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### GPAM 2015 NEWS

*Dear Sisters,*

Thank you all again for such a fantastic year! It was my honor to serve as your Grand President and I greatly appreciated all of the kind Sisterhood extended to me throughout my term.

Thanks also to everyone who attended this year's Grand Parlor Annual Meeting held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Burlingame. The week started out on a high note when Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee of San Francisco declared June 16, 2015 Native Daughters of the Golden West Day in San Francisco County. Later in the week, we celebrated California's National Pastime with a keynote address from Marty Lurie, the pre and post-game announcer for the SF Giants. Mr. Lurie's historical perspective was interesting and entertaining. It was exciting to hear him mention the Native Daughters on his next broadcast too!

All of the Delegates worked hard and the week was productive and fun. Every event and luncheon was creative and everyone seemed to enjoy a wonderful week. Thanks again to all of my State Chairmen and of course to my outstanding Sessions Committee and lovely Escort Team too. You all did an outstanding job; thank you for working so hard in behalf of our Order.

With great appreciation,

*Suzi Riley, Jr.* Past Grand President



At the Childrens Foundation Luncheon. From left to right: Grand Vice President Bonnie Tabor, Grand President Suzi Riley, and Childrens Foundation State Chairman Donna Moir.



The 2014-2015 Grand Officers are ready to start Sessions. From left to right: Grand Trustee Renee Chandler, Grand Inside Sentinel Marti Noyes, Grand Trustee Karen Fini, Sr Grand Trustee Cynthia Connelly, Jr Past Grand President Sharon Logan, Grand Secretary Jana Jack, Grand President Suzi Riley, Grand Vice President Bonnie Tabor, Grand Marshall Sherry Farley, Grand Trustee Dorothy Rogers, Grand Trustee Dawn Dunlap and Grand Outside Sentinel Nickie Acevedo.



Grand President Suzi announces that the Board of Directors will be meeting on "Dolphin Drive."



Thank you to Marty Lurie for a wonderful keynote address about the history of baseball in California. From left to right: Grand President Suzi Riley, Marty Lurie, the pre and post-game announcer for the SF Giants, and Past Grand President Sharon Johnston.

*Dear Sisters,*

As I begin my responsibilities as Grand President, I see that they evolve differently each day. Sometimes it is merely a necessary correction to my itinerary, other times it is a conflict within Subordinate Parlors.

The latter of those two bothers me greatly. I would hope that most of you have either heard or read my Acceptance Speech at my Installation as your Grand President. The word "function" was the keynote in which I asked many questions. One of them being, "How do you as a member function in your parlor?"

As we begin new terms and new officers are installed in most parlors, I would hope that you as a member enter into the year with a positive attitude and a plan to contribute to the success of all projects.

I have been spending time getting to know more of the history of our Order. I know that our founders stressed "civility," without judgment and truly for the Good of the Order. We should be following their example. Please remember at every meeting the President recites a message part of which states "the value of our membership lies in the sincerity of our conduct at all times." I hope you all take this to heart.

Meanwhile I am having FUN also, and I hope you are too. Take a moment to reflect and enjoy being a member of the Order to which you obligated yourself.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Bonnie M. Tabor*

Grand President



Roberta Paul of San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 is ready to take your votes for the 2015-2016 Grand Officers. She'd also like to invite you to "Join Us!" If you're not already a NDGW member.



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*Save This Date*

**Fort Bragg  
Parlor No. 210  
CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY**

**March 12, 2016**

**100th Anniversary  
Celebration and  
Official Visit of  
Grand President  
Bonnie Tabor**

**Fort Bragg  
Senior Center  
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your calendars now  
You don't want  
to miss this event***

# Installation Speech

*Dear Sisters,*

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve our beloved Order as Grand President. I know that under my leadership, with your guidance and support, the Order will again move forward.

Please allow me to explain my emblem. Although only a first generation Native of California, I love our Golden State immensely. I have chosen the California inside the heart, the symbol of love, as the basis for my emblem. Additionally, you see the Golden Poppy, our floral emblem and a yellow rose which is the symbol of friendship. My garden theme indicates my love of growing and nurturing all things. Whenever I am stressed or troubled, you will find me in the garden communicating with nature to solve all stressors. The butterflies you see in the garden are in memory of my sister Colleen who so wanted to be here tonight and is in spirit. The open fence gate establishes my willingness to allow all sisters to enter and knock on my door. I promise to listen to all who choose to enter.

My primary goal this term is to continue to address the matter of membership. I congratulate Jr. PGP Suzi Riley for the strides forward she has taken in this area during her term.

Membership has grown under her devoted leadership. How do we repeat this accomplishment this coming year?

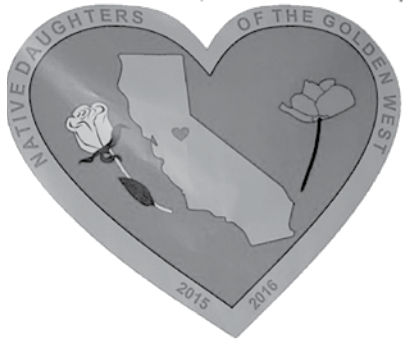
I am a firm believer in the notion that we hide our light under a bushel basket. We do great things for our beloved California, but we could do more with more hands. We need to look at how we function and decide where change may be needed so as to engage the native women of California.

Function is a neat word — it amasses many ideas and addresses concerns.

So I ask you the following:

How does our Order function in California's big picture? Are we involved in areas of the state that are non-political or do we simply wonder why things are happening? I am asking our Legislative Measures Chairman to bring worthwhile topics of events occurring in our state that would be of interest to members quarterly. We need to be aware of the direction to which our state is trending. Please feel free to contact her with information you see in local papers, in legislative news and in social media.

Next, I would like to ask you: How does your subordinate parlor function in conjunction with our Grand Parlor business? Do you have people willing to serve on state committees?



Do you send a delegate to Grand Parlor Annual Meeting? Or do you settle in your settings and just exist? I may be preaching to the choir right now, but I hope everyone will eventually read and respond to my questions. Will your parlor grow? If not, why not? My Extension of the Order Chairman and her committee plan to be very pro-active this term in assisting parlors to gain members and will be offering great incentives to those that do gain members.

Next, I ask you, how does your parlor function in your community? Do you belong to a Chamber of Commerce in your city? Do you make time to march in parades, donate time to local charities, and promote NDGW as you do? Too many times we forget to blow our own horn, or step into a cause where we are needed. I am asking every subordinate parlor to along with membership, devote extra energy into

Civic Participation.

Finally, I ask you as a subordinate parlor member: How do you function in your parlor? Do you encourage new ideas? Do you encourage new members to be involved in state committees? Are you pro-active in trying to find new members? I am asking you, each and every one of you, to spend some time in deciding how you can further your parlor and the Order. Maybe parlor meetings have changed in the years past. Are you adapting or do you simply cling to "We've always done it this way"? I am fully aware that many parlors are changing and although we love our Order's history of Ritual, it is ok to have options in the way you meet and conduct your business.

My last remark relates to the first 3 letters of "function." FUN!! What a wonderful word. It has been repeatedly told to me that I am a "fun" person and I love hearing that.

So I am asking you to have fun with me this year as we conduct serious business. Let's have some laughs along the way! Laughing and smiling are positive emotions and we should all experience them in life.

And in the words of a wonderful PGP who I loved and learned from — Thank you for listening.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Bonnie M. Tabor, Grand President

# Eulogy in Memory of Past Grand President Dorothy Cecelia Ghiselli Coats

PREPARED AND DELIVERED BY SHARON M. JOHNSTON, PAST GRAND PRESIDENT

On the seventeenth day of November, 1925, Dorothy Cecelia Ghiselli was born at Mabel Tennant's Maternity Home in the city of Alameda, California. Her parents were Mario and Charlotte Ghiselli, and she had a brother Michael and a sister Marion. The little family of five resided in Alameda where Dorothy and her siblings attended school. She graduated from Lincoln Elementary School and Alameda High School, and after a brief stint working as a property and supply clerk at the Alameda Naval Air Station, she enrolled in Heald's Business College, acquiring the skills she would use throughout her career as a legal secretary for several law firms in Oakland and Lafayette.

