

# CALIFORNIA STAR

## Native Daughters of the Golden West

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## **Grand President Susan Collins**

Greetings Sisters,

I am saddened that this will be my last chance as Grand President to address you here, in the Orders Official Publication. As I do so I want each of you to know how much appreciation I have for all my Sisters.

I have enjoyed Official Visits to over 50 Parlors so far. I will be traveling to the rest in April, May, and June. Thank you to the Parlors for arranging these visits in whatever form your parlors are comfortable with. In my travels, I have met and learned from My Sisters in this Great State. I have also been able to find interesting places in each region to visit.

I want to thank all of you for believing in Native Daughters of the Golden West and for being flexible during the last two years so that the business of the Order can be completed and we can continue to thrive as an organization.

Welcome to the many new members that have joined subordinate parlors. I hope you enjoy your membership

and that you contribute in a positive way to this Organization. Your energy is needed for Native Daughters to move forward.

Remember that the Native Daughters of Golden West Home is a privilege of membership. Please take advantage of this privilege by visiting the Home.

Plans are in the works for a great Grand Parlor Annual Meeting so I hope your parlor is electing delegates and are planning to attend in person or by Zoom. Parlors received registration information in the March Monthly mailing and flyers for many fun events were included in the April Monthly mailing. Hope to see you there.

Well, this is goodbye for now. I have enjoyed being your Grand President and will be looking forward to meeting up with you soon.

In Sisterly devotion,



## **Travels with Ginger**

Grand Pup Ginger enjoyed her visit to the Central Coast and Southern California. She traveled to Paso Robles, Santa Barbara,

and LA in the RV with her humans. She enjoyed her visits to the War Bird and Pioneer Museums in Paso. She always enjoys her Coastal Trail walks but when the Poppies are blooming, she likes to stop for a picture now and then.







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# It is with sadness that we report the passing of our Sister

## **Betty L. Gannon**

July 5, 1922 - April 8, 2022

**Betty Lorraine Gannon** passed away on April 8, 2022, only three months shy of her 100th birthday. Betty was born on July 5, 1922 in Berkeley, California. Betty was so proud

to be born in our glorious, golden State and privileged to be an honored Member of our Order.

Initiated into Laurel Parlor No. 6 in Nevada City on June 25, 1940, where she enjoyed her membership for 82 years! Betty was a dedicated and active Native Daughter, serving her first time as President at Laurel's 125th Anniversary (when she was 90!). Later, Betty was thrilled to receive her 75 year membership emblem from GP Sherry Farley

at GPAM 2017 held at Knott's BerryFarm. Betty wore her 75 year e m b l e m with pride. Betty will be sorely missed by all who knew her.







Laurel Parlor No. 6 celebrating their 125th Anniversary. President Betty standing proudly in the center.

One day, you are going to hug your last hug, kiss your last kiss and hear someone's voice for the last time, but you never know when the last time will be, so live everyday asif it were the last time you will be with the person you love.

# Official Emblem of the Native Daughtersof the Golden West

We are very excited to present to all our members the Official Emblem of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. In the past, The Order has sold these beautiful emblems, but for many they have not been available. The Sisters of Eschscholtzia Parlor from Etna have been able to obtain them and have been given permission

to provide them to everyone. So, now you can have one too!!!

In the past the emblems were to affix to gravestones, but they also make great decorations. Decorate your doors; use them as coasters in your home. The emblem also makes a great gift for fellow Sisters. Your imagination will not limit the use of these inexpensive wonderful commemorative emblems.

The emblems are \$15.00 each with \$5.00 postage. Please send your check payable to Eschscholtzia Parlor # 112 and mail to Vonita Bishop, P.O. Box 611, Etna, CA 96027-0611.



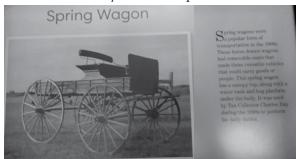
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### **GP Susan OV at Kern County Museum**

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

The Official Visit of Grand President Susan Collins to El Tejon Parlor 239 was held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Kern County Museum. The Museum has Pioneer Village which houses many of the original buildings from Bakersfield, a plaza of old historic neon signs from various businesses, and a transportation building with vehicles from the late

1800's and an original streetcar. We hosted GP Susan and GVP Nina in the transportation building. Our Parlor sponsored the below pictured Spring Wagon which was used by our local tax collector in his rounds to collect taxes. Pictured below is the Wagon and the presentation of our sponsorship check to Mike McCoy, Museum Director by Darleen Carpenter.





We had an informal meeting with an initiation of a new member by GP Susan and GVP Nina. The theme of the meeting was Lighthouses, and each table was decorated with a lighthouse and poppies. A delicious catered lunch of quiche was served and enjoyed by all. We served a cake in honor of GP Susan's visit. Everyone was able to tour the transportation building to view the vehicles which included our Spring Wagon, a glass hearse, delivery wagons and many old vehicles including many which were horse drawn. GP Susan is pic-

tured with her cake in front of the trolley car which used to run in downtown Bakersfield.





# Arcata Parlor No. 325 Visits Humboldt Redwoods State Park

SUBMITTED BY LEE CRAMER

Eureka! Arcata Parlor No. 325 found it! The Native Daughters of the Golden West Grove sign and a Plaque dedicated to the Pioneers of California by the Native Daughters of the Golden West. With a little bit of help from a member's map courtesy of her husband, we set out from the South entrance of Highway 254 also known as old Route 101, Avenue of the Giants in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. We drove North and made a quick stop at the



Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Center (Visitor Center) near Weott to ask a State Park employee about the Grove, while knowledgeable, she had not heard of the Native Daughters Grove. We kept driving North and about 2 miles from the Visitor Center at mile marker 17.9 found the sign on the right side of the road and maybe about 100 feet North and on the left side of the road was the Plaque.



