



# CALIFORNIA STAR

## Native Daughters of the Golden West

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### Congratulations Fran!

Fran Neves, member of Placer Parlor No. 138 was selected for Business Woman of the Year by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. Fran was also the Grand Marshall in the July 4th, 2017 Parade. She is the President of the Woman's Club of Lincoln, a member of the City's Library Advisory Committee, and Vice President of the Friends of the Lincoln Library.

Fran has created a fantastic library at the Lincoln Christian Academy. Every other week she visits for Library Day and teaches the students about books and other fascinating subjects. She also started a Bird Club and shares all of her amazing knowledge with the students. Fran is absolutely amazing!

Fran and her husband Frank have lived in Lincoln since June 20, 2003. Frank is a member of Lincoln Rotary, the Semper Fi Association, and Coordinator for Western Placer Toys for Tots. They have three married children, seven grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. They are active members of St. Joseph Catholic Church.



### Great Job Shelby!!!

SUBMITTED BY ANN PERKINS  
STATE CHAIRMAN, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

People sometimes think "I'm just one person, what difference can I make?" but San Juan Bautista No. 179 member Shelby O'Neil and her work to remove plastic straws from our environment for the good of Mother Earth and humanity demonstrates just how effective 'one' person can be!

As a Girl Scout, she had to have a project in order to receive her Gold Star Award (the highest in Girl Scouts) and since she lives close to and has always been passionate about the ocean, she put her passion to work contacting large companies and as a result received her award!

She has been written up in various papers and was on the Martha Stewart Show talking about her project.

Shelby presented it to the California Legislature and it was passed in the Senate and in August will be voted on in the Assembly asking that SCR-139 be "No Straw November".

Great Job, Shelby.



### Hí Sisters.

What a lovely Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Sacramento!

Congratulations to those who put it all together. I hope you all were able to attend. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to address you as your Grand President for the 2018-19 term. It has been a whirlwind of activities these past few months with trying to make the right appointments to be your Deputies and Committee members, and to put into place people who will be able to work together to make the changes you have asked for. Thank you so much for affording me the opportunity to serve our beloved Order this year.

It is NOT about me but is about our Order. Your Grand Officers are already hard at work, each having a project to complete this year. Your Deputy and the Supervising District Deputies also are going to be hard at work starting in July. There is a

special liaison each will report to monthly, then the liaison and I will meet monthly to go over the forms, as I believe it is necessary to know what is going on in each Parlor monthly. In other words, if there are problems, we can undertake the steps necessary to help or assist immediately, rather than letting the issue sit and worsen. I used to tell my children "a little less conversation, a little more action please" from the old Elvis Presley hit.

Feel free to e-mail or call me should the need arise, and I hope to see many of you soon.

*Karen H. Fini*

Karen H. Fini, Grand President



### GS Dominique "Nickie" Acevedo Awarded Masters Degree

JOAN M. HALL, PGP, RECORDING SECRETARY  
CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292, VISALIA

Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia, is proud to announce that Grand Secretary Dominique "Nickie" Acevedo, received her Master of Arts in Psychology from Brandman University during graduation ceremonies on June 29, 2018. GS Nickie will begin her career as a Marriage and Family Therapist Trainee with Tulare Youth Service Bureau, Inc. in Tulare, California on July 2, 2018.



Mia Acevedo (left) and Rebecca Acevedo present Grand Secretary Dominique "Nickie" Acevedo with flowers prior to Brandman University's Commencement Ceremonies at the Visalia Convention Center on Friday, June 29, 2018.

### 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.

# Grand President Karen H. Fini: Installation Speech

Thank you for this enormous honor of being installed as your Grand President for the ensuing year. I am not only honored but very humbled in accepting this awesome responsibility.

First, I must thank my family for putting up with me through this long process. Dan, thank you so much for your love and patience which are so appreciated. I love you. (GP Karen then introduced her family and friends in attendance.)

You will note a Bear Flag on my emblem this year. This is to honor my Great, Great, Grandfather Captain Jonathan Grigsby who brought one of the first wagon trains into California in 1846, a year before the Donner Party, and was one of the 16 men who participated in the Bear Flag Revolt. My intent was to honor him and the pioneer mothers and fathers who have gone before us and who worked so diligently to create this wonderful state we were so privileged to be born in.

You may say, "Oh, but that is not the original Bear Flag." But, it was the one created as the Grigsby Guidon when he commanded Company "E" in with John Fremont's men in their pursuit of a peaceable state in its early formation stages.

As many sages wiser than I have often said, "The only thing constant in life is change." Our beloved Order was formed in 1886 and as many of you have pointed out to me, that in the past 132 years, little has changed within our Order. Many of you have called me and expressed your frustration with our Order and its "out of date" workings. Our membership is steadily decreasing.

## Vendome Parlor No. 100, San Jose

SUBMITTED BY LOUISA POSTIER

Our beloved member, Sallee Yakobovich Murtha, passed away on June 28, 2018. Sallee was a very active member of Vendome Parlor No. 100, San Jose, having joined in 1959. She held various positions in the Parlor and was our long-time Recording Secretary. Sallee attended many GPAMs in the past couple of decades where she made friends with whomever she met. Many of Sallee's family members are also members of Vendome Parlor, including her two daughters, Diane Meyer and Kathy Murtha and her sister, Sue Miller.

Sallee was an avid quilter and enjoyed making quilts not only for family and friends, but also for various service organizations.

Sallee is survived by her husband of 58 years, Daniel, and her children Thomas (Lynn), Diane (Randy) and Kathleen. She is also survived by her five grandchildren and her sis-

Many of you have indicated that you will not serve the Order as a Board Member or Deputy, or in other capacities given the current state of the Order. It is increasingly difficult to find qualified candidates to serve in these offices. As many of you are aware, we are a volunteer organization. We are not paid, even as Officers for the work we do as Board Members, the lunches, or other events we attend. We pay for our nights at the Home, and our formals and dresses for the many events we attend. Many Members do not have the resources to dedicate to this endeavor for our beloved Order, and I fully understand that. Additionally, your Grand President must raise the money to pay for the Annual Meeting of the Order, which often exceeds the sum of \$25,000. We are not paid for what we do, although the Grand President receives a monthly stipend of \$600.00 per month and has received that amount since 1972. We often laugh that we are our own best charity.

You have asked me what we have to offer to today's woman who has so many demands on her time and budget, not only as a working mother, and as a homemaker, and where there is little extra in the household budget to afford our Order. No longer is her social life confined to cooking, cleaning, and rearing children, but working outside of the home, running her home, and often as a single parent with children, and ministering to their needs. You have asked for change, and I hope this year to implement some of the changes which you have asked for.