Although Dorothy's father was born in Lucca, Italy, her mother was a native of San Francisco and was duly proud of her California heritage. She held membership in Encinal Parlor No. 156, Native Daughters of the Golden West, so on June 15, 1942, at the age of sixteen, Dorothy affiliated with our Order, joining her mother in Encinal Parlor. She immediately became active, and over the years served that Parlor in every office, as well as a Deputy Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President in her Home District. She once told me she had memorized the Ritual as President of Encinal Parlor because, as she said, "That was what was expected of you in the early days."

In August of 1955, Dorothy became the bride of Benjamin Franklin Coats, and she and her husband became the proud parents of two children — a daughter Pamela and a son Benjamin, Jr. Dorothy became the office manager and bookkeeper for her husband's businesses — Deluxe Floor Company and Benco Proper-

ties — in addition to caring for her children and maintaining her activities in Encinal Parlor and our Order. Dorothy was also an active member of many business and professional organizations in the Bay Area, and she was a volunteer in the Alameda Hospital gift shop for many years.

Also in 1955, Dorothy transferred her Native Daughters membership to Sequoia Parlor No. 272 in Berkeley. She served that Parlor until its consolidation with Argonaut Parlor No. 166 in 1996, at which time she transferred back into Encinal Parlor in Alameda. Dorothy served as a member of the Admission Day Committee in Alameda County for over twenty years and assisted with the Memorial Day services at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland. She supported the projects of those committees and all the Parlors in her Home District until declining health began to limit her activities.

Almost from the start, Dorothy was active in Grand Parlor activities, attending many Grand Parlor Annual Meetings with her mother and later with her Encinal Parlor Sisters. She also served on many state committees, including State of the Order and Legislation, but especially



dear to her heart were the Childrens Foundation and the Native Daughters Home Committees. After Dorothy had served several terms as stenographer at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, Grand President Ursula Lucchesi appointed her to the office of Grand Secretary on June 21, 1979. Thus began her service on the Board of Directors and the Grand Parlor. She served as Grand Secretary for five years, and in 1984 Dorothy was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees. The following year she was elected Grand Marshal and was then installed as Grand Vice President in 1986.

On June 17, 1987, at the convention center of El Rancho Tropicana Hotel in Santa Rosa, Dorothy Ghiselli Coats was installed as the One Hundred Second Grand President of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. She was attired in a white on white patterned silk formal with a soft pearl-adorned ruffle cascading down the left side of the long-sleeved gown. The theme Dorothy chose for the year was Honor the Past — Challenge the Future — Our Second Century. The theme was printed on a poster which had been designed and painted by her son Benjamin and featured the emblem of our Order, golden California poppies, and a stately Sequoia tree.

That entire evening featured red, white, and yellow, the colors of our Order, all around in floral décor, escort team gowns, and carrying pieces. Grand President Dorothy addressed the assembly and indicated all Sisters attending an Official Visit would be given an oval pin featuring an embossed golden Sequoia tree on a forested mountain surrounded by a white border on which was printed Native Daughters of the Golden West 1987-88.

In her Installation address, Grand President Dorothy pledged herself to a year of service and dedication so that our trust in her would be warranted. She prayed for wisdom to lead our

Order on a path to productivity and achievement, and she challenged all Sisters to put into practice the words "fraternal friendship and sisterly love". She supported a program to increase membership, offering cash prizes to Parlors having a net gain of members at the end of the term. Grand President Dorothy had procedure books prepared for State Chairmen and Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents, and she encouraged Subordinate Parlors to plan programs and communicate by letter or telephone with all their Sisters in order to train new Sisters to lead us into our second century. She also paid homage to her mother Charlotte, who had taught her the true meaning of dedication and sisterly love. Her year as Grand President was dedicated to her mother, who would have been the recipient of a fifty-year emblem during Dorothy's term as Grand President. And, speaking of service emblems, it was my privilege as Grand President to present Dorothy with her fifty-year service emblem at the end of our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting

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## Pre-Admission Day Celebration On August 29, 2015

Alameda County Admission Day Committee invites you to **"A Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley.** Native Sons & Native Daughters will have reserve seating in the Turf Club. Valet Parking is included, as well as racing forms and a full buffet lunch.

**Date:** August 29, Saturday at 11 AM  
**Place:** 1100 East Shore Hwy, Berkeley  
**Details:** Reserve Seating (**tables of 4**), full buffet service includes carving station, salads, side dishes and desserts. Beverages include ice tea and coffee. Name race for NSGW & NDGW, Turf Club dress code and handicap needs are provided upon request.

**Price:** \$50.00 per person, adults only, paid reservations by **August 24th, seating limited. Open to all, Family, Friends.**

Call or e-mail Bob Santos 510-656-7392 or [rrsantos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrsantos@sbcglobal.net).

# Dr. Mariana Bertola: 1868-1955

FROM THE MAY 2015 POPPY PRESS  
LOMITAS PARLOR NO. 255

There hangs a haunting portrait in the foyer of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home. Its misty glow captures the essence of a powerful and caring Past Grand President of our Order. She was born in Contra Costa County and attended Cooper Medical School, now Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Mariana Bertola (1868-1955) was an obstetrician in San Francisco. Mariana Bertola delivered over 3,000 babies!

As a social reformer, she led a campaign to place children's and maternity wards in every County hospital in California. Dr. Bertola worked to establish a settlement house in San Francisco to help Italian immigrants and newly arrived immigrants from other countries.

During the 1906 earthquake, she was a heroine in the city as she assisted those in medical need throughout the devastation of the fires.

An important project in her life was the building project of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home.

As you walk through the front door on your next visit, be sure to pause before the alluring lady in the portrait.



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# GPAM 2015

By PGP JOAN M. HALL



Hayward Parlor No. 122, under the guidance of Sr. PGP Dolores Ferenz and PGP Christine Tripod, hosted the outstanding and the beautiful “By the Sea” Opening Reception. The room, which overlooked the bay, was beautifully decorated to resemble an outdoor lanai to carry out the “Ride the Wave” theme.



Grand President Bonnie Tabor and her Corps of Grand Officers for 2015-2016. Front row, left to right: Grand Secretary Jana Jack, Grand Vice President Sherry Farley, Grand President Bonnie Tabor, Jr. Past Grand President Suzi Riley, and Grand Marshall Cynthia Connelly. Back row, left to right: Grand Inside Sentinel Rae Rosas, Grand Trustee Marti Noyes, Grand Trustee Dawn Dunlap, Sr. Grand Trustee Karen Fini, Grand Trustee Renee Chandler, Grand Trustee Nickie Acevedo, and Grand Outside Sentinel Janet Somavia.

## NDGW’s Bowling Hall of Famer

SUBMITTED BY, GLORIA CHIN, STATE CHAIRMAN, NDGW BOWLING

This is old news, but not all of my sisters were aware of this. In 2011, I was invited to bowl in the National Senior Tournament which was held in Syracuse, NY. In order to get this far, I had to win at the State Level first. In August of 2010, I bowled in the California State Women’s Senior Tournament which was held in Ventura. I thought I did quite well. I came in third place in my division which was the “Super Senior” Division, ages 75 and older. I was 82 at that time. In January of 2011, I received a letter informing me that I was eligible to go to Syracuse, NY to bowl in the National Tournament



representing our great State of California. The two ladies that had won first and second place declined to go, so it was up to me. I could not turn down the privilege of representing California, so I accepted the offer. It was a two-day affair and I bowled against women from all over the United States and Canada. It was kind of scary, and the first day I was in 14th place. The second day, my two daughters were with me and they gave me a pep talk, telling me that I had to do better. So I rolled a 590 series with a 241 game, which put me in first place! When they interviewed me, I said, “I can’t believe it. I just wanted to represent my state well. I’m really excited.” That was my moment of fame, and later that year I was inducted into the Modesto Bowler’s Hall of Fame for service. As of today, I am the only bowler in Modesto to have won a national title. WE WISH YOU A BELATED CONGRATULATIONS GLORIA! THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2015 began with much excitement the week of June 14 thru June 20, 2015 as Sisters from throughout the State arrived at the Embassy Suites — Airport in Burlingame. Greetings could be heard ringing throughout the hotel as Sisters checked in, unloaded luggage for the week-long stay, and enjoyed visiting in the hotel’s beautiful atrium. Mornings started with breakfast cooked to order and the afternoons ended with snacks and beverages at the daily Manager’s Reception. Monday morning saw Sisters Registering, receiving tickets to the events during the week, and making sure their mileage statements were turned in. Parlors and Committees set their tables in the Ambassador Ballroom for the “She Sells Sea Shells California Boutique”. Parlors and Committees sold their wares and offered many opportunities to win baskets and other items while raising funds. Thank you to Kathy Kelly-Breitler and El Vesperto No. 118 for organizing this wonderful opportunity. The meeting room let us spend the week at the beach with decorations that featured dolphins in the ocean, shells and surf boards on the beach, and the poppies blooming along the shore.



