

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

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, NDGW, sponsored an exhibit in the Community building at the Kern County Fair running from Sept. 17, through September 28, 2014. This is the sixth entry for the parlor, having previously won four first and one third place, and this year winning second place. Our award for second place is \$500.00 for our treasury.

The theme of the Fair is "The Best in the West". Our theme was that "California is the Best in the West." Our Chairman this year, Darleen Carpenter, along with her committee, showcased the activities of NDGW including California Admission Day, missions and lighthouses, Children's Foundation, Poppy Day, Charitable Foundation, Education and Scholarships, Environmental issues, Veterans, Americanism, Welfare, the El Camino Bell, the California Bear Flag, NDGW Home and our Proclamation for California Admission 2014 from the Mayor's office.

Under our Parlor banner, we had laminated posters highlighting all of our activities. We then had displays to focus on the activities on the posters – lighthouses, a replica of the San Diego Mission, a blue environmental waste can with brochures and proper disposal information, flags, poppies, the El Camino Bell, veterans memorabilia, items we donate to the women's shelter and vets boxes, a poster of all 21 California missions, and Pioneer Roster information. There was also a looping photo display screen continuously showing about 200 pictures of our NDGW and Parlor activities while the song "I

Love You California" was playing. There was a supply of brochures for CFIC and Childrens Foundation, applications, and our business cards on the table. Many thanks to our Fair Committee, Chairman, Darleen Carpenter, Ethel White, Lurine Webb, Chris Kildare, Kathy Puryear, Sandee Senior, and Lynn Montgomery. Special thanks to Lynn and Sandee's husbands, Keith and Larry, and Lurine's brother who helped to hang the banner and posters and assemble the display.



Pictured above: Sandee Senior, Darleen Carpenter, Chrm. and Kathy Puryear

### City of Sonoma Honors Native Sons and Daughters

FROM "THE NATIVE SON" — AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

The City of Sonoma issued a proclamation honoring Sonoma's Native Sons and Daughters on the one hundredth anniversary of the Bear Flag Monument on June 14, 2014.

The proclamation noted that the Native Sons (and later Native Daughters) decided to "dedicate themselves to the creation of a monument to the men of the Bear Flag Revolt and their Bear Flag...[and] the Native Sons secured the services of renowned San Francisco sculptor John MacQuarrie to create a bronze sculpture of a Bear Flagger carrying the Bear Flag; the sculpture was installed in October 1913 in the Sonoma Plaza near the location of the original hoisting of the Bear Flag by members of the Native Sons. It was unveiled and dedicated at 2 p.m. June 14, 1914 before an immense crowd including the Governor of the State of California."

By the proclamation, Sonoma Mayor Tom Rouse proclaimed June 14, 2014 Bear Flag Day in the city and extended the appreciation of the entire city council to the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West "for their hard work and intensity of spirit in keeping the history of the Bear Flag alive."

#### Dear Sisters:

It is hard to believe how fast this year is going! I cannot believe that October is here and one-quarter of my term as your Grand President is already complete. I am having a wonderful time visiting all areas of our beautiful golden State and greeting all of my Sisters along the way. I am very proud of the work that you and your Parlors are doing for the betterment of our Order and appreciate all that you are doing to unite California! My Official Visits have been very special... Thank you so much!

My Special Project for the year is *Celebrating California!* This unique calendar project allows all of us to showcase the magnificent local landmarks in our areas and at the same time to celebrate our glorious golden State. Please see the information included in this edition of the Star or contact State Chairman Lorie O'Brien from San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 for additional details and information. I look forward to seeing all of the entries and to sharing the stunning color calendars at GPAM 2015 in June.

Continuing with the work started to maintain our beautiful Julia Morgan designed N.D.G.W.

Home, this year I am focusing on the Parlor. The draperies were installed last year and now I have decided that the furniture needs some attention. My Home project for the year is entitled "Perk up the Parlor". The donations collected will allow for the restoration and re-upholstery of our parlor couches. Our couches are in dire need of some renovation and I am excited and grateful for all of the generous donations I have received so far. Thank you for your help!

I will soon be off on my travels again and look forward to meeting more of my Sisters and visiting all areas of our great State. Thank you for being a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West!

With Sisterly love,  
*Suzi Riley*  
Grand President



#### Ruby Parlor No. 46

#### Native Daughters of the Golden West

Cordially invites you to the  
125th Anniversary Celebration  
of Ruby Parlor and the  
Official Visit of  
Grand President Suzi Riley to  
Ruby Parlor No. 46 and  
Golden Era Parlor No. 99  
Sunday, December 14, 2014  
11 A.M. Social 12:00 Brunch

\$35 per person

Ironstone Winery

1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys, CA

RSVP by December 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parlor Name/No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Number or people attending \_\_\_\_\_  
\$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed, \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable and RSVP to  
Ruby Parlor No. 46, P.O. Box 1784, Murphys, CA 95247

# Marguerite Parlor Remembers Departed NDGW Sisters

By MICHAL LAWRENCE



Anne Cathcart, Treasurer for Marguerite Parlor No.12 places a California State Flag at the gravesite of departed Sister Rosemary Anderson in Placerville, California in observance of California Admission Day. The flags were displayed between Sept. 8 and 10, 2014, at area cemeteries to honor the contributions of forty-two departed Sisters of Marguerite Parlor.



A California State Flag decorates the gravesite of departed Sister Helen White Veerkamp.



Caroline Mueller, First Vice President, Marguerite Parlor No.12 places a California State Flag at the gravesite of departed Sister Anna T. Basham.



A California State Flag decorates the gravesite of departed Sister Eleanor R. DeLacy.