No one can do this job alone, and it is my intent to place people in positions where they can best serve the Order for the ensuing year. Just because you have had a committee to which you were previously assigned, does not mean that you will still have that position this year. It is hoped that these changes

will implement some of the changes you, as Members, have asked for. I have given a great deal of thought to each of these committees, and what is in their best interest. Just because you have not received a request to serve on a committee or as a Deputy of Supervising Deputy does not mean you cannot serve the Order. There are many ways to do so, and I hope that you will.

In that regard, I have asked Past Grand President Sharon M. Johnston to serve as a liaison between the Past Grand Presidents and the Board of Directors, and she has graciously consented to accept this position. She will attend all Board meetings and serve as my liaison in that capacity. Thank you, Miss Johnston for your gracious generosity and service to our Board.

There will be a short meeting of the Past Grand Presidents at 8:00 AM sharp in the morning to answer any questions they may have.

The Deputy Grand Presidents and Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents who have consented to serve this year will meet with me tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM and will be introduced to the new liaison for the DGPs and SDDGPs. These selfless women will complete a form each month

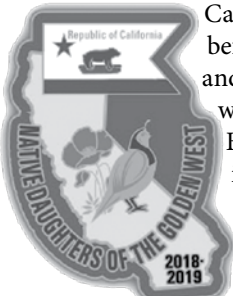
and copy their liaison with it. That liaison will then meet with me and report on the condition of each Parlor monthly. I feel that it is in the best interest of the Order if we are aware of the condition of the Parlors at all times, and, if there are problems or issues with which we may assist the local Parlors, we may attempt to do so.

Following this meeting, your new Board of Directors will have a private breakfast at 9:45 AM, followed by a Board meeting. See, we do go right to work, and it is our intent to work hard for our beloved Order.

I thank each of you for your service to the Order in the past and look forward to the coming year and, with your help, we can effect the changes you have asked for and make this a better and stronger Order.

My door is always open and my phone is always on if you wish to talk. I have been told I can't do this, but all I can say is I will try my best. I expect to make some mistakes, not too big of ones I hope, and I hope you will be there to help me as I attempt to serve our Order. It is not about me, but about our Order.

You will find your individual and/or Parlor packets outside the door. Please take one with you as you leave tonight — there is information in there to assist you.



List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors: April 10, 2018–July 15, 2018. We are asking our readers for their patience during the current transition at the Grand Parlor Office. You can expect to see a more complete list of newly initiated members from April 10, 2018 to October 10, 2018 in our next issue of the *California Star*.

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26	Nancy Jean Jones	Placer Parlor No. 138
Marilyn Cantlay	Aimee Merrill	Cathleen Benjamin
Cindy Gyers	Joshua Thomas	

## 100 Years of Membership Honored at Official Visit

SUBMITTED BY LINDA DUSEK, PETALUMA PARLOR NO. 222

On April 7, 2018 the members of Cotati Parlor No. 299 (host), Marinita Parlor No. 198, Sonoma Parlor No. 209 and Petaluma Parlor No. 299 held a joint Official Visit for Grand President Cynthia Connelly at Cattleman's Restaurant in Petaluma. Petaluma Parlor No. 222, honored their member Esther Moreda for her 75 years of membership and service to Native Daughters of the Golden West. Cotati Parlor honored their member Barbara Ramirez for her 25 years of membership.

Esther joined NDGW Petaluma Parlor No. 222 in 1944. She was a second generation Native Daughter, as her mother Edna Corda had been a very enthusiastic, long time member before her. Esther held the office of Trustee, attended monthly parlor meetings and was always eager to volunteer for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. She always has a warm smile for everyone and

her along with her Sister Native Daughters.

Barbara Ramirez joined NDGW in 1992. She has been very active in Cotati Parlor No. 299, serving as their President, Secretary and Financial Secretary for many years. She has volunteered on committees and participated in many activities such as the Childrens Foundation Brunch, pot luck dinners, Christmas parties, fundraisers and more. Barbara lives in Petaluma with her husband, Ralph.

Our Grand President Cynthia had the honor of pinning both Esther and Barbara with the NDGW pins for their years of membership within our Order. It was truly a great afternoon celebrating these two wonderful Sisters for their years of devotion and service to our Order. That's an amazing 100 years combined! We are all very proud of what they have accomplished and contributed to our Parlors. We congratulate both Esther and Barbara and wish them many more years of membership in the Native Daughters of the Golden West.



ter, Sue Miller (Richard).

Sallee's family wishes to thank all those who have sent condolences and donations. They also want to thank those who attended Sallee's funeral service.

In Sallee's memory, donations may be made to the Keith Postier Memorial Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to Vendome Parlor No. 100, NDGW. Memo line: KPMSF. Send donations to KPMSF, 4110 Normandale Drive, San Jose, CA 95118.



loved chatting with those she met. She is devoted to her family and had 14 family members attend the luncheon to support and honor



Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between April 10, 2018–July 15, 2018. We are asking our readers for their patience during the current transition at the Grand Parlor Office. If we have missed any deceased members on this list they will be added to the list in our next issue of the *California Star*.

Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Elsie Whyte	Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 Lucille "Lucy" Raffetto	Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 Dorothy Ferrante
Marguerite Parlor No. 12 Beverly Mae Cola	Hiawatha Parlor No. 140 Margery Chew	Daniel Munoz
Eshcol Parlor No. 16 Agnes Pearl Levy	Bonnie Stone	Violet Marie Smith
Naomi Parlor No. 36 Marian Kinzler	Encinal Parlor No. 156 Betty Dombrink	Placerita Parlor No. 277 Louise Roberts
Veritas Parlor No. 75 Enid Olive	San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Helen May Matulich	La Tijera Parlor No. 282 Wilma Cratz
Aleli Parlor No. 102 Patricia Brewer	Morada Parlor No. 199 Shirley Haller	Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 Rosalie Andrade
Warren King	El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Mary K. Shell	Barbara Medel
Darina Parlor No. 114 Barbara Modica	Lomitas Parlor No. 255 Mary Lamoglia	Arcata Parlor No. 325 Lou "Cora" Gooch
Marianne O'Reilly		Dolores Weatherbee
Hayward Parlor No. 122 Mary Grace Enos		Amapola Parlor No. 338 Nicole Ryan

Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

Room Reservations

To make a Room Reservation call 415-921-2664  
or E-mail Home@NDGW.comcastbiz.net  
or mail the Reservation Form available from  
Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office or NDGW Home Office

# Apologies from the California STAR Editor



Grand Trustee Susan Collins (left) and Grand Trustee Viola Gene Dana (right) were both elected at GPAM 2018 in June. Many apologies for the misspelling of GT Susan’s last name and the misprint of GT Gene’s name in the last issue of the *Star*, and congratulations to you both!