Carmen Paredes and Narsis Williams of Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 have just arrived and are very excited to be attending GPAM 2015.

The members of the NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee, the NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee, and the NDGW Home Committee luncheons followed the beach theme with their decorations. Grace Parlor No. 242 and San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 took us to a California Baseball Team “Hick with Sticks” luncheon on Thursday following a presentation by Marty Lurie, the voice of the San Francisco Giants. Grand President Suzi, a former Junior Native Daughter welcomed other Juniors to our GPAM Thursday afternoon. It was wonderful to see these Sisters still active so many years after they joined as Juniors. Sr. PGP Dolores Ferenz did a wonderful job of contacting them and organizing their visit. Thursday afternoon also welcomed Dean Zellers, Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West,

his Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and other Native Sons from the area. In addition, Image Awards and the Roll of Honor Award were presented. In picture: Image Award recipients Michelle Fischer, curator of Leonis Adobe, and Diane Ramadan, business manager, flank Beth Perrin, PGP and State Chairman of Roll of Honor Committee. Their innovative “Passport to History” allows “travelers” to learn about 85 sites and museums in Central and Southern California.

The “Catch the Wave” banquet chaired by PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail No. 266, and Anne Riley, Bonita No. 10, showed the talents of our ladies to provide an elegant and fun evening including live music and three future Native Daughters as hula dancers. Grand Parlor 2015 ended Friday evening with the Installation of Grand President Bonnie Tabor and her Corps of Grand Officers. The stage resembled a beautiful garden in keeping with GP Bonnie’s love of the earth and dedication to the Voss Garden at the Native Daughters Home. Presentations were made to GP Bonnie and Jr. Past Grand President Suzi Riley. PGP Sharon M. Johnston was introduced as the 2015-2016 Silver Anniversary Grand President and was presented with a proclamation by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. A beautiful reception followed the Installation. In picture: Grand President Bonnie Tabor and her Corps of Grand Officers for 2015-2016.

## A Special Thank You from Bev Pierce

I would like to thank everyone that donated their extra toiletries at my display for Operation Interdependence at GPAM 2015. It was 16 pounds. Operation Interdependence is a civilian to military charity. We send goody bags with either toiletries or snacks in a ziplock bag. In each bag we include a hand written letter. The letters mean the most to our men and women on the fighting lines. My parlor Vendome No. 100 in San Jose is also very active with donating to the Veterans’ Hospital. We have taken many afghan quilts, toiletries and they really like the calendars that we receive in the mail. Thanks to all of you for supporting our Active Military and our Veterans.



San Juan Bautista No. 179 once again rose to the challenge of presenting the beautiful Memorial service honoring our deceased Sisters with PGP Sharon Johnston directing the choir and delivering the stirring eulogy for PGP Dorothy Coats, Encinal No. 156. The memorial was followed with Taps played by Monica Kraft. Thank you to Judy Cain, San Juan Bautista No. 179 for her treasured musical talents during the memorial as well as all week.



Grand Trustee Renee Chandler, Grand Outside Sentinel Nickie Acevedo, and Stenographer Jean Hoffman in the Sessions meeting room.



Dressed in baseball attire, with bats and gloves, the Grand Officers serenade GP Suzi with their rendition of “Take me out of the Sessions”...



“Thank You” to Monica Kraft and Mission San Jose High School Jazz Band. These talented students provided the music that made the opening reception a very special evening.



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Etienne Simon of Darina Parlor No. 114 Won the table decorations at Friday’s “In the Kitchen with Suzi” Luncheon.

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# 2015 GPAM Student and Member Art Exhibit

BY MARGARET REA-KAVARIAN

I was amazed at the wonderful artwork that was submitted this year at Grand Parlor. Not only was student art beautiful, but we have some very talented and gifted sisters. I hope each one of you had a chance to visit the art exhibit. Thank you to the following Parlors for submitting art work for the Student Division of the Art Talent Contest: Forrest Parlor No. 86, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179, and Lomitas Parlor No. 255. I hope next year more Parlors will sponsor a student for the art contest. Thank you sisters of the following Parlors for entering the Member Division: Golden Era No. 99, Vendome Parlor No. 100, Vista Del Mar No. 155, Fresno Parlor No. 187, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Tahquitz Parlor No. 333, and Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336. Vendome Parlor No. 100 had three members and Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336 had two member entries.

Best of Show Member Art Exhibit in Fine



First Place Student Photo: Lighthouse

## Grand President Suzi Riley's Official Visit, Presents 25- and 50-year Pins to Parlor Members

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

The Official visit of our Grand President, Suzi Riley, was held on Monday, April 20, 2015, at the Hungry Hunter restaurant. Grand Officers also in attendance were GIS, Marti Noyes, along with Children's Foundation Chairman, Donna Moir and our SDDGP and Past Grand President, Joan Hall. The theme and decorations for the luncheon were blue and silver with dolphins and ocean carrying out GP Suzi's theme for the year. Everyone received a favor of a piece of homemade candy from our member Denice Mettle in an adorable dolphin box. Ruth Jacobus opened with a lovely reading about friendship, and spoke about how proud she is to be a Native Daughter and enjoy our sisterhood. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and presented GP Suzi with a canvas dolphin bag and a beautiful ocean and dolphin paperweight, along with a book about Highway 99 from Modesto to Bakersfield. The coin march was designated to support GP Suzi's special project, "Perk up the Parlor" to refresh the upholstery on our chairs. We donated \$100.00 for this project. GP Suzi presented the Parlor with a wonderful flag with our Parlor name and number to be used for other events with our small flags.

We had 14 members in attendance, two Grand Officers, one State Chairman, one Past Grand President, and three guests including a new prospective member, Janice White. GP Suzi presented service pins and awards to several members. The highlights were our **100 year old member, Marian Disney**, pictured below on the left, receiving her **25 year pin** from GP Suzi, and our **50 year member, Darleen Carpenter**, pictured on the right with GP Suzi, and member, Sandee Senior. Additionally, we had a 50 year pin for Judith Walker, and a 25 year pin for Agnes Hardt, who were unable to attend. These will be presented at a later date. Congratulations to our 25 and 50 year pin recipients for achieving

Art Division was an oil painting of the Bixby Bridge painted by June Miles from Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155. Unfortunately the following Division winners' photos were unavailable; Best of Show Photography was a photograph of our California Coast by Denise Shirtcliff from Tahquitz Parlor No. 333; and Best of Show for Fine Craft was Sallee Murtha from Vendome Parlor No. 100 with a bag which was embroidered blocks of various California scenes. Sallee's embroidery work is from actual photos by Daveine Designs, a Bay Area resident.

First place in Student Division Fine Art was a bleach/white charcoal drawing by Viviana Guillen sponsored by San Juan Bautista No. 179. Viviana is a student of San Benito High School. Artist's piece is titled "The Worker". Viviana stated her portrait reflects the migrant workers hard life in the fields and sun of California. It also shows he is a person of pride and determination.

