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### *Dear Sisters,*

Last summer, at the beginning of my term as your Grand President, I renewed my belief and passion for this marvelous journey upon which I was embarking by reading one of my favorite poems, “Ithaka”, by C.P. Cavafy. His words and images afforded me essential motivation, direction, and inspiration.

The poem begins “...As you set out for Ithaka / hope your road is a long one, / full of adventure, full of discovery.”

This term as your Grand President has been full of adventure and discovery. I thoroughly enjoyed travelling our beautiful California, meeting Sisters, and attending Subordinate Parlor meetings; thus, I fulfilled my pledge to visit each Parlor in our Order.

I thank my Sisters in the Subordinate Parlors I was privileged to visit between July 2019 and March 2020. With sincere gratitude I thank you for your encouragement, kind words, and good wishes.

Thank you for the many courtesies you extended to me, e.g., re-scheduling your regular Parlor Meeting day and time; hotel accommodations, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, and desserts; handsome brooches and buckles; lovely handkerchiefs and tablecloth sets, afghans and quilts; delicious jam, honey, salsa, and fruit; and donations of books on California history and funds for the NDGW Library.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic required the cancellation of my remaining Official Visits. I shall complete my “Official Visits”, unofficially. In the next three years I shall re-embark on my interrupted journey by visiting the Subordinate Parlors I did not have the opportunity to “Visit”. I shall attend regularly scheduled Parlor meetings as a visiting Member of our Order. I am looking forward to meeting more of my Sisters and learning how their Parlors are fulfilling the social contract of our Order, to wit, improving the culture and society of their communities.

The road I have chosen for my journey as your Grand President has also been full of long and lonely stretches, dangerous curves, roadblocks, and unexpected mishaps. I have been faced with acknowledging persistent elevated expectations of myself and those I placed on others, and experiencing the anguish of myriad minor

and major betrayals.

As any Past Grand President will tell you, serving as Grand President requires a great deal of hard work and perseverance. In addition it demands strength of one’s conviction that the direction you are inspiring others to follow is the right one, and most important of all, complete devotion to our Order.

I have enjoyed the role of being an Ambassador for our Order and have met many interesting people. I have the honor of co-sponsoring fifty new Members this term.

The NDGW Library has received many fine books from generous Members and the pledge of three private collections from renowned California anthropologists and historians. I am looking forward to continuing my work on this worthy addition to our Home.

The Board of Directors has had a challenging year, full of obstacles that needed to be evaluated and attended to in a professional manner borne with common sense. Not an easy task!

It also has been a time for the Grand Officers to re-evaluate their commitments to their families, jobs, and where and how Native Daughters of the Golden West fits into their lives. Once that placement has been determined, the Grand Officers must move forward with their commitment to the Order by fulfilling the duties with which they were charged at Installation.

If our Order is to survive, we must engineer a secure and sustainable future. To achieve this goal, it is imperative that we bridge the communication gap between Grand Parlor, State Committees, and administration of our Home, and between and among Grand Officers,

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## A Tribute to Past Grand President Virginia H. Tremaine

WRITTEN BY PGP MARILYN BUSTILLOS

Virginia Hooper Tremaine was a country girl at heart. She loved her horses, her home outside Murphys, Native Daughters, and her family. She was a strong woman who took adversity and illness in her stride and who was friendly to all. The Past Grand Presidents will miss her sage advice and the Order will miss her smiling face.

Virginia Hooper was born in San Jose, California on July 14, 1925 and grew up as an only child in the Pescadero area of San Mateo County. She graduated from Pescadero High School in 1943 and on June 27, 1948 she married John Tremaine, a Naval Veteran of World War II. Virginia worked for 10 years for the Railroad Board and at the same time was bookkeeper for John’s machine shop business. Together they operated the business for 20 years. She was organized and canny, traits that served her well in later years on committees for the Order. To their marriage two children were born: Marsha and John. There are also two granddaughters, Kerry Jean and Becky Jo who were the apples of Grammy’s eye.

On March 12, 1965 Virginia joined Menlo Parlor No. 211 in Menlo Park. She moved through the chairs and served as parlor president twice, and deputy grand president, supervising deputy grand president many times. She was involved in many of our state committees, sometimes as a member and sometimes as chairman. She traveled the state many times as she accompanied Marie C. Landini, Helen McCarthy and Dolores Ferenz during their time as grand officers and later Grand Presidents. This is how she came to know the workings of the Order and the sisters in each parlor in the state. Everyone knew Virginia before she ran for grand parlor office.

At the urging of her friends, in June 1976 at Grand Parlor in Newport Beach, Virginia



ran for and was elected to the office of Grand Outside Sentinel. She subsequently moved through the chairs of Grand Inside Sentinel, Trustee, Marshal, Vice President, and finally was installed as Grand President on June 23, 1983 in Santa Rosa. She graciously shared her evening with 50-year anniversary celebrant Irma Laird and 25-year anniversary celebrant Eileen Dismuke. In her address to the membership that evening she expressed her appreciation to Menlo Parlor 211 and her District in San Mateo County for their support. She expressed her gratitude that she was the first Grand President from her District. She stated that she would be reinstating Schools of Instruction to be conducted by an appointed Grand Officer and the SDDGP of each district. She selected the rainbow as her theme “because, hopefully, together, we can look forward to a stronger and united order and in the clear blue skies will appear a “Rainbow of Happiness” to guide us to success.”

Special events during her year included the 100th anniversary of the Yountville

Veteran’s Home, the marking of the Winchester community United Methodist Church by Tahquitz Parlor No. 333, the annual conference of the Jr Native Daughters in San Mateo, other parlor anniversaries, luncheons and teas. Completing her year, she remained active in Menlo Parlor through its consolidation with Bonita Parlor No. 10 in January 1993. Despite the fact that she lived in Murphys, a substantial distance from Redwood City, she was enormously supportive of her new parlor.

In her retirement home in Murphys, she and her late husband John, joined the Calaveras County Sheriff’s Volunteer Unit. They remained active in this group for 16 years.

Virginia served as group secretary for many years and John was President of the unit several times. Her activities included fingerprinting, parade security, neighborhood watch, transporting female prisoners when a female presence was required with a male Sheriff Deputy. Virginia loved it.

She celebrated her 25th anniversary as Grand President at the 2008 Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park and her entire family was in attendance. At the 2009 Grand Parlor meeting in San Jose, her parlor, Bonita 10, celebrated with a lovely afternoon reception in her honor.