## Exciting Updates from GPAM 2018

Dear Sisters:

Thank you to Jr. PGP Cynthia Connelly for all of her efforts in presenting an enjoyable Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Sacramento. The GPAM 2018 Sessions Committee and the Hilton Arden West Staff worked diligently to ensure that everyone had a great week. All of the Sisters in attendance were thoughtful and well-informed on the proposed legislation as well.

At this year’s Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, it was voted not to increase the per capita tax for the 2018-2019 term. The budget was passed with the annual per capita tax set at \$29.00 with \$14.50 paid by July 31, 2018 and \$14.50 paid by January 31, 2019. The audit form has been revised and is now posted on the N.D.G.W. website ([www.ndgw.org](http://www.ndgw.org)) for your use.

Another change approved by the membership at Grand Parlor Annual Meeting was to modify the N.D.G.W. Application for Membership. The changes are in place for a two-year trial basis and it is everyone’s hope to streamline the membership application process. These changes are designed to enable Subordinate Parlors to initiate new members in a more timely way. Your Recording Secretary will no longer need to send signed applications into the Grand

Parlor Office for approval. Instead, the document review process will take place at the Subordinate Parlor level and only the Activity Report and Membership Card will be sent into the Grand Parlor Office. It was also voted to approve the removal of past dues/fees owed for returning members. This change was implemented to allow returning Sisters to simply be “welcomed back” into Native Daughters.

Also, regarding meeting attendance, Parlor Members are allowed to attend a meeting by electronic media, phone, etc. and will be considered present and can participate in the meeting if they are in communication for the entire meeting. This procedure can also be used for the required quorum for a legal meeting.

Great thanks are extended to the 2017-18 State of the Order Committee under the guidance of Chairman PGP Debi Stalder; the State Chairman of Legislation, PGP Sharon Johnston and her Committee along with the Co-Chairmen of Extension of the Order PGP Beth Perrin and PGP Camelia Robles and their Committee for their hard work and dedication to the betterment of our Order.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Suzi Riley, PGP  
State Chairman State of the Order

## Veritas Parlor Honors Veterans

SUBMITTED BY MARGIE TREANOR, VERITAS PARLOR NO. 75

The Saturday before the Monday Memorial Day celebration, the cemetery in Merced is decorated with American Flags and white crosses at each Veteran’s grave site. This is all done by volunteers and supervised by workers and volunteers of the Cemetery Board. Veritas Parlor No. 75 Members Durell Ewing, Tina Hill, Margie Treanor, and Roberta Saling were happy to help.

The Cemetery district provides the flags, crosses and hammers and they serve coffee, hot chocolate and donuts before the task

begins and pizza and soft drinks after the work is complete. The flags flying in the breeze are so pretty for the Memorial Day event on Monday where the VFW performs the 21-Gun-Salute and speakers from the American Legion give thanks to all Veterans.

The Harmony Valley Choir entertained and two of Veritas sisters, Esther Smith and Ruth Dacus helped with the singing of the Patriotic songs. Lunch was served after the ceremony and it was a beautiful day. Thank you, Veterans, every day.



Durell Ewing, Tina Hill and Margie Treanor

## Report of the State of the Order 2017-2018

By DEBI STALDER, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN. LAUREL PARLOR NO. 6

The State of the Order Committee met four times before Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. As a committee member of Personnel, the committee was very active this year with a transition of Personnel in the Grand Parlor Office and additional support employees at the NDGW Home.

It has been a very difficult year for Personnel with attaining Grand Parlor Office Staff! On behalf of the members of NDGW I would like to recognize, with great appreciation, the Order’s long-term Bookkeeper, Francine Bremer for her valued service to our Order and wish her a wonderful retirement and heartfelt thank you for her most admirable employment to our Order.

The Committee met to prepare the Recommendations and Resolutions for submission to the voting members of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. A Personal Thank you to Suzi Riley, PGP, for taking the initiative to be our typist and prepare the Recommendations for printing and also preparing the Advanced Reports too! Her skills were invaluable!

As I mentioned in my report as State Chairman of State of the Order in 2013-2014, “The Parlors need to understand that the Order cannot sustain membership or growth if the voting members at the GPAM do not know what direction they want to go for the Order’s future. If members do not speak up about “Change” we will fail! Don’t just leave those decisions in the hands of the Grand Officers, PGP’s, and State Committee’s! Get involved!” I feel this statement is still valid and important to the future of our Order!

The other duties of the State of the Order include reporting on the, “State of our Order” to the Members! It is a very important task that the committee takes very seriously!

Membership is declining, Parlors are consolidating or surrendering their charters, and lack of Parlor meeting attendance is a problem. Ladies we need to have something to offer to attract people to get involved and then retain their membership! Yes, it can be hard at times but as our Worthy Grand President has stated all year, “How much do you value your membership!” It is a very important true statement!

The NDGW Budgets for the Administrative Committees are always a concern and of course per-capita and assessments to the Parlors are crucial and the impact on raising dues for Sisters’ who are on a fixed income is always a sensitive issue. In the last five years the cost to conduct the business for the Grand Parlor Office has escalated substantially, especially employee salaries and services in the City of San Francisco! I strongly suggest that the Board of Directors appoint a non-biased special committee of Members to assess the problem of continuing to keep the Grand Parlor Office in the City of San Francisco which is one of the highest cost of living areas in the State of California or relocate the Office in another more economically feasible area of the State. This committee would report the findings to the 2019 delegates in Fresno, California for consideration.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the NDGW Home is becoming more and more self-sufficient with an increase in Guest Room use! Grants, Room Rents, Invested Funds, and Fundraisers should be the only income needed to maintain and operate the Home! The goal should be to be fully self-sufficient with zero Member assessment, hopeful in the near future! Our NDGW Home is one of our most valued assets and the State Committee and the Employees should be commended for their dedication and valued passion of our “Julia Morgan Lady.”

Last year the Public Relations Committee offered tools to help attract new Members and we appreciate the Parlors that used these ideas and tools with success in increasing Members, but I am sad to say that some Parlors never even opened their Packet to use them! Good news! State of the Order is

pleased to see members wearing their Official Red “Join Us!” T-Shirts and continue our campaign of “Join Us!”