## Shake Your Winter Blues and Soar With Eagles — At Millerton Lake SRA

SUBMITTED BY BRENDA GREEN, RECORDING SECRETARY, FRESNO PARLOR 187

The NDGW Fresno Parlor No. 187 brings back a favorite specialty in our own backyard! The January 17, 2015 Eagle Tour at Millerton Lake State Recreational Area includes a detailed presentation by Randy McFarland, Public Information Officer of Friant Water Users Authority during breakfast held at nearby Eagle Springs Golf Course Café. And we are even more excited about the new dam at Temperance Flat that will help solve the drought issues our valley farmers and communities have severely suffered with during the past 2 years.

Millerton Lake SRA is a site of historical significance in Fresno County as it was home to the first Courthouse near the U.S. Army outpost of Fort Miller. In 1861 and 1867 floods would ravish the settlement, followed by a devastating fire in 1870 that put the few remaining residents of Millerton into a disheartened slump of which they would never recover.

Native Sons of the Golden West and Native Daughters of the Golden West were instrumental in preserving this historic building beginning in 1941 and finishing the relocation of the building in 1970. Nowadays it proudly sits atop Mariner's Point—a clearing surrounded by native trees with a very picturesque view of Millerton Lake and the high-water side of Friant Dam.

Beginning at 7 AM at Eagle Springs Golf Course Café, breakfast will be served and we will be enlightened by Randy's presentation. Participants will be given gate passes into Millerton SRA and drive a short distance to the historic Courthouse at 9 AM for a Ranger-led tour. The two-hour cruise aboard a pontoon boat (with canopy), includes hot chocolate on board that will help keep us warm, however participants are encouraged to dress in warm layers! Along with the narrated tour, the ranger will guide the boat to a place where all those on board can see the future Temperance Dam site. (As I write this, Randy McFarland gives assurances the surveys are being completed and construction cranes are being moved into position... Core samples were taken 3 years ago). There will also be a mid-tour restroom break. Upon our return to shore, the Fresno Parlor has a little surprise awaiting our participants!

The cost is \$50.00 for breakfast and cruise, per person; paid reservations must be received by January



Caroline Mueller, First Vice President, Marguerite Parlor No.12, places a California State Flag at the gravesite of departed Sister Anne Stich.

PHOTOS BY MICHAL LAWRENCE

Save the Dates . . .

San Diego Parlor No. 208

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

April 10, 2015

100th Anniversary Celebration

Official Visit  
Grand President Suzi Riley

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Island Palms Hotel And Marina  
Shelter Island, San Diego

Mark your calendars now  
You won't want to miss this event

5, 2015. Seating is limited — ensure your exciting January morning of "Shake your Winter Blues and Soar with Eagles" with your early response!! Mail to: Karen Fini, 6412 N. Dolores, Fresno, CA 93711-1321. One last note: The flyer included in future mailings will include recommended hotels in northern Fresno, maps and directions. (Nearby Table Mountain Casino offers NO hotel facilities.) Now for those RVers, Millerton SRA offers year-round campsites in the Meadows Area, with full hookups! Go to <http://parks.ca.gov/>. On the tool bar, click on "Visit a Park" and the alphabetical menu appears, scroll halfway through to "M" and choose Millerton Lake State Recreation Area. The left-side button for "Brochures" offers a nice map of the campground, campsites are on a first-come/first-serve basis during wintertime. Reservations may also be made by calling Reserve America at 800-444-7275. Remember, January 17, 2015 is the Saturday before Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday; Millerton SRA rangers say RVers reservations are highly recommended.

### 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

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# Flora Celebrated 75 Years of ND FUN!

BY SUE GABEL, RANCHO LA PUENTE NO. 331

FUN! FUN! FUN! Fun ensued at this year's Hicks from the Sticks Luncheon at the June 2014 GPAM session. This was the perfect place for Flora MacKay, Rancho La Puente's party girl, to receive her 75 year pin. Flora wanted a relaxed party atmosphere for the event. Grand President Sharon Logan read Flora's ND tales of fun and presented her with her pin. Flora was supported by Sisters Laurel Day, her daughter, Gene Dana, Sue Gabel and dear friend and former Verdugo member PGP Jackie Thomas.

We want to thank Jr PGP Sharon Logan for permitting this to happen in such a party environment, rather than the regular sessions meetings. It made Flora very happy and it was just FUN for all!



Flora MacKay

Flora's bio read by PGP Sharon Logan at the Hicks from the Sticks Luncheon at GPAM 2014:

Flora Alice Molen MacKay came from a Native Son and Native Daughter family and on May 5, 1939 at the age of 19, she joined Verdugo Parlor in Glendale.

When Flora was 21, the Marshal resigned and she was quickly installed to fill that position in time for Hazel Hansen's homecoming (long story).

She subsequently went through the chairs and became the youngest President of Verdugo Parlor at age 24.

She served as deputy to Californiana Parlor.

After receiving her 50 Year pin from Verdugo Parlor, she transferred to Rancho La Puente Parlor, which was closer to her home.

She has served as President 3 times, and on her 60th year as a member was made a Life Member.

Flora still continues to be an active member of Rancho La Puente Parlor, rarely missing a meeting.



Group photo L-R: Gene Dana, Sue Gabel, PGP Jackie Thomas, Flora MacKay, Laurel Day

# Viva la Fiesta!

BY FRANCINE MACKEY, PAST PRESIDENT  
TIERRA DE ORO PARLOR 304, SANTA BARBARA

VIVA LA FIESTA!!! Those were the words that were spoken during Santa Barbara's celebration of our history and cultures; Spanish and Mexican. This year Tierra de Oro members took part in several festivities leading up to and through Fiesta.