My association with Virginia began in 1979 when I was the “new kid” on the board of Grand Officers. I don’t know how I was so lucky, but Virginia, Jean Hedemark and Barbara Dulinsky (all who would be Grand President in the years to come) decided to take me on and educate me in the ways of being a Grand Officer. There were so many fun times at Grand Officer meetings, Childrens Foundation luncheons, traveling

up and down the state to official visits and anniversaries. Memorable times included the year when Jean Hedemark was Grand Vice President and she slipped on the steps at the Home and broke her ankle. Virginia, who hated anything to do with medical emergencies, accompanied Jean in the ambulance and stayed with her at the hospital until very late that night she was returned to the home in a lovely cast. Poor Jean spent the next several months preparing for her Grand Presidency in bed and in a cast. That year we instituted Tahquitz No. 333 and it was time for another road trip this time to Hemet, along with Barbara Dulinsky and Joan Calderwood. It was a terrific trip with dear friends. Another memory which occurred during her year was a trip to the Turlock area to visit the horse ranch where her quarter horse, Gladabout, lived with his trainer. Several of us had been at a luncheon in the area, so still in dresses and heels, we walked through the barn yard to say hello to her pride and joy. I also remember attending some horse races in Sacramento when both Gladly and Mr. Cool It were running. She was shocked when, unknown to her, I bet on Mr. Cool It and won \$75. She told me “never bet on a grey horse”. But I pointed out that he had won despite being grey. In later years, Virginia and I continued to travel together, roomed together at Grand Parlor and GO/PGP meetings, and staying overnight at each other’s homes after luncheons or late-night official visits. I will cherish all the time spent with her. Her wit was sharp, her knowledge of the Order and its ritual practices keen, and her love of the Order never faded.

She is once more united with her dear husband John and I hope they are racing motorcycles and dancing. The Order will miss you, dear friend, as shall I.



# Sadness of GPAM Cancellation

By Joyce James, Member of Bonita Parlor No. 10

Dear Sisters,

I am so sad the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2020 in San Luis Obispo needed to be canceled. I was looking forward to an enriching event, socializing with Members, enjoying the luncheons, taking photos of the week's activities and greeting our current as

well as, new Grand Officers.

Sadly, I canceled my hotel reservation and the plans I had made for attending Sessions and fun activities at Madonna Inn, but realized that I could put the money that I would have spent to a good use by choosing to SUPPORT THE HOME. I asked Grand President Dawn Dunlap what was most needed at the

Home. She told me that the Home urgently needed a new roof. The estimate of which was approximately \$50,000.

Serving on the Home Committee for the past 5 years I am well aware that the Home needs consistent upkeep. As Members we are called to help support many of it's on-going maintenance and repair needs.

**Our Home is a treasure for us all to enjoy and cherish.**

It represents us as NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST and provides us a place of rest and enjoyment;

Our lovely Parlor and dining room welcomes us and invites us to share our lives with our Sisters;

Our Museum reflects our Golden State's Past and Present and preserves what our early NDGW Members accomplished;

Our decorated rooms showcase many of

our sponsoring Parlors' treasures;

Our Home Hostesses make our visits and stays comfortable.

A new roof for the Home is needed to protect this treasure and its furnishings and artifacts for our Future Sisters.

Let's be pro-active and raise the funds now.

Based on what my room for GPAM 2020 would have cost, I am sending the Home a donation for the Home Roof Fund and ask you and your Parlor to consider joining me in this worthy endeavor.

I believe things will get better. I am looking forward to when I can enjoy sitting with you at the Home, reflecting how we survived these challenging days.

Thank you in advance for your kind donation.

Stay Well.

## Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Awards 2019-2020

By PGP Debi Stalder, State Chairman, Public Relations

The NDGW California Image Awards shall be presented annually. They are awarded to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses that publicly portray the positive image of California.

Seven entries were submitted for the 2019-2020 NDGW California Image Awards.

Listed in no particular order:

**Pebble Beach Golf Course**, World renowned California Public Golf Course located on the beautiful edge of the Pacific Ocean, Founded 1919, Pebble Beach, Submitted by PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello

**A&W Original Founding Root Beer Restaurant**, Famous for its Burgers, Root Beer in frosted mugs and drive in carhops, celebrated 100 year anniversary in 2019, Founded 1919 Lodi, Submitted by Zinfandel Parlor No. 337, Lodi

**Chris Enns**, Old West California History Investigative Author, of over 40 Old West historical stories of "The Old California West", Comedienne, Performer Screenwriter, and Story-teller, residing in Grass Valley, Submitted by Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City

**Black Bear Diner** Founding Restaurant, Redding, Submitted by PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City

**Chris Leon**, Owner of Leon Bistro, Chico, Submitted by PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy

Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello

**Celeste DeWald**, Executive Director California Association of Museums, overseeing over more than 3,000 Museums, Submitted by Paulette Hennum, El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria

**Gary Kamiya**, Author and Writer of lost stories and extraordinary California History, San Francisco Chronicle "Portals of the Past", Submitted by Kathy Kelly Brietler, El Vespero Parlor No. 118, San Francisco

All of these entries were worthy of being considered for an Image Award. Unfortunately we can only recognize no more than four per term. Thank you to the NOMINEE'S for submitting these wonderful individual and businesses.

Appropriate Plaque Award and Honored presentation will take place to all recipients sometime in 2020-2021.

Judges were PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City, Anne Riley, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City, and Kathy Murtha, Vendome Parlor No. 100, San Jose

**THE WINNER'S ARE!**

Chris Enns

A&W Original Founding Root Beer Restaurant, Lodi

Chris Leon

Celeste DeWald

## Staying Safe and Remaining Positive

By Kristi Jenkins, State Chair Welfare/Wellness

Dear Sisters,

We are currently experiencing a healthcare situation that is very foreign to many who do not work day to day in the healthcare field. Sheltering in Place, a preparation those working in Community Emergency Services Response are very familiar with, is not familiar to the general public.

While sheltering is causing panic and fear at many levels, it will help to take a deep breath preferably outside in your yard, in the sunshine (Vitamin D), staying hydrated (plain water with a slice of orange (Vitamin C). Distancing from the media and drama will help with mental health, staying in contact with friends and family, personal hygiene getting out of those pajamas. Good nutrition, even though snack foods and take out do not seem to be in any shortage, plate that take out meal or what you have prepared, sit down (not in front of the TV or your iPad) and enjoy.

All of the precautions that are being suggested and in some cases required are the standards of healthcare and we have been practicing them routinely for years, hand washing (remember at Grandma's house before you could sit down for a meal you had to wash your hands and Grandma checked the tops and palms). Staying home and away from others when you are sick, coughing into your elbow or covering your mouth (remember hankies and now Kleenex), keeping surfaces clean especially in the kitchen and

bathroom using a disinfecting cleaner, Clorox or regular dish washing soap (this virus spreads by droplets usually picked up off surfaces) remembering not to touch your face with your hands). If you are using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gloves, mask, gowns, be sure they are actually needed and you are using them correctly.

