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Dear Sisters:

What an exciting few months this has been. I've had the pleasure of seeing many wonderful parts of our State and touring places I've never seen before. The high country up north is so spectacular with the beautiful trees and outstanding redwoods. I was treated to a sunset tour of the high mountain lakes outside of Downieville, what a sight. I've seen our amazing coastline at its very best, with warm sun shining down on a cloud (and fog) free magnificent sea. I've seen our valleys at their summer best with the orchards and fields ready to harvest. We are so blessed to live in such a state. I hope many of you have had a chance to travel some of the roads of California as well.

This has also been an exciting time for Native Daughters, as our Parlors install new Officers and begin again, the work of the Order. It is inspiring, to say the least, to hear all the plans our Parlors have for this year and see reports of what they have been doing over the last few months. Our Sisters **are** the Order and they **are** working hard for this state, their communities and the people who live here. Everywhere I have traveled, I continue to hear the excitement from our Sisters.

To add to the excitement, I have news I'd like to share. Last year we Instituted El Paso de Robles Parlor No. 335 in Paso Robles and they are doing wonderful work in their community. From their example, has come two more groups who are looking to form new Parlors in other communities. The first will be Sutter Mill Parlor No. 336 in Coloma and plans are in the works to Institute this new Parlor on January 24th, 2014. Organizer Dee Goodspeed is doing an outstanding job working through the requirements to get this new Parlor started. Likewise Julie Shellcross is working hard as the Organizer of a new Parlor soon to be No. 337 in Lodi. They

have been collecting applications and building the excitement to possibly Institute this new Parlor in late February or early March. Anyone wishing to attend these events are welcome. Come join us in welcoming these new Sisters and their new Parlors.

To my Deputies and Supervisors, I ask that you work with your Parlors and their new Officers to make sure they know the duties they have graciously taken on. Our Books of the Order are a wonderful resource for our Officers to learn or re-learn the duties that go with the offices they have been elected to fill. Please fill out the reports you will soon be receiving regarding your respective Parlors.

The Parlors should by now, have received my Shining Star Certificates. I hope many of you will use these to show others how important they are to your Parlors, and our Members. This is an informal way of saying Thank You, and letting our Members and others know they are appreciated. Please copy the certificates and hand them out as often as you wish.

I want to thank all the Parlors I've had the opportunity to meet with for the wonderful visits and I look forward to traveling more of our state in the next few months and greeting many more of my Sisters. Our Home in San Francisco will soon be decorated in its Christmas splendor. I hope that many of you will have a chance to visit during the Holidays. The Tree Lighting event is scheduled for December 8th, and all are welcome to join us.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year. Thank you all for your service to our Order and our State; you are all wonderful Shining Stars!

In Sisterly Love,

Sharon Logan

Grand President

C.A.R.E (Care, Assess, Revitalize, Energize)

BY SHARON LOGAN, GP

The C.A.R.E teams are beginning their work, traveling to Parlors to give support and assistance in strengthening their Parlors. My thanks go to these dedicated Sisters for taking on this project. I hope that all Parlors have received their C.A.R.E. Assessment

forms and have set up a time to sit together and evaluate their Parlors. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chairman Marilyn Rodrigues, PGP or myself and we will happily help you in any way we can.

The Parlor Assessment form is meant to

help Parlors look at themselves with an eye to what they are doing that is good and see where they can make changes that can help them grow, and become stronger, more active Parlors. Like any other tool, this can only help if you let it. This is an assessment just for your use, so be as honest and open about your responses as you can be.

I am asking my Deputy Grand Presidents

and Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents to work with their Parlors in completing this assessment form. We know from experience that this look at ourselves allows us to make decisions that will help our Parlors grow. So have some fun looking at yourselves and use the results to grow, grow, grow.



2013-2014 Grand Officers

Grand Officers for 2013-2014: Standing (left to right) GOS Renee Chandler, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello; GT Dorothy Rogers, Marinita Parlor No. 198, San Rafael; GT Karen Fini, Fresno Parlor No. 187, Fresno; sGT Cynthia Connelly, Berryessa Parlor No. 192, Willows; GT Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield; GT Sherry Farley, Grace parlor No. 242, Fullerton; and GIS Dawn Dunlap, El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria. Seated (left to right) GS Jana Jack, Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa; GVP Suzi Riley, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City; GP Sharon Logan, San Jose Parlor No. 81, San Jose; Jr. PGP Linda Galassi, El Vespero Parlor No. 118, San Francisco; and GM Bonnie Tabor, Morada Parlor No. 199, Modesto.

Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 and Fiesta 2013

By MARY LOUISE DAYS

Santa Barbara's Old Spanish Days Fiesta 2013 began for Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 with its annual Pre-Fiesta Tea in July. It was again held at Casa de la Guerra and was co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. Past Presidents Phebe Mansur and Dolores Hartnett were co-chairmen. Past Grand Presidents Estella Moreno of Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 and Adeline Coronado of Toluca Parlor No. 279 were in attendance. The speakers were El Presidente of Old Spanish Days Josiah Jenkins, first vice president Dennis Rickard (of the De la Guerra family), and Past President Mary Louise Days, who recounted the history of the Tea since the 1920s.

Leeanne Keeler Figueroa, Saint Barbara for 2013, was presented to the guests. She was dressed in the saint's traditional gown and a new scarlet robe. She wore a golden

crown and carried a chalice and palm frond. Anniversary former St. Barbaras were introduced — Priscilla from 1963, and Cynthia Garcia Mata from 1983. The Parlor's Las Fiesteras dance group performed, as did the Senior and Junior Spirits of Fiesta. This Pre-Fiesta Tea was declared to be one of the best in recent years.

Parlor members accompanied Saint Barbara Leeanne Figueroa to many events during Fiesta. During the opening event at Mission Santa Barbara, she appeared next to the mission towers, far above the audience, which included Grand President Sharon Logan. Las Fiesteras, directed by Diana Replogle-Purinton, danced *La Cachucha*. The next morning Saint Barbara took part in the processional and sat near the altar at the President's Mass in the mission church. A large number of Native Daughters enjoyed the garden reception that followed. Junior Past Grand President Linda Galassi, Senior Grand Trustee Cynthia Connelly, and Grand Trustee Dorothy Rogers accompanied Grand President Sharon. Joan Hall, P.G.P., of Charter Oak No. 292, was also present.

Robin Cederlof was chair of the design and decorating committee for the Parlor's St. Barbara float in the Historical Parade, a tradition for each Fiesta since 1926. On Saturday Members of Reina del Mar Parlor hosted an intimate luncheon at Café Stella in honor of Grand President Sharon and her companion Grand Officers. That evening Parlor Members welcomed the Grand Officers to a performance of Las Noches de Ronda at the County Courthouse sunken garden. This was a new experience for them, as they sat on the stage and then joined in the final dance.