We assisted with the Flower Girl and La Senorita Presentation held on July 26th in the Sunken Garden of the Santa Barbara Courthouse. We helped distribute the cookies and punch to the girls after they were introduced to El Presidente Dennis Rickard who is a direct descendant of Jose De la Guerra y Noriega, Commandant of Santa Barbara and guests. During the week leading up to Fiesta these young ladies visit Nursing Homes to bring a little bit of Fiesta to the residents by passing out flowers and smiles. Their reward, smiles in return. Next, several members of the Parlor attended La Recepcion del Presidente which was held in the outdoor rotunda at the Fess Parker Double Tree. Toni Heppner, Francine Mackey, Lisa and Scott Burns and Debra and Roger Aceves enjoyed a buffet dinner with music and dancing.

On Wednesday July 27th, Grand President Suzi Riley, Grand Trustee Dorothy Rogers and Grand Outside Sentinel Nickie Acevedo arrived in Santa Barbara. GP Suzi and GOS Dorothy joined Parlor member Sylvia Quinn at the Women's Club for their Pre-Fiesta

Luncheon. Later that evening the Grand Officers joined members of Tierra de Oro and Reina del Mar at the steps of Mission Santa Barbara for La Fiesta Pequena. Fiesta Pequena brings various dance groups and schools to the Mission steps; dancing classical flamenco and regional Mexican dances, very colorful and beautiful. Then on Thursday July 28th we headed to the Carriage Museum where we put the finishing touches on our float for Friday's Desfiles Historica (Historical Parade). With the help of Past Grand President Joan Hall and members, Cecelia Media, Toni Heppner, Rita Ojeda, Rachel DeAlba, Jackie Ericson, Anna Ortiz, Linda Gregory, Lisa Burns and yours truly, we were done by 8 pm. This year's float was a depiction of the 1948 re-enactment of Portola's trek from San Diego to San Francisco, which brought him through Santa Barbara and past our Mission. We were honored to have our visiting Grand Officers on the float with us again this year along with TDO members Toni Heppner (who hogged the KEYT camera), Lisa Burns, Cecelia Media, Rita Ojeda and Francine Mackey. Also along for the ride were Native Sons Jesse and Joe Ponce.

So, next year you're all invited to come to Santa Barbara and experience Santa Barbara's Party.



## Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between July 10 and October 10, 2014.

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| Joaquin Parlor No. 5<br>Josephine Cazale - 8/12/2014<br>Rose Costa - 7/8/2014 | Oakdale Parlor No. 125<br>Bernice Ramsey - 7/19/2014       | Marinita Parlor No. 198<br>Sally Hearn - 6/11/2014<br>Alice Silveira - 6/25/2014 |
| Bonita Parlor No. 10<br>Patricia Coronado - 7/12/2014                         | Placer Parlor No. 138<br>Levell Besana - 8/11/2014         | Liberty Parlor No. 213<br>Karen Ewing - 5/22/2014<br>Dorothy Veiluva - 5/9/2014  |
| Marguerite Parlor No. 12<br>Beverly Hills - 8/19/2014                         | Nataqua Parlor No. 152<br>Margaret Sturgeon - 5/20/2014    | Lugonia Parlor No. 241<br>Elsie Darling (Chandler)                               |
| Manzanita Parlor No. 29<br>Loree Toller - 8/14/2014                           | El Pinal Parlor No. 163<br>Barbara Helen Walter - 8/6/2014 | La Tijera Parlor No. 282<br>Diana Rangel - 7/7/2014                              |
| Naomi Parlor No. 36<br>Nancy Gray - 7/23/3014                                 | Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190<br>Lila Hochsteat - 5/5/2014  | Jurupa Parlor No. 296<br>Doris Hartvig - 8/16/2014                               |
| Golden Era Parlor No. 99<br>Olivia Muse - 7/2/2014                            | Donner Parlor No. 193<br>Shirley Jensen - 7/4/2014         | George C. Yount<br>Parlor No. 322<br>Sally O'Sullivan - 7/9/2014                 |
| Hayward Parlor No. 122<br>Marietta Barragan - 6/18/2014                       |  |  |

## List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors as of October 10, 2014.

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| Ursula Parlor No. 1<br>Teresa Vinciguerra<br>Deborah Robinson<br>Sharon Flynn<br>Tasha Burkett<br>Gloria Chambers<br>Elaine Linde<br>JoAnn Levy<br>Suzanne Sheumaker<br>Danna Saunders<br>Deborah Lolla | Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26<br>Peter Stanger        | Morada Parlor No. 199<br>Donna Hiatt<br>Robertta Muniz      |
| Joaquin Parlor No. 5<br>Keith Bickley<br>Jo Ann Baker   | Naomi Parlor No. 36<br>Nancy Gray                | San Diego Parlor No. 208<br>Isaiah Martinez<br>Luis Almanza |
| Eshcol Parlor No. 16<br>Nancy Seitz<br>Kathleen Wallis  | Ruby Parlor No. 46<br>Fay Messer<br>Eloise Ponte | Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266<br>Sarah Ahmad                   |
|   | Forrest Parlor No. 86<br>Karen Kelso             | Charter Oak Parlor No. 292<br>Ashley Walheim                |
|   | Hayward Parlor No. 122<br>Irma Pichardo          | Poinsettia Parlor No. 318<br>Susan Hendrickson              |
|   | Oakdale Parlor No. 125<br>Mary Flynn             | George C. Yount<br>Parlor No. 322<br>Judy Cook              |

## El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Celebrates California Admission Day

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, our Parlor held a luncheon and program in honor of California's 164th birthday in the Tea Room of the Bakersfield Woman's Club. Our theme this year was the California State flower, the Poppy. Each attendee received a bar of homemade poppy soap wrapped in clear paper with poppies. Our table decorations, of course, were our beautiful poppies.