I am a healthcare professional, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist, a big name for people who work in the hospitals, clinics and major laboratories testing blood and bodily fluids for abnormalities and diseases. I began my career in 1960 working for the past 60 years in the field, before we had flu vaccines and methods to detect them. What we are now experiencing is not unusual, we have been here before and we will recover.

The glass is neither half full, nor half empty, the glass can be refilled.

Take care, stay well, be safe.



### Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors: January 10, 2020 – April 10, 2020.

**Ursula No. 1:**  
Dianne Oneto  
Debbie Walton

**Joaquin No. 5**  
Saundra Boggiano  
Linda Ewart  
Patricia Martinez

**Bonita No. 10**  
Barbara Bieri-Krieg  
Margaret Mather

**Marguerite No. 12**  
Patricia Danton  
Sylvia Lewis  
Danielle Rowe  
Marilyn Wilson

**Eshcol No. 16**  
Gina Bell

**Califia No. 22**

Madison Wood

**Berendos No. 23**  
Celeste Guillory  
Cindy McClain  
Santa Cruz No. 26  
Julie Armstrong  
Penelope Burton  
Amanda Grant  
Deborah Ann Muth  
Elaine Parker  
Denise Shaw

**Reichling No. 97**  
Donna Dutton  
Kimberly Mell  
Darla McGrath

**Aleli No. 102**

Carlene Bell  
Jane Headley  
Leslie Martins  
Celia Quezada  
Sally Reinmann  
Kerri Costa

**Eschscholtzia No. 112**  
Elisa Correa  
Suzanne Cramton-Reynders

**Darina No. 114**  
Josette Padilla

**El Vespero No. 118:**  
Anne Grajeda  
Kathleen Sullivan

**Reina del Mar No. 126**  
Gloria Lopez  
Andrea Sanchez

**Junipero No. 141**  
Debbie Blakesley  
Catherine Buonaguidi  
Arleen Hardenstein  
Gary Karnes  
Valerie Kazansky  
Elizabeth Murray

**Nataqua No. 152**  
Christine Todd

**Encinal No. 156**  
Vicki Bell

**El Pinal No. 163**  
Julee Rocha  
Calle Soto-McCarty

**San Juan Bautista No. 179**  
Dolores Dribnak

**Morada No. 199**  
Victoria Cox  
Patricia D. Phillips

**Sonoma No. 209**  
Carolyn Fay Hillman,  
Patricia Noel

**Fort Bragg No. 210**  
Linda Stumpf

**Charter Oak No. 292**  
Josh Altamirano  
Christine Lewis  
Patti Reed

**Jurupa No. 296:**  
Christina Gambino

**Cotati No. 299**  
Yvonne Madson  
Etta Marie Peterson

**Sutter's Mill No. 336**  
Toni Conley-Widing,  
Laurel Gromer

**Amapola No. 338**  
Melissa Beals  
Keli Fowler  
Molly Fowler  
Julia Hamlin  
Joyce Leufgen  
Abigale Tirapelle



# 110 Years Ago

By MARY LOUISE DAYS, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126  
HISTORIAN OF THE ORDER

The annual meeting sessions of the Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West were held in Santa Barbara in June 1910 at the famed Potter Hotel. Mrs. Emma W. Lillie (Humphrey) of Ivy Parlor No. 88, Lodi, was Grand President. The Santa Barbara newspapers gave extensive coverage to the annual meeting and Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 placed some of the clippings in a scrapbook.

One of the stories was headlined “Impressive Services Mark Placing of Bell, Franciscan Friars Join Native Daughters in Ceremonies.” This event was dated June 16, 1910 in Max Kurillo’s book *California’s El Camino Real and its Historic Bells*. The newspaper reported that it involved the placing of a “Mission bell at the entrance to the city on the Boulevard at the foot of State Street. The bell was rung for the first time by the grand president, Mrs. Emma W. Lillie, after she had made a presentation speech....she gave the bell to the city of Santa Barbara.” This mission bell was, of course, one of the earliest of what we know as El Camino Real bells. The Native Daughters of the Golden West had been involved with the creation of plans to save the historic road, El Camino Real, since 1902 when Miss Anna Pitcher made a presentation to Grand Parlor. The idea was endorsed, and in April 1904 the Order participated in the formation of the El Camino Real Association at the organization’s first convention, in Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Armitage S.C. Forbes was instrumental in the formation of the association, and its Los Angeles section was charged with providing a “distinctive, emblematic, and appropriate roadside marker.” Mrs. Forbes submitted a design for a type of mission bell on a standard with a sign post; the design was accepted, and she patented and copyrighted it. The first bell was installed near the Plaza Church in Los Angeles on August 15, 1906. Several of these early bells were dedicated by the Native Daughters of the Golden West and/or the Native Sons of the Golden West in subsequent years up to 1916, as listed by Mr. Kurillo. The 1910 Proceedings reported the estimated full cost of a bell to be \$35.00. At least twenty were placed during Mrs. Lillie’s year. The Santa Barbara bell on the boulevard (later named Cabrillo Boulevard) was given in the name of the 1909-1910 Grand Officers.

In her speech at the bell’s placement Grand President Emma Lillie paid tribute to the padres who worked among the native Indians at the California missions under the “appealing and compelling” sound of their bells. She said “It is not only the proud privilege of the Native Daughters to preserve our historical landmarks, but it should be our constant endeavor... by recalling the achievements of the early Spanish occupants of California and of the pioneers of the American period to establish...a pedigree for ourselves of which we may be as proud

as the titled aristocracy of the old world is of its own line of ancestral honors.”

The crowd cheered as the Grand President “unveiled the bell to the view of the admiring throng. Miss Hubel, the recording secretary of Reina del Mar parlor, presiding in place of Miss McCaughey, then introduced Judge B.F. Thomas, president of the local branch of the El Camino Real association.” Judge Thomas said the bell commemorated “the men of the early days who sacrificed much that we might enjoy the advantages... in this state...and it is fitting that the Native Daughters should do it.” Father Peter Wal-lischek OFM of St. Anthony’s college blessed the bell.

The news report continued “The speech of the afternoon was then made by Dr. Mariana Bertola of San Francisco, past grand president and a speaker of great ability.” She titled her talk “The influence of the Order and on the Teaching of Patriotism.” Dr. Bertola extolled the patriotic accomplishments of the Native Daughters, especially with regard to the flag and the naming of a battleship for California. She pointed out that our members “are the mothers of the children in the public schools and the mother gives the best incentive to the child for good and for better things. The teachers in our schools come mainly from our ranks and to them is given the task of rounding out the mother’s work.” Then she concluded with fascinating candor “Last, but not least, our order gives a generous supply of old maid aunts who very often take the place of mothers and give lavishly of their attention and care.” I know this was certainly true in my mother’s family.

