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First Official Visit of Grand President Sherry Farley

By CAMELIA ROBLES, PGP AND SDDGP TO DISTRICT 27

District 27 (Poppy Trail Parlor, La Tijera Parlor and Rancho La Puente Parlor), had the distinction of holding the first Official Visit of the new term of Grand President Sherry Farley.

As Grand President Sherry has a love of Paris, and the annual “Tour de France” bicycle race held during the month of July, it was decided to work around this and we came up with the theme of “Tour de France — Tour de California”. Great care was taken to combine both bicycle races into the theme of the day. While the “Tour de France” takes place all over France, the “Tour of California” (Officially known as the “Amgen Tour of California”, held in May each year), takes place all over California. In fact, it begins in Southern California and works its way up through the Golden State.

The Official Visit was held at Mimi’s Café in Monrovia, a French-themed restaurant, which offered three choices of French-inspired meals for guests to select from.

Everything was researched over and over again, so nothing was left to chance. The last day of the “Tour de France” was the day after the official visit, when Grand President Sherry began her “Tour of California”. Decorations and gifts, and special shirts made especially for the occasion, all revolved around the theme for the day, with a touch of Sunflowers and California Poppies thrown in.



Poppies thrown in.

The only thing that was changed, was the stuffed animal presented to the winner of the “Tour de France,” along with the Yellow jersey, which is coveted by all who participate. In France they present a stuffed lion, but as we are in California, a stuffed bear, dressed in a California tee shirt, was presented, along with our version of the “yellow jersey,” which was a “yellow vest” made especially for our Grand President by



Bea Hastings of Toluca Parlor. It reversed to red polka dots on white, to represent “the King of the Mountain” jersey presented to the participant in the bicycle races that climb the mountains in the best time overall. Grand President Sherry will climb “her mountains” and come out on top with her beautiful vest!

Four new members were initiated, and prospective members were also present. Myrlene Poma of La Tijera Parlor received her Twenty-five Year Pin. She was thrilled to have the pin presented by Grand President Sherry.

Our Grand President seemed to be delighted with the theme, our new members, and the many members of the three participating Parlors and the many guests from not only our area, but throughout the State. We were honored to have with us Grand Vice President Cynthia Connelly, Grand Trustee Renee Chandler, Grand Inside Sentinel Janet Somavia and Past Grand Presidents Camelia Robles, Sharon Johnston, Marie Otto, Beth Perrin, Adeline “Addie” Coronado, Linda Galassi and Sharon Logan. Everyone in attendance was at the starting gate, to cheer on Grand President Sherry in her version of the “Tour of California”.

The Committee for this festive Official Visit was: Susie Burciega, Gene Dana, Sue Gable, Myrlene Poma, Renee Chandler, and Camelia Robles.

It was a pleasure and lots of fun to be the “First Official Visit”, and to plan something that we knew would be dear to our Grand President, starting her on a straight path for the year.

Grand President Sherry Farley and Her Corps of Grand Officers



Front row, left to right: Grand Marshal Karen Fini, Grand Vice President Cynthia Connelly, Grand President Sherry Farley, Jr Past Grand President Bonnie Tabor, and Grand Secretary Marti Noyes.

Back row, left to right: Grand Inside Sentinel Janet Somavia, Grand Trustee Susan Collins, Grand Trustee Nickie Acevedo, Sr Grand Trustee Dawn Dunlap, Grand Trustee Renee Chandler, Grand Trustee Rae Rosas and Grand Outside Sentinel Stephanie Kerr

Hello Sisters,

The winter edition of the California Star is here, and the holidays are fast approaching! If you are looking to get more into the holiday spirit, then the Parlor Passport was designed for you. The November project will focus on the Welfare Committee asking Parlors to conduct a community welfare project, such as save “Pull Tabs” for Ronald McDonald House, or have a canned food drive for a local food bank. Any community welfare project will count. I am sure you will connect with one that touches your heart.

Winter fog provides us with the perfect backdrop to remember our California Lighthouses. Thanks to the generosity of our Sisterhood, the California Lighthouse Committee will be gathering at Pigeon Point on Saturday, November 12th to provide a contribution for preservation. We invite Members to join us and please wear your NDGW t-shirt or sweatshirt.

In December the Parlor Passport will focus on the Jewel of our Order: The NDGW Home. Our Home provides a space for the museum, meetings, and houses the pioneer roster. The NDGW Home Committee invites you to attend the Tree-Lighting event on Sunday, December fourth. If you have never been to the NDGW Home, this is the time to gather your Parlor Sisters, play Christmas carols on the car radio, pack a thermos with hot cocoa, bring along some holiday cookies, and make the journey. If you would like more information, please see the invitation located inside this edition.

Looking forward to the New Year, I am pleased to announce the plan to re-institute a Parlor. Welcoming a new Parlor to the Order will be an exciting event. I consider it a great honor. The tentative date to re-institute Amapola Parlor No. 338, Sutter Creek, is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, 2017. More information will be provided in the January edition. Please save the date and consider joining us.

I hope that regardless of where you are in your life you will take some time to give during this season of gratitude. Kindness is free...share it, enjoy it and spread it!

May the beauty of our Sisterhood bring you hope, peace, joy and the opportunity to celebrate the season together.

Happy Golden Holiday Trails to You!



Sherry A. Farley
Grand President

1 For 1 — It’s Time!

SUBMITTED BY PGP BETH PERRIN

Membership! Membership! Membership! You are all probably tired of being told that each one of us — Yes, 1-For-1, must bring in a new member, but as Eloise used to say, “It’s The Truth!” At the 2016 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, some of us were so concerned about the future of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West that legislation was presented to open up our membership to non-California born individuals. That legislation failed by one vote. So, we have another chance to maintain our uniqueness, something that is so important to most Members of the Native Daughters — California birth. However, our survival is still at risk.

Many members have heard our message and are taking the situation seriously. September was Membership month and over FORTY New Members were initiated in September, which was more than we did last year in the first 6 months, but this is only the beginning of what needs to be done.

Unfortunately, the aging population of our membership is greatly affecting our individual Parlors’ ability to function. Fewer and fewer members are attending meetings, participating as officers, and planning and accomplishing projects. So, our work has just begun, 1 For 1 – It’s Time!

Be sure YOU have a 1 For 1 envelope with an application form/brochure and a pack of Connect Cards in your handbag. Your Parlor Membership Chairman can get these items for you, and as soon as you have initiated that new member, give her an assignment. New members need a REASON to



come to a meeting. The members of the Extension of the Order State Committee will be happy to help you in any way possible TO BRING IN A NEW MEMBER.

Poppy Trail Parlor initiates 3 new members at first Official Visit of the year.

District 14 OV and Historical Marking

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA SEATON, RECORDING SECRETARY, FORREST PARLOR NO. 86

District 14 Parlors (Ursula Parlor No. 1, Chispa Parlor No. 40 and Forrest Parlor No. 86) combined the official visit of Grand President Sherry Farley with the historical marking of St. Mary of the Mountains Catholic Church on August 20, 2016 in the town of Plymouth.

Attendance was just under 100 and included Peter Taylor, Mayor of Plymouth, Brian Oneta, Amador County Supervisor 5th District, Deacon Ed Pogue, parishioners, NDGW Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Presidents, and Parlor members from every part of California.

Boy Scout Troop 63 of Amador County lead the crowd in the pledge of allegiance followed by a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled banner sang by Linda Sanchez. Elsin Dean, Forrest Parlor member and 1983 fundraising chair for the church expansion gave a wonderful talk about the support of the community who helped fund the project.

The plaque has a permanent place on the Eastern wall opposite of the front door. It reads: "First built in 1882 as a wooden building it was replaced by a Lath and Plaster building in 1939 after a fire. The growing congregation was accommodated with fund raising activities by members of the church. In 1983 the building expansion was accomplished by dividing the building and moving the west half further west as the center was filled in."



Left to right: Grand President Sherry Farley and Mary Cowan, President of Forrest Parlor No. 86.