Reina del Mar Parlor was featured in a large number of newspaper, magazine, and television stories during the 2013 Fiesta, a welcome recognition of its eighty-five plus years of direct involvement with the annual celebration.



Leeanne Figueroa (center), the 2013 Saint Barbara, is shown in the Sacred Garden of Mission Santa Barbara following La Misa del Presidente on Thursday morning. Joining her are (kneeling) Diana Replogle-Purinton. Standing (left to right): Mary Louise Days, Betty Dominguez, GT Dorothy Rogers, sGT Cynthia Connelly, GP Sharon Logan, Saint Barbara, Jr. PGP Linda Galassi, Carmen Garcia, Susan Parent, Laura Foss, Fr. Larry Gosselin, and Kristina Foss. Back row: Diane Soto Ruiz.



Saint Barbara, Leeanne Figueroa, of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, was presented high above the Fiesta Pequena crowd next to the towers of Mission Santa Barbara. (Photo by Fritz Olenberger)



Reina del Mar – Las Noches de Ronda: The Grand Officers joined Las Fiesteras and Saint Barbara on stage during Las Noches de Ronda on Saturday evening at the Courthouse sunken gardens. Shown are (left to right) Laura Foss, Leticia Medina, GT Dorothy Rogers, Diana Replgle-Purinton, GP Sharon Logan, Saint Barbara Leeanne Figueroa, Jr. PGP Linda Galassi, sGT Cynthia Connelly, Kira Purinton, Lea Fedaleo, Lisa Fukunaga, and Debra Fadaleo.

Eschol Parlor No. 16 Hosts 14th Annual Champagne Brunch, August 25, 2013

By Sherri White

The sisters of Eshcol Parlor No. 16 gathered poolside at the home of Sherri and Bill White, along with sisters from neighboring Parlors, to celebrate the end of summer during their 14th Annual Champagne Brunch. The lush surroundings transported the group to vacation spots reminiscent of Hawaii and Mexico while they sipped champagne and mimosas, catching up with one another, and dining on the delicious brunch fare. This eagerly awaited fundraising event is held on the last Sunday of every August for a delightful tropical mini-getaway.



Members and guests celebrated the end of summer at the Parlor's 14th Annual Champagne Brunch on August 25, 2013, at the home of Sherri and Bill White.



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

California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings Committee

By CECE JOHNSTON, STATE CHAIRMAN, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179

The California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings Committee is to collect and record historic data pertaining to our Order and State; assist Subordinate Parlors in marking historic buildings or sites; preserve the memory of the Pioneers; be alert to prevent destruction of buildings or sites having historical significance and to proposed changes in names of areas, towns, and streets having historical significance; shall encourage development of a California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings Speakers Bureau in the Districts and utilize every possible means to preserve our heritage.

Parlors throughout our glorious State have been extremely active and successful in commemorating historic sites and/or

buildings with markers in their respective areas and had the support of Subordinate Parlors in adjacent areas which allowed for a cooperative endeavor.

Please take a moment to read the "Procedures of the Constitution of the Grand Parlor" beginning on page 32 as well as the "Committee Policies" on page 4 in order to be fully aware of all the requirements and procedures involved with placing a plaque.

Grand President Sharon Logan, committee members Angela Brown of Golden Era Parlor No. 99, Kathleen Costa of Argonaut Parlor No. 166, GIS Dawn Dunlap of El Pinal Parlor No. 163, and I look forward to working with all of you in preserving the heritage of our glorious State of California.

Bidding Frenzy at Lomitas Parlor No. 255

By Linda Gosling

Lomitas Parlor No. 255 held its annual Silent Auction at the United Methodist Church in Los Banos. It was a packed house as Members and guests bid on an array of gorgeous items featured on sixteen display tables.

Chairman Bekki Foell performed an outstanding job running this year's event and accolades were also bestowed on dinner co-chairs Cathy Bertao and Colleen Lopes.

"A Bountiful Harvest" was this year's theme and decorations represented the vast agriculture of the San Joaquin Valley. The dinner paid tribute to the delicious fruits from nearby farms along with the freshest of vegetables which complimented the gourmet meal.

Attendees celebrated the 80th birthday of Lomitas Parlor No. 255 with a light and

refreshing Summertime Cake with our Golden State as the centered theme.

The anxious bidders hopped from table to table with over-the-shoulder glances at rival challengers. Only the boldest and bravest survived!

Lomitas President Cathy Caropreso greeted and honored Lomitas Parlor's incoming and outgoing Deputy Grand Presidents and Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents. Many Parlor Members from throughout the area were in attendance to enjoy the festivities.

As a full "blue moon" shone in the nighttime sky, the weary warriors of newly acquired possessions departed with their goods and a gleam in their eyes! What treasures will await them next year?

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The N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation Needs Your Help!

By Donna Moir, Jurupa Parlor No. 296, State Chairman

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation needs your help with fundraising efforts. Did you know that Ralphs, Food 4 Less, Lucky's, Save Mart, Smart Foods or Food Mart all give donations to the Childrens Foundation? It's as easy as buying groceries with your card.

Do you ever go to Jamba Juice? The NDGW Childrens Foundation is now part of the "Sip to Support" program. Simply sign up for a card on-line and earn 10% for the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation.

Re-Register for the RALPH'S Program

Re-Register your Ralphs rewards card on-line. Our organization name is Grand Parlor Native Daughters/G.W. Childrens Fdn. and the NPO number is 93648. Ralph's participant registration for the new term began on September 1, 2013.

This means that you need to RE-REGISTER for the new term beginning September 1, 2013 or after. There are two ways to enroll: (Even if you registered as recently as June, July or August 2013, you will be required to register again, on or after September 1, 2013.

Online registration (see instructions below)

Scan-Bar letter

If you received a scan-bar letter last year, it is still good and can be used this year. If you would like to receive a scan-bar letter, please contact Donna Moir, State Chairman, and one will be mailed or emailed to you.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE

Log in to www.ralphs.com

Click on 'Create an Account'

Follow the 5 easy steps to create an online account

You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account

After you confirm your online account by clicking on the link in your email, return to www.ralphs.com and click on 'my account' (you may have to sign in again first).

View all your information and edit as necessary

Link your card to your organization by clicking on:

Community Rewards

Edit my community contribution and follow the instructions

Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name

IF YOU ARE ALREADY AN ONLINE CUSTOMER

1. Log in to www.ralphs.com
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email address and password
4. Click on 'My Account' (In the top right hand corner)
5. Click on Account Settings
6. View all your information and edit as necessary
7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards
 - b. Edit my community contribution and follow the instructions
 - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name



Message from our "Guiding Star"

Marie C. Landini, Past Grand President 1973-1974

SUBMITTED BY PGP DEBI STALDER, LAUREL PARLOR No. 6
GUIDING STAR REPORTER

Hope the Traveling Gavel is making its rounds in the Districts. Keep it going and log your miles, and in April get your report together of your gavel travels and submit it to the "Guiding Star" reporter. Don't miss out on the fun and prizes awarded at GPAM 2014!