At the end of the program Miss Eliza D. Keith, past grand president, made a short address about the symbolism of the bell. The song “Santa Barbara” composed by Father Florian OFM was performed, dedicated to the Grand Parlor of the N.D.G.W. The work of the annual meeting of 110 years ago continued for the good of the Order. It also featured a grand ball attended by Native Sons from the Santa Barbara and Ventura parlors.

In 1910 the Roll of Honor of the Order was established. Mrs. A.S.C. Forbes was the third of eleven persons named to it by acclamation at Grand Parlor that year. Her description reads “El Camino Real Association; Originator of the idea of Mission Bell Sign Posts.” Born in Pennsylvania, her maiden name was Harrye Rebecca Piper Smith. Miss Annie Pitcher (sic) “Originator of the Plan for the Restoration of El Camino Real” was the eleventh appointed at that Grand Parlor among a very distinguished cohort of women.



# Suzanne Renee Chandler Grand Vice President

Dear Sisters,

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this next year as your Grand President.

I look forward to working with many of you on committees, visiting with you at Official Visits and meeting you at the various fundraisers and events.

As we slowly come out of this “Shelter in Place”, our goals will be to keep our Sisters healthy, get our Parlors operating fully again and renewing our commitment to the work of our Order.

My goal is to make Native Daughters strong and united in our commitment to the work of the Native Daughters.

Until we meet after Installation, stay safe, stay healthy and keep all of our Native Daughter Sisters in your hearts and prayers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Suzanne Renee Chandler*  
Grand Vice President



# Bonita Parlor No. 10 Welcomes Grand President Dawn M. Dunlap

On February 13, 2020 the Sisters Bonita Parlor No. 10 proudly welcomed Grand President Dawn Dunlap from El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria to Redwood City on the occasion of her Official Visit. Grand President Dawn joined the Parlor for dinner before the meeting and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Grand President Dawn complimented everyone for their hard work and dedication to Redwood City.

Bonita Parlor President Deanna Liotta opened the meeting and introduced the dignitaries in attendance. Grand President Dawn was escorted by Marshal of the evening, Helen Cocco, along with Grand Trustee Trudi Tuban, San Jose Parlor No. 81, who also serves as Deputy Grand President to Bonita Parlor;

District 15’s Supervising District Deputy Grand President, Donna Fletcher, Darina Parlor No. 114 and Past Grand President Suzi Riley, Bonita No. 10 were also introduced.

During the Official Visit, Bonita Parlor made several presentations to the Grand President, including a lovely table runner and matching napkins embroidered by Marian Wydo.

The Parlor also generously donated to support the “Otis Project” (The restoration of the Home elevator). The Native Daughters of the Golden West Home is our Order’s greatest asset and we are grateful for all those who donate their time and talents in support of our

beloved Home. In honor of Grand President Dawn’s Official Visit, a Coin March was collected to add to the total and the proceeds were added to collection. Thank you GP Dawn for your visit and talk. Bonita Parlor was glad to welcome you to Redwood City.



Grand President Dawn M. Dunlap greeting the Sisters of Bonita Parlor during her February 13, 2020 Official Visit. Thank you GP Dawn!



Chairman of the Evening Margaret Mirande presents the delicious cake to honor GP Dawn



The Sisters of Bonita Parlor No. 10 welcome Grand President Dawn Dunlap to Redwood City!

## Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between January 10, 2020 – April 10, 2020.

Bonita No. 10	Golden Era No. 99	El Tejon No. 239
Adele Fortes	Louise Garrison	Juanita Ramos
Frances Nordgren	Janice Gill	Grace No. 242
Eshcol No. 16:	Aleli No. 102	Adelaide Precht
Patricia Edginton	Elsie Dill	Placerita No. 277
Califia No. 22	El Vespero No. 118	Ellen Hermann
Linda Montez	Carolyn Daley	Cotati No. 299:
Linda McKenzie	Oakdale No. 125	Marie Baranzini
Manzanita No. 29	Velma Mendes, Nita Taro	Rancho La Puente No. 331
Marilyn Geary	Donner No. 193	Josephine Martinez
Ruby No. 46	Barbara Anderson	Alda Ravera
Mary Vera	Sonoma No. 209	Tahquitz No. 333
Forrest No. 86	Marie Wilson	Elizabeth Parker
Ellenetta Longworth	South Butte No. 226	El Paso de Robles No. 335:
Woodland No. 90	Betty Meyer	Linda Parlet
Olivia McCarthy		

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# Report of the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation Committee

By Sherry A. Farley, P.G.P., Grace Parlor No. 242, State Chairman

The N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation Committee started off the term immediately getting down to business with the election of our chairman and investment representative. I am grateful to Grand President Dawn Dunlap, the Board of Directors and Committee Members for entrusting me with the Chairmanship of this important Committee.

The Committee also elected Donna Fletcher, Darina No. 114, as our Investment Committee representative.

Other elected positions were as follows:

- Vice Chairman Linda Dusek, Petaluma No. 222
- Secretary Donna Fletcher, Darina No. 114
- Financial Secretary Lynne Singer, El Pinal No. 163
- Donation Secretary Marti Noyes, Jurupa No. 296
- Case Manager Trena Andersen, Donner No. 193
- Campership Liaison PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail No. 266
- Fundraising GT Sephanie Kerr, Oakdale No. 125/Aleli No. 102

Sadly, GT Stephanie Kerr resigned her position for health reasons. We welcomed GT Viola Gene Dana, Rancho La Puente No. 331, to take her place at the November 9, 2019 meeting.

Auditors: Katherine Foster, Cotati No. 299, Cindy Erich, Amapola No. 338, GVP & CFO Suzanne Renee Chandler, Poppy Trail No. 266

At our first meeting held on July 20, 2019, we reviewed the grant application, brochures, business cards, Committee policies, working policies and fundraising procedures. The grant application was revised to be more “user friendly”. In addition to our revised application, we determined two new applications were needed; one for campership grants and one for organization grants. The two new applications were developed and approved at the January 11, 2020 meeting. All applications can be found on the Childrens Foundation page of the official website.

Early in the term, it was determined our Committee Policies needed to be updated to address the funds received from the Virginia M. Jameson Will. Held in Trust by Wells Fargo Bank, these funds are paid to the Grand Parlor Native Daughters of the Golden West and placed in the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation account as the beneficiary for homeless children.

Together with the Investment Committee, we worked on a proposal to update our Committee Policies to address receipt of these funds. Our joint proposal was submitted and will be presented at the next Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. We also identified a new line item on the budget should be added to the revenue and expenses. You will see a new line item has been added to the proposed 2020-2021 budget.