Fresno Veterans Hospital Cardiac Catheterization Lab

SUBMITTED BY KAREN H. FINI, GRAND MARSHALL, FRESNO PARLOR NO. 187

Recently, we had occasion to visit the new cardiac catheterization lab at the Fresno Veterans Hospital. It is a brand new unit and the service as well as the care by the doctors, nurses and staff was beyond outstanding. Having arrived at 8:00 am and not leaving until nearly 4:30 pm, we noticed that no one seemed to take breaks or lunches. Asking Don, an RN about the department, he indicated that they had little to no time for lunches or breaks. That the veteran patients were and are their first priority.

We then asked what, if anything, they needed for the new lab, and were told that a new refrigerator would be most helpful. Contact was made with Karen May of the Yountville Parlor with a request for a new refrigerator. The search was on for the best deal, and a check was forwarded to us for the purchase. We found a perfect refrigerator at Home Depot. It was on sale and with Fresno Parlor President Dan Coffield's Veterans Discount, cash, and some coaxing of personnel, we were able to purchase the fridge, a matching microwave, and still had some money left over which is being returned to the Veterans Welfare Committee.

The items were delivered at 8:00 am on September 13th and the surprised comments were, "Wow, this is the fastest anything has ever happened around here," and "Wow, maybe now we can occasionally get a bite to eat." The staff was very grateful and most appreciative. As always, it is such an honor to be able to do something that supports our Veterans.



ROOM 309

SUBMITTED BY MARGIE TREANOR

The members of Veritas Parlor No. 75 of Merced are proud to be the new sponsors of Room 309 at the NDGW Home on Baker street in San Francisco. A Home Committee of four members was selected for the wonderful project of accessing and decorating this room. Members of the Committee are Parlor President Susi Balestra, Michelle Hafer, Stephani Lucich and Durell Ewing.

The ladies received a great tour of every nook and cranny from top to bottom of the Home. The volunteers compiled a variety of items they would like to start with in the room. First, they took pictures of the room so they would have the size and the locations of where items could be placed and where the beds would be best. Old décor is being removed so the ladies have a clean



slate to work with. The paint color may be a pale green.

A list of items needed will be new blankets for twin beds, decorative pillows, a lamp, a flashlight and extra batteries, luggage racks, some lovely pictures for the walls, and a couple of small chairs. The ladies are excited to get back and start this redecorating project. If any members have items that might be on the wish list, please contact one of the committee members.

They had a great lunch across the street and found parking across the street from the Home, so it was a great day. In the meantime, you can hear the Committee singing, "We left our hearts in San Francisco and Room 309."

KUDOS to District 21 Sisters and Cece Johnston, State Chair of Mission Restoration!

Native Daughters of the Golden West support the San Juan Bautista Mission Preservation Fund project to strengthen and rebuild the historic structure.

It was a joyous occasion at the 10:00 AM mass on September 25, 2016 at Mission San Juan Bautista when the Native Daughters of the Golden West, District 21 presented Father Jerry Maher with a \$5,000 check toward their restoration project. Pictured left to right from San Juan Bautista Parlor are Cece Johnston, State Chairman of Mission Restoration; Roberta Paul, Elza Paul, Father Jerry, PGP Sharon M. Johnston, Tami Adam also a member of the Mission Restoration Fund, Rosemary Perez of Aleli Parlor, William Lawson, Nora Lee Lawson, Judy Cain, Anita Scuitto of Santa Cruz Parlor, Georgana Froom, Denise Pence, and Claudia Fisher. Also attending from San Juan Bautista Parlor, but not pictured were Karole Candlen and San Benito County Supervisor Anthony Botelho.



Aleli Parlor 'Stuffs the Bus'

SUBMITTED BY LAURA LAWRENCE, ALELI PARLOR NO. 102

In July 2016, Aleli Parlor sisters collected school supplies in support of United Way Monterey County's 2016 Stuff the Bus school supply drive. Stuff the Bus is a nation-wide drive to gather basic school supplies for children who otherwise would not be able to afford them. Local United Way organizations across the country collect the supplies that students are required to have to be able to keep up in the classroom. Supplies collected stay in local communities.

Aleli Parlor Sister Kathryn Lawrence was particularly enthusiastic about collecting supplies for students. Kathryn is a senior at the University of Redlands and is studying to be a teacher. Aleli Parlor donated funds to purchase backpacks and Parlor Sisters donated binders, pencils, paper, crayons and other supplies for Monterey County students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 12.

In Monterey County, there are over 7,000 students who are homeless. Stuff the Bus helps these kids start school equipped with the supplies they need to be ready to learn. This year, United Way Monterey County collected enough backpacks to support 2,790 students!

Aleli Parlor is proud to support United Way Monterey County's effort to promote learning, encourage self-esteem and help kids stay in school.



Aleli Parlor Sister Kathryn Lawrence poses with some of the supplies Aleli Parlor sisters collected for the Stuff the Bus school supply drive.

Two New Members for San Juan Bautista No. 179

SUBMITTED BY LAURA CENT, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, NDGW SAN JUAN BAUTISTA NO. 179

On August 10, 2016, NDGW San Juan Bautista No. 179 initiated two new sisters before the Parlor's regular meeting. Pictured left to right are Sponsor Claudia Fisher (SJB No. 179 Marshal) with new initiate Tami Adam, and Sponsor Nancy Zuniga with new initiate Ann Fudge. A reception was held in our Adobe Home following the ceremony.



Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

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

Hidden California Jewel...

SUBMITTED BY CAMELIA ROBLES, PGP
CALIFORNIA HISTORY AND LANDMARKS STATE CHAIRMAN

Just when we think we have seen “everything” in California, something comes up to remind us that California is full of “hidden jewels” and sometimes they are in our back yard!

That is what happened as we approached the “Dominguez Rancho Adobe” in Rancho Dominguez, an area that is part of the City of Compton, in the south west area of Los Angeles County.

Tucked away in an area of commercial buildings, stands this magnificent Rancho, on land that was part of “Rancho San Pedro”, the site of the first Spanish land grant in California, which encompassed 75,000 acres and included the entire Los Angeles harbor.



The Claretian Missionaries were deeded seventeen acres of the Rancho, upon which was built a beautiful compound used as a graduate school and later as seminary. It is still in use today, used as a retirement home for the Roman Catholic Priests of the Claretian Missionaries.

In 1967, it was decided to sell a large portion of the land, which proved to be the largest sale of land in southern California History. Part of the land was purchased by the state of California, and in 1965 the Board of Trustees of the California State Colleges voted to build a new campus, which eventually became “California State University Dominguez Hills”. In 2015 approximately 15,000 undergraduates and graduate students, with the nickname of “Toros” with the colors of “Toro Red and Gold” attended this college, which sits on land granted by Spain to our glorious California!

What brought us, the Native Daughters of the Golden West to this beautiful, serene spot on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, October the 9th, 2016? It was a wind mill. Yes, a windmill. In 1977, Wilmington Parlor No. 278, dedicated a historic marker to commemorate the first water well and windmill in the Rancho Dominguez area. The Dominguez Homestead Water Windmill fell into disrepair, and was all but lost. But under the guidance of the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum, it was lovingly restored. One of the men responsible for the restoring of the windmill found the small historical plaque, and approached Kathleen Rabago “Dona Maria Dominguez”, a member of Placerita Parlor No. 277 of what should be done with the plaque, and her reply was: “Whatever you do, DO NOT DO ANYTHING

WITH IT UNTIL I CONTACT THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST!” After discussing this at a Parlor meeting, and as Wilmington Parlor was no longer in existence, Placerita Parlor voted to take on the responsibility to re-dedicate the windmill, not



in their name, but in the name of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and place the plaque on the original position on the windmill to remind visitors of this important windmill, which brought water and power to the homestead and the area which surrounded it.

Our gratitude to Placerita Parlor No. 277,

under the direction of Past Grand President Beth Perrin, “Dona Maria Dominguez” and members of the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum, for allowing our Grand President Sherry Farley the privilege of heading the re-dedication team, and bringing us to this beautiful Rancho and surrounding area, a true “Hidden California Jewel”.

Christmas in July

SUBMITTED BY MARGIE TREANOR

On July 23, 2016, Veritas Parlor No. 75 of Merced held a Tea and Bazaar with the theme of Christmas in July. The weather was very nice, almost like fall on that day. This was the second year of this July event and both years have been such a great success. November had been our date, but so many other organizations also have Christmas agendas. This was a good move as we also switched to a new location, 3312 G Street at the Valley Baptist Church social hall. We now hold the Parlor’s first meeting of the month here too.