Second Place in Student Division Fine Art was won by Cristian Ramirez sponsored by San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179, and a senior at San Benito High School. Artist's entry was charcoal and titled "California Dreaming". Artist's description was two young men are looking at us with perhaps uncertain future of where their lives might be going. The bright California light behind them indicates great possibilities as they go forward towards us.

Third place in Student Fine Art was won by Chynna Hess sponsored by Forrest Parlor No. 86. Title of piece "The Historic Silk Mill"

these milestones. A special congratulations to Mariam Disney on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in March and a big thank you to her son and daughter-in-law for bringing her to the Official Visit to receive her pin in person.

Service Awards were also earned by the following: Juanita Ramos 70 years, Leta Kelsey 69 years, Evelyn Knight 35 years, Patty Calder 30 years, Bobbi Rayl 15 years, Lynn Montgomery and Sandee Senior 10 years, Phyllis Hensley, Barbara Miner, and



Lurine Webb 5 years. Congratulations and thank you for your dedicated years of service to El Tejon Parlor and NDGW.

GP Suzi then delivered her message about the long service history of our 89 year old Parlor and how she enjoyed her tour of many of the historical sites in Bakersfield and applauded our preservation of our history and building. She updated us about all the renovations to our beautiful Home in San Francisco and encouraged everyone to try and visit it. She also advised us to start planning for our 100th Birthday celebration. She encouraged our members to attend GPAM 2015. We ended with dessert, a beautiful dolphin-themed cake. She loved our officers in red with our gold scarves which we wear for initiation, installations, Official Visits, and CA Admission Day. A big thank you to Ethel White and her committee for a lovely event.

and Chynna wrote the building is located in Petaluma which was nominated last year as one of the endangered historic places in California. Petaluma Silk Mill was built in 1893. It was designed by San Francisco architect Charles I. Havens. It was originally half the size of what it is today. After the 1906 earthquake it was enlarged and then had another addition in 1922 which was designed by Petaluma architect Brainerd Jones. This building is important to the people of Petaluma and its continued growth has been a good example of uniting California. It operated until 2007.

First Place in Student Division Photography was of Port San Luis Lighthouse by Becky A. Jones in tenth grade at Los Banos High School sponsored by Lomitas Parlor No. 256. She wrote the lighthouse was built in 1890; it was renovated in 2010 at a cost of 1.2 million dollars. The lighthouse has all Victorian type furniture and fixtures. It is one of three light houses of that design which is left in California. This one is the only one that is still intact. It is beautiful and must be preserved.

As you start to plan Parlor activities for year 2015-2016 please think about sponsoring a high school art contest. The purpose of the Student Division Art Contest is to encourage the creativity of our Youth and the interest in the landmarks, history and natural wonders of the State of California. The contest is open to all students in grades 9 through 12 in any school in California. Enrollment in an art class is not required. Student categories: two dimensional fine art, three dimensional fine art, and Photography.

The purpose of the Creative Arts Exhibit is to give Members an opportunity to share their talent with our Order and to honor the Grand President by portraying the special theme for her term. The exhibit is open to all members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Please encourage your sisters to start thinking of entering next year at Grand Parlor. Member categories: 2D, 3D, Photography, and Fine Crafts.

It would be great (and save you time) when entering artwork, if there is a completed entry form with entry fee, and name of the artist designated on back of the piece on the first day of registration. **You can find more information including examples of flyers, entry forms, rubric used by judges, and rules at NDGW website.**

Thank You to Anne Riley for arranging the following judges: Susan Cain, Claudia Fort, and Monica Kraft. They had a difficult task, but did an outstanding job! I was saddened by a beautiful photograph which arrived after the judging was completed. Remember judging is arranged by the GPAM committee when the judges are available to attend. **Please have your artwork submitted the first day of GPAM.**

### Can you name this VIP (Very Important Person)?



It's Susan Cain, our very own Grand Parlor Office Assistant! If you've had the chance to meet Susan, you know she's a delight to work with and always willing to help. **Thank you Susan for all you do for our Order!**



First Place Member: Bixby Bridge



First Place Student: Worker



Second Place Student: Two Young Men



Third Place Student: Silk Factory

## 2015 NDGW Bowling Prize List

SUBMITTED BY GLORIA CHIN, STATE CHAIRMAN, NDGW BOWLING

**1st Place:** Gold Diggers of South Butte Parlor No. 226 — 2430, \$53.00. Rita Buttacavelli, Earlene Knight, Claudia Warner and Anita Tennis

**2nd Place:** We Can Do It! of South Butte Parlor No. 226 — 2325, \$45.00. Trudy Eitel, Kathi Sitman, Earlene Knight, and Anita Tennis

**3rd Place:** 3 Shorts and 1 Long of South Butte Parlor No. 226 — 2304, \$40.00. Shirley Jimerson, Chris Cooley, Cathy Moniz, and Claudia Warner

**4th Place:** Gold Rush Sisters of Oakdale No. 125 — 2155, \$35.00. Jeanie Emery, Judy Yost, Leslie Pettinger and Jeanne Meil

**5th Place:** Lucky Strikes of Golden Era No. 99, Columbia — 2154, \$30.00. Kathy Stegall, Vonnie Stegall, Francesca Simons, and Diane Dittler

**6th Place:** The California Beauties of Morada No. 199, Modesto — 2177, \$25.00. GVP Bonnie Tabor, Barbara Custer, Vickie Loconte, and Gloria Chin

**7th Place:** Joaquin Gold of Joaquin No. 5, Stockton — 2101, \$25.00. Josie Orozco, Brandy Torres-Fletcher, Angie Smith, and Juanita Case

# Joaquin Parlor No. 5

By VICKY CESENA

## Joaquin Parlor 128th Birthday Celebration

On April 11, members of Joaquin Parlor met at the Olive Garden Restaurant to celebrate 128 years of sisterhood. Brandy Torres-Fletcher, Ardylee McCurdy, and Vicky Cesena chaired the event. Member Jean Malone was presented her 25-yr pin by Ida Evans, president. Specially designed cupcakes were courtesy of Brandy. Attendees were gifted with a California state pin to commemorate the occasion.



Ida Evans celebrates her birthday at GPAM.



At GPAM 2015 nametags help to avoid confusion of lookalikes PGP Marilyn Rodrigues and Joaquin delegate, Linda Stirm.

## Casino Royale Fashion Show

It was a full-house attendance for the annual fashion show luncheon held on May 2, 2015. Sharing the runway were Ida Evans, Norma Depauli, Annette Depauli, Carol Bickley, Diane Miller, Deborah Giannecchini, Juanita Case, and Michelle Feingold. These lovely models were decked out in the latest spring fashions. With a smile as bright as diamonds, the MC, Michelle Feingold, aced the presentation and won the hearts of the club.



Becky Stevens receives donation from Inez D'Arcy towards the fashion show raffle baskets.

Lady luck was with PGP Bonnie Tabor. Bonnie could not keep a poker face as she won a raffle prize, door prize, and the casino getaway package. (JACKPOT!!!) Special thanks to Emily Tirapelli, Special Events Manager of Jackson Rancheria, for her generosity.

When all the chips were counted, Chairman Laura Frausto and her committee

earned \$2,336 for the Eva Bisagno Memorial Scholarship fund. You can bet it will be put to good use!

## GPAM 2015

Joaquin Parlor was well represented with four delegates: Juanita Case, Vicky Cesena, Josie Orozco, and Linda Storm. Ida Evans attended as a member of the escort team for the newly-elected Grand President, Bonnie Tabor. Angie Smith and Vergie Franco attended both



Cherri Castro and Marta Banning look over the flyers for event information.



Joaquin members visit Ursula Parlor for their monthly meeting.

the opening and closing events.

The delegates were delighted with the assortment of items for sale at the Marketplace. They bought pepper jelly, pins, aprons, poppy glasses, jewelry, etc. It was fortunate there were NDGW shopping bags to purchase to carry all the goodies home.

Ida, Josie, Juanita, and Linda were lucky winners of raffle baskets and prizes. Vicky knew her baseball facts and won the table centerpiece. (Go Giants!) The parlor won first place in its division for the yearbook. Joaquin Gold, the bowling team won 7th place.