### Community Outreach

We have made an extreme effort this term to be more visible in our communities. Each of the Committee Members volunteered to present checks for Campership grants in person. This was an awesome experience. We also sent letters and brochures to the 17 Childrens Hospitals and 21 Regional Centers in the State of California. Each of the Committee Members volunteered to contact or visit at least one of these organizations to let them know more about our foundation and ways we might collaborate or be of further assistance.

On September 28th and 29th, the Committee manned a booth at Truckin’ for Kids event held at the Irwindale Event Center in Southern California. The complimentary booth space was offered to the NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee by John Testa of 10-4 Magazine to help promote our important programs.

The Committee organized “Count the Candy Corn” (booth game) and provided “red truck” prizes for the top three winners. Donner Parlor No. 193 donated orange and yellow “I Love You California – N.D.G.W.” bracelets as an incentive for participating in the game. The bracelets were a big hit with the kids! Information about our Childrens Foundation charity was well received by all the attendees. The event included a truck race and show, with one truck specializing in Autism Awareness.

The owner of the Autism Awareness truck was kind enough to collaborate with our organization, allowing us to put our brochures inside the truck.

### Fundraising Events

We would like to express our appreciation to our wonderful donors, Parlors and Districts that sponsored fundraising events benefiting this Committee. We give special recognition to...

Mid-Valley Childrens Foundation Luncheon held in Fresno on October 12, 2019

- Sponsored by Fresno No. 187 & Charter Oak No. 296
- Donner Parlor No. 193 Luncheon held in Brentwood on October 20, 2019
- District 15 Parlors Luncheon held in South San Francisco on December 1, 2019
- Sponsored by Bonita No. 10, Darina No. 114, El Vespero No. 118, Vista Del Mar No. 155 and San Bruno No. 246

- District 14 Parlors Luncheon held in Jackson on February 15, 2020
- Sponsored by Ursula No. 1, Forrest No. 86 & Amapola No. 338
- Jurupa Parlor No. 296 Tea held in Riverside on February 29, 2020
- Southern Counties Childrens Fdn. Luncheon held in Buena Park on March 14, 2020

Participating Parlors: San Diego No. 208, Lugonia No. 241, Grace No. 242, Poppy Trail No. 266, Placerita No. 277, Toluca No. 279, La Tijera No. 282, Charter Oak No. 292, Jurupa No. 296 and Rancho La Puente No. 331

### Donors & Revenue Programs

The Committee would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors. The donor recognition book will posted on the website at the end of the term.

One of the ways in which Members and friends are providing help is through Amazon Smile and the Kroger Community Rewards program. These programs make fundraising easy based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper’s Card. To find out more about Amazon Smile and the grocery programs, visit the Childrens Foundation page of the official website.

### Summary of Programs as of May 2, 2020

Human Milk Fortifier (HMF): We are sad to report the NICU babies at PIH Health Whittier Hospital no longer need our help with the formula project. The good news is the babies are being helped by a new vendor who included free

HMF service as part of their contract negotiations with the hospital.

Homeless Children: Grand President Dawn directed revenue from the Robert Morris Fund and Virginia M. Jameson T/U/W be used to help homeless children by donating to the following organizations:

- Robert Morris Fund: Wind Youth Services, Sacramento
- Virginia M. Jameson T/U/W: Covenant House California, Oakland

**Individual Grants:** We are pleased to report the following type of grants were awarded this term to individual children. All grants are paid directly to the service provider(s).

- 5 – Van Lifts/Swing-A-Way/Stroller(s)
- 5- Hearing Aid(s)/Audiology Testing/Cochlear Implant(s)
- 3- Physical Therapy
- 2- Pharmacy
- 2- Emergency for urgent treatment, transportation and/or lodging
- 1- Surgery (deductible-not covered by insurance)

### Organization Grants

The following donations and grants were awarded for California children to... Society for Disabled Children, Fresno: A donation was made to support Camp Blue Jay in honor of John Testa

- Tri City Band Corp, Fremont: An organization grant was given for instruments and equipment for the Special Needs Percussion Regiment
- John Tracy Center, Los Angeles: An organization grant was given to the hearing aid loaner program Camperships

The following nine camps were each awarded a \$1,000.00 grant restricted for California children (birth through seventeen years of age).

1. Dreamstreet Foundation, Beverly Hills — Cancer, Blood Disorders and other chronic life threatening disorders.
2. Camp Ronald McDonald — Cancer
3. Camp Okizu, Novato — Cancer
4. Camp Nugget, Long Beach — various disabilities
5. Childrens Ranch, Los Angeles — Autism & other types of disorders.
6. Surfers Healing, Rancho Mission Viejo — Autism
7. Wayfinders Family Services, Los Angeles — Camp Bloomfield for the Blind
8. Society for Dis Ability, Modesto — Bicycle Camp
9. Camp del Corazon, Catalina — Heart Disease

### Program Impact Survey

The Committee also felt it would be helpful to evaluate the impact of our charitable programs. A survey was developed and will be implemented in the upcoming term.



### Parlor Reports



Reports were received from Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Bonita No. 10, Reina Del Mar No. 126, San Diego No. 208, Grace Parlor No. 24, Jurupa No. 296

On behalf of the Committee, we thank Grand President Dawn Dunlap, the Board of Directors, members, and friends for their contributions and support. I especially would like to thank the members of this hard working Committee for their continued dedication to California’s children.

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# NDGW Roll of Honor 76th Inductee Betty White Ludden

By L. CAROL BONÉ, JOAQUIN PARLOR NO. 5 PRESIDENT  
AND ROLL OF HONOR CHAIRMAN

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Roll of Honor was established in 1910, to recognize those women who, though not eligible for membership, have performed some signal service for Order and/or our Great State of California. Since it's establishment 110 years ago, 75 women have been honored with this prestigious award. This year, the Roll of Honor Committee is privileged to announce our 76th inductee into our N.D.G.W. Roll of Honor, actress and philanthropist Betty White Ludden.

Betty Marion White Ludden was born January 17, 1922 in Oak Park, Illinois. The White family moved to Alhambra, California in 1923, when Betty was just over a year old. Betty attended Horace Mann School in Beverly Hills, followed by Beverly Hills High School, where she graduated in 1939. She wrote and played the lead in a graduation play at Horace Mann School and it was then that she discovered her interest in acting and decided to pursue a career as an actress.

Betty is regarded as a pioneer of television. She was one of the first women in television with full, creative control both in front of and behind the camera and is recognized as the first woman to produce a sitcom (Life with Elizabeth), which contributed to her receiving the honorary title of Mayor of Hollywood in 1955. Betty has the longest television career of any entertainer, spanning 80 years! She is the only woman to receive an Emmy in all performing comedic categories and also holds the record for the longest span between Emmy nominations for performances — her first was in 1951, her most recent in 2011 — a span of 60 years!