The hall was decorated in Christmas décor on each table. There was a big “2nd Time Around” area to purchase lots of great items. There was also a silent auction, another room full of nice raffle items, and lots of baked breads, jams and jellies to buy. The Pocket Lady was big, just ask Grand Trustee Nickie Acevedo’s daughters - great shoppers those girls. Members also brought canned goods for the local food bank. A lovely table of tea sandwiches and cookies delighted everyone for lunch.

Using this social hall on G Street allowed those guests traveling from out of town to use the G Street Railroad



Underpass and they got to see the beauty of the Image Award winner that Veritas No. 75 submitted to GPAM in June. We are so proud that it won.

The Christmas in July event was fabulous and the Chairperson was so excited (except for almost selling her own shoes), that she cannot wait for next year. Great job, Esther. This event is the only fundraiser for our Parlor for the year and it will help tremendously. Thanks to the Committee and all those who attended.



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From the State Chairman of the Official Publication

Dear Sisters:

You have set a new record for the number of articles and pictures submitted for publication in the *California Star*! With the permission of your Grand President, we’ve had to expand this issue from the usual 8 pages to 12 pages! I am thrilled that you are finding this publication to be of such value for communication with your Sisters throughout the Order.

All parlors, state committees, and members are encouraged to contribute to the four issues published each year. This is your publication and it is built on your input. By submitting pictures and articles, the activities taking place are highlighted, new ideas are shared, and successes are applauded.

Fees for pictures remain the same - \$8 each. Ads are \$15 each. The costs of the printing and mailing of each issue of the *Star* are covered by the annual assessment, which is now part of the Grand Parlor Annual Budget, as well as through the fees collected for including pictures and ads.

Please continue to send all articles, pictures, and ads to me via e-mail to nickie_acevedo@yahoo.com, or via mail to 3843 W Sweet Ave., Visalia, CA 93291. I can be reached by phone at (559)936-2735, if you have any questions or concerns.

I sincerely hope you are enjoying each issue of the *California Star*. The Official Publication Committee and I look forward to hearing from each one of you.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Nickie Acevedo, GT
State Chairman, Official Publication

List of Initiated Members

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

Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Evelyn Altamirano Darlene Berendt Marlene Good Virginia Marion	Sutter Parlor No. 111 Candi Pickering	Morada Parlor No. 199 Carmen Caldeira Dawn Mensinger Nancy Wendell
Califia Parlor No. 22 Alexandra Zucco	Darina Parlor No. 114 Helene Frakes Adrienne Smith	Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 Joanne Frazer Judith Rivers
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 Shirley Amadon Katherine Frank Margo Hober Mary Miles Pamela Rosengard	El Vespero Parlor No. 118 Karen Zott	Grace Parlor No. 242 Kathie Jones
Manzanita Parlor No. 29 Kimette Neufeld	Encinal Parlor No. 156 Carrie Galbraith	Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 Juliana Patino Sophia Patino Miranda Patino
Ruby Parlor No. 46 Veronica Metildi Cynthia Rochelle	Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 Debra Duckett Melissa Hansen Connie Pincus Ruby Roethler Nancy Wiley Rebecca Wipf	Placerita Parlor No. 277 Terry Stanger Marjorie Stevens
Mariposa Parlor No. 63 Marina Fisher	San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Tamara Adam Ann Fudge Anne Rodriguez	Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 Catherine Lamp Brucinda Myers Terri Paden
Veritas Parlor No. 75 TerryLee Marta	Donner Parlor No. 193 Janet Brown	Jurupa Parlor No. 296 Alison Eccleston
San Jose Parlor No. 81 Rosalie Blackmer Laura Lilly Tiana Vines	Vallejo Parlor No. 195 Stefanie Barraza Christi Bremer Naomi Murray Addi Peterson	Cotati Parlor No. 299 Rita Jimenez Jennifer Moore Jane Sbragia
San Miguel Parlor No. 94 Barbara Banks		Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 Julia Parola-Sim
Aleli Parlor No. 102 Anne Rianda		Zinfandel Parlor No. 337 Eleanor Machado

In Loving Memory

Past Grand President Nancy Brown

March 18, 1946 – August 29, 2016

It is with great sadness that we advise you of the death of Past Grand President Nancy Elizabeth Brown on Monday, August 29, 2016 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born and raised in El Cerrito, she was the only child of Florence and Harry Giudici. Growing up, she played accordion and enjoyed visiting family. She graduated from El Cerrito High School and attended IBM Business School graduating with a B.A. in Business. Upon completion of her studies, she worked in multiple fields finally retiring after many years of service from the I.R.S. as a Liaison Officer for the Taxpayer Advocate Office.

Nancy was introduced to the love of her life, Bill Brown, by her cousin Paulette Moskwa, whom Nancy sometimes referred to as “her sister.” On May 23, 1970 they were married and recently celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. Bill and Nancy had two children, Diana and Matthew.



Nancy joined Argonaut Junior Unit No. 3 on December 12, 1961 and began her long journey through the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Upon reaching the age limit for Junior membership, her Advisors PGP Irma Caton and Claudia Evans sponsored her to join Argonaut Parlor No. 166. She was initiated on February 25, 1965. She advanced through the Parlor chairs, became a Deputy Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President. She was elected as Grand Trustee at the 1991 Grand Parlor in Santa Cruz and installed as Grand President in June 1997 in Modesto. Her theme was “California Dreaming”. She presided over the 1998 Grand Parlor at the Sheraton Hotel in Concord with a 1950’s theme complete with the Stalder’s Corvette, poodle skirts, hula hoops, and an Elvis impersonator at her banquet.

Nancy loved people and conversation. Both before and after she was Grand President, she would travel to official visits and luncheons to support the many projects sponsored by our Parlors. She served as State Chairman of Mission Restoration, a project she deeply enjoyed. When she and Bill retired they moved from their home in Pinole to Live Oak where she immediately

became involved with the local Parlors and Sisters. She had a deep support of Past Presidents Association and attended their annual Assembly each year. She recently served as SDDGP in District 7 and a Deputy to Placer Parlor No. 138, Lincoln.

She is survived by her husband Bill, son Matthew and his wife Amy, cousin Paulette, as well as her Aunt who lives in Magalia.

Grand Parlor extends its deepest sympathy to the Brown family, Argonaut Parlor, and District 17. Nancy will be deeply missed. The family has requested donations be given to the NDGW Charitable Foundation for Mission Restoration.

San Juan Bautista Sisters Visit Plymouth

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

Sisters of San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 drove to Plymouth to attend the dedication of St. Mary of the Mountains Catholic Church, as well as the Official Visit of Grand President Sherry



Farley. They all enjoyed the festivities!

Standing left to right: PGP Sharon M. Johnston, GIS Janet Somavia, Cece Johnston, and Karole Candlen. Seated left to right: Roberta Paul and Elza Paul.

Keeping Admission Day Alive

BY SUE GABEL, SOUTHERN AREA CHAIRMAN
CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY COMMITTEE

September 9, 2016, found Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331, keeping Admission Day alive. We held a birthday party for California’s 166th Admission Day at the West Covina Public Library. Four members were on hand for the event: Linda Srulovitch, Parlor President; Beverley Ziesmer, Peggy Boesl and Sue Gabel.

We presented “The Twelve Flags Over California,” sang our State Song, “I Love You, California” and “Happy Birthday to California.” We used the flags that were hand made by Pasadena Parlor. We presented the talk three times in 2 hours. We provided cake and punch for refreshments. Sue presented a copy of “The Rivers of California — Nature’s Lifelines in the Golden State” by Tom Palmer to Wen Wen Zhang, West Covina Regional Librarian.



Above, L to R: Sue Gabel and Wen Wen Zhang, Regional Librarian

We had some help unbeknownst to other Parlors. Sue was wearing Bonita Parlor’s “I Love You California” T-shirt. PGP Marilyn Rodriguez provided our Parlor with the book that we presented.

We hold our event as close to Admission Day, September 9, as possible. We use this event as another recruitment tool. We have brochures and applications available and we always have a member free to discuss membership with the public.