Among the favorite memories was the Gold Dust Girls' Ladies Night Out. Josie, who does not sing like a lark, attempted to avoid being chosen for karaoke by displaying a sign that read, "I don't speak English." When Suzi Riley saw it, she said, 'Great! You can sing La Bamba!' Now Josie is affectionately referred to as "La Bamba" when being addressed by Suzi.

Linda Storm also garnered attention by her likeness to PGP Marilyn Rodrigues. The twin twosome snapped a keepsake photo. PGP Sharon Johnston, while hosting the Gold Dust Girls' event, noted Linda also looked like TV detective, Angela Lansbury. Hmmmm.....triplets?

## Pop-up Event: Fabulous Flapjack Fundraiser

An absolutely fabulous job was produced by chairman, Brandy Torres-Fletcher. The parlor, in conjunction with Applebee's Restaurant, hosted an early morning fundraiser. Parlor members performed greeting and waitressing duties. The customers were very pleased with the courteous and friendly service. Lisa Carson assisted by accepting donations for raffle baskets. The combination of food and fun added up to a profit of \$880 for the parlor's general fund.



Fabulous Flapjack Fundraiser Chairman, Brandy Torres-Fletcher flashes a sweet smile of success.

## Upcoming Event

Please join us for our Hot August Nights fundraiser to benefit GPAM 2016. The event takes place on August 15, 2015 at 11 am. The menu includes tri-tip, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, and bread. There will be a door prize and great raffle baskets. Cost: \$25. Tickets may be obtained by calling Ida Evans at (209) 957-2515.

## Special Thanks

Many thanks to sisters in both Ursula and Morada Parlors for welcoming us for a parlor visit. We were delighted with your graciousness and hospitality and look forward to more shared times.



Members of the 2015 Joaquin Gold bowling team: Juanita Case, Brandy Torres-Fletcher, Josie Orozco, and Angie Smith.

## Dear Sisters,

*This article is approved by grand president Bonnie Tabor who initiated the research on this bill.*

### REMOVAL OF THE STATUE OF FR. SERRA FROM THE STATES COLLECTION AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CALIFORNIA IN THE U.S. CAPITOL'S STATUARY HALL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

A Senate Joint Resolution (SJR 4) was passed by the California State Senate on April 13, 2015, to remove the current statue of Fr. Junipero Serra (placed in 1931) from its location of honor in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C., and to replace it with a statue of Sally Ride, an early contributor to space exploration. The Resolution also was unanimously supported last month by the State Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media, and as of July 1 is on the floor of the State Assembly, pending a vote of the full Assembly.

### INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE N.D.G.W. LEGISLATIVE MEASURES COMMITTEE

We recognize the controversy currently surrounding the Catholic Church's upcoming declaration of Fr. Serra's sainthood; however, this religious action should not affect the recognition of Fr. Serra's achievements and his important contributions to the creation of the foundation of California and many of our cities. It is a mistake to judge the customs, values and principles of previous centuries by current ethics and standards. Most great men and women of the past were people of their time, and in retrospect we should not invalidate their contributions to our history. The passing of time will continue to illustrate that our current condition is influenced by ALL actions (both respectable and regretful) that have occurred in earlier times. Fr. Serra is a founding figure of California and deserves to retain the honor of having his statue remain in the Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

**URGENT: IF YOU PERSONALLY HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT THIS LEGISLATION, YOU ARE URGED TO CALL OR E-MAIL YOUR OWN ASSEMBLY MEMBER (and others in the Assembly) AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS. The Assembly could be voting within a few days, so TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

A list by District number of the California Assembly Members and their contact information can be found at [www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov) then click on Members.

If you wish to make your position known to Governor Jerry Brown, his office can be reached at:

Governor Jerry Brown, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: 916-445-2841, E-mail: [governor@governor.ca.gov](mailto:governor@governor.ca.gov)

## Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Presents Hot August Nights GPAM 2016 Fundraiser Honored Guest, Grand President Bonnie Tabor

**August 15, 2015 • 11:00 am: Social 12:00: Lunch • \$25.00**  
**Italian Athletic Club**, 3541 Cherryland Ave, Stockton  
*Menu:* Antipasto, Tri-Tip, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread and Salad, Dessert  
*Dress is Casual, Be Comfortable!! Poodle skirts and Pedal Pushers Encouraged!!*  
**For reservations call: Donna Goyette (209) 477-4174 or Genevieve Galli (209) 477-6116**  
Mail reservations to: 335 Vincente Way, Stockton, 95207  
Open seating — Seating for only 200, so get your reservation in early!  
**No tickets sold at the door, sorry no refunds • Reservation deadline August 8, 2015**

## List of Initiated Members

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

<b>Joaquin Parlor No. 5</b> Susana Marin 6/9/2015 Lorraine Phillips 6/9/2015 <b>Marguerite Parlor No. 12</b> Rebecca Ramey 4/21/2015 <b>Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26</b> Martha Manson 6/22/2015 Sharon McGuire 6/22/2015 <b>Veritas Parlor No. 75</b> Peggy Biddison 4/15/2015 <b>Reichling Parlor No. 97</b> Barbara Candrian 5/12/2015 Nina Carson 6/9/2015 Teddi Chann 5/12/2015 Christine Roberts 4/14/2015 <b>Golden Era Parlor No. 99</b> Amelia Brown 5/9/2015	<b>Vendome Parlor No. 100</b> Kathryn Mosunic 10/7/2014 <b>EI Vespero Parlor No. 118</b> Marie Duggan 5/15/2015 <b>Hayward Parlor No. 122</b> Mary Haro 6/9/2015 <b>Junipero Parlor No. 141</b> Nancy Schlesinger 5/11/2015 <b>Nataqua Parlor No. 152</b> Dorothy Gutierrez 4/13/2015 Kathleen Owens 4/13/2015 <b>Encinal Parlor No. 156</b> Kathy Smith 6/9/2015 <b>Argonaut Parlor No. 166</b> Sarah Wanlass 6/8/2015 <b>Fresno Parlor No. 187</b> Norma Fry 4/20/2015	<b>Vallejo Parlor No. 195</b> Frances Fields - 5/6/2015 <b>Marinita Parlor No. 198</b> Janis Gostlin 4/13/2015 Susan McCormick 4/13/2015 Polly Steinmetz 4/13/2015 <b>Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210</b> Beautiful Grace 5/14/2015 Tara Larson 6/11/2015 <b>Tierra do Oro Parlor No. 304</b> Valerie Nelson 3/25/2015 <b>Gilroy Parlor No. 312</b> Martha Martinez 6/8/2015 <b>Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336</b> Eve Thompson 5/9/2015 10/14/2014
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# Lilly Reichling Dyer founded the first NDGW Parlor in Amador County

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Although Lilly O. Reichling Dyer was a trendsetter, teacher, globetrotter and toast of the town during her life, she is perhaps best known as the founder of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, the first parlor of which was founded in Jackson.

According to Order Historian, Mary Louise Days, there is some confusion as to when Reichling was born. Days said it is known that Reichling was born in Jackson to German-born parents, Peter Reichling and Antonie (Kroll) Reichling. What is disputed, however, is the year of her birth, Days said. According to the 1900 Census, Reichling was born in February 1867. But other records place the year of her birth as 1866.

What is not disputed is that the Reichling family was prosperous. Peter Reichling arrived in San Francisco in December 1856, after a perilous journey around the Horn. He immediately set out for Volcano, where he established a reputation as a “country banker,” buying gold from miners, assaying it and shipping the gold bars to various city banks. He later became part owner and superintendent of the Kennedy Mine, opened a jewelry store and banking business in Jackson and later became proprietor of a Hotel in Chico, Days said.

As a result of her family’s wealth, Reichling was afforded opportunities otherwise barred to women. Days said Amador County presented Reichling with a second-grade county teaching certificate on June 30, 1882, which allowed her to teach primary school in the county.