When World War II broke out, Betty



put her career on hold and volunteered for the American Women's Voluntary Services where she transported military supplies, driving a PX truck throughout California. She also participated in events for troops before they were deployed overseas.

Betty is an avid animal welfare activist and works with a number of organizations including the Los Angeles Zoo Commission, the Morris Animal Foundation, African Wildlife Foundation, Friends of Animals, the Farm Animal Reform Movement and Actors & Others for Animals. As a Los Angeles Zoo Board Member and Commissioner, Betty has donated tens of thousands of dollars over the past 40 years and in 2010 she founded a t-shirt line, whose profits go to the Morris Animal Foundation.

Betty's interest in wildlife was sparked by family vacations to the High Sierra. As a youth, she aspired to a career as a forest ranger, but was unable to accomplish this as women were not allowed to serve as rangers at that time. Betty was inducted into the California Hall of Fame in 2010.

Betty was recommended for our Roll of Honor by El Vesperto Parlor No. 118 of San Francisco. It is our distinct pleasure to induct Ms. Betty White Ludden into the Native Daughters of the Golden West Roll of Honor in recognition of her lifetime career as a pioneer behind the camera as well as in front of the camera and her life-long dedication to helping animals.

# “Wonders of California” Essay Contest Winners

By JUDITH CAIN, ESSAY CONTEST CHAIRMAN

California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings Sub-Committee Essay Contest is pleased to present the First Place Winners with a certificate and a monetary award of \$50. This year, our committee had fifty-five entries for the “Wonders of California” Essay Contest. All those who participated will receive a Certificate of Participation. Six Subordinate Parlors sent in entries and our committee appreciates the participation from the following Parlors: Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, San Bruno Parlor No. 246, Lomitas Parlor No. 255, and Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331. Here are the winners:

Fourth Grade:

- 1st Place — Alexander Hooper (Bonita Parlor No. 10)
- 2nd Place — Oliver Jou (Lomitas Parlor No. 255)

Fifth Grade:

- 1st Place — Siena Freitas (Lomitas Parlor No. 255)

Sixth Grade:

- 1st Place — Leia Espiritu-Foster (Joaquin Parlor No. 5)
- 2nd Place — Jennifer Heredia (Lomitas Parlor No. 255)

We had two 3rd Place Winners:

3rd Place — Andrew San Juan-Lam (San Bruno Parlor No. 246)

3rd Place — Anthony Nunez (Joaquin Parlor No. 5)

Seventh Grade:

1st Place — Gabriela Brazil (Lomitas Parlor No. 255)

We have two 2nd Place Winners:

2nd Place — Mirasol Lavanderia Velez (Joaquin Parlor No. 5)

2nd Place — Litlally Hernandez Munguia (Joaquin Parlor No. 5)

3rd Place — Letter Yao (Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331)

Eighth Grade:

1st Place — Laureli Skinner (Lomitas Parlor No. 255)

2nd Place — Eduardo Luna (Joaquin Parlor No. 5)

3rd Place — Tayla Olson (Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210)

The California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings Sub-Committee Essay Contest members, Laura Cent, Jean Koehl, PGP, and Judith Cain sincerely thank all the Parlors who participated this year in the “Wonders of California” Essay Contest. Our Committee appreciates and thanks Grand President, Dawn Dunlap for our appointments.

# Fresno Parlor No. 187 Eagle Tour Boat Ride

On Saturday, February 23, 2020, the NDGW Fresno Parlor #187 sponsored its annual Eagle Tour boat ride on Millerton Lake. The day started with a brief movie and overview at the historic Millerton Lake Courthouse. Next, we boarded the boat and were blessed with good conditions all morning. Our captain was a Millerton Lake ranger and our guide was a naturalist and eagle expert who helped us find these regal birds and taught us about their behavior and nesting habits. The bald eagles return to Millerton Lake every year as they have for hundreds of years. They started coming to the area hundreds of years ago for the salmon fishing which is no longer available. However, their genetic code tells them to return here anyway and they have adapted

by finding other critters to feast on. We saw several nests and anywhere from 4-6 birds. Observing these magnificent creatures in their natural element gave us a whole new perspective. After the boat tour concluded we headed down the road to Eagle Crest golf course where we enjoyed a nice lunch out on the patio as we watched and listened to Ann Perkin's friend, Cat Krosschell, Master Falconer, give a presentation on her birds of prey. She brought along a peregrine falcon, red tailed hawk and an owl. The beauty of these birds is best appreciated up close. Cat was entertaining, informative and passionate about sharing her knowledge and love of the birds, all of whom are native to this area. Many thanks to Ann Perkins, Brenda and Tim Green for making this event happen.



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# You Can Help Our NDGW Home While Sheltering-in-Place!

By SANDRA FIRPO, OUTSIDE SENTINEL, SAN BRUNO PARLOR #246

There is a way to help the NDGW Home even while we're under the shelter-in-place order and can't visit the Home in person!

Since much of our shopping for groceries, medications, books, and such, is done on-line — and many of you shop using Amazon — consider using “**Amazon Smile.**” A small percentage of your spending via Amazon Smile can benefit the charity of your choice, and that includes NDGW!

You're given a choice of directing your Amazon Smile benefit to go toward the NDGW Home, or to the Children's Foundation.

Then, each time you are shopping, just be sure you're in the Amazon Smile site. How do you get set-up on Amazon Smile?

Start by going to your regular Amazon.com site.

Then type “Amazon Smile” or “smile.amazon” in the search bar, and it'll pop up with the AmazonSmile banner. Click on the banner, and it'll take you to where you can set up your account to support a particular charity (you may have to go to your Profile to set this up).


Type in “Native Daughters of the Golden West” and it'll give you a couple of options — the Home, or the Children's Foundation.

Here's what it looks like when the banner pops up...

Now, whenever I'm in AmazonSmile...I can see the charity that I'm supporting, so I know I'm in the right place.



Here's what it looks like when you're in the AmazonSmile site:



Your Amazon experience remains the same. If you have Prime, it keeps your Prime. It keeps all your orders and history like before. Except, that by taking the extra step of shopping through the Amazon Smile page, can give our beloved NDGW Home a little needed boost at this challenging time.

Be safe and be well.

## California Missions Need Your Help!

Dear Sisters,

As you know, California has Twenty-One Historic Missions that were started by Father Junipero Serra in San Diego (1769) and completed by Father Jose' Altamira in Sonoma (1823). Native Daughters have honored these Missions as part of their organization by having a designated Mission Restoration Committee for many years.