L to R: Beverley Ziesmer, Linda Srulovitch, Peggy Boesl & Sue Gabel

Native Daughters Flag Marks Admission Day

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MCCLOSKEY, PUBLICITY
CALISTOGA PARLOR NO. 145

On September 6, 2016, the Calistoga City Council met and presented an award to the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Calistoga Parlor No. 145 reading a proclamation recognizing Constitution Week. After procuring our beautiful flag three years ago, it has become a tradition for our Parlor to request our City to proudly fly the N.D.G.W. flag on the City pole in honor of Admission Day. Our flag was raised on September 9th with many of our Sisters on hand to witness the event. This year a celebratory breakfast followed at a local restaurant.

Along with a congratulations card sent to Governor Jerry Brown, I think our Parlor did an outstanding job in celebrating such an important holiday marking the anniversary of the 1850 admission of California into the union as the 31st state.



Initiation in San Juan Bautista

PHOTO BY ANNE CAETANO

On bright and sunny Saturday, September 24, 2016, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 held the Initiation of San Francisco resident, Anne Rodriguez, at their historic Adobe in San Juan Bautista. Standing left to right are Stephanie Caetano Correia, who together with her sister Anne Caetano, sponsored Anne for membership. Presenting Anne with her pin and Native Daughters of the Golden West information folder is PGP Sharon Johnston. Marshal Claudia Fisher is standing to the right. Seated in the background is Inside Sentinel Beverly Rianda. Anne Rodriguez, Stephanie Caetano Correia, and Anne Caetano are all cousins! Following the Initiation, members and guests enjoyed lunch at Jardine’s de San Juan.



Deceased Members

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

Laurel Parlor No. 6
Donnie Harrison
Ruth Tilton

Bonita Parlor No. 10
Kay Kelly

Berendos Parlor No. 23
Dianne Benefield
Eldred Frost

Forrest Parlor No. 86
Betty Carrier

El Vespero Parlor No. 118
Jeanne Proctor

Hayward Parlor No. 122
Judy Lane
Josephine Ogilvie

Florence Rodrigues
Evelyn Rose
Rosalie Way

Placer Parlor No. 138
Betty Brown

Encinal Parlor No. 156
Lorraine Andrews

Argonaut Parlor No. 166
PGP Nancy Brown

San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179
Althea Slisager

Fresno Parlor No. 187
Patricia Lockman

Morada Parlor No. 199
Jessie Ames
Hilda Sensenbaugh

San Diego Parlor No. 208
Jacqueline Burcher

Lomitas Parlor No. 255
Marie Areias
Carol Aspeci

Arcata Parlor No. 325
Beverly Alto
M. Shirley Pifferini

Zinfandel Parlor No. 337
LaVerne Elsholz

Joaquin Parlor No. 5

By Vicky Cesena

Photos by Alma Huff, Heidi Dillon, and Brandy Torres-Fletcher

Joni Morris Concert

On Saturday, September 10th, the Parlor presented Joni Morris in Concert. Joni Morris was proclaimed “Star of the Year” by the Stockton Arts Commission. The audience was delighted with her tribute to country greats delivered in her own personal style. The good natured jokes and charming anecdotes between the songs kept the audience enthralled. After the concert, guests were invited to meet and greet the artist, take pictures, and get autographs. Chairman, Laura Frausto, donated the evenings proceeds to the Parlor’s general fund.

Annual Apron Luncheon

On September 17th, the sisters of Joaquin Parlor met for the Annual Apron Luncheon at Royce’s Family BBQ. It is a special occasion to honor sisters that are no longer with us. Lydia Kelly won the chance drawing for an apron. All members enjoyed a wonderful lunch and were impressed with the waiter that took orders by memory with no errors. This was the final year at the venue as it has recently been sold.



Grand Outside Sentinel and Deputy Grand President, Stephanie Kerr, dines with Joaquin member, Lydia Kelly at the annual Apron Luncheon.

Passport Progress

Joaquin Parlor has embraced Grand President Sherry Farley’s Passport Project. With completion of the tasks for July through September, the Parlor is supporting the California History Landmarks and Historical Buildings Chairman, Ida Evans, for the October project. Ida is holding a chance raffle for a highly desirable, cutting board in the shape of our beloved state. The lucky winner will be chosen at the last meeting in October.

S.O.S. “Save Our Sisterhood”

Joaquin Parlor is happy to welcome four new sisters: Dee Altamirano, Darlene Berendt, Marlene Good, and Virginia Marion. Your time and talents will be a welcome addition to the Parlor.

Can You Find the Grand Officer in This Picture?

Submitted by Jean Chinnici, El Pinal Parlor No. 163



These hardworking ladies are from El Pinal Parlor No. 163. One of their community service projects is to help clean up the two local cemeteries. Pictured here at the Cambria Community Cemetery from left to right: Tracy Covell, Joyce Renshaw, Jan Boughter, Jean Chinnici, Dawn Dunlap (Senior Grand Trustee), Joan Broadhurst, and Sigrid Castaneda.

Lomitas Sisters Host August Fundraiser!

Submitted by Linda Gosling

“Another Election Year” was this year’s theme for the Silent Auction hosted by the Sisters of Lomitas Parlor No.255. The event boasted over 100 attendees with eagle eyes in place as each Sister bid against one another. The fierce competition is definitely not for the faint of heart. Many locals pride themselves on being excellent bidders but the out-of-towners are pros and a tough match when they stroll through the doors in Los Banos. They mean business and “Let the games begin” is the password for the evening! Always a fun evening when our visiting Sisters are part of the gathering. Bid items come in a multitude of forms: Gift cards, garden items, delicious baking,

must-have bags, seasonal décor and the list is varied and extensive. Something for everyone! The evening meal was delicious with pulled pork sandwiches, slaw and fresh melons from the fields in our community. The over-the-top dessert showcased individual pineapple upside down little cakes for each guest. Can you bid and eat at the same time and balance a Bingo card? If so, plan on coming to Los Banos in 2017 for our next SILENT AUCTION. It is always held at the Methodist Church Hall on the 3rd Wednesday in August. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. We love seeing our many California Sisters come to town for an evening of enjoyment.

San Juan Bautista Sisters Visit Lomitas Parlor

Submitted by Cece Johnston

The Sisters of San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 motored to Los Banos on Sunday, October 16 to attend the “Table Top” Luncheon of Lomitas Parlor! It was a wonderful afternoon with beautifully decorated tables in various themes, lovely “Opportunity Gifts” as well as a 50/50 “Opportunity drawing” A delicious pork lunch was served with rice pudding for dessert. Also attending from San Juan Bautista Parlor were PGP Sharon Johnston, Roberta Paul, Elza Paul, and Dolores O’Brien.



Seated left to right at the “Christmas Magic” table are Denise Pence, Grand Inside Sentinel Janet Somavia, Cece Johnston, Claudia Fisher, Karole Candlen, and table designer/hostess Ninette Latronica of Lomitas Parlor.

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304

Submitted by Francine Mackey

We’ve had a busy couple of months, so let’s bring you up to date on Tierra De Oro: In July, we welcomed our newest member Erandi de Silva. Erandi is a student from San Marcos High School and was brought in by member and past Parlor President Jessica Haro. We welcome Erandi with great pleasure.

Flower Girls

Every July, just before Fiesta, Old Spanish Days holds a Garden Party for the incoming Flower Girls, this year our member Francine Mackey was the Chairman in charge of these young ladies. As in the past, Tierra de Oro was asked to provide cookies and punch for the girls after their formal introduction. We got to enjoy the great entertainment provided for the Party and pass out the goodies to the girls.

On Sunday, July 31st Tierra De Oro started a new tradition. We purchased two tables and attended Old Spanish Days, El Presidente’s Party. We had a wonderful time, the food was great, the music was good and the company was the best. We are looking forward to doing it again next year.

The Coastal Frontier

This year’s Fiesta Theme was The Coastal Frontier and our float had to depict something along the theme lines. Again this year the Santa Barbara Parlor of the Native Sons joined us and we decided to do a depiction of the ship Pilgrim from “Two Years Before the Mast”. We found that the Pilgrim harbored in Santa Barbara during her two-year trip, so we took advantage of that to have her carrying passengers to attend a Fiesta in Santa Barbara. Our Parlors won the Directors Award for Best Depiction of an Historical Event.