Another topic that is so very important to the future progress of our Order is attracting qualified Members to seek the office of a Grand Officer and have the work ethic to find solutions to have our Order’s succeed in the future! One problem with the lack of interest in seeking the desire of becoming the leadership of our Order is that Members are not prepared to serve our Order in Administrative Positions, State Committees, and the passion about knowing and abiding by the Books of our Order. Members should have something to offer to the leadership before they even consider running for Office! Sisters, we cannot wait for Grand Officers to be trained and groomed to be the leadership once they are on the Board! The reality is that you need to hit the ground running on day one of your first day of serving on the Board! Sisters, get involved and ask the Grand Vice President and Grand President for appointments to strengthen your knowledge and skills before seeking to become a Grand Officer! Also, the Past Grand Presidents are a very valuable source for mentorship and advice!

The cost of our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting is always a concern especially for the Grand Officers that seem to always be overwhelmed with the responsibility to the Host Districts and Parlor Sisters involved. We need to address this issue in several ways: Possibly appointing a State Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Site Committee that would thoroughly investigate several locations within the State and present the recommendation to the delegates for decision of where we will Host our GPAM! Another part of cost is the mandated things that are required to conduct our Annual business meeting. Who should be responsible for the cost? I am a supporter of having the Grand Parlor Budget take more financial responsibility to conduct our Annual Meeting and not have the majority of the financial burden placed on the Grand President and her Committee! The cost has become unreasonable to ask these Sisters to take on that burden! Another Committee needs to be appointed to evaluate the cost to conduct the Annual Meeting and then report to the Delegates with what is required, and the optional expenses that would be the Grand President’s Sessions Committee’s responsibility for personal optional expenses!

We the Sisters of this noble Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West must take on the challenge of our declining membership, strong leadership and escalating cost as our primary goals or like I said in 2014! “Or Nothing else matters!”

I would like to “Thank” Grand President Cynthia Connelly for my appointment knowing we would not always agree with everything! To my very capable committee sPGP Dolores Ferenz, Hayward Parlor No. 122, PGP Christine Tripod, Hayward Parlor No. 122, PGP Suzi Riley, Bonita No. 10, Elza Paul, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 and GT Susan Collins, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, you all made me look good!

And lastly, to you all of my Sisters. I thank you for your valuable input and attention to the details and decisions made during this Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

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# 2019 Sessions Committee Hosts Tour

JOAN M. HALL, PGP, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292  
CO-CHAIRMAN, GPAM 2019

PICTURES BY ROGER HALL

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, seventy Members and guests from throughout California joined the 2019 Sessions Committee at the historic Forestiere Underground Gardens in Fresno, for a special fundraising tour. The tour was followed by a luncheon hosted by Parlor Members Jennifer Ward and Merrie Sue Olson.

Baldasare Forestiere, a Sicilian immigrant, created the Underground Gardens on land he purchased in Fresno, California in the early 1900's hoping to become a

citrus grower. When the land turned out to be unfarmable, he began a 40-plus year project of tunneling through the hardpan underneath the topsoil. He created rooms, patios, arches, and planters for citrus and grapes using only a pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow. The Underground Gardens are a California State Historic Landmark and listed on the National register of Historic Places.

For more information visit their website at: [www.undergroundgardens.com](http://www.undergroundgardens.com).



## Roll of Honor

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY SVINDAL, ROLL OF HONOR CHAIRMAN 2017-2018  
SAN JOSE PARLOR NO. 81, NDGW

This year the Roll of Honor Committee had the privilege of reviewing the nominations of two wonderful ladies who have done much for the State of California and/or the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Pursuant to our Constitution, these women are not eligible for Membership in the Order but have mirrored our love of the State of California. The nominees both exemplify the words of our Motto: "...to preserve California's history and better the quality of life.

Connie Rogers was nominated by Gilroy Parlor No. 312. She was born in Vermont and eventually made Gilroy her home in 1966. While she was a full-time mom she became active in her community including time spent on the Planning Commission and was a member of the Gilroy City Council from 1993-1997.

In the late 1990's she became a board member and later President of the Gilroy Historical Society. Under Mrs. Rogers' guidance the Historical Society began to sponsor events and programs to educate the citizens of Gilroy about the importance of preserving the Historical buildings of Gilroy. In 2008 the financial crisis forced the City of Gilroy to close the Historical Museum. Connie recruited thirty volunteers who began work in February 2009. The Gilroy Historical Society is still staffing the city-owned Museum with about 28 volunteers. Connie leads 9 different walking tours of the City on a monthly basis. In 2014, Connie was instrumental in recruiting more volunteers to clean up and preserve the Old St. Mary's Cemetery. They trimmed the trees, put a monument on John Gilroy's grave and a sign identifying the cemetery, improved the lighting surrounding the cemetery

and raised over \$30,000 to erect a wrought iron fence.

Mrs. Rogers has also been generous with her time in support of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. On the occasion of the joint Official Visit of Gilroy Parlor with San Jose and Vendome Parlors in 2017, held at the Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy, she led several tours of the building and was the guest speaker.

The second nominee was Dr. Lee Balstad Davis, nominated by El Pinal Parlor No. 163. She was born in North Dakota and now lives in Oakland.

Dr. Davis has donated a collection of books to the Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection including but not limited to California history, California novels, literature and poetry and women's studies. Included in this donation is a collection of books, journals and monographs on California Native people.

She is working with over 50 California Indian tribes and communities to detail the history of these tribes.

Dr. Davis has completed research and taught in the fields of the California Missions, Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay Islands and Native American Studies as well as many other areas. She has written numerous books on the Native people of California. She has served as the chairperson for five Advisory Committees of the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution. She has also served as the principal Consultant for the planning for the California State Indian Museum as well as doing research for the Native American Cultural Center at Knott's Berry Farm.



Left, County Supervisor Robert Rivas and Connie Rogers.



GVP Dawn Dunlap and Dr. Lee Balstad Davis at GPAM 2018.



## Update on State Funding to Establish a California Indian Heritage Center

GAYLE GLEIM, CHAIRMAN  
LEGISLATIVE MEASURES STATE COMMITTEE

In May 2018 a letter was mailed to all Parlors and an electronic version of the same letter was distributed in early June to N.D.G.W. members via the Internet describing a proposed budget appropriation by Governor Brown to establish a California Indian Heritage Center on 43 acres west of Sacramento at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers. The letter encouraged Native Daughters to let their elected State Assembly and Senate representatives know of their personal views about this proposal.