Some research yielded in a book entitled, "Native Daughters of the Golden West 1886 –1986", that it may have been dedicated on May 10, 1931 when a grove of redwoods was dedicated to the Pioneers of California. Another possibility in research done for PGP Sherry Farley when she and her husband located the plaque on their way to the February 21, 2017 Official Visit for District 1, it was placed during the 1940–1941 term. In any case, the plaque is still there.

A beautiful drive and a nice picnic were included with this excursion.

## **Estate Planning**

## A Gift that Provides for the Future of Native Daughters of the Golden West

When doing your Estate Planning please keep Native Daughters in your thoughts. Bequests in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy can be made to the three 501(c)(3) entities under the Native Daughters of the Golden West: the Native Daughters Charitable Foundation, Inc. and/or one of the ten Public Benefit and two Sub Committees under it, the Native Daughters Home, and the Native Daughters Childrens Foundation.

A gift, when making your estate plans, will ensure the work of our beloved Order will continue well in to the future.

## Reichling Parlor No. 97 in Fortuna Celebrates 125 Years!

SUBMITTED BY LEE CRAMER, RECORDING SECRETARY

In filling out our Itinerary Planning form for then Grand Vice President Susan Collins, I read the line that asked, "will your Parlor have a special anniversary?" I realized we would be celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> after counting out the dates and consulting with our Treasurer, Linda Fisher. The question became, how to

celebrate? Having a party in the time of a still pandemic world wasn't going to be an option, attendance would be low. Fortunately, our Worthy Grand President Susan Collins had a good idea, put up a display somewhere. We meet on the same road in Rhoner Park as the Fortuna Depot Museum. This is a place full of Eel River Valley history. Not just Fortuna, but the surrounding towns as well. I called the curator, Dr. Alexandra Service and was told we could put up a display in the glass cabinet in the front area. She asked me if I knew about the lady who founded Reichling Parlor. I had to confess, I did not. She not only told me of the marble memorial stone to her in the park but also had some of her



history as well. I met with Dr. Alex, and she  $gave\,me\,a\,print\,out\,and\,the\,Museum\,had\,two$ vintage reproductions of local newspapers for sale as well. I went and took pictures and read the memorial, which was erected sometime after her passing in 1936 in front of now a tall evergreen tree that was planted by the Reichling Parlor sisters in her honor. I read on the memorial a mystery to solve. It read "Dedicated to the memory of Emma O'Connor founder of Reichling Parlor No. 97  $in \, 1895 \, Erected \, by \, the \, Native \, Daughters \, of the \,$ Golden West". Founded 1895? Our Charter reads April 10, 1897, and all the information printed about our Parlor mentions us being instituted in 1897?!?

Emma Olive Harris was born in 1858 in the mining town of Rough and Ready in Nevada County California, to a pioneering family who made it to California around 1853. Sometime around the mid 1870's the family moved to Blocksburg in Humboldt County. In 1878, Emma married Deming Loran O'Connor, 10 years her senior and born in Ohio. He had various jobs but finally settled on being a dentist in the early 1880's. At that time, D.L. and Emma were both serious photographers. In 1893 the family moved to Hydesville where D.L. worked as a dentist and Emma ran the photography gallery. By 1894 the family settled in Fortuna and in an edition of the "Eel River Valley Advance" newspaper there was a paragraph about her and her photography and the "honor of being a Native Daughter of the Golden West". Hmm, still 11 months away from Reichling Parlor being instituted.

Fortuna, California in the late 1890's and early 1900's, while seemingly not a large city, had quite a few fraternal and civic organizations. Emma was a busy lady; she was running and cooking for a hotel they owned, and she



managed to belong to several organizations. Pythian Sisters, Ladies G.A.R. (Relatives of Veterans who assist veterans and their families), Rohnerville Eastern Star, Independence Lodge of Rebekahs, Grandmother's Club (a charter member), the Fortuna Garden Club as well as Reichling Parlor No. 97. In the January 17, 1913, expanded edition of "The Humboldt Beacon" A Fortuna, California newspaper, appears an article about Reichling Parlor No. 97 N.D.G.W. The article mentions the Parlor "was organized April 10, 1897". That was settled. The article goes on to state "at the first meeting twenty-eight women were initiated as charter members." Oh-oh, another mystery, we have 36 ladies listed as charter members on our charter! "Of that

number, seven remain as active members." "During the fifteen years of the parlor's existence...all times honoring California's pioneers and forwarding the best interest of the state". Another pioneer family in Fortuna, Shultz, had four sisters as charter members. Among the offi-

cers listed is Emma O'Connor as Financial Secretary.

In 1921 Emma O'Connor was badly injured when she was hit by an automobile. She may have had some mobility issues but was probably not completely paralyzed as she did continue to attend her various meetings until recent months before her death in November of 1936, at the age of 78. The Humboldt Beacon said, "Graveside services were held under the auspices of the Reichling Parlor, Native Daughters."

As for my two mysteries, I turned to two NDGW members from Grand Parlor, who could maybe answer my questions. Mary Louise Days, Historian of the Order told me that members initiated within a brief period of time after the first charter meeting could be listed on the charter. The newspaper article was right. Mary also told me that the Funeral Ceremony was an old feature of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Emma was probably given a Funeral Ceremony at her graveside. I asked Dianna Geyer why the memorial for Emma read founded in 1895 when we weren't instituted until 1897. She couldn't tell me specifically, but thought it could take 2 years now to be instituted, during the mid 1890's Parlors were being instituted faster, but maybe since there were so many being instituted at that time it may have taken that long. My own theory? I noticed that Emma's oldest daughter, Verna O'Connor, was also a charter member of Reichling Parlor 97. She was born in April 1879. Verna wouldn't be 18 until 1897. You couldn't join Native Daughters of the Golden West unless you were 18 years old. Regardless of the reason, the members of Reichling Parlor #97, Fortuna still has Emma Olive Harris O'Connor to thank for founding our Parlor.

