- 24 Official Visit San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179, San Juan Bautista

MARCH 2018

- 2–4 San Francisco History Days, Old San Francisco Mint
- 3 Official Visit District 23 — San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Luisita Parlor No. 108, El Pinal Parlor No. 163 (H), and El Paso de Robles Parlor No. 335, Cambria*
- NDGW Home Committee, NDGW Board Room, 9 AM
- 4 District 17 Luncheon, Fremont
- 5 Official Visit Angelita Parlor No. 32 — 130th Anniversary
- 10 Official Visit District 29 - San Diego Parlor No. 208, San Diego
- 11 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, time and location TBD
- Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon, TBA
- 12 Official Visit District 25 - Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 and Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Santa Barbara
- 17 Official Visit Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Santa Cruz - 130th Anniversary
- 18 GPAM 2018 Sessions Committee Meeting
- Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Home Luncheon, Stockton
- 23 Personnel Meeting, NDGW Board Room
- 23 - 24 Board of Directors Meeting, NDGW Board Room
- 26 Official Visit Argonaut Parlor No. 166, El Cerrito



Ursula Parlor Honors 75-Year Member

SUBMITTED BY PGP MARILYN BUSTILLOS

On August 16, the members of Ursula Parlor No. 1, along with consolidating members from Chispa Parlor No 40, joined together to honor Mary Louise Stewart for her 75 years of membership in Native Daughters of the Golden West. Mary joined Chispa Parlor No. 40 on October 14, 1942 in Ione. Soon after joining she became an officer and eventually progressed through the chairs to President and has continued to serve as an officer for nearly every year of her 75-year membership. Mary has served as President many, many times as well as many times as Deputy Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President. She has attended many Grand Parlor sessions at different areas in the state, countless times as a delegate.

Over the years, she has shared her talents for decorating, cooking and gardening by serving on many committees where her expertise was put to good use. Mary has also chaired and/or volunteered on committees for building floats for parades, created gardens for the county fair, participated in rummage sales, luncheons, refreshment committees, potluck dinners, Halloween parties, Christmas dinners, the famous Chispa Parlor catering committee and even a car wash.



Mary Louise Stewart, seated in the photo above, is honored for her 75 years of membership.

As a devoted homemaker, her love of home provided a wonderful home life for her husband, Stew, and their two sons, Louis and Daniel; later to include their wives and the many, many grandchildren that followed. Her granddaughter, Allison Allen, who resides in Oregon, was presented her 25-year pin for her years of membership in Native Daughters, thanks to her grandmother’s influence. Mary is truly dedicated to the principals of our Order: Love of Home, Devotion to the Flag, Veneration of the Pioneers, and an Abiding Faith in the Existence of God. It was truly a joy to celebrate Mary’s 75 years of membership and we, as Native Daughters, Sisters and friends, are very proud of her. We congratulate her and wish her many more years of membership in Native Daughters of the Golden West.

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