On June 20 at our 2018 Grand Parlor Annual meeting, Leslie Hartzell, Ph.D., Cultural Resources Division Chief in the California State Parks Department of the Preservation Officer and Tribal Liaison, gave a multi-media presentation about the condition of the current State Indian Museum next to Sutter's

Fort in Sacramento (which was supported at its inception in 1940 with financial support from the N.D.G.W.) and the purpose of the proposed new Indian Heritage Center. Her good news at the conclusion of her remarks was that the \$100 million budget appropriation to begin the project was APPROVED BY BOTH THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE SENATE and was awaiting the Governor's signature (which he delivered on June 27th)!

Hopefully, our Order not only will continue to respect and honor the contributions of our native tribes to the development of our State, but also can be of assistance in the establishment of this larger, interpretive complex to preserve, protect, and celebrate the rich living cultures of California's indigenous peoples.

## Did You Ever Wonder...

Remember when you first joined the Native Daughters of the Golden West? I was intrigued that my new group of Sisters were not a "Club" but a "Parlor"!

"Why are we called 'Parlors'?" was probably one of the first questions you asked. I am curious by nature and find real pleasure in learning about the derivation of customs, idioms and traditions. The social aspect of history is fascinating – and this is certainly true of the History of our Order.

If you are a newer member, have you wondered why things are done as they are? Have you been a Member for 50, 60, 70 years or more and want to share your memories of those early days of your membership?

The history you can share is educational, to be sure. However, it is also the spark that can ignite the imagination of a new member to learn more and to treasure the past as that member takes us into the future.

Please join me in this venture. I am soliciting questions regarding the Order. I am soliciting comments and remembrances that you might wish to share.

Questions will be answered, and reminiscences will be shared. You can reach me online at [vgdana@yahoo.com](mailto:vgdana@yahoo.com) or drop me a line at my home, Viola Gene Dana, Grand Trustee, 1623 S. Orange Ave., West Covina, CA 91790-4442.



# Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton

BY HEIDI DILLON

## Annual Fashion Show

Joaquin Parlor held their Annual Fashion Show on May 5th. Genevieve Galli was the chairman for the beautiful event. The venue was held at the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton, California. This year's theme was "Peace and Forgiveness." The charming table decorations consisted of succulents in round glass bowls adorned with a butterfly. Joaquin Parlor Sisters modeled this year's fashions from Catherine's and Dress Barn. Michelle Feingold, as always, did an amazing job as emcee. All in attendance had a lovely day enjoying the delicious lunch and the fantastic job Genevieve puts forth as such a gracious hostess. The proceeds from the fundraiser went to benefit the Native Daughters of the Golden West Children's Foundation and to the TLC School for Homeless Children in Stockton.

## Cinco de Later Dinner

The 2017 Delegates for Joaquin Parlor held a fundraiser for this year's Delegates at the May 8th meeting. Everyone enjoyed carne asada and chicken tacos, beans, rice and homemade tortillas along with a salsa bar. The festive event was a wonderful addition to our Tuesday meeting.

## Spud-tacular Event

No one left hungry at this years Annual Spud Dinner held on June 12th at the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton. The event raised funds to send this year's Delegates to the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Sacramento. The potatoes were graciously donated by JMH Livestock in Patterson, California. Parlor Sister's brought a variety of salads, chili, a cheese and salami tray, and all the fixings for the baked potatoes. The room was decorated in honor of Flag Day with a red, white and blue motif. Chairmen of the event were the Delegates from 2017, who were "paying it forward" for this year's Delegates.



Genevieve Galli, Chairman of Joaquin Parlor's Annual Fashion Show and guest Hannah Rose Dillon.

# Fresno Parlor No. 187 "Green Corner"

ANN PERKINS, FRESNO PARLOR NO. 187

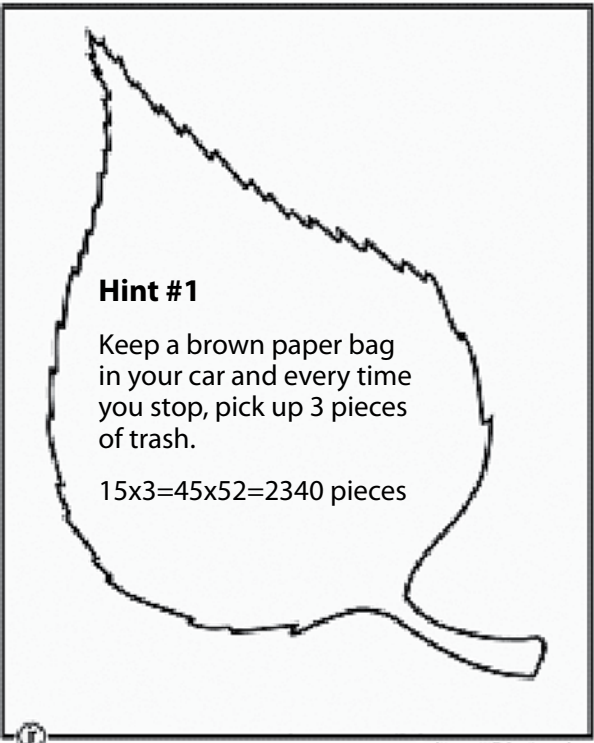
Greetings Sisters,

I am honored to be able to greet you on behalf of the Environmental Issues Committee and I hope you find the information we're sharing to be of interest. In each issue of the "Star" look for the "Golden State Green Corner". It's a simple way to help the environment and please if you have a hint share it with us at [ndgwenvironment2018@gmail.com](mailto:ndgwenvironment2018@gmail.com).

I'll include as many as possible in the "Corner".

A project your Parlor might be interested in is Penny Pines. This is a program to aid in the reforestation of various National Forests. I know Veritas Parlor No. 75 in Merced has been participating for some time and has planted over 25 acres of trees. You can learn more at:

Penny Pines Reforestation Program — USDA Forest Service  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov>  
Penny Pines Reforestation Program. Volunteers planting a tree.  
National Forests in California.  
Looking forward to a very green year!