Our "Guiding Star" would like to remind Parlors that sometimes "charity starts at Home" and to set up a fund within your Parlor to aid a Sister temporarily in financial

distress, hopefully preventing a suspension. Perhaps you can involve your Lapsation Committee's support to help retain those Sisters that are in arrears. A suggested way to help those Sisters is to visit them personally, privately, and confidentially and help them with dues. This small gesture of the personal touch can make an impact sometimes. "Try it and I think everyone will have a good feeling for your efforts."



District 21 at Mission San Antonio de Padua and Mission Soledad

By Roberta Paul, San Juan Bautista No. 179

2012-2013 SDDGP Roberta Paul accompanied by Members of San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 attended Mass offered by Father Phillip Garcia at the San Antonio Mission on September 15th. The purpose of the visitation was to present a check for \$1,300.00 to Susan Gill, President of the Restoration Committee, and Joan Steele, Mission Administrator. The proceeds were the result of funds raised by Members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and their friends including donations from Junipero Parlor No. 141, Monterey; Santa Cruz No. 26; Aleli No. 102, Salinas; and San Juan Bautista No. 179 at a luncheon held in Hollister in the Spring. The donations collected were for both Mission San Antonio and Mission Soledad this year as determined by the District 21 Committee members. The presentation on September 15th was an opportunity to describe the history and the work of the Order for the California Missions over the years.



SDDGP for District 21 Roberta Paul (left), presented a \$1,300.00 to Joan Steel (center), Mission San Antonio Administrator, and Susan Gill, President of the Restoration Committee, at Mass on September 15, 2013.

On October 6th a delegation of District 21 Members visited Mission Soledad as requested by Carlene Bell, Board President, as it was their Mission Fiesta held annually as the main fund-raiser. Ms. Bell escorted us on a tour of the Mission rooms, museum, gift shop, and chapel. She presented us with a copy of the drafts prepared for the ambitious plans started to rebuild the Mission grounds as originally constructed based on the recent archeological findings.



Members of District 21 gathered at Mission Soledad on October 6, 2013, for Mass and to present the Mission with a check for \$1,000.00. Attending were (top row left to right) Cece Johnston, District 21 SDDGP Roberta Paul, Jack Ferrasci, PGP Sharon Johnston, and Elza Paul. Middle row (left to right): Diane Alves, Rosemary Guidotti, Lillian King, and Joanne Reyes. Front: Fr. Scott McCarthy.

SDDGP Roberta Paul spoke at Mass of the long tradition the Order has with Mission Soledad and presented to Jack Ferrasci (93 years of age) a check in the amount of \$1,000.00. He accepted with gratitude and commented on his personal recollection of the importance the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West has been to Mission Soledad over many years. Father Scott McCarthy offered Mass and welcomed the Mission visitors, especially from Mission San Juan Bautista area. A delicious rib barbeque was enjoyed on a beautiful sunny day with live music, auction, and booths to shop in.



San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Members joined Fr. Phillip Garcia following Mass at Mission San Antonio on September 15, 2013. Joining him were (left to right) Diane Alves, Cece Johnston, District 21 SDDGP Robert Paul, Fr. Garcia, PGP Sharon Johnston, and Elza Paul.



S.H.A.R.E.S. Program

S.H.A.R.E.S. is an acronym for Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education & Sports in our community. If you shop at Lucky's, Save Mart, Smart Foods or Food Mart and show your card when purchasing groceries, you can help the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation. We will then receive the benefits of a quarterly check for 3% of the qualified purchases. It's that easy! Simply call 1-800-477-5437 for a card, or ask a Committee Member.



Jamba Juice "Sip To Support"

How would you like to raise money for N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation every time you go to Jamba Juice? Well, with our new "Sip to Support" program, you can! Here's how to get started:

Visit jambajuice.marqeta.com/customers/new to sign up and you will be mailed a (FREE) card

Be sure to select NDGW Childrens Foundation Grand Parlor as the organization you would like to support

Don't forget that your card needs to be activated. When you get the card, head back to the above link and click the "Activate Card" button at the top of the page

Once logged in, load your card by purchasing Jamba Juice offers

Now N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation earns 10% of your purchase, every time!

(Special thanks to Dr. Stephanie Whittle from Toluca Parlor No. 279, for letting us know about this program.)

Please Help!

The N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation Committee is urgently in need of your help to increase the annual donations. PLEASE ask everyone you know to use a Ralphs, Food 4 Less, S.H.A.R.E.S. or Jamba Juice card to help the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation. The most wonderful part of these programs is the cost of participation is FREE! Your support for these programs will provide valuable medical help the Children of California. Thank you in advance for your participation.

For more information visit our website at www.ndgw.org/child_found.htm



FOOD 4 LESS Program

To help with the Food 4 Less/Foods Co Community Rewards program, ask a Committee Member for a card. Simply show your card at the register during check out.

Notice from the California Star

Do to circumstances beyond our control there are no New Member or Deceased Member names included in this issue of the *California Star*. The January 10, 2014 issue will include all new and deceased Members from July 11, 2013 through January 10, 2014.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Bonita Parlor No. 10 Hosts Official Visit

Governor Juan Alvarado Headstone Dedication

By Maria Amaya, Recording Secretary

By Roberta Koski, Argonaut Parlor No. 166

On Saturday September 14, 2013 the Official Visit of Grand President Sharon Logan was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Redwood City. It was chaired by Past President Marian Wydo, and the theme for the event was “Reaching for the Stars”.

The following dignitaries introduced by President Laura Galey were Grand President Sharon Logan, San Jose Parlor No. 81; Jr. Past Grand President Linda Galassi, El Vespero Parlor No. 118; Wayne Warden, Native Sons; Deputy Grand President Kathy Kelly Brietler, El Vespero Parlor No. 118; Past Grand President Sharon M. Johnston, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179; and Grand Vice President Suzi Riley, Bonita Parlor No. 10. The invocation was offered by Jr. Past Grand President Linda Galassi and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grand Marshal Bonnie Tabor. Grand Trustee Cynthia Connelly spoke on the Voss Garden at the home. She stated that the bricks ordered would be placed in the garden as a patio. Grand President



Pictured (left to right) at the head table at Bonita Parlor No. 10's Official Visit on September 14, 2013 are Jr. Past Grand President Linda Galassi, Grand President Sharon Logan, Native Son Wayne Warden, Bonita Parlor President Laura Galey, Deputy Grand President Kathy Kelly Brietler, Past Grand President Sharon M. Johnston, and Grand Vice President Suzi Riley.

Sharon was presented with Sterling Silver Star earrings from the Parlor. A donation was made to the Home and another donation for the Drapery Project at the Home. The benediction was offered by Past Grand President Sharon M. Johnston followed by the singing of *I Love You California*. From all the loud chatter in the room everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time visiting with our many Sisters in attendance.