Accounts of the founding of the first Native Daughters of the Golden West chapter on September 26, 1886, credit Reichling as the Grand Installing Officer of Ursula Parlor No. 1, located at Jackson’s Odd Fellows Hall, Days said. But this first parlor with a membership of 33 women was only the beginning. Three days later, Reichling installed Minerva Parlor No. 2 of the Mission, San Francisco. Many more parlors would be founded throughout the state in ensuing years.

On Dec. 2, 1901, Reichling married Francis J. Dyer in San Francisco. Later, Mr. Dyer held various diplomatic positions with the U.S. government, affording the couple extensive travel opportunities in Washington D.C., Honduras, Mexico and Germany, Days said. On Dec. 26, 1924, Francis Dyer died while visiting the U.S. Consul in Cologne, Germany. Although the loss was a bitter one, it failed to hamper Lilly Dyer’s work.

In April 1932, she travelled from Los Angeles to a dedication ceremony at Pioneer Hall in Jackson. She also attended statewide Grand Parlor meetings from 1933 through 1938, occasionally giving reports on various historical topics, Days said.

Lilly Reichling Dyer died at the age of 73 on April 28, 1939, at the Stillwell Hotel in Los Angeles, apparently of a heart attack. Her body was cremated. “The obituary in the Amador Ledger states that her ashes were ‘strewn upon the desert’ and that no fraternal services were held,” Days said.

## El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Visits Taft, CA Oil Museum and Presents 25 Year Pin to Agnes Hardt

By Darleen Carpenter

On May 21, 2015, seven members of our Parlor, traveled to Taft to visit the Oil Museum.

Once upon a time, in the mid-1920s, over 7,000 wooden derricks covered the landscape from Sunset (Southeast of Maricopa), through the Midway Valley, the Elk Hills to McKittrick and Reward, a distance of approximately 21 miles in Southwest Kern County. It was indeed a veritable forest of derricks. By the late sixties all these derricks except two were thrown. In 1974 Jameson #17 was scheduled to be torn down too. The local American Association of University Women and some dedicated people organized and with the Jameson Company donating the derrick and 3 acres of land, the West Kern Oil Museum, Inc. was born. Today that original wooden derrick standing over its original well, with all its cable tools intact, is a part of the Museum which has grown to 8 acres. It seemed only fitting that a Museum be on the Westside of Kern County, for even today almost one half of all the oil in California comes from these Westside oilfields. The Midway Sunset field (the oilfield on which the Museum sits) is still the top oil producing field in the contiguous United States. Then, too, three of the giant oilfields of the U.S. lie within the Westside. They are the Midway Sunset Field, the Elk Hills Field, and the South Belridge Field. To be considered a giant field, an oilfield has to produce or be capable of producing 1 billion barrels of oil.

The Museum, run entirely by volunteers, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting artifacts, books, and equipment that tell the story of oil in California, particularly in West Kern County. The Museum tries to tell of the businesses, communities and people affected by that industry and is dedicated to increasing the public understanding and appreciation of the oil industry itself. The story of the oil companies, of everyday life in the early oilfields, and in the oil camps, as well as the story of oil itself are exhibited and interpreted. Outside one can press a button and witness a pumping unit produce oil. The Museum, when completed according to the Master Plan, will represent an old time oil company camp set

in the oilfields. In the 1910s and 20s, workers had to live near their workplace. Hence, oil companies on their oil leases provided, besides an office and the various company shops and warehouses, houses for families, bunk houses for single men, a cookhouse and a recreation hall. Near every lease there was a bus stop for the school children.

The Museum is open three days a week from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Thursday through Saturday and it is open Sunday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Tours are given both for school children and adults, and tours may be arranged by calling (661) 765-6664. The Museum is landscaped in native plants and special tours are given, pointing out particular plants and telling their uses by the Indians and early pioneers.

It was a special treat to have our member from Taft, Agnes Hardt, join us for a portion of the tour. Agnes has been a long time volunteer at the museum and has a wealth of information about the museum and Taft. The occasion was made more special, as we presented Agnes with her 25 year service award pin and certificate.

There is another plaque at the Museum, placed by Miocene No. 228, to commemorate their donation of a native tree to the Museum.



Pictured in front: Lurine Webb, Darleen Carpenter, Chris Kildare, Phyllis Hensley, Kathy Puryear, Agnes Hardt Second Row: Ethel White, Sandee Senior in front of the oil derrick.



Agnes Hardt and Darleen Carpenter, DGP, make the presentation at the Museum.

# NDGW Home Chatter

SUBMITTED BY ANGELA BROWN, STATE CHAIRMAN

The Home is up and running and ready for a new year. The Home Committee has added some new members. They are Billie McArthur, Joyce James, and Deanna Liotta. Sherry Farley GVP and Renee Chandler GT are coming on from the Board of Directors. These lovely ladies will be joining GP Bonnie Tabor, Sylvia Lowrie PGP, Sandra Baird, Ninette Latronica, Dianna Geyer, Brandi Fleischmann, and myself, Angela Brown. The new committee has met and we are ready to work for the Home and for you.

Brandi is accepting more brick orders. Go to the web site and you can get the order form to purchase a brick. What a great idea for someone you love, a deceased family member, friend or your Parlor.

The kitchen is almost complete. We are waiting for the flooring. Come and look at all the great upgrades in the kitchen.

At GPAM 2015, it was voted that guests 12 years old and older can now stay at the Home. If you bring a minor, they MUST be accompanied by a NDGW member. That member WILL be responsible for the guest.

We want to thank the members and Parlors that sponsor rooms. So many of you have upgraded the things needed in the rooms that

you sponsor. It is so much fun to see the look in members’ eyes as they look at the various rooms we have for members and guests to stay in.

The East Bay Friends are having an old fashioned Family Backyard luncheon and carnival Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Oakland Holy Ghost Hall in San Lorenzo. Call Annette Hansen, Chair for the event, for more information at (209) 835-3851. We want to thank our East Bay Friends for holding this for the Home.

We are still in need of small soaps and shampoos. Please make sure they are unopened and unused. Thank you so very much...

Many of you purchased our red aprons at GPAM. You can still get them at the Home. We are selling them for \$20 each. They have two large pockets and one for a pen or pencil. They look good on you too...

When planning to come to the Home, call in advance and have your deposit to hold the room. If we do not have a deposit after 8 days your reservation will be cancelled. Remember, if you are going to cancel a reservation, do it 24 hours in advance. If not you will be billed for one night stay.

See you at the Home!!!!

## Fresno Parlor No. 187 Knows How to Put the “FUN” in Fundraiser

*Here’s what we’re planning in September...*  
**We’re celebrating Autumn Abundance in our Central Valley!**

Join us in Fresno on **September 19th** for a day of Valley history, food and camaraderie.

Dinner and wine talk is **\$50.00, RSVP by September 9th. Seating is limited.**

Accommodations can be reserved at the Holiday Inn Express [www.hiexpress.com/Herndon](http://www.hiexpress.com/Herndon) or call 559-277-0004 (Herndon and 99). Special rate of \$89 per night can be secured by mentioning Native Daughters when making reservations. The rate includes breakfast.

We’ve made arrangements for the use of a private home at 6043 N. Forkner in the Old Fig Garden area for a pre-dinner (5:30) talk on Fresno-area wines by Albert Saucedo, a noted local sommelier. Following the talk, enjoy a tri-tip and salmon dinner, which includes pilaf, local fresh vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. Live entertainment and a silent auction will round out the festivities. Plus the drawing for the custom wine barrel ice chest will be held, additional tickets will be available at dinner. Directions will be forwarded with your reservation confirmation.



We’ve also arranged (before the dinner) for two docent led tours of historical landmarks in Fresno; the Meux Home and the Foretiere

Underground Gardens. Choose your favorite for only \$15.00, both are scheduled for early afternoon. **Please pay separately and in advance, note on your check which tour you want.**

- The Meux Home (located in downtown Fresno) was the residence of one of the first doctors in town. It has been lovingly restored and is a beautiful example of Victorian architecture. Tour begins at **2:00 PM**.