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# Over Fifty Years of Service To Native Daughters

FROM THE MARGUERITE MESSENGER, VOLUME 6, ISSUE 2

PHOTO BY CAROLYN COLLINS

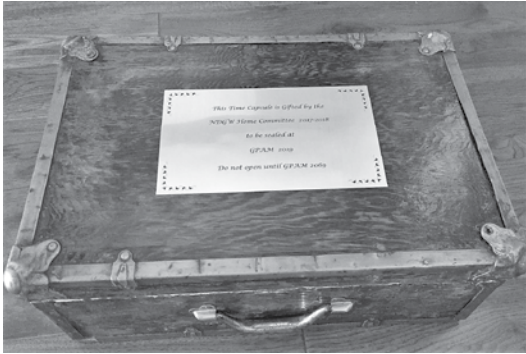
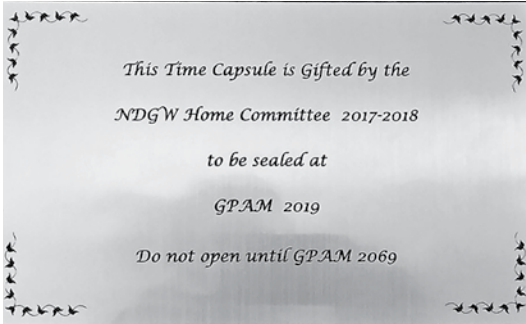
Marguerite Parlor honored Fern Foster for her fifty-plus years of membership in Native Daughters of the Golden West at the April Parlor meeting. Fern actually began as a teenage Junior Native Daughter in Elk Grove, prior to her initiation to Bandera Parlor in 1969. She transferred her membership to Liberty Parlor No. 213 in 1991, and to Marguerite Parlor No. 12 in May of 2000. "Fern has been an active fundraiser, hard worker and dear friend of our Parlor for many years," says Karen DeBerry. Fern designed and created the beautiful T-shirts that will be sold at Grand Parlor Marketplace this year, for example. With her fellow Trustees, Vaughnene Ashby and Jacqui Fogle, Fern has helped oversee Parlor finances for the past several years. Fern plans to enjoy her well-earned retirement from office.



# A Special Birthday Surprise

The Home Committee luncheon/90th Birthday Party for the Home was a blast! It was well attended, and the support for the Home was once again, superb! So many thanks are in order and we encourage each Parlor to read or post the donations list forwarded to each Parlor. Thank you to everyone for the tremendous support to our lovely Home.

A birthday gift was presented to the Home from the Home Committee at the luncheon. Ninety years being a milestone in the Home's existence, the Home Committee felt it fitting to present the Home with a time capsule to be opened fifty years from June 2019. The capsule is a wooden box with a plaque attached to the front stating its purpose. It is our goal to fill this box with memorabilia and collected interviews from members that represent pertinent activities of the Native Daughters. As well, we look to our local Parlors for small items or reports that they would like to have the Home Committee consider for keeping. It will be sealed it at GPAM 2019. Instead of burying the box, and possibly losing it, it will be stored upon a shelf in the Parlor at the Home in San Francisco, for all to gaze with wonder as to what we planted in our



time capsule.  
If you have ideas or trinkets to share, and/or written reports of special projects your Parlor has done this year, please contact Billie McArthur (209) 728-8990. We will consider all solicitations.  
On Behalf of the Home Committee,  
Billie McArthur, Chairman (2017-18)

# South Butte Parlor No. 226 Officers for 2018-2019

SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN,  
TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN AND PUBLICITY, SO. BUTTE PARLOR 226

South Butte Parlor No. 226 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West recently elected the following Officers for the 2018-2019 Parlor Year. Officers were installed at their July 9, 2018 "Picnic Meeting" by Cathy Moniz, DGP/SDDGP.

President: Claudia Warner  
First Vice President: Christine Cooley  
Recording Secretary: Cathy Moniz  
Marshall: Shirley Jimerson  
Financial Secretary: Marie Huerta  
Treasurer: Earlene Knight  
Trustee Chairman/Past President: Gail Kunsman  
Trustee: Christina Cooley  
Inside Sentinel: Debbie Groves  
Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Grand Parlor and Grand President Karen Fini.  
We wish you a most successful year.



Claudia Warner, President

# A New Project is Waiting for a “Kick Start!”

FROM THE ENCINAL PARLOR NO. 156 SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

There is a fountain in Oakland’s Lakeside Park dedicated to Native Daughter Sarah “Sallie” Thaler. Sallie was a lifelong Oaklander who joined Aloha Parlor #106 in 1912, served as President of the Parlor, was involved in the preservation of Mission San Jose and Mission Soledad and was the Grand Secretary for 31 years. The fountain has not worked for some time. Dawn Dunlap, newly installed Grand Vice President, has taken some professionals to the fountain to determine what needs to be done. She is squarely behind getting the fountain running again and having it rededicated. The efforts of our Parlor are being led by Susan Potter, incoming President Cynthia Mulholand, and Terrie Kurrasch. Terrie is also a member of the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club and will be approaching their charitable foundation for financial help. As details unfold, your help may also be needed in a variety of ways. Our goal is to be able to work cooperatively with the City of Oakland to revive the fountain as soon possible.



## Native Daughters of the Golden West Facebook Guidelines

1. Parlors should use the name, “Native Daughters of the Golden West” followed by the “PARLOR NAME NO. \_\_\_\_ or NDGW followed by Parlor Name and No. \_\_\_\_.
2. The Parlor must approve a Facebook Page and Administrator.
3. All information, photos, and shared posts must be approved by the Page Administrator appointed by the Parlor before public posting.
4. Contents on the Facebook page must represent the Native Daughters of the Golden West with the utmost high standards and appropriate content.
5. Caution should be taken when advertising events that are sponsored by the Parlor for public or private invitations. Be sure that permission is sought from the person(s) listed for more information, personal information such as Name, Phone Number, Address, email and or location of the event.
6. If in doubt of posting anything, think twice or feel free to contact the Facebook Manager for guidance or input.
7. Parlor Administrator should screen likes, comments, and posts for appropriate interest to NDGW and the Members of the Order. If you feel something should be deleted, please act quickly.
8. The Official Facebook Page of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is the only Page allowed to use the NDGW Official Emblem.
9. State Committees of the Native Daughters of the Golden West shall follow the same guidelines listed above.
10. Native Daughters of the Golden West Board of Directors or Facebook Manager has the right to direct a Parlor, person, or State Committee to remove content from any Page under the name of Native Daughters of the Golden West or NDGW.