Parlor Officers Installed

On August 21st we installed our new Parlor Officers for the term 2016 – 2017. This year we added new members to the ranks of our Officers: President: Toni Heppner; Past President: Anna Ortiz; Secretary: Rae Rosas GT; First Vice President: Jenny Martinez; Second Vice President: Amy Rosas; Third Vice: JoAnn Ponce; Marshall: Kim Larsen; Trustees: Theresa Garcia, Maxine Bonner and Cecelia Medina; Financial Secretary: Sandy Reese; Treasurer: Olive Moreno; Inside Sentinel: Julia Martinez; Outside Sentinel: Elsa Larsen; Organist: Linda Gregory. Congratulations Ladies! We are looking forward to a great year. The Installation was held at Santa Barbara’s Historic Courthouse. It was a fitting setting for such an event. It is full of history for both the community and for the Mackey-Heppner Family, as the father of Marie Mackey and grandfather of Toni Heppner and Francine Mackey helped lay the tile found in the spiral staircase and entry arches to the Courthouse.



Pictured from left to right are: Erandi de Silva, Marie Mackey, Cecelia Medina, GT Rae Rosas, Theo Mackey, Jenny Martinez, Kim Larsen, and Linda Gregory.



The men behind the build: Todd Grant and Daryl Scari



All the worker bees — THANK YOU ALL for your hard work on this year’s float!



This year’s float riders included: Tierra de Oro Parlor President Anna Ortiz, several Parlor Members, Native Sons Parlor President Paul Larsen, Grand Trustee Nickie Acevedo, and Past Grand President Joan Hall.



The float on Parade Day



Picture taken at the bottom of the Spiral Staircase with the Native Son’s Plaque, Santa Barbara Historic Courthouse. Incoming President Toni Heppner (front center) with some of her Officers.



Paul Bunyan Days and Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210

SUBMITTED BY GRAND TRUSTEE SUSAN COLLINS, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210

Many of you have heard of the histories of the California forests. For many years, loggers cut down trees to help not only feed their families, but shape America into what it is now. Here in Mendocino County, we have a rich history associated with our trees and the loggers as well. The symbol for logging is the tale of Paul Bunyan and his blue ox, Babe. Every year since 1939 in Fort Bragg we celebrate those by gone times with Paul Bunyan Days, A Lumber Jack's Rowdy Good Time!

There are many events going on all over town. A logging show takes over the field by College of the Redwoods and there is a craft show at CV Star Center. Events for kids include a kiddie parade and games. Dogs are judged at the Ugly Dog Contest, there is a hot dog eating contest, old time dress revue, and pretty much something for everyone. Each year, the Native Daughters of the Golden West have participated, sometimes with elaborate floats in the parade, and other events. In the last few years, the Parlor has kicked off the weekend with a "Walk with Paul" on Friday afternoon. We have taken groups of walkers into the Otis Johnson Park to learn about the old growth redwoods and about the recent refurbishment of the park within the city. Last year's event was to take the public onto the yet unopened south trail on the mill property. That was our best attended walk with over 100 participating.

This year we elected to lead Paul and a group

of walkers through downtown Fort Bragg following the route outlined in a brochure we published in 2010. The brochure, "Street Corners of Fort Bragg" is out of print now, but we would like to reprint it. The walk took us down Main Street starting at the Guest House Museum built in 1892. Member Betty Carr gave an informative talk on the beginnings of Fort Bragg and how it formed around the C. R. Johnson mill site starting in 1884 when Mr. Johnson chose the property that had been a U.S. Army Post, built here in 1857 to settle conflicts with Indians on the Mendocino Indian Reservation. Member Edith Goble lead us over to the Company Store building where she had worked for 45 years. She spoke of the construction of the building and how things were in the 1950's and 60's. Member Marilyn Leroy lead us down Main Street talking of various buildings and their past uses including The Restaurant which was once a Hospital as was the Gray Whale Inn which is now a Bed and Breakfast. On the corner of Pine and Franklin we came to the First Baptist Church. It sports a bell that was brought around the Horn and used for many years to call people to service. A plaque was placed on this bell by Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 in 1983. Member Betty Carr treated us to a short tour inside the church and related some of its history. We ended our tour of the town at Golden West Saloon which was opened by Gus West in the early twentieth century and has now been purchased by new young owners and is being refurbished. The bar back was rescued from a brothel that had been on an island off the mill property.

On Monday, the parade takes place on the streets of Fort Bragg commemorating the logging days and community activities. This year rather than enter into the parade, our Parlor opted to set up a booth outside our meeting hall with information about Native Daughters of the Golden West inviting new members, and handing out poppy seeds.

History and Landmarks

Do you love the History and Landmarks of California? Would you like to tell Grand President Sherry Farley about either the history of something in your area or a landmark that is dear to your heart?

Grab a pen, pencil or computer and write about your favorite historical event or landmark. Rules are simple:

- One page only, handwritten or typed.
- Love what you are writing about!
- Select a topic that is interesting and perhaps unique.

Do this now, so you don't



Dixon United Methodist Church

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90 PRESIDENT, LINDA ROBERTS BAKER
PHOTOS BY WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90 RECORDING SECRETARY, JENNI KING

On Sunday November 6, 2016 the landmark Dixon United Methodist Church celebrates the 150th anniversary of the original Sanctuary building. Located at the corner of N. Jefferson and B Street, it is the oldest building in the city of Dixon. The history of the church dates back to March 1858 when the Methodist Society was organized in the village of Silveyville. Silveyville was an old Pony Express Stop. The young church first met in a school house and then for a short time in a hall over a saloon. By 1865 Silveyville had 150 residents. In 1866 the congregation began construction of their church. In 1868, the California Pacific Railroad came through the area. The residents of Silveyville were disappointed to discover the tracks missed Silveyville by a few miles. The town of Dixon sprung up along the new railroad tracks and became the hub of business and activity in the region. Gradually the entire town of Silveyville, buildings and all, moved to the new town. Dixon became the city that Silveyville started out to be. Do not bother looking for Silveyville on any map of today. Silveyville is listed by the state Office of Historic Preservation as a point of interest. In 1977, the Dixon District Chamber of Commerce placed a large metal marker at the Silveyville site (Silveyville Road near Schroeder Road) to help people remember the town-that-once-was.

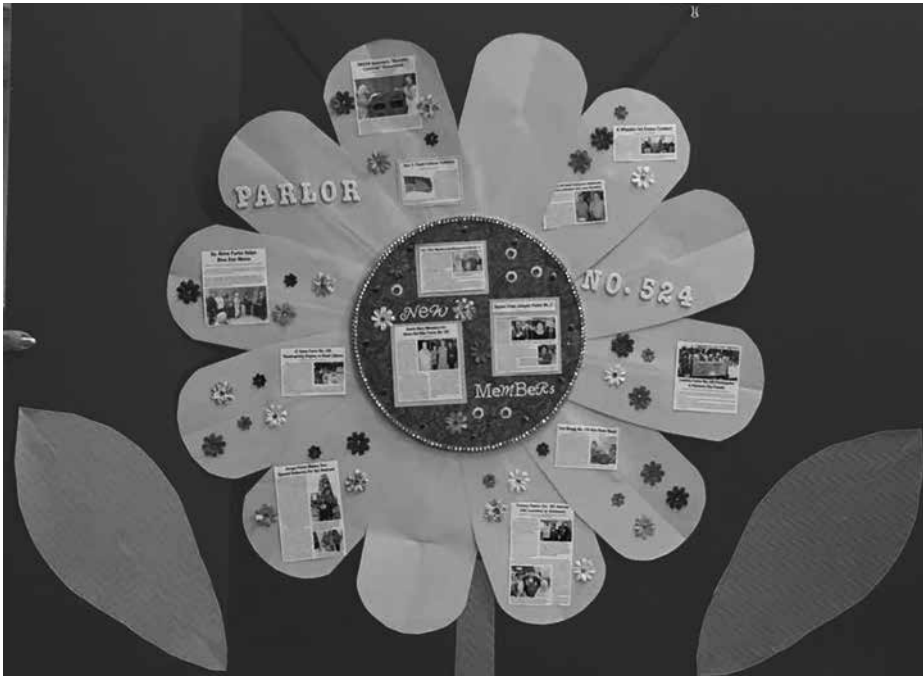
In 1870 the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Silveyville was moved to the new town of Dixon on huge log rollers pulled by a team of mules. The church building proved to be too large and heavy to be moved across the railroad tracks where the town was located. It was left at its present site about 100 yards on the wrong side of the tracks. This was actually fortunate since most of the town burned in 1883. During church services, we are reminded of our history each time a passing train blows its loud whistle. In the 1870s, a 3/4-ton bell from Ohio was added as well as a parsonage. Over the years many improvements gradually occurred including an added office space, classrooms, and a large fellowship hall with a kitchen. Following the Loma Pieta earthquake (epicenter about 100 miles away), the bell tower became unsafe. The bell was removed, the structure reinforced and the bell is now housed in a new steeple added in 2011.