The day of the dedication was full of sunshine but in the shade there was a cool breeze. The Anniversary of St. Mary Cemetery celebrating 150 years of service to the Oakland community began at 11 am with a Mass lead by the Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J., Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland, assisted by Monsignor Raymond Breton. After Mass, the congregation proceeded to the burial site of Governor Juan Alvarado and his wife Martina. Bishop Barber conducted the formal unveiling of the headstone.

Vincent Ernano, President of the San Pablo Historical and Museum Society (SPHMS) spoke. Ernano thanked all the SPHMS members and their many friends who donated toward the monument. He said that Governor Alvarado was born in Monterrey under Spanish rule, presided as Governor of Alta California under Mexican rule, and was very influential in establishing the state of California. “It is our honor to provide this monument to recognize a very important person in the history of California,” he said. The fund raising project began about a year ago when the docents of the SPHMS were informed that the burial site of the Governor and his family was unmarked. Members of Argonaut Parlor No. 166 learned of the need and volunteered to help. GIS Dawn Dunlap provided valuable assistance by mentoring the Argonaut Parlor Members, by soliciting donations from the Native Daughters of the Monterrey peninsula, and by coordinating a donation from the Native Sons. Over \$1,200.00 was raised by the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West.

Attending the dedication were GP Sharon Logan, Jr, PGP Linda Galassi, GVP Suzi Riley and GT Dorothy Rogers. Representing the Native Sons was Chairman of the Landmarks Committee PGP Bob Rogers. Also in attendance were Bette Chianese and Susan and John Potter from Encinal No. 156, Annette Hansen with her daughter Trina and her grandson



Attending the dedication of the headstone for Governor Alvarado and his family were (left to right) President of Argonaut Parlor Leona Coles, Argonaut Member Kathleen Costa, Jr. PGP Linda Galassi, GP Sharon Logan; GVP Suzi Riley; GT Dorothy Rogers, Native Son PGP Bob Rogers, and Argonaut Parlor Chairman Roberta Koski.

Kenneth from Donner No. 193, Kathleen Costa, Rachel Cabral-Healy, Leona Coles, Mia and Roberta Koski from Argonaut No. 166. Stepping in to help Argonaut Parlor were Members from Bonita No. 10, Santa Cruz No. 26, Angelita No. 32, San Jose No. 81, San Luisita No. 108, El Vespero No. 118, Vista del Mar No. 155, Encinal No. 156, El Pinal No. 163, Fresno No. 187, Donner No. 193, Vallejo No. 195, Marinita No. 198, El Tejon No. 239, and El Paso de Robles No. 335. The Members of Argonaut Parlor are grateful to all the Sisters because without the guidance, hand holding, and financial support the goal would not have been achieved.



The headstone for Governor Alvarado and his family was dedicated during the 150th anniversary of St. Mary Cemetery by the Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J., Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland.

Native Daughters Historical Fashions

Featured at Old San Francisco Mint

By Etienne Simon, E.I.C. Committee

Native Daughters Museum fashions were featured at the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society Fashion Show held at the Old Mint in April, 2013. The theme was “San Francisco Style 1880’s and early 1900’s”. E.I.C. Committee members, together with representatives from the Society, carefully prepared the selection, packaging, display, and return of the priceless items from our collection. This past year, the Committee had the intensive work of moving from its long-held storage room to extremely limited space at the Native Daughters Home. Every item with its

new location is being re-catalogued for easy retrieval. Scrapbooks from former Parlors are being reviewed for items of future historical interest. Our semi-annual November lecture is being forfeited due to the moving project. In April, we hope to sponsor our usual Spring lecture. Coin Marches and donations for the Committee are very welcome at this time due to the high cost of preservation materials. Members of this important Committee include Chairperson Anne Balero, Maggie Ahlquist, Jeanette Bemis, Nadine Lewis, Etienne Simon, and Joann Swanson.



Toluca Parlor No. 279 Participates in Burbank's Annual Parade

By Mary Whittle

The theme was “Let’s Go to the Movies” and the date was Saturday, April 6, 2013. Toluca Parlor No. 279 promoted Native Daughters of the Golden West by participating in Burbank’s annual parade. Each year entries compete in categories based on the theme. Toluca Parlor, chartered in Burbank and led by President Dolores Crowell, came up with their theme “Snacks at Intermission”. At the Snack Bar one could find 3 Musketeers bars (Dolores Crowell and Mary Whittle), a junior size

Musketeer (Cassie Hamilton), large buttered popcorn boxes (Bea Hastings, Stephanie Whittle and Debbie Hemela), and a refreshing large Coke (Tina Hamilton). Donned in full skirts depicting classic films were Dona Kallgren representing the Wizard of Oz and Carolyn Harrison representing Gone With the Wind. Intermission would not be complete without ushers Marilou Talbutt and Sandy Allen using their flashlights to help you back to your seat. The Spot Light shined on Toluca

Parlor when the parlor was presented with a First Place placard and a Blue Ribbon carried down the parade route by usher Marilou Talbutt. To-

luca Parlor is looking forward to the announcement of 2014 Burbank on Parade’s theme.

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.



The GPAM 2015 Sessions Committee sponsored a fantastic “Day by the Bay” tour of San Francisco on August 17, 2013. Getting ready for the Duck Boat tour of the city are (left to right) Tara Burns, PGP Marie Otto, Fran Bremer, and Bob Fletcher on August 17, 2013.

GPAM 2015 Enjoys a SPLASH HIT!

Thanks to **PGP Christine Tripod** and the Members of **Hayward Parlor No. 122**, a group of the GPAM 2015 Sessions Committee and friends enjoyed spending a fantastic day by the Bay!

August 17, 2013 was perfect weather and the group gathered first at the Home of the 2012 World Champion Giants — AT&T Park for a private “behind the scenes tour” of Baseball’s “gem”. The group toured exclusive areas including the Press Box, the Visiting Team’s dugout and the Club Level filled with wonderful Giants memorabilia. Later, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Boudin Bakery in a private Club dining area.

Following the ballpark tour, our group of “*Wacky Quackers*” joined the Duck Boat tour for excellent sightseeing all over San Francisco. This portion of our day was definitely an excellent adventure as our Duck’s Driver combined great humor and fun music along with history and amazing city sights. Everyone was kept laughing as we counted the number of Starbucks located along the tour’s city route! Our road trip concluded with a splash down right into San Francisco Bay and our Duck’s Captain was none other than **Kenneth Anderson** who did an awesome job of driving our boat and keeping us all afloat!!

GVP Suzi Riley would like to thank everyone who attended or supported this wonderful day! Thank you for everything and a special thank you to **PGP Christine Tripod** for arranging such a successful fundraiser as well as a GREAT day by the Bay!