Our Chairman, Brigitte Bonnet, asked many attendees to share memories and reflect on what "California Means to Me". We heard from former Mayor, County Supervisor, and El Tejon member, Mary Kay Shell who was in attendance. It was interesting to hear even the non-California born attendees share their thoughts and experiences on California. We were much honored to have Richard Hoffman, Past Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West and his wife, Jean Hoffman, former Grand Secretary of NDGW attend our luncheon. Dick shared many facts and memories of Admission Day, including the recent events in Columbia. He brought copies of articles from The Grizzly Bear, September 1930, which discussed the Admission Day Parade in San Francisco, and the event, held by the NSGW and the



NDGW in Los Angeles at the site of the battle of La Mesa.

After a delicious homemade lasagna luncheon, we were presented with proclamations and resolutions from the offices of Bakersfield City Mayor, Harvey Hall, County Supervisor, Zack Scrivner, State Assemblywoman, Shannon Grove, and State Senator, Jean Fuller. Our Chairman, Brigitte Bonnet, made a presentation of the history of the Poppy and its selection as the State Flower. El Tejon Parlor member, Sandee Senior, made a presentation on "Admission Day in our Schools" and presented each attendee with a folder of information to be used in the schools on Admission Day. This package has been presented to a representative of the school district who plans the curriculum for the students. Our goal is to have Admission Day and its history discussed in the classrooms every September 9th. The program concluded with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to California followed by birthday cake.



Pictured, Ben Stark, presenting Resolution for State Senator, Jean Fuller to El Tejon Parlor President, Lurine Webb

## Thank You!



GP Suzi Riley would like to personally thank The Fabulous Ukulele Band for providing such wonderful music for her Installation reception. The band members worked hard and presented memorable California beach tunes poolside during the event. The band was under the direction of Monica Kraft, the amazing musical director for Mission San Jose High School in Fremont. Thank you again to the entire band for adding great music to an already fun night!!

## Home Chatter

BY THE HOME COMMITTEE

Pumpkin, spice and everything nice... The smells are radiating in the Home. We have been so busy. Don't wait too long to get your reservation in as the Home is filling fast. Remember you need to get your reservation with payment in 8 days in advance or you will lose it.

We have started on the renovation of the kitchen. We have almost concluded the first phase consisting of the stove and hood. The stainless steel shines so pretty. You must come see how pretty it is.

Christmas Tree Lighting is December 7, 2014 at 3 p. m. The elves are getting ready and the wassail bowl is being prepared. Cookies, candies and peppermint too will be waiting for you. We have so many surprises for you to see. Don't forget Santa will be there waiting. Stockings will be hung by the chimney with care. Don't be surprised with the mistletoe in the air. We will be waiting for you.

We wish and your family a wonderful holiday season.

## Fort Bragg Parlor Takes a Walk in the Park

BY SUSAN COLLINS DGP, SDDGP

Labor Day weekend 2014 marked the 75th anniversary of Fort Bragg's Paul Bunyan Days Celebration. Over the years, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 of the Native Daughters of The Golden West has participated in different ways. For the last three years the Parlor has sponsored a walk with Paul Bunyan in Otis Johnson Park, a grove of redwood trees donated by a member of the family that owned and operated the Union Lumber Company for over 80 years.

This year, in conjunction with the Native Daughters walk, the Paul Bunyan Association dedicated a Founders Grove in honor of the founding fathers of Fort Bragg which was incorporated 125 years ago. Native Daughter member, Teri Jo Barber, addressed the walkers, starting off with a brief history of the city. John Skinner, President of the Paul Bunyan Days Association, provided them with tales of past Paul Bunyan Days festivities. To memorialize the dedication a beautiful redwood sign was unveiled and now sits near the entrance to the park's walking



Paul Bunyan and John Skinner, President of Paul Bunyan Association

trail. The plaque was made by the inmates at the Chamberlain Creek Camp, who have also been helpful in the rehabilitation of the park itself. This year's Paul Bunyan parade's Grand Marshall was Carolyn Johnson, granddaughter of the park's namesake Otis Johnson.

## Lomitas Parlor No. 255 Sponsors California Admission Day Coloring Contest

BY ARLENE SALHA,

LOMITAS PARLOR AMERICANISM & CIVIC PARTICIPATION PARLOR CHAIRMAN

Twenty-nine fourth grade teachers were contacted at eight elementary schools in the Los Banos Unified School District to participate in the Lomitas Parlor 2014 Admission Day Coloring Contest.

Fourteen teachers responded and were excited to participate. I sent out 394 pictures of the Great Seal of California along with interesting facts about California to these teachers. I received 340 brightly colored California Seals back for judging, which wasn't easy.

Every student that submitted an entry and each participating teacher received a "positive reinforcement" pencil with a note attached from Lomitas Parlor thanking them for participating in our contest.

Each of the 14 classes had two winners. In addition to their pencils, they also received the newly released (August, 2014) Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures Escape to California book.

All in all, we reached over 400 students and teachers, as well as their parents, with information on our golden state and the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

# Joaquin Parlor No. 5

By VICKY CESENA

## 2014 District 19 Home Luncheon

On Saturday, September 20, Joaquin Parlor had the honor of hosting the 2014 District 19 Home Luncheon. Chairman of the event was Vicky Cesena, assisted by Marianne Hopper. Committee members included Josie Orozco — Decorations, Karen Clark — Baked Goods, Juanita Case — Boutique, ArdyLee McCurdy — Raffle, and Pam Carpenter — MC. District 19 Parlors generously donated items for the raffle. Joaquin Parlor members contributed tasty baked treats and unique items for boutique shopping.