This Spring, we are encouraging all members to consider contributing \$21.00 (\$1 for every mission!) or more to help support and maintain our historic California Missions. As we shelter in place, donating to a charity is a wonderful way to ensure that our beloved Missions will be preserved for future Native Daughters to visit and enjoy!

As Mission Restoration Chairman, I am encouraging all of my NDGW Sisters to participate in this very worthwhile project. After contacting the Twenty-One Missions, I found many have up to a million dollars in repair needs. Our fundraisers can only cover some basic requests; e.g. new flagpoles, cleaning of plaques, window restoration, painting of certain areas of the mission grounds, etc. Please join me and donate!

On behalf of the Mission Restoration Committee members, thank you in advance for your support of our beautiful, historic Missions. Your contributions will help to increase the donations from our Order in support of our California treasures.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Jana Jack  
Jana Jack, State Chairman  
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Approved:  
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Dawn Dunlap,  
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Please complete and return with your voluntary contribution to the Native Daughters of the Golden West C/O Jana Jack 2468 Vine Hill Drive, Napa, CA 94558.  
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# Aleli Parlor No. 102 Serves Local Veterans' Cemetery

By LAURA LAWRENCE, ALELI PARLOR NO. 102

On a sunny Saturday morning in early January, sisters Carolyn Sanders, Kari Sanders, Laura Lawrence, and Rosemary Perez gathered with other family members at one of the newest veterans' cemeteries in the United States to take down holiday wreaths, sweep up the grounds, and haul away waste.

The members of Aleli Parlor had volunteered to remove the wreaths at California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, which opened in 2018 on the former Fort Ord in Seaside. This was part of our collective mission as Native Daughters to better the quality of life through active participation in community service. As an organization, Native Daughters of the Golden West joins in various projects throughout the state that help our veterans. However, smaller parlors may have a difficult time getting sisters to “actively” participate in community service.

Over the years, Aleli Parlor has donated their coin march funds to various causes during the year, but has struggled to commit to community service projects. We have purchased pine trees through the USFS Penny Pines Program. We have donated to our local food bank. In November, Aleli Parlor voted to use their coin march funds to purchase wreaths through *Wreaths Across America* and selected the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery to receive the wreaths Aleli Parlor sponsored. This year, we did more than just donate funds — we added a community service project to the donation.

National *Wreaths Across America* Day is a day that has been set aside annually in



## Cotati Parlor No. 299 Honors 50-Year Member

Cotati Parlor No.299 presented a 50 year medallion to member Dorothy Petersen. The medallion was presented by Barbara Ish SDDGP. Dorothy joined Cotati Parlor April 9, 1970, and was sponsored by Ursula Lucchesi PGP, her sister-in-law, and Annie Petersen, her mother-in-law. For the past 50 years Dorothy has been an active member of the Parlor and she's sure that over the years she

has held every office. She remembers when she was installed as parlor president with the theme Hats Off to Dorothy, a time when all sisters present wore hats.

Other fond memories were traveling with Ursula from Marin County to Lake County meeting many new sisters. Another memory she talked about was being a member of the Native Daughters Drill Team. However, her favorite memory was the annual Parlor summer picnic. Dorothy will be honored by her Parlor members at the May meeting which will be conducted through ZOOM. This is a time of “social distancing” which is the reason for two separate pictures, one of Barbara Ish SDDGP and one of Dorothy who, because of “social distancing”, sat on opposite ends of the room.





# Cambria’s El Pinal Parlor No. 163

## Proud of Sister Dawn Dunlap

Cambria’s El Pinal Parlor No. 163 is so proud of all that our Sister Dawn Dunlap has accomplished during her tenure as Grand President. We are dismayed that the international and national crisis has curtailed the remainder of her individual visits to parlors, and especially our homecoming for her in June.

We regret but understand the cancellation of GPAM 20, and will miss the grandeur and business transactions in San Luis Obispo. Dawn certainly will measure up to the challenge of carrying on the Order through the completion of her term and beyond. She is seen here with Past Grand President Sharon Johnstone at the Hearst Ranch kick-off.

Our Parlor received the community’s appreciation for donations of new clothing items and toys, and groceries for the Food Bank; the Cambria Historical Society acknowledged a thousand dollar contribution for the Relocation and Renovation of the

1880s schoolhouse and thanks for annual participation in Heritage Day and Harvest Festival.

We participate in other community endeavors, such as Lindy Pedotti, seen here with the Americanism exhibit for the Daughters of the American Revolution. During each meeting, we have the opportunity to give a brief presentation our families, and how it was that they came to California. Claudia Harmon Worthen was proud to display an ornate 1917 marriage certificate for her grandparents, Mercedes and Manuel Garcia.

Leading our slate of officers for the year is the dynamic mother-daughter duo of President Kate Frias, left, and Jean Chinnici, right. They also have been meeting the challenge of carrying on business in the spirit via phone and emails, but look forward as we all do to being back together “in the flesh”. Our Sisters maintain a telephone tree to contact our members, especially the housebound, especially at this time.



## Message From GP Dawn

*Continued from page 1*  
Past Grand Presidents, and Members of our seventy-seven Subordinate Parlors. None of us are autonomous of the others. We all **must** work together toward common goals. We are all, individually and collectively, important, and necessary.

Our Native Daughter Home is the greatest and most valuable asset we have. I ask you to consider these two issues: What does the Native Daughter Home mean to you? What does it symbolize to you? For me, it is an historical jewel showcasing our Order and a comfortable place of true rest. It is well worth our social and spiritual commitment and financial support to ensure its sustainability. When our Home was built, just prior to the height of the Great Depression, our Sisters, one and all, rallied and satisfied the \$91,000.00 mortgage in three years. These remarkable women showed us that we **can** create what we need. Let’s not sully the memory, nor abandon the hard work of all our Sisters who had given so much to building, maintaining, and improving the Home. This historical jewel is well worth saving for future Native Daughters to admire and enjoy.

During the shelter-in-place mandate I have had the good fortune and opportunity to stay in our Home. In addition to directing the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2020 from the Grand Parlor Office, I am serving as a janitor and guardian of our Home. As soon as the State of California and the City/County of San Francisco allow us to re-open the Native Daughter Home, we will welcome you. I am pleased to announce that a much-

needed new roof will be installed on the Home in August. Let the rains come!

We began the year with great expectations of providing interesting and exciting fraternal activities for our Members in and around San Francisco. Unfortunately, fate stepped in and waylaid all our planned events for these activities.

Grand Parlor Office personnel and vendors have been busy ferreting out glitches and rectifying them in the office computers, telephones, photocopying and scanning equipment, as well as updating necessary software, and finding secure and reliable wi-fi connections and storage. The Bookkeeping Office is undergoing major changes in personnel and procedures. Our goal for the Grand Parlor and Bookkeeping Offices is to provide accurate communication and efficient services for our Members.