The GPAM 2015 Sessions Committee’s “Day by the Bay” on August 17, 2013 started at AT&T Park for a “behind the scenes” tour. Those enjoying the tour included (left to right) Claudia Fort, Marcia Skelton, Monica Kraft, Ann Riley, former Giants All-Star Dave Drapecky, and GVP Suzi Riley.

Your Christmas Gift Decisions Are Solved!

BY MARIE M. OTTO, PAST GRAND PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO PARLOR NO. 208

You’ve been hearing about IT, you’ve submitted your favorite family recipes to be included in IT, and many Sisters up and down our Golden State have ordered and now are enjoying IT. What are we talking about? Well, IT is San Diego Parlor No. 208’s Centennial Cookbook. Now, with the holidays fast approaching - you know that Santa Claus sure would appreciate some help. What better gift for you to give to your friends, neighbors, and family than the tried and true recipes from your Native Daughter family than San Diego Parlor No. 208’s Centennial Cookbook.

The response we received was overwhelming to say the least as you will find out when you receive your copy of the cookbook, and at the same time solve some of your gift giving decisions as well as keeping Santa Claus happy. Now is your chance to see what all the excitement is about and solve your dilemma

about what to give your neighbors, friends and family members for Christmas.

San Diego Parlor No. 208’s Centennial Cookbook is available for \$15 each, plus \$5 for shipping and postage; send your check payable to “San Diego Parlor No. 208, NDGW” in the correct amount, to Marie M. Otto, Recording Secretary, San Diego Parlor No. 208, 3265 Casa Bonita Drive, Bonita, California 91902-1732. Be sure to include your name, Parlor name, and your mailing address. Once your order with your check and pertinent shipping information is received, your Centennial Cookbook(s) will immediately be shipped to you. As our Parlor’s 100th anniversary celebration event approaches on April 10, 2015, rest assured that Sisters throughout our state will hear all about it and want to attend our Parlor’s anniversary “Where California Began”.

Help Wanted

We are currently looking for a Grand Parlor Support Assistant to work in our Grand Parlor office. The employee hired would work five days a week, 5 hours per day and support the Parlors, the Native Daughter Committees, and the Board of Directors in doing the work of the Order.

We are also looking for a Weekend Resident Employee for the Native Daughter Home. Duties would be in line with maintaining the Home, and greeting guests. The employee hired would work two days a week (weekends) and have on-call time responsibilities.

For more information see the Native Daughters website, or contact GP Sharon Logan.

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

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, GT

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, NDGW, sponsored an exhibit in the Community building at the Kern County Fair running from September 18 through September 29, 2013. This is the fifth entry for the Parlor, having previously won three first and one third place and this year winning first place again. The First place win includes a \$400.00 award to help our Parlor Treasury.

The theme of the Fair is “The Best in the West”. Our theme was that “California” is the Best in the West. One of our newer members, Ethel White, and her grandson created a painting to be the highlight and back drop of the exhibit. It had a lighthouse on one end and a mission on the other with fields of poppies in the middle. There was a lighthouse and mission map on display in front of the mural.

We showcased the activities of NDGW including California Admission Day, Missions and Lighthouses, Childrens Foundation, Poppy Day, Charitable Foundation, Education and Scholarships, and Environmental Issues. Also included were our Proclamations for California Admission Day from the Governor, the Mayor, Congressional Representative, Kern County supervisor, State Senator, and Assembly Woman. There was a supply of brochures, applications, and our business cards on the table. A poppy banner appears by the painting and green artificial turf was dotted with poppies.

Many thanks to our Fair Committee, Chairman Ethel White, Parlor President Lurine Webb, Chris Kildare, Kathy Puryear, Denice Mettle and GT Darleen Carpenter. Special thanks to Ethel’s grandson and Lurine Webb’s brother who helped to hang the painting and assemble the display.



El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield Presents its Devoted Daughter 2013-2014

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, GT

MARYIZQUIERDO CALDER was born in Kelso Valley on May 26, 1921. She was the first of six children born to Ida (Butterbredt) and Manuel Izquierdo. Her mother and grandmother were both born in the Kern Valley area, and were of Paiute descent. Her father immigrated from Val Verde, Spain.

At an early age the family moved to Bakersfield and ultimately settled in the Rosedale area where Mary grew up. Mary went to Rosedale and Greeley schools and attended Bakersfield High School. Along with her brothers, Mary helped her father with his sheep business. Because the sheep business requires constant moving of the herds to new pasture, Mary experienced much of Kern County when taking supplies to the different camp sites.

Mary married Merle Calder and moved to their new home approximately two miles west of her family home. Merle’s family ran the grocery store at the end of Rosedale Highway, and until this day some maps note that intersection as Calder’s Corner. They had two children, Michael and Patty. Mary and her husband were together until his passing in 1972. In 1984 Mary moved into Bakersfield to live with her daughter Patty where she lives today. Her son Michael blessed her with two granddaughters and she has a ten year old

great grandson. All are living in Bakersfield.

Mary has been active in Native Daughters since joining El Tejon Parlor in September of 1985 along with her daughter, Patty. Both have received their 25 year pins. Mary has held many offices in the Parlor and has served as President twice, 1999-2000, and again 2003-2004. She attended many Grand Parlor Annual Meetings with her Parlor Sisters and participated in Parlor activities too numerous to mention. Mary is truly a Devoted Daughter. Thank you Mary for your dedication and service to our Order.

Sadly, I must add a footnote to this article. Our esteemed Member Mary Calder passed away on September 27, 2013. Our Parlor conducted the NDGW Funeral Service for Mary on October 7, 2013.



Mary Calder received her 2013-2014 Devoted Daughter Award from El Tejon Parlor on Monday, July 29, 2013.

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El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Celebrates California Admission Day

By Darleen Carpenter, GT

On Friday, September 6, 2013, our Parlor held a luncheon and program in honor of California's 163rd birthday. Our theme this year was the California Seal. Each attendee receive a card showing the seal on which we placed a double flag pin of the American and California flags on red, white, and blue ribbon. We were presented with proclamations and resolution from the offices of Bakersfield City Mayor, County Supervisor Zack Scrivner, State Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, State Senator Jean Fuller, and Representative Kevin McCarthy of the US Congress.



El Tejon Parlor Members (left to right) Helen Smith, Bobbi Rayl, and chairman Linda McNeill attend the Parlor's admission Day Luncheon.

We presented the meaning of the parts of the California Seal. The seal was adopted at the California State Constitutional Convention of 1849 and has undergone minor design changes since then, the last being the standardization of the seal in 1937. The seal features the Roman goddess Minerva (Athena in Greek Mythology), the goddess of Wisdom and War; a California grizzly bear (the official state animal) is feeding on grape vines, which represents California's wine production; a sheaf of grain represents our agriculture; a miner is engaged at work with a rocker and pan at his side, representing the wealth of the state and the California Gold Rush.