#### Native Daughters of the Golden West Home 555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405 Room Reservations

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

## Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126 Celebrates Fiesta

SUBMITTED BY MARY LOUISE DAYS



Santa Barbara celebrated a limited Old Spanish Days Fiesta in August 2021 due to pandemic concerns. Reina del Mar Parlor No.126 continued its tradition of selecting a parlor member to portray Saint Barbara during Fiesta—a tradition begun in 1926. This year Patricia Oreña received the honor. She was introduced to the public in front of Old Mission Santa Barbara on May 6. Patricia was born and raised in Santa Barbara and is a graduate of U.C.S.B. She has been a member of Reina del Mar Parlor for almost six years and was recently installed as president. In 2020 she organized and designed a Covid mask as a fund raiser for parlor members. She has regularly participated in parlor events.

The new Saint Barbara is a retired teacher and serves as Wedding and Baptism Coordinator for St. Barbara parish at the Old Mission. She is descended from several local families who date from the Spanish colonial period of early California and the Santa Barbara Pre-

sidio. Patricia Oreña is a director on the Old Spanish Days organization's board, holding membership or chairmanship on several major committees. She was quoted as saying "This is a very special honor to represent St. Barbara for 2021. I am looking forward to representing Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 and the community of Santa Barbara in this capacity."

A highlight of Santa Barbara's Fiesta was the visit by Grand President Susan Collins. She attended a lunch hosted by Reina del Mar Parlor in the patio of La Playa Azul Café. Grand Marshal Rae Ann Rosas of Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 was also present, as was Saint Barbara Patricia Oreña. Historian of the Order Mary Louise Days led private tours for the Grand President at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum and at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park. Grand President Susan was cordially welcomed at both sites,

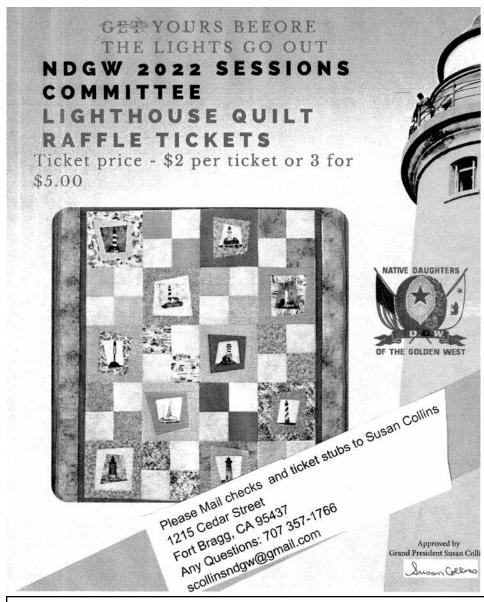
### **Corrections to Spring 2022 Edition:**

The names on the photos under "Sutter Parlor Welcomes New Members" were reversed.

All the Christmas Tree Lighting photos were taken by Suzette Allen (our own professional photographer from Sutter No. 111) and donated to the Native Daughters.

Page 6 photo should read "Carol Weisker and Parlor Sister Elsie Albertoni."

We are very sorry for the errors.



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and she expressed her appreciation for California history. At the Presidio she was greeted by Dr. Anne Petersen, the executive director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and a Reina del Mar Parlor member. A visit to Casa de la Guerra was followed by viewing a Spanish dance performance at the nearby shopping mall. The large crowd-attracting performances at the Mission and the Courthouse had been cancelled. Several Native Daughters accompanied Grand President Susan to the Misa del Presidente in the Old Mission. It was a beautiful traditional event. That evening Betty Dominguez, a parlor



past president, hosted a patio supper party to honor Grand President Susan. She enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Native Daughter sisters.

Reina del Mar Parlor's officers for 2021-2022 are Patricia Oreña, C. Linda Romero, Betty Dominguez, Barbara Herrera, Leeanne Figueroa, Diana Replogle-Purinton, Mary Ellen Chacon, Lauren Cywan, Mary Louise Days, Yvonne Robles, Laura Leivo, Julie Foley, Stephanie Coghlan, and Lisa Osborn. Linda and Leeanne were delegates to Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2021, with Linda attending in person. Leeanne and Mary Louise attended by Zoom.

A special documentary about Fiesta historical parades was produced this summer, and numerous Saint Barbara portrayers were featured and interviewed.

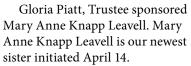
The Dream Foundation has recently honored Betty Dominguez for her sponsorship and decades of service to their Flower Empower program, bringing fresh flowers to shut-ins at their homes.

## Placer Parlor No. 138 Celebrates 119th Anniversary

SUBMITTED BY FRAN NEVES, RECORDING SECRETARY

Placer Parlor No. 138 celebrated our 119th Anniversary at our March meeting. Marilyn Turner a dual member of Zinfandel Parlor No. 337 and Placer Parlor brought the cake!







Betty Gadberry, a 50-year member with her "California" shirt at the Anniversary meeting. Betty was a transfer from Auburn Parlor No. 233 in 2008.

#### **Deceased Members**

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away.

Bonita Parlor No. 10 Dorothy Smith Eshcol No. 16 Aleli No. 102 Rae Cooper Francine Clemons Rhonda Iones Sutter No. 111 Califia No. 22 Roxie Holtsman Angelita No. 32 Joanne Barrett Marianne Griffith Veritas No. 75 Alma Howard Woodland No. 90 Barbara Ewert Dorothy Branigan Alice Ivec Susan Potter San Miguel No. 94 Corma Graf

Babette Smith

Golden Era No. 99 Fort Bragg No. 210 Lois Chiappelli Gayle Bowman Nancy Mantel Petaluma No. 222 Beverly Mellor Victoria Contente Lynne Thompson Hayward No. 122 South Butte No. 226 Anita Tennis Oakdale No. 125 Toluca No. 279 Christina Balloue PGP Adeline Coronado Reina Del Mar No. 126 La Tijera No. 282 Elsie Brown Encinal No. 156 Cotati No. 299 Linda McLaughlin Sonoma No. 209 Rancho La Puente No. 331 Frances Schiff Loava Johnson

## My Sister's Kitchen!

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA WACKFORD

I'm sure you have shared many wonderful family recipes over the years! Think of Grandma's holiday cookies or your Mom's rigatoni! I'm sure each of you have recipes that all of us would be anxious to try! The NDGW Home Committee would love to have the recipes to share with our sisters. They don't have to be original recipes just the ones your family has shared together. We are hoping to develop a new Native Daughter's cookbook. We haven't had one in ages!!