The theme for the luncheon was “The Home with Heart.” Decorations included red heart-folded dinner napkins, centerpieces of fresh red roses, and heart-shaped thank you gifts. Angie Smith enlarged a picture of the Native Daughters home that was displayed at the entrance to greet guests. Tencha Moreno used her wonderful crafting skills to make

the heart favors and contributed holiday wreaths for the raffle.

The parlor was pleased to welcome Grand President, Suzie Riley, Grand Trustee Karen Fini and Grand Outside Sentinel, Nickie Acevedo. Several Past Grand Presidents also graciously attended. Deputy Grand President for Joaquin No. 5 and Home Committee member, Sylvia Lowrie, was guest speaker for the occasion. Her speech included facts about our Native Daughter’s Home on Baker Street. Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents received fresh roses as a thank you gift for their dedication to our organization.

Proceeds from the event exceeded \$1,000. Joaquin Parlor would like to offer heart-felt thanks to all the NDGW members that contributed and guests that attended to make this year’s event a success.

## Second Annual Apron Luncheon

On Thursday, October 2, Joaquin Parlor members met for the second annual Apron Luncheon. Last year, the luncheon was dedicated to the memory of Noreen Sanchez, a beloved former President of Joaquin Parlor. She made and collected many aprons throughout the years, so it was the perfect occasion to gather and celebrate the life of a cherished sister.

Members wore favorite aprons and shared stories of their origin. The event was such a success that it was decided to make it an annual event honoring our deceased sisters, who will always be remembered fondly and greatly missed.

Linda Spaulding, fa-



Josie Orozco, theme and decorations coordinator, and ArdyLee McCurdy, raffle coordinator, contributed greatly to the success of the “Home with Heart” Luncheon.



# 50 Year Pin Award

By ROBERTA KOSKI

Argonaut sister Shirley Paganini is presented with her 50 year pin by Grand President Suzi Riley on July 27 at the Holy Ghost Hall in San Lorenzo. Proudly looking on is Shirley’s sponsor Evelyn Rodes, a 76 year member of the Native Daughters. Shirley met Evelyn at the beauty shop and they became life-long friends. Shirley then married Evelyn’s cousin Herman. Shirley, Herman, Evelyn and Evelyn’s husband Yancy often travelled together as well as pairing up for a game of Pinochle. Congratulations, Shirley!



Joaquin Parlor member, Juanita Case, sells boutique items to guests at the “Home with Heart” Luncheon.

mous for her charming home-made aprons, donated a fall-themed apron to be raffled. Guests bought numerous tickets and crossed fingers hoping to win the prized apron. Lucky winner was Pam Carpenter! Stephanie Hopper was the winner of a t-shirt kindly donated by the venue, Royce Farms BBQ.

## Thanksgiving Tea

On Saturday, November 15, Marianne Hopper and Linda Spaulding will be co-chairing Joaquin Parlor’s annual Thanksgiving Tea. Please join us for this delightful event which sells out quickly. Besides tea treats, there will be mimosas, raffle baskets, and homemade goodies. Also, for those of you not lucky enough to have won

one of Linda’s aprons, she donates several to the event which may be purchased at the homemade goods table. Hope you can join us and share in the fun!



Karen Clark with homemade goodies for sale at the District 19 “Home with Heart” Luncheon.



Marianne Hopper, Stephanie Hopper, and Linda Stirm cheerfully welcome guests to the District 19 Luncheon.



Joaquin Parlor’s Apron Luncheon raffle winners, Pam Carpenter and Stephanie Hopper, along with Joaquin President, Ida Evens.

## South Butte Parlor No. 226 Spaghetti Feed a Huge Success...

BY GAIL KUNSMAN, PUBLICITY

If you didn't attend, you missed a fun friendly event. Native Daughters Parlor No. 226 hosted their 8th Annual Salad Bar and Spaghetti Feed on Saturday, September 20th. It was a wonderful evening of friendship, rushing, and yummy food prepared by our sisters. Vicki Tomlinson, Chairman and "Spaghetti Sauce Queen" prepared another award winning sauce. Proceeds from the event will benefit our parlor's projects and charities for the year. Remember to save the date for next year – third Saturday in September.

Future South Butte Parlor No. 226 happenings: preparing for Grand President Suzi Riley's visitation on October 27th with a luncheon, parlor Christmas party on December 8th, and a Bean Feed on February 21st, 2015.

Ongoing happenings include: Earlene Knight needs donations for our veterans,



Pictured above is Parlor 226's gourmet chef, Vicki Tomlinson.

Claudia Warner would like to help our sisters get rid of any extra treasures they may have laying around the house for Parlor Yard Sale, and the ongoing sprucing up of our Native Daughters Hall.

Come join in the fun.

## "Secret Garden" Home Tea District 21

BY ANN HESTAND, SANTA CRUZ PARLOR NO. 26

The "Secret Garden" Home Tea was held on September 21 in San Juan Bautista. More than 90 guests from parlors throughout the state enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun and friendship in the beautifully decorated Native Daughter Adobe. From the moment the visitors came through the entry gate, they found themselves in the midst of a garden... with tea tables set under lawn umbrellas and greeters in garden party hats.

The living room of the adobe was lushly decorated with greenery, flowers and a wonderful collection of birdhouses loaned by Carolyn Greene, Ann Hestand, Roberta Paul and Sharon Johnston. Barbara Miller also loaned her birdhouses, garden furniture and greenery for the garden party.

The buffet tables were generously laden with tea sandwiches and tea cookies prepared by sisters from Santa Cruz, Salinas, Monterey and San Juan Bautista and tea was served in an assortment of both beautiful and whimsical teapots provided by the district's members.