On the 9th of October 1955, the Mary E. Bell Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West presented the bronze plaque which is proudly displayed on the front of the church.

Today, the church is a true part of the community. In addition to Sunday school, church services, weddings and funerals, the Dixon United Methodist Church is the meeting site for many groups including Dixon Historic Society, Toastmasters Club, Boy Scout troops, Alcoholic and Narcotics Anonymous. Due to its excellent acoustics, the original sanctuary is used for music recitals and performances. The parsonage, now called Friendship House, provides additional meeting space.



"Petal Pushers" check with Your Recording Secretary... coming soon!



El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Celebrates California Admission Day

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

On Friday, September 9, 2016, our Parlor held a luncheon and program in honor of California's 166th birthday at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant. We had approximately 30 in attendance. We present a different topic of California history each year at our Admission Day Luncheon.

Our theme this year focused on a segment of California history, the Japanese Internment Camps in Kern

County during World War II. Our speaker was Ken Hooper, a local high school history teacher and noted historian. He focused on the Bakersfield High School class of 1941 and what the Japanese students in that class faced upon graduation. His presentation was comprehensive and his pictures and visual aids were very impressive. There was a lively and informative question and answer session after the presentation. Many attendees had memories to share.



Chairman Bryan Williams Presented Resolution from Kern County Board of Supervisors to Sandee Senior

Hall praised our efforts in celebrating California Admission Day every year and declared September 9, 2016, as El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Day. Bryan Williams, a member of El Tejon Parlor and Chairman of this event, presented the resolution from Supervisor Zack Scrivner and the Kern County Board of Supervisors. Bryan works for Supervisor Zack Scrivner and hopes to re-establish a NSGW Parlor in Bakersfield.

The program concluded with the serving of our beautiful birthday cake and the singing of "Happy Birthday California." Many thanks to Bryan and Karen Williams, co-chairs, and the committee of Ethel White, Darleen Carpenter, Chris Kildare, Brigitte Bonnet, Lurine Webb, Sandee Senior, and Ruth Jacobus.



Speaker Ken Hooper

San Jose Parlor No. 81 Involves the Community in the Observance of California's Admission Day

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE CHAPPELL

To celebrate California's 166th "Birthday," San Jose Parlor No. 81 Members Gayle Gleim, Jeannie Gregorio, Robbie McGagin and Shirley Svindal spent the morning of September 8, 2016, in front of the Santa Clara Library providing information about our State's Admission Day and distributing complimentary pieces of cake.

Tables with Native Daughters of the Golden West and Admission Day posters and NDGW brochures and membership information drew the interest of approximately 90 library patrons who not only enjoyed the birthday cake decorated with orange frosting poppies, but also learned about our Order. San Jose Parlor commends the City of Santa Clara for continuing their tradition of closing City offices and facilities on September 9th in observance of Admission Day.



Jeannie Gregorio (L) and Gayle Gleim (R) serve California Birthday Cake.



San Juan Bautista Sisters Enjoy Fundraiser Held by Lomitas Parlor

SUBMITTED BY CLAUDIA FISHER, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179

On Wednesday, August 17th, San Juan Bautista Sisters, PGP Sharon Johnston, GIS Janet Somavia, President Roberta Paul, Cece Johnston, Vergie Alosi, Lorie O'Brien and Claudia Fisher attended the Lomitas Parlor No. 255 annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction. A fun time was had by all.



*Native Daughters of the Golden West
Home Committee pledge drive*

From Tree to Shining Tree

Pledge \$10 a month from
December 2016 - December 2017
OR
a one-time donation of \$100

**For capital improvements in the
N.D.G.W. Home**
555 Baker St, San Francisco, CA 94117
Tax ID # 94-1251112

Yes! I want to give my support to the N.D.G.W. Home with my
TAX-DEDUCTIBLE pledge in the amount of
☐ \$10/month OR ☐ \$100 one time donation

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☐ Enclosed is my check payable to: N.D.G.W. Home

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

By Darleen Carpenter

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, sponsored an exhibit in the Community building at the Kern County Fair running from Sept. 23, through October 2, 2016. This is the eighth entry for the Parlor, having previously won five first places, one third place, and one second place. Our award for Second place this year is \$500.00 for our Treasury.

The theme of the Fair was “Having Fun”. Our theme was, “Native Daughters have fun serving our community.” Our Chairman this year, Sandee Senior, along with her committee, showcased the 37 historical markers that Native Daughters of the Golden West have marked in Kern County. The exhibit included a list of the locations of all 37 markers and pictures of three of the markers. The pictures included Father Garces in the Garces Circle, Colonel Thomas Baker, the founder of Bakersfield, and an oil well. Proclamations for California Admission 2016 from the Mayor’s office, US Representative Kevin McCarthy, and The Kern County Board of Supervisors were also on display.

We included a 5” lighthouse, surrounded by many of the lighthouses in California along with many California Missions. Our Parlor banner was displayed behind the exhibit with vases of poppies. There was also a looping photo display screen continuously showing approximately 200 pictures of our NDGW and Parlor activities.

There was a supply of brochures for CFIC and the Childrens Foundation, membership applications, and our business cards on the table. Many thanks to our Fair Committee, Chairman Sandee Senior, committee members Darleen Carpenter, Lurine Webb, Chris Kildare, Lynn Montgomery and special thanks to Sandee’s husband, Larry Senior, Lurine Webb’s brother and sister-



Pictured left to right: Lurine Webb, Darleen Carpenter, Chris Kildare, Jerry Livingood, and Sandee Senior

in-law, Jerry and Debbie Livengood and Lynn’s husband, Keith Montgomery who helped to hang the banner, assemble the display, disassemble and transport the display back to our storage unit.

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Bakersfield Honors 2016-2017 Devoted Daughter

By Darleen Carpenter

Several years ago, El Tejon Parlor created their Devoted Daughter Award to honor a member who has provided exceptional service, dedication, and leadership to the Parlor. This year’s recipient as our Devoted Daughter for 2016-2017 was announced at our September meeting... Our member, Christine Kildare was selected.

Chris has served the Parlor and the order in many capacities, including President, First and Second Vice President, Trustee, and is currently serving as our Treasurer, a role she has held for several years.



Lynn Montgomery presents Chris Kildare, left, with the Devoted Daughter Award

Chris has served and chaired many committees within the Parlor including Admission Day, Kern County Fair, and Festival of the Trees. She is a member of Past Presidents Assn. 30 and serves as Second Vice President.

Chris is a real go-to person and always participates. She sets up and tears down our exhibit at the Fair, she decorates our Native Daughter Tree at the Festival of the Trees event, she has chaired our Admission Day event and is a great ticket seller and reservations person. She decorates, cleans up, attends all the audits, sets up and sells at our tables at Market Place, and always looks forward to Grand Parlor every year. She is a real trooper and never complains. She just gets it done.

Chris is truly a devoted daughter of our Parlor and our Order. Congratulations Chris!

George C. Yount Parlor No. 322 says THANK YOU!


SUBMITTED BY, KAREN MAY, RECORDING SECRETARY, GEO. C. YOUNT No. 322

George C. Yount Parlor No. 322 would like to thank everyone for their donation to the Veterans Picnic. We tried to send a thank you card to everyone, but if you did not receive one and sent a donation, we thank you very much. It is a pleasure to belong to an organization that takes pride in our Veterans. The Parlor thanks every person, or Parlor, that helped support the Picnic this year. Many of you that attended helped serve the Veterans their meal, again thank you all. Geo. C. Yount does many things at the Veterans Home throughout the year. We do a Valentine Tea & Bingo just for the ladies. We buy Christmas Gifts for a Ward (25 residents). And with the District we do a Christmas Party for an Annex (75 residents).