Please take the time to look thru your recipes and pull out a few to send to us. We'd like to have the recipes and a photo or a little family history behind them or share what memories the recipe brings to mind. Favorite recipes shared by neighbors or close friends are great too! I'm sure you have one or two for us.

We hope to gather over 150 recipes to have the cookbook ready by December. Recipes can be submitted on a recipe card or e-mailed. Photos can also be sent or scanned and e-mailed. We truly appreciate every members participation. We're challenging Parlors to provide the most

recipes. Kind of like having your name in lights!! Submittals can be sent to bwackford@aol. com or mailed to: Barbara Wackford 5618 Delcliff Circle, Sacramento, Ca 95822



## Aleli Parlor No. 102 Serves **Local Veterans' Cemetery**

SUBMITTED BY LAURA LAWRENCE

On a sunny Saturday morning in early January, sisters Carolyn Sanders, Kari Sanders, Laura Lawrence, Linda Yop, Rosemary Perez, Sharon Scilacci, and Susan Shaw gathered with other family members at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery to take down holiday wreaths, sweep up the grounds, and haul away the waste.

The members of Aleli Parlor No. 102 first volunteered to remove the wreaths at the cemetery in early 2020. The pandemic cancelled our plans



Left to right: Sonny Sanders, Dan Yop, Carolyn Sanders, Kari Sanders, Linda Yop, Sharon Scilacci, Rosemary Perez, Laura Lawrence and Susan Shaw.

in 2021, so we were delighted to volunteer again this year.

The cemetery is located on the former Fort Ord in Seaside. Initially established as a military outpost, the former Fort Ord served as a military training facility throughout most of its history. It is perhaps best known for training and deploying more than 1.2 million soldiers to defend our nation during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the more recent wars within areas of the Middle East. Fort Ord was decommissioned in 1992. The cemetery opened in 2018.

Part of our collective mission as Native Daughters is 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. In addition to volunteering, Aleli Parlor donated coin march funds to purchase wreaths for placement at the cemetery.

National Wreaths Across America Day is a day that has been set aside annually in December to lay wreaths at veterans' cemeteries, monuments, and parks. It is a movement to cover all veterans' grave markers with a Christmas wreath at more than 1,600 locations. California is home to nine Veterans Administration national cemeteries and seven state veterans' cemeteries. In addition to sponsoring the wreaths, many organizations volunteer to lay the wreaths at the sites or to remove the wreaths after the holidays.

This year, Wreaths Across America Day is December 17, 2022. We encourage other

parlors to collect their coin march funds between now and November to purchase wreaths to lay at a cemetery near your parlor. Moreover, we urge you to keep the mission of community service alive in your parlor by volunteering to lay the wreaths or remove them after the holidays at a cemetery near you.



Linda Yop and Sonny Sanders load wreaths



California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery gravesites

## **Eureka!** You May Have Seen This Headline Before...

SUBMITTED BY DIANNA GEYER, STATE CHAIRMAN PIONEER ROSTER AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE



The Pioneer Roster and Archives Committee has compiled a selection of 70 unique and interesting stories that had been submitted between 1937and 1952 with plans to print them in a book. While this did not happen then, it has happened now!

In fact, Pioneer Roster is now processing their third printing of the Pioneer Women's Stories and will have them available for purchase at Grand Parlor in June for \$25. If you cannot attend, you may order by sending a check for \$29.95 to cover postage and handling to NDGW Pioneer Roster, 555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117. Please be sure to include your shipping address with your order. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased a copy and we hope that you have enjoyed reading this wonderful collection of old time stories.

These pioneer accounts from days gone by provide great reading and inspiration to all Native Daughters. We come from a long line of strong women! All proceeds will help us continue the work of the Roster and Archives. Please reach out if any questions please email at our new address ndpioneer@ndgw.org.



Our favorite I Love You California Bear surrounded by California Poppies graces the front of the bag.

NDGWÍS embroidered on the back.





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Susan Machado, 9043 Blue Fox Way, Stockton CA 95209

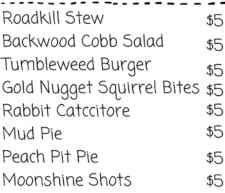
## HICKS FROM THE STICKS

HEY Y'ALL! YER INVITED TO A VIRTUAL LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT GRAND PRESIDENT SUSAN'S SPECIAL PROJECT 🚄 THE FOLEY WING RENOVATION

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\*\*PLUS TIP\*\*\_



Susan Collins



**DUE BY: JUNE 15, 2022** 

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHRISTINE TRIPOD A DRAWING FOR GIFTCARDS WILL BE HELD FOR ALL DINERS ON JUNE 21, 2022

# GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING

## **Nina Coffenberry Candidate for Grand President**

Dear Sisters:

Ursula Parlor No. 1, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Jackson, is honored to present the name of our esteemed member, Nina Coffenberry, as a candidate for election to

the office of Grand President at the 136th Grand Parlor.

Nina has been a member of Ursula Parlor for 50 years, serving through the office of Past President. She is a valued member of the Parlor and District 14, having served as Deputy Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President many times. She has served on the Legislation, CFIC, Childrens Foundation, Pioneer Roster and Archives, and Investment committees. She has served as State Chairman of Childrens

Foundation, Laws and Supervision, and Legislation. She has also served as co-Chairman of two Grand Parlor Annual Meetings. She has served the Order as Grand Outside Sentinel, Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Trustee, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and Grand Vice President.