The Home Tea was also a successful fundraiser for The Home in San Francisco as \$2,553 were collected from both donations and the sale of tickets for the very appealing raffle baskets. These included an "Aloha" Basket, a Secret Garden Basket, a Picnic Basket and a Breakfast Basket...all filled with a generous assortment of goodies.

From the work party on Saturday to the "Secret Garden" Tea on Sunday afternoon and on through the dismantling late Sunday afternoon...a pleasing time was had by all. Everyone in attendance would certainly agree that the "Secret Garden" Tea Party was a huge success!

## California State Song

*I Love You California*

I love you, California

You're the greatest state of all

I love you in the winter,  
summer, spring, and in the fall.

I love your fertile valleys; your  
dear mountains I adore.

I love your grand old ocean and  
I love her rugged shore.

Where the snow-crowned  
Golden Sierras

Keep their watch o'er the  
valley's bloom

It is there I would be in our land  
by the sea

Every breeze bearing rich  
perfume.

It is here Nature gives of her  
rarest,

It is Home, Sweet Home to me,  
And I know when I die I shall  
breathe my last sigh

For my sunny California!

## La Junta Parlor Serves Vets

BY CHRIS BUTLER,  
PARLOR PRESIDENT

Members of La Junta Parlor No. 203 St. Helena made dinner for the St. Helena American Legion on September 9, 2014. A spaghetti dinner was prepared by Jane Ashley and helping serve the veterans were Melissa Pina, Ramona Decker and Wendy Johnson. The President of La Junta Parlor, Chris Butler, had made arrangements for this night, but fell ill to pneumonia, and lucky for Chris, Jane stepped in at the last minute and cooked the whole dinner for the over 80 people in attendance. The Legion members were very grateful for the meal and remarked about how tasty it was!

## Tierra De Oro Parlor No. 304: Installation of Officers

BY FRANCINE MACKEY, PAST PRESIDENT

On August 16th Tierra De Oro Parlor installed their officers for the year 2014-2015. The installation and BBQ was held at Ellwood Ranch thanks to Parlor Member Dorene Iverson. After the installation, which was presided over by Supervising District Deputy Grand President, JoAnn Ponce, Anna Ortiz the newly installed President, thanked everyone for coming and stated that she is looking forward to a productive year. We were treated to hamburgers and hotdogs along with different salads provided by parlor members. Thank you to everyone who brought food and supplies for the BBQ, to Jesse and Joe Ponce for slaving over the BBQ grill, and to Dorene for allowing us to use their wonderful facility.

Also in attendance were Bea Hastings

and Dolores Crowell from Toluca Parlor. It was also nice to see Rose Andrade and all of Anna's family who came to support the new president.

The new officers for the 2014 - 2015 year are: President — Anna Oritz, Past President — Francine Mackey, First Vice President — Toni Heppner, Second Vice President — Pat Haro, Third Vice President — JoAnn Ponce, Recording Secretary — Rae Rosas, Financial Secretary — Sandy Reese, Treasurer — Olive Moreno, Marshal — Jenny Martinez, Trustees — Theresa Garcia, Cecelia Medina and Maxine Bonner, Inside Sentinel — Julia Martinez, Outside Sentinel — Racheal DeAlba and Organist — Linda Gregory.

Good luck and congratulations. We are looking forward to a great year.



## Celebrating the Life of WWII Veteran Beverley Hills

BY MICHAL LAWRENCE

In early August, the little Georgetown Community United Methodist Church was full of loved ones and community members gathered to share their memories and appreciation for the life of departed Sister Beverley Hills.

A solemn and moving tribute to Beverley's military service as a WAVE during World War II set the tone for the recounting of her many years of dedicated service to her community, including 30 years with California Corrections, over 10 years as a Marshall Hospital Trustee, a STAR at the Georgetown Sheriff's Substation, 17 years as a Treasurer of Marshall Grange, and a volunteer at the Rebekah Lodge.

Marguerite Parlor Past Presidents Karen DeBerry, Fern Foster, Vaughnene Ashby, and Jacqui Fogle paid tribute to Beverley's participation as a Native Daughter while each Parlor member attending presented

Beverley's daughter, Sandy Puchar, with a stalk of California poppies in her memory.

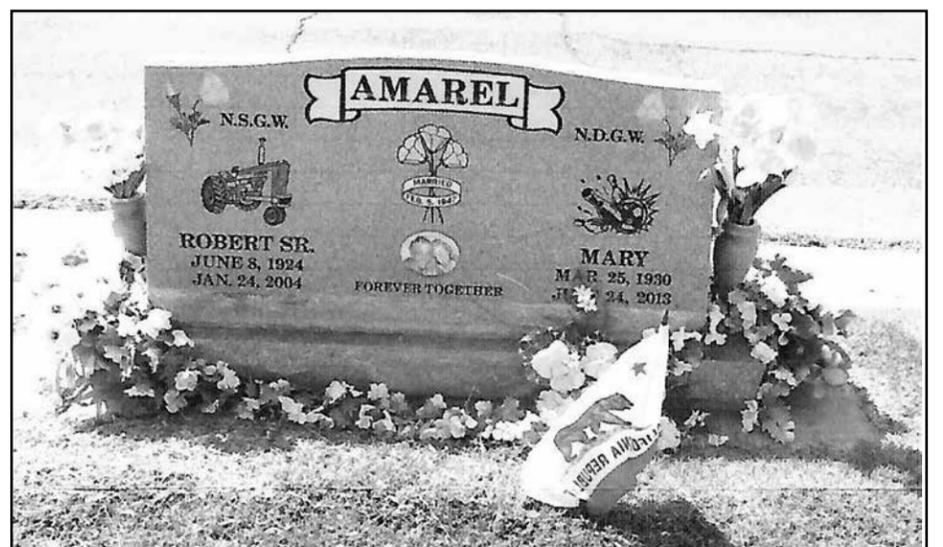
At the lovely reception hosted by the church following the memorial, Beverley's grandson, Brian Puchar, who had delivered the eulogy, shared that he and I had had the same thought as testimony after testimony revealed the wonderful, fun-loving and giving person his grandmother was: "I'd better get busy during my next thirty years if I want to accomplish half the good things Beverley did."