A very difficult matter for me to address is the cancellation of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2020 that was scheduled to be held at the Alex Madonna Exposition Center in San Luis Obispo. Four years of planning... gone! Its cancellation was a grave disappointment to me and many others. I appreciate all of you who made reservations and planned to attend four days of discussing and making decisions regarding the business of the Order, four days of delicious luncheons and dinners, four days of shopping at the Marketplace, four days of entertainments in the evenings, and four days of enjoying California’s beautiful Central Coast. GPAM 2020 will always be remembered as an illusionary Grand Parlor of unique circumstances.

This brings us to the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2020 that is being directed from the Grand Parlor Office. This Grand Parlor Annual Meeting is unusual and unsettling for many, but as I stated in my April letter, “We are the descendants of sturdy pioneers and immigrants; we can do this and do it well.” The measures and procedures for this emergency GPAM are outlined on pages 26 and 27 of Procedures in the Constitution for Grand Parlor. The language is outdated, and the requirement of using the U.S. Mail for all voting is not efficient; however, we have procedures in place we must follow and guidelines to conduct the business we are legally required to complete before the end of each fiscal year. These guidelines are listed on pages 9 and 10 in the By-Laws of the Constitution of Grand Parlor. An overwhelming ninety-nine percent of our Subordinate Parlors have participated in electing Delegates to this GPAM 2020. This is a radical change in what we have experienced in the recent past. Can we consider this an

opportunity to forge new paths toward the full participation of all our Parlors at future annual corporate meetings? This is another goal worth pursuing.

My long journey full of adventure and full of discovery is ending. I am looking forward to returning to my role as a cattle rancher in Cambria while sustaining my passion for and participation in the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Thank you for honoring me by electing me to serve as your one hundred thirty-fourth Grand President and allowing me to set out on this marvelous journey.

The poem ends with,  
“... Ithaka gave you this marvelous journey / Without her you wouldn’t have set out...”

Stay engaged and stay safe until we meet again.

*Dawn Dunlap*  
El Pinal Parlor No. 163  
Grand President

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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 415-563-9091, e-mail to [grandparlor@ndgw.org](mailto:grandparlor@ndgw.org) 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](https://www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor)

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*“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 Suzanne Renee Chandler 2020-2021

### JUNE

27 Tentative Virtual Grand Officer Installation

### JULY

4 Happy Fourth of July  
11 Sloat Landing Ceremony - Monterey  
17 Investment Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
Finance Meeting, San Francisco - 1 p.m.  
18 CFIC Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
24 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
25 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.

### AUGUST

5-8 Old Spanish Days Fiesta - Santa Barbara  
10 Nataqua Parlor No. 152 Official Visit, Susanville  
15 Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Fiesta for our Hacienda,  
Childrens Foundation Luncheon, Bakersfield  
21-23 Board of Director’s Meeting, San Francisco  
22 Grand Officer Installation, San Francisco 3 p.m.  
28 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER

1 Eschoscholtzia Parlor No. 112 Official Visit, Etna  
8 Hayward Parlor No. 122 Official Visit  
9 California Admission Day  
11 Native Daughter of the Golden West Founders Day  
11 Admission Day Celebration, San Francisco  
12 District 12 Official Visit, Eshcol Parlor No. 16,  
Calistoga Parlor No. 145 and Vallejo Parlor No. 195  
13 District 17 CFIC Luncheon, Alameda  
14 District 11 Official Visit, Sonoma Parlor No. 209,  
Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Marinita Parlor No. 298  
and Cotati Parlor No. 299  
18 Ursula Parlor No. 1 and Amapola Parlor No. 338, Official Visit  
19 Sutter’s Mill Parlor No. 336 Official Visit,  
25 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
25 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 2 p.m.  
26 District 13 Home Luncheon, Dixon

### OCTOBER

3 Forrest Parlor No. 86 125th Celebration and Official Visit  
8 District 3 Official Visit, Berendos Parlor No. 23  
and Hiawatha Parlor No. 140  
9 District 7 Official Visit, Placer Parlor No. 138 and  
South Butte Parlor No. 226  
10 District 20 Official Visit, San Jose Parlor No. 81,  
Vendome Parlor No. 100 and Gilroy Parlor No. 312  
17 Montebello Parade celebrating the City’s 100th birthday, Montebello  
23 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
23–25 Joint meeting with Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents  
25 Donner Parlor No. 193, Childrens Foundation Luncheon  
30 Investment Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
Finance Meeting, San Francisco - 1 p.m.  
Personnel Meeting, San Francisco - 4 p.m.  
31 CFIC Meeting, San Francisco - 9 a.m.  
31 Happy Halloween

# NDGW Charitable Foundation Inc. (CFIC)

BY CHRISTINE TRIPOD, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN

At last years’s GPAM it was passed to set aside for three years a portion of the Committee Policies for this committee. In an effort to involve all 9 committees that are under this committee’s umbrella, all 9 chairman were made a part of the governing board. This new approach has worked well this year. The communication between committees has helped each committee with their planned activities. It has served as a sounding board for new ideas and especially has helped new committee chairmen by offering ideas and procedures to help them. While all of the committees are different, there are things that have been tried by other committees that have not worked.

Since this committee meets quarterly, each individual chairman has time to work on her committee’s activities. She also has the knowledge of what the other committees are doing. This especially helps so that we don’t have 9 fundraisers at the same time. Each chairman is going to make a binder to give to the new state chairman with the history of that committees activities from her year as chairman.

The major fundraiser for the CFIC committee is our Cash for Christmas drawing in December. The fundraiser helps pay for our portion of the CPA bill so that the com-

mittees under us do not have to raise those funds. The tax benefits received by being part of this committee, can be an incentive to our donors. We have yet to apply for/nor receive any grants. We need help in this area. If any of our Sisters have experience in this field, we would appreciate it if you could help us get started applying for grants.

The committees that are under our umbrella are: Americanism and Civic Participation, California Admission Day, California History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings (including Art Talent and Essay Contest), California Lighthouse Preservation, Education and Scholarship, Environmental Issues, Mission Restoration, Veterans Welfare and Welfare. Each committee provides opportunities for our Sisters to express their commitment to California.

I urge each Member to reach out and find out what you can do to preserve California and provide for the future of our State. Do you know of a special project in your area what we could help with? Please let us know! We need your support of our Order and these committees to be relevant in the future.

Next year’s CFIC Committee will need to expand on the progress that we have made. It is our hope that this project works for all of us.

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## Estate Planning

*A Gift that Provides for the Future  
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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.