The sailing ship seen on the seal is called "the clipper" and denotes the transportation of the agriculture to various locations around the world. They were also used the ships for transporting gold during the Gold Rush days. San Francisco Bay is represented by the design of the waterway that is seen on the seal. The Greek word "Eureka" means "I have found it", which has appeared on the state seal since 1849 when California sought statehood, and the words were probably intended to refer to the discovery of gold in California. In 1957, attempts were made to establish "In God We Trust" as the state motto, but "Eureka" was made the official state motto in 1963. The seal has 31 stars on it denoting California being the 31st state in the Union.

The seal has been changed many times by people who felt they could take liberties with the figures and products on the seal. The government no longer allows such liberty and has put a stop to the changes for any particular purpose. The seal was on the ceiling of our first capitol in 1908 and in 1950 our seal was put on the east entrance of the State Capitol in Sacramento. It also is seen in a mosaic on the second floor of San Francisco Ferry Building which was opened in 1898. A seal can be found at the Native Sons of the Golden West Napa Parlor No. 62 in Napa (they have a six foot wide stained glass rendering), another at the historic plaza in Sonoma on the 1846 Bear Flag Revolt monument placed there in 1914, and still another is in the State Office Building in Oakland. The San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City has a mosaic dating to 1910, there is one in the Circle of Palms Plaza in San Jose (the site of the first state capitol), and in front of Colton Hall in Monterey (the site of the 1849 Constitutional Convention). There is a bronze seal in the atrium of the Ronald Reagan State Building in Los Angeles.

We then heard from former Mayor, County Supervisor, and El Tejon Member Mary Kay Shell and City Councilwoman and El Tejon Member Jacquie Sullivan who spoke on what "California Means to Me". The program concluded with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to California followed by birthday cake.

We were very honored to have Dick Hoffman, Past Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West and Jean Hoffman, former Grand Secretary of NDGW attend our luncheon.



El Tejon Parlor No. 239 celebrated California Admission Day with a luncheon, September 6, 2013.

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Mighty, Mighty, Look Who's Ninety

By Joanne Chappell, San Jose Parlor No. 81

We celebrate with pride the 90th birthdays of our dear sisters Barbara Puckett (on left) and Millie Levratto (on right).

Born June 10, 1923, Barbara joined NDGW San Fernando Mission Parlor No. 280 with her sister and mother in 1945, the same night this Parlor was instituted. Barbara had the best time during the next few years on the "Installation Team" where she would go to other Parlors to install new members. In 1950 newly wed Barbara moved to Georgia with her husband. She reluctantly resigned from NDGW, but rejoined in 1974 after their return to California. She joined San Jose Parlor No. 81 with her sister, and daughter, our own Robbie McGagin. Barbara has held every local office except Financial Secretary and Organist. She regularly attends meetings with a bright smile and warm



heart for all.

Millie Levratto was born August 30, 1923 and raised in Amador County. She and her mother joined NDGW Amapola Parlor No. 80 in Sutter Creek on October 17, 1942. Her brother is a long time active member of the NSGW in Sutter Creek. Millie withdrew her NDGW membership in 1945, and rejoined San Jose Parlor No. 81 on September 2, 2010. She proudly holds the office of Trustee. Millie attends all Parlor meetings, and has lovingly opened her home to host several meetings throughout the year.

We love and appreciate these mighty ninety sisters who given so much to our Parlor and our beloved Native Daughters of the Golden West. Happy, Happy Birthday Dear Barbara and Millie!

Calistoga Parlor No. 145

By Kathy McCloskey, Recording Secretary



The Native Daughters and Native Sons of Calistoga held their annual barbeque on July 13, 2013 at Pioneer Park in Calistoga. Many Parlor Members donned their new Parlor vests for the occasion. Shown are (left to right):

Back row: LaVerne Oyarzo, Marjorie McNay, Maggie Nicholson, Barbara Davies, and Jeannie Agapoff.

Middle Row: Sonya Spencer, Fran Tedeschi, Sally Houk, Joan Klaus, Betty Ballentine, Barbara Maxfield, Marion Vallado, Camille Hurley, Barbara LaFranchi, Joan Kranchi, and Lathy McCloskey.

Front row: Judy Whitney, Kerri Abreu, Wendy Johnson, and Carolyn Cardoza.

Calistoga Parlor No. 145 California Has Poppy Vests Available

By Kathy McCloskey, President

Calistoga Parlor No. 145 now has a lovely Parlor Vest. I hope the following information will assist you in purchasing a like-Vest for your Parlor.

Our Vest comes in five sizes - Small (34-36), Med (38-40), Large (42-44), XL (46-48), XXL (Sz 50-52). It is made of a medium weight twill fabric, with two pockets (one at the lower front area on either side of the opening), color: Black. If you need information on where Calistoga bought their Vests, you may contact me.

Calistoga Parlor will supply the 7" x 7" square patch, with our N.D.G.W. logo on it.

A minimum of 25 patches must be placed at a cost of \$ 13.00 each plus shipping; please make your check payable to:

Calistoga Parlor No. 145
NDGW
P. O. Box 1241
Calistoga, CA 94515

It is recommended that small orders within a Parlor be merged with other Parlors (i.e. in your District) and then the required minimum order of 25 can be met.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, isckmc@yahoo.com



El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, Installation of Officers 2013-2014

By Darleen Carpenter, GT

The Installation Ceremony of El Tejon Parlor No. 239 commenced at 6:45 PM on July 29, with the Chairman of the Evening Chris Kildare opening the ceremony. The members of the Installing Team were: Acting Grand President - Brandi Fleischmann, Ruby Parlor No. 46, Murphys, and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia; Acting Grand Secretary - Linda McNeill, El Tejon Parlor No. 239; Acting Grand Marshal - Barbara Miner, El Tejon Parlor No. 239; and Acting Deputy Grand President - Joan M. Hall, PGP, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led lead by Acting Grand Marshal Barbara Miner, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. We sang our state song, "I Love You California", as part of the Installation Ceremony. The Oath of Office was administered by El Tejon Past President Sandee Senior, and all officers were installed by SDDGP Joan Hall, PGP. The Constitution, By-laws and gavel were presented to our new President, Lurine Webb. Brandi Fleischmann was introduced as the 2013-2014 DGP to El Tejon Parlor, and PGP Joan Hall as SDDGP to District 24.



President Lurine Webb (center) is pictured with DGP Brandi Fleischmann (left) and SDDGP Joan M. Hall, PGP, following Installation on July 29, 2013 in Bakersfield.



President Lurine Webb (seated second from right) and her Corps of Officers for the 2013-2014 term were installed on July 29, 2013.

President Lurine Webb delivered her message and her focus for the upcoming year, which includes visits to a Lighthouse and Mission. She spoke of her pride in accepting the office of President and her family history as native Californians. She then presented gifts to installing officers Joan Hall and Brandi Fleischmann, and retiring DGP Darleen Carpenter, GT.