Nina's experience as a Grand Officer, as well as her professional and business experience has rounded out her ability to serve

the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West completely and enthusiastically. For many years she was owner and operator of her own Beauty Salon. During this time she also served as bookkeeper for

> her husband's automobile repair shop. In later years she has been an employee of the State of California. She was an underwriting technician for the State Compensation Insurance Fund, Secretary for the personnel manager at the Department of Corrections, and receptionist for the Health and Safety Office at Preston School of Industry.

> Reposing full confidence in Nina's ability to promote our Order, the members of Ursula Parlor No. 1 gladly sponsor and nominate Nina

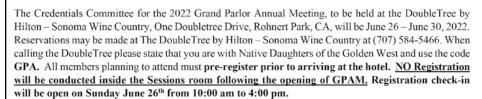
for the office of Grand President. We are very happy that she has accepted the nomination. We ask for your favorable consideration and support to elect NINA COFFENBERRY to the office of GRAND PRESIDENT at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Sincerely and fraternally, Sheryl Harmston, Recording Secretary Jeanette Assereto, President

#### 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Native Daughters of the Golden West

Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, State Chairman, Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,



Following Covid restrictions, Voting Members, Alternates and Registered Visitors will be allowed into the Sessions room, but masks will be required at all times.

Temperature checks will be taken at the door each time a member enters. Sanitizers will be available throughout the room. Only those registered will be allowed within the Sessions room at any given

All those attending either In-Person or by Zoom, please complete and return the attached registration form. Those attending In-Person, please include a check for registration of \$50.00 per attendee and meals (see attached meal form). Those attending via Zoom, please include a check for registration of \$42.00 (lanyards and tote bags will not be included). Please mail your registration form along with your check to Linda Galassi, PGP & Sharon Logan PGP, at the address below. All registration checks should be made payable to GPAM 2022. Please include one registration form per member (copy as needed). No on-site registrations will be accepted.

The Grand Parlor will provide membership information to the Credentials Committee for verification of the number of voting Members allowed per Parlor based on membership as of the date of Election of Delegates. Please make sure that both Registration Information and the Election of Delegate information is submitted no later than May 28th, 2022, to Linda Galassi, PGP, & Sharon Logan, PGP, Credentials Chairmen.

The 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee, along with the Credentials Committee, is looking forward to greeting you this June in Rohnert Park. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact the State Chairmen of Credentials.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Linda Galassi, PGP Sharon Logan, PGP Linda Galassi, PGP, & Sharon Logan, PGP State Chairmen of Credentials 6061 Charlotte Dr., San Jose, California 95123

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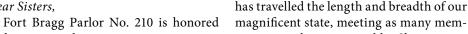
## **Susan Collins Candidate for Jr. Past Grand President**

and very proud to nominate our member and

Grand President, Susan Collins, for election to the office of Jr. Past Grand President of

Native Daughters of the Golden West at the 2022 Annual Grand Parlor. She has the full support of our Parlor members and her family. Susan Collins accepts this nomination.

As Grand President, Susan,



bers as possible. She remains committed to the preservation of our beautiful Home, historic Missions and stately Lighthouses.

Sincerely and Fraternally in P.D.F

> Linda Thornquist-Stumpf **Recording Secretary** Frieda Clayton, President

## Rae Rosas **Candidate for Grand Vice President**

Dear Sisters,

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 is proud to submit the name of our esteemed Sister, Rae Rosas, as a candidate for the office of Grand Vice President at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Rae is serving on the Board of Directors as the Grand Marshal. In prior terms she has

served as Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Trustee, and as senior Grand Trustee. This term she is also serving as State Chairman of the Laws and Supervision Committee, a member of the Finance Committee and a nonvoting member of the Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee, as well as the Supervising District Deputy Grand President and Deputy Grand President to District 25.

In her professional life, Rae was employed

by the City of Santa Barbara supervising the daily functions of purchasing, budget, and work orders of the Airport Maintenance Division. Rae recently retired after thirty-six years of service. Currently, Rae is working part time at Home Depot as a cashier and back-office assistant.

Rae has the support of her family and our

Parlor Sisters in her desire to serve our Order. Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 respectfully requests your favorable consideration of Rae Rosas as she seeks the office of Grand Vice President at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Sincerely and fraternally

> yours in P.D.F.A., Kim Larsen President pro-tem Anna Ortiz Recording Secretary pro-tem

### **Initiated Members**

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors.

Joaquin No. 5 Paula Sheil Christopher Smith Lydia De La Torre Laurel Rhea Les Tomlinson Laurel No. 6 Rene Blag Eshcol No. 16

Rebecca Griffin Grayce Talamantes Santa Cruz No. 26 Tracy Ward,

Terri Zucker Ruby No. 46 Jo Ann Mitchell Marie Petitomme-Hollins

Woodland No. 90 Kellyne Haywood Sutter No. 111

Colleen Eberly Annette Emery Robin Gilmore Glynns Thomas

Darina No. 114 Donald Hale Junipero No. 141 Kathleen Cleary Maria DiGirolamo Mary Fettis Carolyn Hardy

Patricia Hoffman Allyson Malek Marilyn Schultz Shelley Waddington-Hall Encinal No. 156

Nancy Lawrence El Pinal No. 163 Terrie Barr

Roberta Crescitelli Adriana Evans Susan Firoved Fresno No. 187

Annie K. Bidwell No. 168

Iulie Grant Marinita No. 198 Grace Relfe

Morada No. 199 Mickie Adkins Gretchen Brown, Kelsi CoxLori Martin

Fort Bragg No. 210 Laney Abbott Teresa Abbot Terese Hynes

Petaluma No. 222 Ann Corda Angela Dellinger El Tejon No. 239 Vickie Simpson

Grace No. 242 Kelly Daggett Laura Kerth Patricia Moran La Tiiera No. 282

Madeline Cunningham-Colston JoAnn Wright

Charter Oak No. 292 Jeanette Crum Joyce Duarte . Wendi Gregory Paige Harris Rae Pineda