Beverley passed at the age of 90 on July 27, 2014. Though I had never met her in person, as failing health precluded her traveling to El Dorado for parlor meetings the past few years, I now mourn the loss of a Sister who was one of the brightest shining stars, a model of Christian love as she lived her life in service to others.

## Admission Day

BY GAIL KUNSMAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

In honor of Admission Day, South Butte Parlor No. 226 placed the California flag on the gravesites of their sisters at Sutter Cemetery in Sutter, California.



Remembering one of our beloved Native Daughters.

# California History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings

BY DEE GOODSPEED, STATE CHAIRMAN

Many of our Native Daughters of the Golden West markers have been stolen, moved or lost. Our California history is being lost as markers disappear.

I have received several requests from Parlors asking for records of plaques and monuments which Parlors have placed over the years in their areas. There is a book at the Grand Parlor Office that may have information. Checking Parlor minutes can be most helpful.

Our Committee has decided to ask each Parlor to look around their area for markers which they or the Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West have placed over the years. Take pictures of the marker, record the historic significance, date marker was dedicated, and any other pertinent information. We then can update Grand Parlor records. Searchers may be able to talk with city or county staff about missing markers.

We request that any information which you gather be sent to the Committee by February 1st, 2015.

Several Parlors have contacted the Committee to place a new marker, this year. If

your Parlor wishes to do this, please submit the following information to the Committee: Historic significance, proposed marker location, wording for the marker, cost of the marker and proposed date of dedication. Be certain to check with the family, property owner, city and county for permission for the Parlor to place the marker.

The Committee needs to approve your request by February 1st, 2015 to allow time to invite our Grand President and other dignitaries to the dedication. Dedications should be completed before Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June, 2015.

Please do not hesitate to call the Committee with comments or questions. Information can be found in our Ritual Books under Procedures of the Constitution of the Grand Parlor, page 32 and Committee Policies, page 4.

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## We Have a Parlor Flag

BY KATHY MCCLOSKEY, CALISTOGA PARLOR NO. 145

Calistoga Parlor No. 145 procured a 3' X 5' double sided N.D.G.W. Flag to be flown on our city's new ceremonial flagpole as well as for use at fundraising events. When the City of Calistoga set-up this pole to fly other flags other than the city flag, we approached the City Council to request that our flag fly on California Admission Day. Not only was the request unanimously approved, but we were also given a written Proclamation naming Sept. 9, 2014 Calistoga Parlor No. 145 Day. To our delight, our flag was raised on Monday, September 8th and remained in place for an entire week. As it turned out, our flag was the first non-city flag to be raised and it was the delight of many of our sisters to witness this

historic event for our parlor. How proud our sisters were to see the Flag flying whenever we went into town, knowing that it was there for all to see.

On September 9th, Calistoga Parlor No. 145 set up a table in front of our local grocery store and gave out free tiny bear flag cupcakes to promote California Admission Day. As we handed out the treats, we educated those who wanted to know, that California was admitted into the Union on this day in 1850 as the 31st State. Many said they didn't know this fact and thanked us for the information. Even though it was not intended as a fundraiser, we collected \$25.00 in donations. What a fun way to celebrate the birthday of our state.

## From Poinsettia Parlor #318

BY JEAN E. GATES

**The Ortego Adobe**—The Adobe is located on Main St. close to the San Buenaventura Mission in Ventura. This was built by Emigdio Ortego in 1857. He was descended from the first Spanish/Mexican people who arrived in 1767 with the Portola expedition. The Adobe was flooded by the Ventura River in 1866, nearly destroying it. It was rebuilt by the family and two rooms were added on the side. Emilio Carlos Ortego was the eleventh child of Emigdio and was the founder of the Ortega Chili Company making Spanish Chili Sauce in his mother's kitchen in 1897.

This is still available in markets. In 1921, the Adobe became city property of the Ventura Department of Parks and Recreation. They were able to restore and refurbish it in the 1970s.

The grape arbor in the patio was started with slips from the arbor in the Olivas Adobe in Oxnard. It is still going strong. A bench purchased by Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 was also placed beneath the Arbor. With the help of former Poinsettia Parlor Chairman Shirley Clark and her many helpers, the Adobe was kept clean and in good condition for visitors to enjoy. Some trees were also planted in the patio by Shirley. At the present time Poinsettia Parlor members Dolly Attaway and Evelyn Rowden devote one morning a month to cleaning and straightening up the Adobe.

Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 member Myra Harrison passed away on Sunday May 28, 2014 at the age of ninety nine. Myra was a descendent of Lt. Jose Joaquin Moraga, a member of the De Anza pioneer family who founded the San Buenaventura Mission. She was very proud of her Spanish heritage.

She and her husband, E. J. Harrison started a small company hauling trash to the dump for a few neighbors. This later developed into Harrison Industries which now hauls trash, recyclables, and yard clippings for 90,000 customers in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Almost every day these trucks can be seen in motion.

Myra was very involved with her family and supported local non-profit organizations and community cultural events. She was also very generous to organizations that helped children. She served as President of the American Business Women's Association, she was a board member of the Ventura College Foundation, a member of the Ventura Historical Society, Ventura County

Museum of History and Art, Emblem Club, Los Californians, the Garden Club and the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. She was very involved in her community and will be greatly missed.

### We Need More Rubber Bands

Many of us are like wheelbarrows, not much good unless pushed.