President Lurine Webb then presented Mary Calder with our 2013-2014 Devoted Daughter award and gave a personal and Parlor history of Mary including her Parlor accomplishments and her long family history as a native Californian. Refreshments of our traditional cake, punch, and nut cups, were served.

A brief meeting was then held to discuss the upcoming Lighthouse trip, California Admission Day Luncheon, Kern County Fair entry, and our Christmas Party location. It was decided to hold the luncheon at the Bell Tower Club where Barbara Miner is a member.

Fiesta Days

BY JEAN GATES,
POINSETTIA PARLOR
No. 318

Fiesta Days in Santa Barbara — On July 7th, the Pre-Fiesta Days Tea was held, hosted by Reina del Mar Parlor at the Casa de la Guerra in Santa Barbara. Members from Grand Parlor, City Officials, Tierra de Oro Members, and Poinsettia Parlor Members Estella Moreno PGP, Jean Gates, and Charter Member Gladys Rios were in attendance. Gladys reported that she had been at the first Tea when she was a small girl taken by her aunt. The Fiesta Days Celebration was started in 1924 and she has been to every one since.

Phebe Mansur, chairman of the Tea, and 2013 El Presidente Josiah Jenkins welcomed us. He is a fifth generation native of Santa Barbara. Saint Barbara, Leeanne Keeler Figueroa, was introduced. Las Fiesteras dance group entertained us



Tierra de Oro Float: Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304’s float represented the Mesa Lighthouse.

with group dances, as well as young local Spanish dancers Carrie Jimenez, and Kailani Cordero. Mary Louise Days, NDGW Historian of the Order gave a brief history of the Pre-Fiesta Tea, and Fiesta Days.

Fiesta Days, also known as Old Spanish Days, was held from July 31 to August 4. It was first held in 1924 to celebrate the history of Saint Barbara and the heritage of the Spanish and Mexican Vaqueros, the horsemen and cattle herders who came to this land in the 1700 and 1800s. American settlers also came in the mid-1800s. Many fourth and fifth generations of families still live here



Las Fiesteras: The Las Fiesteras performed at the Pre-Fiesta Days Tea in Santa Barbara on July 7, 2013.

and participate in the Parade with family floats and riding some of the hundreds of beautiful horses of every color and breed. The Historical Parade started on Friday October 2 with a float by Reina del Mar with Saint Barbara Leeanne Keeler Figueroa riding on it. This was followed by mariachi marching bands and local school bands. Family floats with mariachi bands and dancers followed as well. There were mounted troops from neighboring counties, Tierro de Oro had a float with Grand Parlor officers, local Native Daughter Members, families and guests. After the Parade, the Old Spanish Days festivities in the city began in earnest.

Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 Image Award Nomination

BY JEAN GATES, POINSETTIA PARLOR No. 318

Many of us have heard the song “I Love You California” as part of a commercial advertising for the Jeep Grand Cherokee car. Poinsettia Parlor No. 318’s Public Relations Chairman Carol Harris contacted the Director of the California Business Center, LLC. She requested information on why they had chosen the song, along with images of our State Flag and several images of our beautiful state from North to South. Carol was so impressed with their response that she decided to write to Darleen Carpenter, State Chairman of Public Relations.

Carol reported that Poinsettia Parlor 318 felt that it portrays California in such a glorious and positive way that we would

like to submit the Chrysler Corporation Jeep Division as a candidate for the Image Award. She received a letter from the Public Relations Committee that Poinsettia Parlor No. 318, along with Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Grace Parlor No. 242, and Hayward Parlor No. 122 had nominated the Chrysler Corporation, and it had been selected as winners of the 2013 Image Award.

The awards were presented at GPAM Thursday June 20 at 11:00 AM. A member of Chrysler Corporation accepted the Award. The attendants stood up, applauded and sang “I Love You California” with great enthusiasm.

Extension of the Order

BY ANGELA BROWN, STATE CHAIRMAN, GOLDEN ERA PARLOR No. 99

September was the month for Initiations for our Order. Now that is not saying you can’t hold more Initiations because we want you to continue to bring more members to Native Daughters.

I was so pleased to hear from some of you. Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Marguerite Parlor No. 12, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Grace Parlor No. 242, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, and Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 all initiated new Members this quarter. Darina Parlor No. 114 in San Francisco brought in four Members last week. Calistoga Parlor No. 145 had their 125th Anniversary and brought in eight members. Ruby Parlor No. 46 brought in three members and are bringing more

into Native Daughters. Keep up the great work everyone!!!! I am so proud of each and every one of you.

One of the concerns in Native Daughters is keeping the members we have. I would like to pass along a great idea that Calistoga Parlor No. 145 has used with their new members. They have an orientation meeting before the initiation and explain what they need to know about the Parlor. This is working for them. If this is something you would be interested in, please, let me know. If you have come up with ways to keep your members in your Parlor, share them. I’ll happily pass them on to the other Parlors.

Antioch Parlor No. 223

BY JACKIE WALLACE

The Official Visit of Grand President Sharon Logan, San Jose Parlor No. 81, to Antioch Parlor No. 223 was held at the Antioch Golf Club Event Center on Monday, October 6, 2013. Present were Jr. PGP Linda Galassi, El Vespero Parlor No. 118; PGP Dolores Ferenz, Hayward Parlor No. 122; PGP Christine Tripod, Hayward Parlor No. 122; SDDGP to District 16 Annette Hansen, Donner Parlor No. 193; and DGP to Antioch Parlor No. 223 Jackie Wallace, Antioch Parlor No. 223.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Antioch Parlor President Joanne Bilbo and the Invocation was given by Jr. PGP Linda Galassi.

After a delicious luncheon, Members were asked by GP Sharon Logan to state where they

were born in California and about their occupation. A report from Antioch Parlor was presented to GP Sharon Logan with a donation to her NDGW Home Drapery Project. She was also presented with a gift from the Parlor, a hand-embroidered picture of the state with the Poppy and quail. GP Sharon Logan spoke about Sisterhood and dedication, helping Parlors get new Members, and keeping Members. PGP Christine Tripod spoke about a Lighthouse Tour coming up. GP Sharon Logan presented a gift to Antioch Parlor President Joanne Bilbo.

A “Silver Drill” was taken, with the proceeds given to GP Sharon Logan for her NDGW Home Drapery Project.

Happy Birthday California!!!!

A BIG thank you to everyone that sent birthday cards to the Governor and other state elected officials for the greatest state in the union.

A HUGE thank you to Susan Potter from Encinal Parlor No. 156. She sent in **218** birthday cards. Way to go Susan!!!! I am so proud of the effort each of you have done.

Angela Brown, Legislative Measures Chairman

Three Days on the Bay Celebrates Lighthouse Diversity

BY BETTI J. CLARK, SUTTER PARLOR, No. 111

This year, the California Lighthouse Preservation Committee is celebrating the diversity of the lighthouses on San Francisco Bay with a three-day tour package. The dates are Friday, November 22 through Sunday, November 24, 2013. All tours will leave from the NDGW Home each day.