- The Underground Gardens (located in northwest Fresno) is a modern example of ancient Roman architecture. Unique fruit trees and vines grow in an underground microclimate created by Baldassare Foretiere. Tour begins at **2:30 PM**.

Remember to RSVP by September 9th. Seating is limited so reservations are a must!

Mail to: Karen Fini, 6412 N. Delores, Fresno, CA 93711 (559) 392-2604.

# Poinsettia Parlor No. 318

By Jean E Gates

Poinsettia Parlor’s Americanism Chairman Evelyn Rowden has been involved with raising funds for an organization called Laundry Love. The Parlor has been collecting quarters and dryer sheets for several months. Ventura resident Joyce Barger has been a volunteer with this group for twelve years. Evelyn invited Joyce as a guest speaker at the Parlor evening meeting on April 14 to tell us the aims of the organization. It was originally established to help the homeless to do their laundry.

They have been using three laundromats in Ventura for this purpose.

The volunteers are there to help them use the facilities by handing quarters to them for the machines and detergent supplies. Evelyn was able to present to Joyce 2000 dryer sheets, \$25 for the purchase of detergent and \$140 in quarters. This has been a worthwhile project and can be done in other cities of California.

A memorial service was held for Shirley Clark on March 17, 2015 at the Ivy

Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura. She passed away in December 2014 and was remembered as being very active in Parlor activities, always helping out with fundraisers, and was always proud to be a Native Daughter. She was employed by the city of Ventura and was very active at the Ortega Adobe and the Olivas Adobe keeping up the history there. Those members who attended the service were Estella Moreno PGP, Teri Trammell Majeski, Mary Ann Foushee, Lorraine Boyd, Brenda Ake, Luana Tingstrom, Janine Glenn, Delores Attaway and Evelyn Rowden.

## Yearbook Awards Given at GPAM 2015

SUBMITTED BY JUDI SMEDLEY, YEARBOOK STATE CHAIR

### POPULATION UP TO 30,000

Golden Era Parlor, No 99, Columbia — 1st Place — \$50.00  
Sutter’s Mill Parlor, No 336, Coloma — 2nd Place — \$25.00  
Calistoga Parlor, No 145, Calistoga — 2nd Place — \$25.00

### POPULATION UP TO 90,000:

Veritas Parlor, No 75, Merced — 1st Place — \$50.00

### POPULATION OVER 90,000:

Joaquin Parlor, No 5, Stockton — 1st Place — \$50.00  
Hayward Parlor, No 122, Hayward — 2nd Place — \$25.00  
Grace Parlor, No 242, Fullerton — 3rd Place — No award given

# Calistoga Parlor No. 145 Visits the Lost Town of Monticello

By KATHY McCLOSKEY

On July 8th, many Native Daughters from Calistoga Parlor No. 145 and two Native Sons from Calistoga Parlor No. 86 made a day trip to the Lake Berryessa Exhibit at Spanish Flat in Napa to learn how and why the town of Monticello was flooded.

The town of Monticello, in Napa County, once contained a cemetery, a general store, blacksmith shops, hotels and various other businesses. In the late 19th century, the valley floor was covered with family farms, including dry-farmed wheat and barley fields, with some orchards and grapevines. Ranching was mostly in the foothills.

Construction of a dam began in 1953. Vegetation in the valley was chopped down, fences torn down and buildings burnt to their foundations. Three thousand people had to be relocated. The town cemetery was moved to Spanish Flat, a bluff overlooking the valley. The Putah Creek Bridge, too well made to easily demolish, was left in place to be covered by the rising waters. Monticello Dam was completed in 1957, and Lake Berryessa was formed.

Virginia Dooley (pictured below on the left) and her husband Jess were the last teachers to teach in the Monticello two-room school. Virginia's class accommodated first through third graders, while Jess taught fourth to eighth graders. When they lost their home to Lake Berryessa, the Dooleys settled in Calistoga. Virginia has been a member of Calistoga Parlor No. 145 for twenty-five years and, at the age of 95, is still going strong.

A delightful day was enjoyed by all as we concluded our adventure at a nearby restaurant for lunch.



# Camille Ahlman Is 105 Years Old!

By MARY LOUISE DAYS

Camille Ahlman, a member of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara, celebrated her 105th birthday on March 29, 2015. A festive party was held for her at Heritage House where she has resided for several years. Parlor President Betty Dominguez and Mary Louise Days, a past president, were present that day. Camille joined Reina del Mar Parlor on October 10, 1951, and has been designated a Life Member by the Parlor.



105 year-old Camille Ahlman with Mary Louise Days and Betty Dominguez of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126.

Camille Martinke was born on March 29, 1910, in Santa Barbara. Her mother was a member of the Ruiz family whose ancestors helped settle the Spanish Royal Presidio of Santa Barbara in 1782. She remembers that her grandfather Jose del Carmen Ruiz lived in the presidio area. Camille's father, Felix Martinke, came from Posen, Prussia, an area (Poznan) later returned to Poland. Her two brothers, Felix and Joseph, were musicians at the famed El Paseo Restaurant in old town Santa Barbara.

As a very young woman Camille danced with the group formed by Reina del Mar Parlor member Maria de los Angeles Ruiz, who taught the historic Early California dances. Camille was married to Gustave Ahlman. For many years she worked at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse as Assistant County Recorder.

On April 21, 2015, the accompanying photograph was taken by Mike Perry to commemorate Camille's 105th birth year. His mother is a longtime friend of Camille's. Five years ago Betty and Mary Louise, accompanied by past president Dolores Hartnett, had paid a visit to Camille to mark her 100th birthday and presented her with flowers. Camille Martinke Ahlman has been a faithful member of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 for almost sixty-four years.

# Mariposa Parlor No. 63

Genevieve Verley (middle) was presented her 50-year pin by Grand President Suzi Riley (left) at the joint official visit of Mariposa Parlor No. 63 and Veritas Parlor No. 75 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. At right is Maryetta Dulchich, President of Mariposa Parlor No. 63. In 2016 the Mariposa Parlor will celebrate their 125th anniversary.



# Eulogy in Memory of PGP Coats

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at the Cocoonut Grove in Santa Cruz, and to ask her to close that Annual Meeting for me.

During her tenure as our Grand President, Dorothy supported all the projects of our Order, but she was especially supportive of the Native Daughters Home and Mission Restoration, the Childrens Foundation and Education and Scholarship. The former two were indicative of her interest in our past, the latter two her interest in our future. One of her main efforts during her term as Grand President was the strengthening of our Subordinate Parlors and increasing our membership. At the end of her term, she was devastated to realize that not only had there been a loss of membership, but she had found it necessary to grant permission to five Parlors to consolidate. That was truly a huge disappointment to Grand President Dorothy, but it did not diminish her desire to continue to support her Parlor and our Order. One of her greatest achievements as Grand President was the establishment of our Native Daughter Home as a House Museum. She was duly proud of that effort, and we are thankful for her leadership in that regard.

I had the privilege of traveling with Grand President Dorothy and spending many happy hours in her company. Everyone knows the story of Dorothy's car alarm sounding off in the middle of the night in Etna, and of her passion for driving slightly above the posted speed limit. In fact, on our way south to Montebello to help Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266 celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary, I think Dorothy and I made the trip from Hollister to the Los Angeles County Line in just over an hour and a half, or, at least, so it seemed. Another time we spent overnight in Reno between Official Visits, and in no more than twenty minutes, we were back at Dorothy's home in Alameda after having "paid our dues" to the State of Nevada.

Early in her term when we were together for a round of Official Visits, Dorothy had just invested in a portable computer. She wanted to keep up with the Official Visit reports, so she had brought along her new toy so she wouldn't fall behind in her reports. After a couple of hours spent reading the directions and attempting to follow them to get the computer working, we gave up and went to bed. I don't know if that computer was ever used for any reports, leave alone the Official Visit reports from that particular trip.

Dorothy loved to travel and visited many countries around the world, especially when her daughter and son-in-law and their daughters were living in The Netherlands. The mementos she brought home to California were prominently displayed in her home as was her beautiful collection of crystal. In addition, the many gifts she received as Grand President were on display in her home to be enjoyed by

all who visited her there.