Guidelines Written June 21, 2013  
Debi Stalder, PGP, Facebook Manager  
Electronic Communications State Committee

## The Home Committee Corner

### The Enchanted Elevator

Have you taken a ride in the enchanted elevator? “Otis”, the elevator at The Home, appears to have a mind of its own. Or is it enchanted? Upon occasion, it decides not to stop at the floor indicated when a rider pushes a button. Rather, it will go to that floor, and suddenly go to the first floor, not allowing the riders a chance to exit. Sometimes, it does this several times before finally allowing the riders to exit. It is obvious that “Otis” needs help, and it is expensive. This is reminiscent of the “MTA” sung by the Kingston Trio in the 60s where a rider couldn’t get off the transit because he lacked 5 cents!

### Grace Parlor

Grace Parlor has generously ordered an antique bed frame for the bed in the room they sponsor at The Home. The Home staff is eagerly awaiting the bed frame. It is so nice and refreshing when the room sponsors redecorate or change the furniture in the rooms. Grace Parlor gets a great big THANK YOU!

### El Pinal Parlor

Members of El Pinal Parlor are redecorating the bathroom on the second floor. We can hardly wait to see the “new” bathroom. Thank you El Pinal Parlor.



## Veritas No. 75 — 125th Anniversary

SUBMITTED BY MARGIE TREANOR

Veritas Parlor No. 75 of Merced celebrated its 125th Anniversary and Official visit of Grand President, Cynthia Connelly of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Merced. The tables were elegantly decorated in pretty spring flowers for the 70 Native Daughters and guests from Mariposa, Modesto, Visalia, Fresno, Los Banos, San Juan Bautista, Chico and our 23 members of Merced. The lunch menu was two excellent entrees of salmon filet with béarnaise sauce or chicken scaloppini marsala and six anniversary cakes in so many flavors for all to enjoy. The entertainment was a special slide show and talk given by

a representative from the Forestry Department on the great work the donations for the Penny for Pines provides. Veritas Parlor No. 75 received its 25th certificate, that is 25 acres of trees planted.

Each attendee received a bag of surprise goodies which included an ink pen, a pin of the historic Merced Theatre, a wine glass, poppy seeds and a photo of Veritas Parlor’s Founding members. There was a beautiful pitcher and platter given to a lucky lady as the door prize winner and a raffle for a weekend cabin stay in the green pine trees of Pine Crest, CA. Doreen and her committee did a fantastic job on this 125th Anniversary Party and cannot wait for the 150th.



Jr. PGP Cynthia Connelly and GP Karen Fini had a wonderful time celebrating Veritas Parlor’s 125th Anniversary.



## History of the Fourth of July

FROM THE JULY 2018 POPPY PRESS, LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 255

The Fourth of July — also known as Independence Day or July 4th - has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution.

On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American Independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

### Patriotic Quote:

May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right. (Peter Marshall)



# Advice as We Look to the Future of the N.D.G.W

At the 2018 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting our investments advisor for the last ten+ years, Greg Alessandra (Alessandra & Associates, Rolling Hills Estates, CA), gave a brief overview of the current status of our N.D.G.W. invested funds. As he closed his fiscal comments, he said he was taking off his “financial advisor’s hat” and continuing his remarks as a friend of the Native Daughters.

Greg began by comparing two companies: Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Amazon.com. They both started as innovative companies, Sears in 1892 and approximately 100 years later, Amazon (1994).

Late in the nineteenth century Sears’ founder recognized that there were great numbers of Americans who did not have regular access to retail establishments to meet their needs, and he initiated a mail-order business that over the next 60 years evolved into the largest catalog company in America. To the original catalog of watches and jewelry, Sears enhanced it’s products to include sewing machines, bicycles, sporting goods, toys, furniture, hardware, and even cars—nearly everything a household could desire. In the 1920’s through the 1970’s the company added urban department stores that eventually overshadowed the mail-order business. However, over the years, Sears lost its innovative ability to meet the needs of its customers and with sinking sales and profits has been on a steady decline since the 1990’s.

Taking advantage of the projected growth of internet commerce, Amazon’s founder began the company as an on-line bookstore, and within a short time videos, CDs, video games and electronics were added to the product line. Realizing that consumers were searching for a larger, more diverse selection of items, Amazon built on its initial success and added clothing, furniture, food, toys, and jewelry. By 2015 the company had become the largest internet retailer in the world. In 2017 Amazon expanded into “brick and mortar” retailing with the acquisition of Whole Foods grocery stores. Amazon continues to grow because of its cognizance of current trends in retail shopping and its utilization of high-tech advances that adapt to a changing world.

Then Greg said:  
“So... why am I telling this story? We don’t own Sears in your portfolio, and Amazon is our largest stock holding, but that’s not why. I’m telling you this because I have an enormous affection for your organization. I want to see it flourish and live on in perpetuity. I think the Native Daughters organization

can learn from Sears and from Amazon. Ask yourselves,

- Are you adapting to changes in the world today?
- Are you relevant and interesting to young women in California in 2018?
- What are you offering your members?
- Do you have and support strong, decisive, professional management?
- Has your pricing—think membership dues—kept up with the times? Are they competitive? Are they priced inline with the true total cost of running the organization? Have you compared your dues to Rotary, Kiwanis, National Charity League, etc., etc.?
- Is the organization being operated in a profitable way? Are you adding to reserves or drawing them down?
- Are you actively seeking guidance from experts and getting opinions from outside the organization that may diverge from opinions, which may be long held but stale?
- What is your generation of Native Daughters members doing to invest in and increase the enterprise value of the N.D.G.W.? Will future generations look to you all as a group that added to the value or as one that accepted decline?

“With 5 million dollars in the coffers, you may not realize that you face existential questions. But you do. If you are not running with a balanced budget or profit, growing membership roles, and making the goals and values of your organization inextricably linked to the lives of your members, then you may be failing. Slowly maybe, but still failing. Don’t starve the organization of the resources necessary to keep it going; and, more importantly, adapt it for today and for future generations of California’s women.

“It is my sincere hope that these comments are understood to be a challenge—a positive challenge—to all of you to go back to your local Parlors and to the head organization to shake things up, adapt to the present times, convince every member that it is worthwhile to invest in the Native Daughters organization, and to become known as the group that re-invigorated and reinvented the organization. I am confident that you all—and the women who lived in California in the early days — have the strength, courage and wisdom to make this happen. Be the Amazon.com of fraternal orders, not the Sears, Roebuck... OK?”

# NDGW Tees & Hoodies

We still have NDGW t-shirts for sale  
AND NOW WE HAVE ZIPPED HOODIES TOO!