Cotati No. 299 Norma Bowen Nicole Hamilton

Tierra de Oro No. 304 Carolyn Carradine

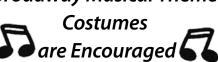
Arcata No. 325 Susan Doniger Raymond Hillman Zinfandel No. 337 Rebecca Herrera

Amapola No. 338 Ann Farnsworth Pamela Harris Paula Osborne Katie Scott, Karen Vieira





**Broadway Musical Theme** 





### **Darleen Carpenter Candidate for Grand Marshal**

our esteemed Member, Darleen Carpenter as a candidate for Grand Marshal at the 2022 Financial Managers Association. Darleen

Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Santa Rosa.

Darleen is a 57-year Member of the Order having joined El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, April 25, 1965, and is now very pleased to be running for the office of Grand Marshal. Darleen has served the Order as Grand Trustee, Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Outside Sentinel, State Chairman of Public Relations and the Roll of Honor Committee, Member of the Official Publication Committee,

N.D.G.W. Home Committee, N.D.G.W. Children's Foundation, Legislation, California Admission Day, Welfare, Chairman of Finance, and President Past Presidents Association No. 30. Darleen has held many offices and chaired many committees within the Parlor including serving two terms as President and is currently serving our Parlor as Recording Secretary, Deputy Grand President and SDDGP.

Darleen spent over 50 years as a financial professional in the Homebuilding industry in both Southern and Northern California and served two years as President of the

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 proudly presents Orange County Chapter and on the National Executive Board of the Construction

> currently works seasonally for H& R Block as a tax preparer and for The Woman's Club of Bakersfield as Rentals Manager where she is also active in her community as a member of the Woman's Club of Bakersfield having served on the Executive Board since 2009 and 2 years as President.

Darleen looks forward to working with all of her Native Daughter Sisters to promote and preserve the heritage of California and our Order. Darleen is

committed to working hard to build Native Daughters by ensuring younger generations participation in our Order while honoring our predecessors and their legacy.

Darleen has the support of El Tejon Sisters as well as her family and friends. We ask your favorable support of our very worthy and qualified Sister Darleen Carpenter for the office of Grand Marshal.

> Sincerely and fraternally, Bridgett Bonnet, President Ethel White

Recording Secretary Pro-tem

## **Shelley Buchberger Candidate for Grand Secretary**

Angelita Parlor No. 32 is pleased to present their esteemed member Shelley Buchberger, for election to the office of Grand Secretary.

Shelley has served our Parlor as Trustee, Vice President, President, Past President and

now Recording Secretary. She has also chaired numerous Parlor committees over the years. Shelley has volunteered for anything our Parlor has needed. She has fulfilled the duties of Deputy Grand President and is currently DGP to the Encinal Parlor in Alameda. Shelley has served on several State Committees, the NDGW Home Commit-

tee, the NDGW Children's Foundation, and Mission Restoration and is currently Chairman to the Electronic Communication Committee. She has completed one full year as Grand Trustee after being appointed as Grand Trustee to fill a vacant position needed on the board.

Shelley was born in the Central Valley and attended school in Fresno. She attended DeVry University for Electronic Engineering where she met her husband Doug. Her early background of bookkeeping for her family and other businesses has served her well. She has been on the board of several charities and helped many non-profits over the years with their bookkeeping, H/R

and administrative issues including Tracy Interfaith Ministries, Salvation Army, the local chapter of NAMI, and the Livermore Lithophiles. Due to her husband's job, Shelley has had many careers and moves over the years. She has been a Controller,

Bookkeeper, Administrative Assistant, Payroll specialist, Physical and Occupational Therapy Assistant and Instructor. Shelley worked for the Tracy School District teaching Special Needs Children before she retired.

Shelley has been a member of Angelita Parlor No. 32 for 10 years and has served the Order with dedication

and enthusiasm. She has the support of her husband and her two Children, Douglas and Alaina as well as her mother Mary (Kitty) Lancaster, her sister Alison Emler and all of her Parlor Sisters in seeking the office of Grand Secretary.

The Members of Angelita Parlor No. 32 respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of their Member, Shelley Buchberger, for election as Grand Secretary at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

> Sincerely and fraternally, Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP Dianna Geyer Recording Secretary, pro-tem President



#### N.D.G.W. Grand Parlor **Annual Meeting 2022**

Beacon Marketplace Sunday, June 27, 2022

Double Tree by Hilton, One Double Tree Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

#### Vendor Table Reservation

Parlor/Committee: Contact Person:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_

Description of Items to be Sold:

A full table (6ft rectangle 60 x 30) and 2 chairs will be provided for each vendor. To participate in marketplace each vendor will be required to bring an item for the silent auction (minimum price of \$75.00).

Set up at 9 am Marketplace opens at 10 am & closes promptly at 3 pm.