In closing her Installation address, Grand President Dorothy read the following quote from George Bernard Shaw. "I am convinced that my life belongs to the whole community; and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before turning it over to future generations."

The torch that was Dorothy Coats did indeed burn brightly throughout her lifetime. She was a quiet, unassuming lady whose demeanor and personality emphasized the enviable qualities of kindness, generosity, honesty, integrity, and forthrightness. She exemplified those qualities that made her the object of our love and esteem. Dorothy was proud of many things in her life, particularly her children and grandchildren, and her California heritage. She shared in the accomplishments of her family and told everyone she met of their achievements.

Dorothy maintained nearly seventy-three years of membership in the Order she so dearly loved. She was very knowledgeable about our Order and was often consulted for information and advice about our Ritual and Books of the Order. Those of us who knew and loved her will miss her quiet demeanor, her wise counsel, and her loyal friendship. At the close of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in the city of Oakland at which she presided, at her request I sang "Wish Me a Rainbow". In part the lyrics say, "Wish me a rainbow, wish me a star. All this we can give you wherever you are. And dreams for your pillow and stars for your eyes, and a masquerade ball where our love wins first prize." Dear Dorothy, we still wish you all that and more, and our love for you will always win first prize. Your life was long and full, your efforts in behalf of our Order commendable and honorable, and your sisterly love and fraternal friendship will be forever cherished.

To Dorothy's daughter Pam, son-in-law Willem, and granddaughters Dora and her boyfriend Luke, Saskia and her wife Brandi, and Ella and her fiancé Devin, to her son Ben, daughter-in-law Patricia, and grandson Sam, we extend our deepest and most sincere sympathy on the devastating loss they have suffered. I learned of Dorothy's passing on my birthday, May 19, 2015, and it saddened me greatly for Dorothy and I were very close in our fraternal lives. Although we are all aware that no one lives forever, we are never truly prepared for the loss of a Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and dear Friend. We can only hope that our memories will sustain us and keep Past Grand President Dorothy forever in our hearts until we are reunited in the Grand Parlor on High. Go with God, my Friend, may you rest in Peace.

## Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between April 10, 2015 — July 10, 2015

<b>Joaquin Parlor No. 5</b> Florence Hernandez 6/9/2015 Norma Wellman 2/15/2015 <b>Marguerite Parlor No. 12</b> Carol Caldwell 4/21/2015 <b>Berendos Parlor No. 23</b> Lorraine Gurney 4/2/2015 <b>Veritas Parlor No. 75</b> Caroline Funkhouser 5/5/2015 Mary Lucich 5/19/2015 Jyme Vyborny 4/14/2015 <b>San Luisita Parlor No. 108</b> Gail Benson 2/8/2015 <b>Sutter Parlor No. 111</b> Maejune Bacher 5/9/2015 Rose Davis 5/22/2015 <b>El Vespero Parlor No. 118</b> Florence Giannini 5/8/2014	<b>Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126</b> Carol McCormick 4/13/2015 <b>Junipero Parlor No. 141</b> Katherine Annello 5/1/2015 <b>Encinal Parlor No. 156</b> Dorothy Coats, PGP 5/19/2015 Edwina Grover 5/15/2015 <b>Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168</b> Claudia Jenkins 5/14/2015 <b>Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190</b> Marion Douglass 5/6/2015 Elizabeth Wiard 5/6/2015 <b>Berryessa Parlor No. 192</b> Dorothy Pinheiro 5/1/2014 <b>Donner Parlor No. 193</b> Catharine Armstrong 4/20/2015 <b>Vallejo Parlor No. 195</b> Margaret Smith 6/11/2015	<b>Morada Parlor No. 199</b> Ann Evans 4/26/2015 <b>Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210</b> Eleanor Campbell 5/20/2015 Marjorie Smith 4/21/2015 <b>Lugonia Parlor No. 241</b> Geraldine Vaughan 6/13/2015 <b>Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266</b> Genevieve Moraza 5/4/2015 <b>Placerita Parlor No. 277</b> Barbara Doyle 4/3/2015 <b>La Tijera Parlor No. 282</b> Janice Wilkins 4/4/2015 <b>Tierra De Oro Parlor No. 304</b> Isabel Hernandez 4/24/2015 <b>West Wind Parlor No. 328</b> Barbara Medders 4/10/2015
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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 [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 Bonnie Tabor 2015–2016

### JULY

- 24 Investment Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 24 Charitable Foundation Inc. — 1:00 PM

### AUGUST

- 2 East Bay Friends of the Home Fun Day — San Lorenzo
- 5–8 Old Spanish Fiesta Days — Santa Barbara
- 10 Official Visit — Nataqua Parlor No. 152 — Susanville
- 13 Official Visit — Naomi Parlor No. 36 — Downieville
- 14 Home Committee Walk-through — 2:00 PM

- 15 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 21 Personnel Committee Meeting — 3:00 PM
- 21–23 Board of Directors Meeting
- 29 Official Visit — Poppy Trail No. 266, La Tijera No. 282, Rancho La Puente No. 331 — Montebello

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Official Visit – Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 — Etna
- 4–5 Native Daughters Admission Day Celebration — Columbia
- 6 San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 Admission Day BBQ – San Juan Bautista
- 9 California Statehood Day
- 11 Native Daughters of the Golden West Founders Day
- 11 Home Committee Meeting — 2:00 PM
- 12 Home Committee Meeting — 9:00 AM
- 16 Official Visit — Berendos Parlor No. 23, Camellia Parlor No. 41 and Hiawatha No. 140 — Redding
- 19 Official Visit — Poinsettia No. 318 (60th Anniversary), Reina Del Mar No. 126, Tierra de Oro No. 304
- 26 Childrens Foundation Meeting
- 26 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — Sacramento

### OCTOBER

- 3 Official Visit — District 16 – Donner Parlor No. 193, Antioch Parlor No. 223 — Byron
- 6 Official Visit — Laurel Parlor No. 6, Manzanita Parlor No. 29 — Grass Valley
- 9 Home Committee Meeting 2:00 PM
- 10 Official Visit — District 21 — Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Aleli Parlor No. 102, Junipero Parlor No. 141, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179
- 12 Official Visit — Sonoma Parlor No. 209 — 100th Anniversary, Marinita Parlor No. 198, Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Cotati Parlor No. 299 — Sonoma

## Do You Have Your California-Shaped N.D.G.W. Name Badge?

Again this year San Jose Parlor No. 81 is offering our Sisters all over the State the opportunity to purchase a personalized badge in the shape of California, which identifies you to other Native Daughters and your affiliation with the Native Daughters of the Golden West to your community — where the badge also 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 gold background with blue text, and a magnetic back so there are no pin holes in clothing. Cost is \$21.00 and shipping is \$3.00 for a total of \$24.00.

Orders for the 2015-16 term will be placed with the supplier shortly after September 15, 2015, with delivery approximately 30 days later. Don’t miss your chance during this year’s ordering period to have this 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 form below:

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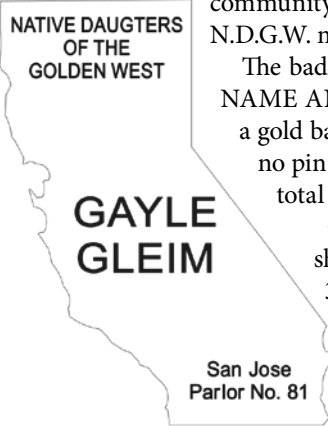
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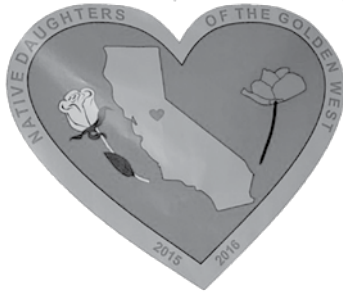
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When doing your Estate Planning please keep Native Daughters in your thoughts. Bequests in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy can be made to the three 501(c)(3) entities under the Native Daughters of the Golden West: the 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.

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