As State Chairman for Veterans Welfare this year, I personally want to say thank you to all that donated to the Yountville Veterans Picnic this year.



Native Daughters of the Golden West, Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Cordially invites You to Our Annual Fall Tea!
This Year's Theme:



BLUE HAWAIIAN TROPICAL TEA

Hawaiian Attire Encouraged!
Saturday, November 19
Elk's Lodge
8900 Thornton Road, Stockton

No Host BLUE TAHITI MIMOSA Social begins at noon
Tea is served at 1pm
ENTERTAINMENT!

Door Prize, 50/50 & Gift Basket Chance Drawings
Bake Sale (take a homemade delight home to share!)
\$25 per person

Make check payable to: NDGW, Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Mail to: Carol Boné, P. O. Box 93, Manteca, CA 95336
First Paid, First Reserved!

Guests Welcome! Tables of 8 – Questions? 209-824-1004
Please mention your Parlor Name/No. and Office if applicable.
All monies must be received by Nov. 8
Majority of Proceeds benefiting Valley CAPS
(day program for 400+ developmentally disabled adults
in San Joaquin & Stanislaus Counties)
Tickets will not be available at door – Sorry, no refunds

California Under 12 Flags

SUBMITTED BY HELEN LEIVA

September is not just Membership Month, but also a “California” month with the added celebrations of Admission Day and Founders Day.

With these thoughts in mind, Past President, Helen Leiva of Grace Parlor No. 242, showed an exhibit and gave a speech about the twelve flags that have flown over California from 1542 to the present day. It’s an education of our

history, as well as appealing to the eye. Each flag was cut, sewn and hand embroidered by several members of Pasadena Parlor No. 290 in the early 1950s. Four sets were made and two are still in existence. One set was given to the Pasadena Main Library in 1957 and another to the famous Huntington Library in 1963. Presenting the set every few years to our Parlor gives new members a chance to hear the California Flag story which is scripted after the booklet published in 1927 by the Automobile Club of Southern California entitled, “California Under 12 Flags.”

The flags represented are of the Spanish Empire, the flag of England, the Spanish National ensign, the flag of Russia, the Russian American Co, the flag of a Privateer, the flag of the Mexican Empire and the Mexican Republic, the flag of John Charles Fremont, the first (very crude) Bear flag, the American flag of 1846 with only 28 stars, and lastly the official Bear flag of California. When California considered a state flag, it seemed quite appropriate to adopt the Bear flag. It was redesigned from the first crude flag made earlier. On February 3, 1911, by legislative enactment, it was made the state standard. Today, the Bear flag hangs over every major State building from Oregon to Mexico, reminding us of all those who have gone before us, the explorers and mission fathers, trappers, Spanish settlers, the 49ers, and all others who shared in shaping this great state of California.



Helen Leiva giving speech, assisted by Grace Parlor’s President, Jan Allen

Admission Day, Membership Month, “Fun” Draiser And A Few Other Things!

SUBMITTED BY PGP CAMELIA ROBLES

September is a busy month for all Native Daughters of the Golden West throughout the Golden State. Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, decided to cover a few projects and at the same time check off items in our “Passport” for the year. The Parlor voted to host a “Chile Cook-off”/Tostada luncheon, and combine it with Admission Day and Extension of the Order.

Poppy Trail Parlor has already brought in three members at our Official Visit which was held in August, and will initiate three additional members at their regular meeting on September 17, 2016. Parlor members are working hard to increase membership and are committed to showing an increase when attending Grand Parlor in June. Reaching out to others, telling them about the Order, discussing projects a prospective member may be interested in and encouraging them to attend an open meeting, seem to be working this time around. Montebello is a suburb of Los Angeles, and there are many activities to choose from in our area, but the Native Daughters need to be available as an option, especially if interested in the history of California and the children that are helped through Scholarships, Essays, Photography, Art and the Childrens Foundation.

The “Chile Cook-off”/Tostada luncheon was a fundraiser to support the Parlor and our Grand Officer Renee Chandler. But more than a fundraiser, it was a time for our members to gather with friends, family and members of other Parlors. It was a time to simply work together and have fun,



while supporting a few of the projects of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Admission Day was celebrated by a sign on the lawn where the event was held, a dress code was imposed of everyone wearing “California Themed Attire” (one grandson wore a “Golden State Warriors” tee shirt!) and we had a beautiful cake with “Happy Birthday California” along with “Happy Birthday” being sung along with “I Love You California”.

Members of Toluca Parlor (thank you for bringing your NDGW Banner), Placerita Parlor and Rancho La Puente Parlor, along with family and friends, joined Poppy Trail Parlor for this special day. Information on the event was posted on Facebook, and photos of the actual event were posted as well.

But September proves to have a few more things for Poppy Trail to celebrate or work on. It is our Birthday Month! Along with the initiation, we will celebrate the birthday of Poppy Trail Parlor which was September 16, 1938! Looking good still at age 78! And on September 24th, Poppy Trail will host the Official Visit of State President Claudia Warner, to Past President’s Association 19, at the La Costa Restaurant in Montebello. Poppy Trail and all the members of District 19, look forward to greeting Claudia during her visit. September, indeed, has been a busy month for the members of Poppy Trail Parlor!



California Lighthouse Preservation Committee
Invites you to the
144th Anniversary of the Pigeon Point Lighthouse
November 12, 2016
1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Pigeon Point Lighthouse Station Historic Park
Check presentation by Grand President Sherry Farley at 3 p.m.

Tentative Schedule
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Food Truck and Live Music in the picnic area
3:00 to 3:15 p.m. Check presentation by the Native Daughters of the Golden West
1:00 - 4:30 p.m. grounds tours every 30 minutes starting at the flag pole
1:00 -5:00 p.m. children’s activities in dining hall
1:00 -5:00 p.m. Maritime author JoAnn Semones signs books in the Fog Signal Building

Pigeon Point Light Station Historic Park
is located on Highway One,
20 minutes south of Half Moon Bay
and 30 miles north of Santa Cruz



NDGW Home Update

SUBMITTED BY PGP SUZI RILEY, STATE CHAIRMAN, NDGW HOME COMMITTEE

Your Native Daughters of the Golden West Home Committee continues to work very hard to ensure that our beloved NDGW Home is maintained and ready to welcome you and your guests on your next visit.

As you likely know, our stunning Native Daughters of the Golden West Home is truly the jewel of our Order. Designed by the first woman architect in California, Julia Morgan, who dreamed, drafted and ultimately created the plans for our magnificent Home on Baker Street. Members and their guests are invited to come and visit; please contact our Home Staff at (415) 563-9091 or by email at: home@ndgw.comcastbiz.net to make a reservation to spend the night. Currently, it is \$35.00 per night for members and \$50.00 per night for your guests.

Our Home employees work diligently to make sure that your stay is a pleasant one. Next time you visit, be sure to greet our Home Staff: PGP Marilynn Rodrigues, our Home Manager; Wendy Woodrum; Janette Contreras; and our newest team member, Donna Hopkins along with our always helpful Home volunteer GIS Janet Somavia. These ladies will be glad to welcome you!

Thanks again to our hard-working Home Committee from last term, under the direction of Chairman Angela Brown. This year we have continued completing some of the projects from last year and we are looking forward to some exciting new projects as well. The 3rd and 4th floor painting is nearly complete and the third-floor public bath is now fully renovated as well. The hard wood floors are a work in progress and of course we are looking forward to the reveal of the Voss Garden by our Junior PGP

Admission Day

SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN, SO. BUTTE PARLOR NO. 226 PRESIDENT & PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN



Remembering one of our beloved Native Daughters

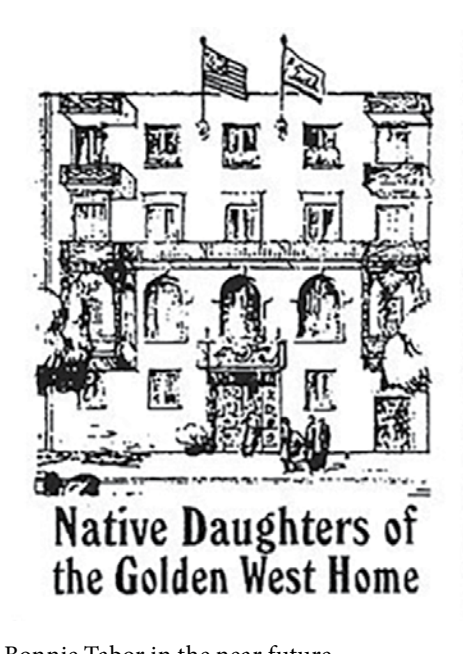
In honor of Admission Day, Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary and Claudia Warner, Trustee of Native Daughters South Butte Parlor No. 226 placed the California flag on the gravesites of their sisters at Sutter Cemetery in Sutter, California.