DEADLINE for table reservations is May 26, 2022

Send Completed form to: Shelley A. Tregoning, 31790 Johnson Lane, Fort Bragg, Ca 95437 or EMAIL: gtregoning@comcast.net QUESTIONS: Contact Shelley A. Tregoning, (707)357-4532 or Julia Hull (209)604-5028 perfectjulia@gmail.com



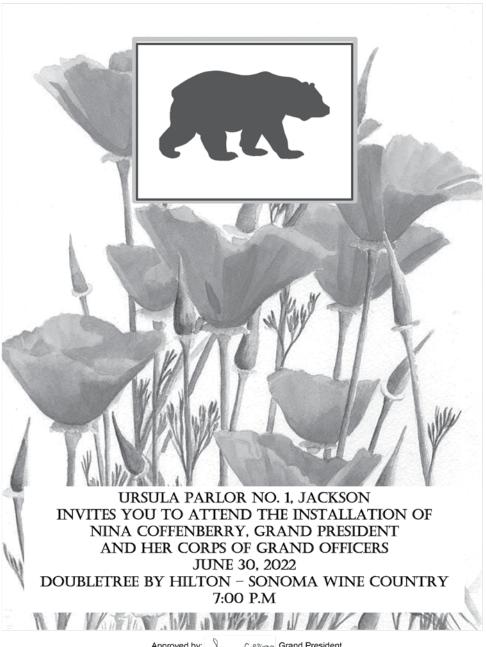
**Our Worthy President** has Requested a Good Old Fashioned

## HOEDOWN

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 6:30 pm

> Pack Your Jeans, Boots and Cowgirl Hat





Approved by: Lusan Celino Grand President

### **Barbara Bruce Candidate for Grand Trustee**

Dear Sisters,

San Miguel Parlor No. 94 is pleased to present our esteemed Member, Barbara Bruce, for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Rohnert Park

Barbara has been an active Member of San Miguel Parlor No. 94 for fifteen years. She has served as our president twice, Vice President,

Past President, Marshal, and Financial Secretary. She also has served as District Grand President to El Pinal Parlor No. 163 for several years, District Grand President to San Luisita Parlor No. 108, and Supervising District Deputy for District 23. She is currently serving as Supervising District Deputy to District 23 and Deputy Grand President to El Pinal Parlor

No. 163. At the state level she has served on Laws and Supervision, the Veterans Welfare Committee, Legislative Monitoring and is currently the Grand Inside Sentinel on the Board of Directors.

Barbara grew up in the San Fernando Valley where she attended Pierce College in Northridge, California until moving with her husband Pat, to the Central Coast. Barbara and her husband both worked and raised two wonderful children and now have two smart grandchildren. Once her children were grown, Barbara worked for NCI, a company that works with disabled adults to learn to become independent. She later made a career as a massage therapist

and finds it extremely rewarding.

In Barbara's spare time, she quilts and makes jewelry for local fundraisers in our district. She has made quilts for local Veterans and makes receiving blankets for Tree of Life, as well as masks for first responders. She helps with the Pioneer Ladies tea, garage sales, carrying the Big California flag in parades in San Miguel and Paso Robles.



Our Parlor is proud to present Barbara Bruce. She has all the qualifications necessary to serve on the Board of Directors and is willing to meet her obligations as Grand Inside Sentinel. We respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of our Member, Barbara Bruce, for the election to Grand Trustee at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Barbara's family support her and her Parlor members know that she will be an asset to the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

> Sincerely and fraternally, Jean Hoffmann, Recording Secretary Carol Bower, President

### **Renee Rianda Candidate for Grand Trustee**

Dear Sisters,

Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas is honored to present our member Renee Rianda as a candidate for the Office of Grand Trustee for the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Rohnert Park.

Renee has been a member of the Woodland Parlor since February 2014 and a dual Member to Aleli No. 102, Salinas since 2016.

In the Woodland Parlor she served as Treasurer and Chair of the Mission Restoration Committee, In the Aleli Parlor she has served as President for 3 terms and is a Past-Chair of the California History, Landmarks and Building Committee, and Past-Secretary of the CFIC Committee. She is currently the DGP to Aleli Parlor No. 102 and SDDGP to District No. 21. She is currently the Recording Secretary for Aleli Parlor No. 102

Renee was born and raised in the Soledad Mission District area in the heart of the Salinas Valley. Active in 4-H she showed steers and horses and competed in a variety of projects, including baking which she continues to do today at various County and State competitions. She attended Hartnell Jr. College in Salinas prior to transferring to Fresno State and graduated with a BS Degree in Ag Business in 1989 and completed an MBA from the University of Phoenix -Sacramento campus in 2004.

Renee came to Woodland in 1990 to work for Contadina Foods handling their Pesticide Use Program. Subsequently Del Monte Foods purchased Contadina and additional responsibilities followed eventually landing at The Morning Star Packing Com-

pany in the early 2000's adding on Product Traceability, Food Safety and Sustainability programs. Renee works with customers and growers to meet the increasing requests for Sustainable Agriculture conformance. She also holds a Pest Control Advisers License, Qualified Applicator License, and a Certified Crop Adviser Certificate with a specialty in Sustainability.



for 5 years and various other Agricultural oriented associations. She is a frequent speaker at the CAPCA meetings discussing sustainability progress and challenges with her Growers and PCA's.

She and her husband Thad enjoy travelling across the continental USA to visit friends and family that are scattered from Coast to Coast and enjoy stopping at every monument, plaque, and historical location throughout the USA.

Renee is excited to be a candidate for the office of Grand Trustee and Aleli Parlor No. 102 respectfully requests your consideration and support of our Sister for election.

> Sincerely and Fraternally in P.D.F.A., Renee Rianda, Recording Secretary Doris Gularte, President

## Heidi Dillon, **Candidate for Grand Trustee**

Dear Sisters,

Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, Native Daughters of the Golden West, proudly presents esteemed Member, Heidi Dillon, as a candidate for election to the office of Grand Trustee at the 2022 Grand Parlor

Annual Meeting in the City of Rohnert Park. Please read this letter in your Parlor and provide a copy to your Parlor Delegate(s) to take to Grand Parlor 2022.

Heidi has been an active Member of our Parlor for 31 years. She has served as President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal,

and currently serves as our Past President. She has served as chairman of many Parlor State derives from her family history that events through the years, including chairing began here before California was the thirtyour Grand President Official Visits, Parlor's Home Luncheon Committees, Apron Luncheons, Parlor Delegate fundraisers, just to name a few. Heidi is also a dual Member of Oakdale Parlor No. 125 where she is currently serving as their Recording Secretary.