They are red v-neck 100% cotton t-shirts with our NDGW emblem on the front and our new logo and website address on the back. The red hoodies are lightweight and have the same printing as the t-shirts. If you’d like to order a t-shirt or a hoodie (or a few for your Parlor Members), please contact GS Nickie Acevedo at [Nickie\\_acevedo@yahoo.com](mailto:Nickie_acevedo@yahoo.com) or (559)936-2735.

**T-shirts:** Medium – XL = \$25.00 and 2X – 4X = \$30.00  
**Hoodies:** Medium – XL = \$40.00 and 2X – 4X = \$45.00



## California-Shaped N.D.G.W. Name Badges Available Again!

San Jose Parlor No. 81 is pleased to offer our Sisters the opportunity again this term to purchase a personalized badge in the shape of California. This badge not only identifies you to other Native Daughters, but it also announces affiliation with the Native Daughters of the Golden West to your community—where the badge can be a useful tool in promoting N.D.G.W. membership.



The badge, which will show YOUR NAME and YOUR PARLOR’S NAME AND NUMBER, is approximately 3” long, 1¼” wide and has a brushed gold background with blue text. It attaches to clothing with a magnetic back so there are no pin holes. The cost for each badge remains \$25.00; however, mailing costs have increased this year to \$4.00, making the total price \$29.00 per badge. Orders will be placed with the supplier shortly after September 15, 2018, with delivery approximately 30 days later. ***This is the only time during the 2018-19 term that the badges will be available for purchase.*** Don’t miss your chance during this ordering period to have a distinctive badge to wear as a proud member of your Parlor and the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

If you would like a badge, please complete the order form below:

## South Butte Parlor Celebrates 95th Birthday Party

SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN, TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN/PUBLICITY  
SO. BUTTE PARLOR NO. 226

So. Butte Parlor No. 226 celebrated their 95th Birthday with a dinner celebration at Marcello’s Italian Restaurant in Yuba City on June 11, 2018. Tables were decorated with Orange Poppies and “Happy Birthday” confetti. Everyone shared a delicious meal and yummy birthday cupcakes for dessert.

Pictured from Left to Right: Michael Kunsman, Gail Kunsman, Trustee Chairman; Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary; Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary; Claudia Warner, President; Debbie Grove, Hall Monitor and Randy Grove.



San Jose Parlor No. 81, Native Daughters of the Golden West

NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

(ONE FORM PER PERSON — Please duplicate for multiple orders)

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PRINT Parlor Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$25.00 for badge + \$4.00 for shipping = **\$29.00** total  
(Make checks/money orders payable to: San Jose Parlor No. 81, NDGW)

**Deadline to Place Orders: September 15, 2018**

Mail order form and payment to: San Jose Parlor No. 81, NDGW  
c/o Gayle Gleim, 1005 Aster Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-6739

**(A minimum of 10 badge orders must be received to proceed with an order from our vendor.)**

Questions? Contact Gayle via e-mail: [bandg5435@yahoo.com](mailto:bandg5435@yahoo.com)

## 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 [ndgwgpo@att.net](mailto:ndgwgpo@att.net) or check out our web page at [www.ndgw.org](http://www.ndgw.org) for more information.

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

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



Submitted by: PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Facebook Manager [www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor](http://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 Karen H. Fini 2018-2019

### AUGUST 2018

- 1–4 Old Spanish Fiesta Days, Santa Barbara
- 4 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00 AM San Francisco
- 4 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM San Francisco
- 11 Charter Oak Home Luncheon, Visalia
- 12 East Bay Friends of the Home Ice Cream Social, San Leandro — 1:00 PM
- 13 District 4 OV — Nataqua No. 152, Susanville
- 24 Personnel Committee Meeting — 4:00 PM San Francisco
- 24 – 26 Board of Directors Meeting, NDGW GPO Board Room, San Francisco
- 29 District 27 OV — Poppy Trail No. 266, La Tijera No. 282, Rancho La Puente No. 331



- 11 District 7 OV — Placer No. 138 (H), South Butte No. 226, Lincoln
- 13 Mission Restoration Luncheon — San Juan Bautista
- 17 District 3 OV — Berendos No. 23, Hiawatha No. 140 (H), Redding
- 20 Mid—State Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Visalia
- 21 District 14 OV — Ursula No. 1, Forrest No. 86, Amapola No. 338
- 24 District 26 OV — Placerita 277 (H), Toluca 279, Van Nuys
- 27 District 12 OV — Eshcol No. 16, Calistoga No. 145 Donner No. 193 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, Byron
- 31 Happy Halloween

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00 AM San Francisco
- 1 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM San Francisco
- 4 District 2 OV — Eschscholtzia No. 112, Etna
- 7 California Statehood Celebration
- 9 California Statehood Day
- 11 Native Daughters of the Golden West Founders Days
- 13 District 8 OV — Laurel No. 6, Manzanita No. 29, Naomi No. 36 (H), Downieville
- 15 District 10 OV — Marguerite No. 12, Sutter's Mill No. 336 (H), Coloma
- 23 District 13 Home Luncheon — Zinfandel No. 337 (H), Lodi

### OCTOBER 2018

- 5 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM San Francisco
- 5 Finance Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM San Francisco
- 5 NDGW Charitable Foundation Meeting — 3:00 PM San Francisco
- 6 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00 AM San Francisco
- 6 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM San Francisco
- 9 District 19 OV — Joaquin No. 5, Stockton

### NOVEMBER 2018

- 3 District 6 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Chico
- 4 Day Light Savings Time Ends
- 4 District 13 OV — Calafia No. 22, Woodland No. 90, Sutter No. 111, Liberty No. 213, West Wind No. 328, Zinfandel No. 337
- 6 Election Day
- 10 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 9:00 AM San Francisco
- 10 Home Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM San Francisco
- 11 Veterans' Day — Support Our Troops and Veterans
- 11 Veterans' Welfare Committee Fundraiser — Santa Nella
- 12 District 17 OV — Encinal No. 156, Argonaut No. 166
- 17 District 20 OV — San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100 (H), Gilroy No. 312
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER 2018

- 1 Eshcol No. 16 Mission Restoration Dinner — Napa
- 2 District 15 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — San Francisco
- 2 NDGW Home Open House & Tree Lighting — NDGW Home, San Francisco
- 25 Merry Christmas

## Flag Day — Long May It Wave!

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June 14th — Flag Day — is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Each stripe represents our original colonies and the 50 stars are symbols for each of our States in the Union. Take pride in displaying the USA flag at your home.



A few basics on displaying the American flag: The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset. The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it. The flag should not be flown in the rain or inclement weather. The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Your state flag and other flags fly below it. Never let your flag touch the ground.



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