Some of us are like canoes, we need to be paddled.

Others are like kites, if not kept on a string they will fly away.

Some are like balloons, filled with air and ready to blow any minute.

Then there are those of us who are like footballs, you never know which way they will bounce.

Some are even like trailers, they need to be pulled to every meeting, every project

Then there are those of us that like rubber bands, they give all they can, stretch our time accordingly,

hold things together, and bounce back to help even more.

### We Need More Rubber Bands

We can find more rubber bands in the membership of Parlors of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

You all can be a rubber band.

You can stretch your time and help out your Parlor; even volunteering for one small task will help tremendously.

Just think about all the different things a rubber band can do and all the different sizes and colors they come in.

We all have unique talents and abilities we can share.

### Volunteer! Share Your Talents!! Be A Rubber Band!!!

The Extension of the Order Committee challenges all Native Daughters to be a rubber band.

## What Has Taken Place in San Luis Obispo

BY NADINE LEWIS, SAN LUISITA PARLOR NO. 108

In the month of August, our DGP Dawn Dunlap installed our officers: President — Debbie Rhodes, Secretary — Shirley Jones, Treasurer — Maureen Segor, Financial Secretary — Jacqueline Thomson, Trustees — Linda Rivera and Kathleen Luiz, Marshal — Judy Fry, Inside Sentinel — Albert Lewis, and Outside Sentinel — Richard Rhodes.

San Luisita No. 108 celebrated California on September 5th. We gathered in front of San Luis Obispo courthouse and handed out poppy seeds. Many passed by and were grateful and thanked us, even a tour from Santa Barbara County. They were so impressed, they wanted a group picture. Those that participated were Maureen Segor, Sharon

Peters, Kathy Luiz, Nadine Lewis, PGP Jackie Thomas, and Shirley Jones came on her break and helped. President Debbie Rhodes and husband Richard Rhodes stopped by to cheer. We handed out 140 hand-made bags full of seeds. After we were all done, we went to lunch together.

On September 7, 2014, several NDGW participated in the Cancer Challenge walk. We had a team of eleven.

On September 13, 2014, several NDGW went on a tour of the San Luis Obispo Lighthouse. Some had never been that close to a lighthouse before. It was a very exciting day with beautiful weather. You could see forever.



PGP Jackie Thomas, Sharon Peters, Kathy Luiz and Nadine Lewis in front of the Santa Barbara County courthouse on September 5th.

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## 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](mailto:ndgwgp@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.

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor)



## Itinerary of Grand President Suzi Riley 2014-2015

### OCTOBER

- 17-18-19 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Retreat — Hampton Inn & Suites in Madera
- 24 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 24 CFIC Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 25 Annual Fashion Show — Hayward Parlor No. 122
- 26 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Byron
- 27 Official Visit — South Butte Parlor No. 226 — Yuba City
- 31 Happy Halloween!

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Official Visit — District 13 — Califa Parlor No. 22, Woodland No.90, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Liberty No. 213, West Wind No. 328 — Elk Grove
- 7 Home Committee Walk —through — 2:00 PM
- 8 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 8 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 10:00 AM
- 11 Veteran's Day — Support Our Troops and Veterans
- 14-15-16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 Official Visit — Vista Del Mar No. 155 — Half Moon Bay
- 21 Official Visit — Argonaut Parlor No. 166 and Encinal Parlor No. 156 — El Cerrito
- 22 District 7 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Willows
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

- 6 Official Visit — Donner No. 193 — Byron
- 6 Mission Restoration Dinner — Napa
- 7 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — San Francisco
- 7 Open House & Tree Lighting — NDGW Home — San Francisco
- 14 125th Anniversary & Official Visit Ruby Parlor No. 46 — Golden Era No. 99 — Murphys
- 25 Merry Christmas to all!

### 2015

#### JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 3 District 7 Home Luncheon
- 5 Official Visit — Antioch No. 223 — Antioch
- 9 Home Committee Walk —through — 2:00 PM
- 10 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 10 Childrens Foundation Meeting — 10:00 AM
- 10 Official Visit — Berryessa Parlor No. 192, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 & Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190 —Willows
- 16 CFIC Meeting —9:00 AM
- 17 Grace Parlor NDGW Home Luncheon — Fullerton
- 24 Official Visit — San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100, Gilroy No. 312 — San Jose
- 27 Official Visit — Hayward Parlor No. 22 — Hayward
- 30 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 30 Finance Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 30 Personnel Committee Meeting — 3:00 PM
- 30-31-1 Board of Directors Meeting

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 District 16 — Donner Parlor Home Luncheon
- 4 Official Visit — Vallejo Parlor No. 195 — Vallejo
- 7 Official Visit — District 21 — Santa Cruz No. 26, Alilei No. 102, Junipero No. 141, & San Juan Bautista No. 179 — Santa Cruz
- 10 Official Visit — Reichling Parlor No. 97 and Arcata Parlor No. 325 — Fortuna
- 13 Home Committee Walk —through — 2:00 PM
- 14 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 17 Official Visit — Darina Parlor No. 114 — San Francisco
- 21 District 14 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Jackson
- 28 District 17 Luncheon — Alameda County



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## It is Time to Return to Santa Cruz!

Join the Parlors of District 21 — Santa Cruz No.26 — Aleli No. 102 Salinas — Junipero No.141 Monterey — San Juan Bautista No. 179 for their Official Visit with Grand President Suzi Riley in celebration of California State Parks.

**February 7, 2015 • 11:30 a.m.**  
**Seascape Golf Club**

Details will be sent to the Parlors. You can also contact SDDGP District 21 Lana Cooney at [lanacooney@gmail.com](mailto:lanacooney@gmail.com)

## 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.