There is no charge for participants in the tour other than any entry fees, donations, or shopping. The Lighthouse Committee will offer car-pooling from the NDGW Home.

What’s on our tour? We are including the first two lighthouses in California. A lightship – what? Yes, not all of the lights were land bound. One was built on a rock that was considered one of the great engineering feats of all time.

The San Francisco Bay area has more than 15 lighthouses. Most of them are closed or decommissioned. Most are owned by the National Parks System or the Coast Guard. (We hope the government is back in business by the time the tour arrives!) Many have been vandalized and are in different stages of overhaul. Some were sold for a dollar (what a bargain!) and are part of a business.

Day One: We will cruise the San Francisco Coast starting Fort Point Light Tower. There we will enjoy a tour and a video. We will move to Fisherman’s Wharf for lunch (and shopping). From there, we will visit the Maritime Museum at Aquatic Park Boathouse. This museum is housed in a ship-shaped art deco building holding the West Coast maritime history collection (pretty cool?) We will proceed to Mile Rock Light which now is a caisson with a fog horn. The house itself is no longer standing. After all this, if you still want to check it out another lighthouse, Alcatraz still awaits. However, you must purchase a ticket in advance. If the government is still closed, you can purchase a ticket for a boat ride that will take you around the island

twice. The cost ranges from \$28.25-\$38.00. These sell out fast.

Day Two: We will bounce over to the East Bay. Embarcadero Cove holds the Oakland Harbor Light, which is now Quinn’s Lighthouse Restaurant and Pub. From there we will view the WLV605 Lightship, otherwise known as Blunt’s Reef Lightship or RELIEF. We may be able to board if the weather permits. We plan on lunch in Emeryville at the Black Bear Restaurant. Our last stop will be in Vallejo at the Carquinez Strait Lighthouse which is located at the Glen Cove Marina.

Day Three: We make our way to explore Marin County. We will visit Point Bonita Lighthouse on a private tour. This includes stretching your legs with a long walk there, but it is beautiful and well worth the time. This is one of the last lighthouses that offer tours inside where the Fresnel lens is in place. We started with Fort Point at the south end of Golden Gate and we will end at the north end of the bridge for Lime Point Lighthouse. It is located just beneath the bridge.

All you have to do now is to RSVP for the tour. Please email to the Committee Chairs: PGP Christine Tripod (VonTripod@gmail.com), office (510) 276-6516 or Adair Paul (AdairPaul@sbcglobal.net), (707) 822-4128 (home). **Please RSVP by November 10**, so we can make plans regarding the carpooling. If you decide that you can make it after that date, call PGP Christine to see if there is room. If you can only come on one of the days, we welcome you for that day as well. Also, if you are planning on staying at the NDGW Home, please contact the Home so that you have a room available. And, bring layers of clothes as it will be windy at several of the locations.

Now, you are all ready for the tours . . . just RSVP. See you there!

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.

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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.”

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

Itinerary of Grand President Sharon Logan 2013 - 2014

NOVEMBER

- 3 District 6 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Chico
- 9 Official Visit — Vendome Parlor No. 100 and Gilroy Parlor No. 312, San Jose
- 9 Home Committee Meeting & Decorating — 9:00 AM
- 9 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM Go-To Mtg
- 12 Official Visit — South Butte Parlor No. 226, Yuba City
- 14 Official Visit — Sutter Parlor No. 111, Califia Parlor No. 22 and Liberty Parlor No. 213 — Sacramento
- 15,16,17 Board of Directors Meeting
- 22-23-24 Lighthouse Committee Tours — San Francisco area

DECEMBER

- 7 Mission Restoration Dinner — Napa
- 8 Childrens Foundation Luncheon -- District 15 — San Francisco
- 8 Home Open House and Tree Lighting — NDGW Home San Francisco
- 25 Christmas Day — Have a very Merry Holiday

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JANUARY

- 11 Home Committee Meeting & Walk-through — 9:00 AM
- 11 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 17 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 17 Finance Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 18 CFIC Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 18 Home Luncheon — Grace Parlor No. 242 — Fullerton
- 24,25,26 Discovery of Gold Event & Board of Directors Meeting — Coloma

FEBRUARY

- 1 Official Visit — Aleli Parlor No. 102, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Junipero Parlor No. 141 and San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 — Salinas
- 2 Home Luncheon — Donner Parlor No. 193 — Byron
- 3 Official Visit — Angelita Parlor No. 32 — Livermore
- 8 Official Visit — Hayward Parlor No. 122 — Hayward
- 8 Mission Restoration Luncheon — Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 — Ventura
- 8 Home Committee Meeting & Walk-through — 9:00 AM
- 9 Home Luncheon — District No. 6 — Chico
- 10 Official Visit — Encinal Parlor No. 156 — Alameda

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- 13 Official Visit — Cotati Parlor No. 299, Marinita Parlor No. 198, Sonoma Parlor No. 209 and Petaluma Parlor No. 222 — Cotati
- 15 Official Visit — Woodland Parlor No. 90 & Westwind Parlor No. 328 — Woodland
- 22 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — District No. 14 — Jackson



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Hearst Castle Christmas Tour

A limited number of reservations* are available to N.D.G.W. Members and their guests for a spectacular docent-lead evening walking tour of Hearst Castle, decorated and lighted for Christmas and with 1930's costumed "living history" characters. (Proceeds to benefit the 2014 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Sessions Committee.)

Thursday Evening, December 12, 2013

*Time TBD (approx. 6 pm)***

\$60.00 per person

Checks payable to N.D.G.W. 2014 GPAM (No refunds after due date)
Reservation form below and your check(s) are due no later than November 25th to:
Shirley Svindal, Co-Chairman, 2014 GPAM Sessions Committee
3274 Victoria Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051 (408) 247-4881
(reservations not accepted by phone)

Warm holiday clothing and comfortable shoes recommended.
(Sorry, no special needs accommodations available)

**First come, first served.*

*Please be at the Hearst Castle Visitors' Center to check in.
No later than 30 minutes prior to tour departure time.*

Please arrange for your own overnight accommodations.

Optional no-host “late lunch” (1:30 to 3:30 pm)
for N.D.G.W. tour-goers on December 12th
at: Linn’s Restaurant, 2277 Main St.. Cambria, (805) 909-9651
(mention N.D.G.W. to Aaron when making reservations)

****Confirmation of receipt of reservation(s) and tour time
will be communicated to participants via e-mail or telephone.**

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N.D.G.W. HEARST CASTLE EVENING CHRISTMAS TOUR	DECEMBER 12, 2013
Name(s): _____	
Parlor Name and No. _____	
Contact Person: Phone No. _____	E-mail: _____
#Tour Guests: _____ @ \$60 each= _____ Total Enclosed _____ (checks only, please)	
***Reservations due by November 25, 2013	