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.



Bonnie Tabor in the near future.

One of the BEST times of year to visit our Home is during the holidays. The Home is decorated in all of her holiday finest. Please plan to join us join us for the Home's Annual Tree Lighting and Open House on December 4th. This wonderful event promises to bring you lots of good cheer, holiday spirit and joyful Christmas carols too. Thank you in advance to PGP Sharon Johnston for leading the holiday singing and of course to welcome back our terrifically talented Organist of the Order, Judith Cain, who will be accompanying her. Please see the flyer in this issue of the Star for more details. We will look forward to kicking off the holiday season with our Sisters from across the State!

NDGW Home Sub Committee Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection

SUBMITTED BY ANNE MARIE BALERO, STATE CHAIRMAN


The Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection Committee is responsible for maintaining the present collection in the Home and the Museum.

The Museum is now open the third Sunday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. The Committee members, as well as members of the Pioneer Roster Committee, are acting as Docents.

The California Poppy painting has been refurbished and is now hanging in the Parlor. When you visit the Home, please take some time to look at it and all of the other paintings and artifacts that are in the Home and the Museum.

The intern from the University of San Francisco spent the summer conducting an inventory of the historical collection, starting on the 4th floor and ending in the Museum. This is the beginning of a detailed catalog of the Museum and Home collection.

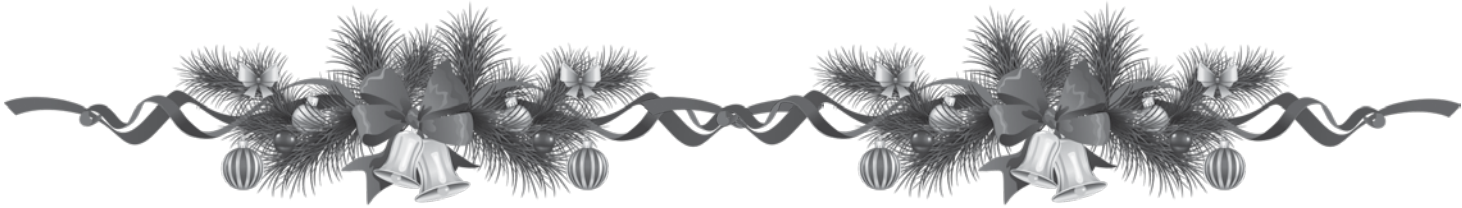
The Committee members are happy to serve and urge all of our Sisters to visit the Home and enjoy our historical collection.



Help Wanted!!!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to help decorate our beautiful Julia Morgan designed N.D.G.W. Home??? Now, is your chance to find out! Find a fun (and willing!) friend or two and mark your calendar for Friday, November 4, 2016. Next, join our fantastic Home Committee on Holiday Decorating Day! Plan to arrive anytime between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and be ready to dress the house in her holiday finest. Get a “behind-the-scenes-view” and have a GREAT time along the way!


The Committee will provide a delicious soup luncheon for all the “elves” who help out! Thank you for being a part of this fun and special season of the year! We will look forward to greeting you! Please R.S.V.P. if you will be joining us for lunch! THANK YOU!! Suzi Riley, PGP, Home Chairman (650) 465-5691 or ninersr@aol.com. We hope to see you with bells on!



The Native Daughters of the Golden West Home Committee Cordially invites you to come ...

"Home for the Holidays!"

N.D.G.W. Annual Tree Lighting




Sunday, December 4, 2016

TIME: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

LOCATION: The N.D.G.W. Home

555 Baker Street, San Francisco



Please plan to join Grand President Sherry Farley and the NDGW Home Committee as they welcome you for this wonderful holiday tradition.

Delicious refreshments will be served and beautiful holiday trees and decor will brighten your Native Daughter Home as it is decorated for Christmas!

Refreshments • Raffle Prizes • Gingerbread Houses • Holiday Sing-along

We've got gum drops, goodies, sweet treats and more.

Come celebrate the holiday season with edible delights galore!



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, State Chairman of Public Relations and 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 Sherry A. Farley 2016 – 2017

OCTOBER

- 21 Finance Meeting —1:00 PM, Madera
- 21, 22, 23 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Retreat— Hampton Inn & Suites—Madera
- 23 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Byron
- 24 Official Visit — South Butte Parlor No. 226 — Yuba City
- 29 GPAM 2017 Sessions Committee Meeting — 12:00 PM, Corona
- 31 Happy Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 4 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM, San Francisco
- 5 District 6 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Chico
- 11 Veteran’s Day — Support Our Troops and Veterans
- 12 Lighthouse Committee Event — Pigeon Point
- 14 Official Visit—Encinal No.156, Argonaut No. 166
- 16 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 5:00 PM, GoTo Meeting
- 18 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM, San Francisco
- 18 Personnel Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM, San Francisco
- 18, 19, 20 Board of Directors Meeting — 4 PM, San Francisco
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 2 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM, San Francisco
- 3 Mission Restoration Dinner—Napa
- 4 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — San Francisco
- 4 Open House & Tree Lighting — NDGW Home — San Francisco
- 25 Merry Christmas Sisters!

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JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 7 GPAM 2017 Sessions Committee Meeting — 11:00 AM, Corona
- 12 Official Visit Aleli No. 102 — Salinas
- 13 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00 AM, San Francisco
- 13 Home Committee Meeting 2:00 PM, San Francisco
- 14 Official Visit Dist 11— Sonoma No. 209, Marinita Parlor No. 198 Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Cotati Parlor No. 299—San Rafael
- 21 Grace Parlor NDGW Home Luncheon — Fullerton
- 27 Investment Meeting 9:00 AM, San Francisco
- 27 Personnel Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM, San Francisco
- 27, 28, 29 Board of Directors Meeting, San Francisco

FEBRUARY

- 1 Official Visit Tahquitz No. 333, Jurupa No. 296, and Lugonia No.241-Riverside
- 3 Official Visit - Vallejo Parlor No. 195 — Vallejo
- 4 Official Visit Dist 15- Bonita No. 10, Darina No.114, El Vespero No.118, Vista Del Mar No. 155
- 7 Official Visit- Reina Del Mar No. 126, Tierra de Oro No. 304, Poinsettia No. 318
- 9 Official Visit - Placer No. 138 — Lincoln
- 10 CFIC Meeting — 9:00 AM, San Mateo
Home Committee Meeting - 2:00 PM, San Francisco
- 11 District 6 - Home Luncheon — Oroville
- 12 Home Luncheon--Donner Parlor No 193, Byron
- 14 Happy Valentine’s Day!
- 18 Official Visit — San Juan Bautista No. 179 — San Juan Bautista
- 21 Official Visit - Reichling Parlor No. 97 and Arcata Parlor No. 325 —Fortuna
- 25 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Jackson



Mariposa Parlor Honors Three Sisters

SUBMITTED BY, JULIANNA BIBBY

Mariposa Parlor No. 63 presented Frances Long (front left) with her 50 years of service membership pin and Esther Holm (front right) with her 25 years of service membership pin. Not pictured is Barbara Albright who was also honored with her 25 years of service membership pin.



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Mission Restoration Dinner Saturday, December 3, 2016

Native Sons Hall, 937 Coombs Street, Napa, CA 94559

No-Host Cocktails –5:30 p.m. Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Information on our Historic California Missions

\$25.00 per person

Join us for a delicious Spaghetti dinner with salad, bread and dessert
(please indicate Veg or Gluten-free with reservation)

Prepared by “The Usual Suspects”

For reservations and information

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By November 28, 2016