Heidi has served District 19 as Deputy Grand President to Morada Parlor No. 199 in Modesto. On the State level she served as a Member of State of the Order, Laws and Supervision, Legislation, Legislation Monitoring, Legislative Measures, NDGW Home, Official Publication, Electronic Communications and Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Born in Tracy and raised in Vernalis, Heidi loves the country life and participated in 4-H and FFA as a student. She and her husband, Travis, are owners of JMH Livestock and she attends to the daily operations and is the bookkeeper for the business. She retired from L.W. Miller Livestock in Logan, Utah where she served as a dispatcher at the corporate headquarters, as well as managed their Greeley, Colorado division. Prior to L.W. Miller Livestock, she was employed as

a dispatcher and safety officer for Beef Packers, Inc., in Fresno and Ore-Cal Livestock in Merrill, Oregon. Both jobs required immense pressure and dedication to detail, which Heidi thrived at and feels will assist her in doing a respectable job as a Grand Officer.

> She and Travis have three children, Josh, Marco, and Hannah Rose. Heidi has the full support of her family, as well as her Sisters of Joaquin Parlor No. 5.

> Heidi enjoys traveling and experiencing new cultures. Over the years she has visited many Parlors up and down our State. Her heart is deep rooted in California, and her

passion for the preservation of our gorgeous first State of the Union. On her paternal side, both paternal and maternal ancestors accompanied De Anza on his second expedition to settle San Francisco.

Striving to keep the Order alive by helping grow the membership and to continue to advance the Order into the digital world to be more cost productive as an organization is Heidi Dillon's goal and focus. Heidi Dillon looks forward to doing what needs to be done to preserve our Order for future generations while protecting our State's most valued assets.

The Members of Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, respectfully request your consideration and support of our Sister, Heidi Dillon, for election of Grand Trustee at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. We believe her most worthy of this office and know that she will represent her Parlors and serve our State well in this capacity.

> Sincerely and fraternally yours in P.D.F.A., Nancy Phipps, President Joan Stafko, Recording Secretary

### **Billie McArthur Candidate for Grand Outside Sentinel**

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 is pleased to present our member Billie McArthur as a candidate for the election to the office of Grand Outside Sentinel at the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. She is supported by

our Parlor and her family for this position.

Billie took dual membership with Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 in 2020 and was a member of Ruby Parlor No. 46 from 2012 to 2021. She served as Recording Secretary, President and Past President of Ruby Parlor. She was Deputy to the Grand President for Golden Era Parlor No. 99 for the term She has served on the NDGW Lighthouse Committee, NDGW Home Committee and the State

Committee of Extension of the Order. As a member of the NDGW Home Committee, she served three years as Committee Secretary and two years as Chairman. She was appointed by Jr. PGP Suzanne Renee Chandler to the position of Grand Secretary in 2021. Currently Billie is serving a second

Secretary and Committee Chairman of the Extension of the Order. She is also DGP for Zinfandel Parlor No. 337.

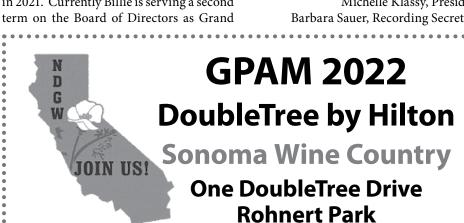
Billie McArthur's work experience consists of twenty-five years as an educator and

ten years as a Marriage, Family & Child Therapist. She has been active in the community throughout her career in Rotary International and the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association and Plumas Rural Services. She has served on the Advisory Boards for Plumas Mental Health and the tri-county Area 12 Agency on Aging.

We believe Billie has the experience and dedication to serve the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden

West effectively and with enthusiasm. Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 asks for your favorable consideration and support to elect BILLIE MCARTHUR to the office of Grand Outside Sentinel.

> Sincerely and Fraternally, Michelle Klassy, President Barbara Sauer, Recording Secretary





#### 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 or check out our web page at www.ndgw.org for more information.

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

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!

Summer 2022

*Native Daughters of the Golden West – Mission Statement:* 

Submitted by Julia Hull, Facebook Manager perfectJulia@gmail.com

"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** Nina Coffenberry 2022-2023

#### JUNE

30, Installation of Grand Officers at Rohnert Park

#### JULY

- 9 NDGW Home Meeting Childrens Foundation Meeting
- 16 CFIC Meeting
- 22 Investment, Finance, Personnel

#### AUGUST

13 NDGW Home Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting 26-28

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 6 Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 Etna, Official Visit
- 8 Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg Official Visit
- 10 Admission Day Luncheon, San Francisco NDGW Home Meeting

16-18 Native Sons Admission Day Celebration, Jackson/Sutter Creek

- 17 Childrens Foundation Meeting
- 24 District 13, Sacramento Luncheon



NDGW-C.F.I.C CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION **FUNDRAISER** 

There are 840 miles of California coastline dotted with lighthouses. Our bear has started in San Diego and has reached Santa Barbara but wants to visit them all.



WILL YOU HELP HER WALK A MILE OR MORE? FOR ONLY \$5 A MILE YOUR NAME WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED TO WIN CASH/CARD PRIZES OF \$50 to \$150. (ONE ENTRY PER MILE.) DEADLINE FOR ENTRY TO THE DRAWING IS MAY 15. Drawing to be held at Grand President Susan's homecoming on June 5.

Detach and return to Linda Thornquist Stumpf, PO Box 1732, Fort Bragg 95437 Make check payable to NDGW CFIC; note CA Lighthouse Preservation on the memo line.

# of miles at \$5 each	Total enclosed \$
Name	Parlor
Address	City and ZIP
Phone number	

#### **OCTOBER**

- 5 District 6, Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190 (H) and Annie K Bidwell Parlor No. 168 Official Visit
- 6 District 3, Berendos Parlor No. 23 (H) and Hiawatha Parlor No. 140 Official Visit
- 8 NDGW Home Meeting
- 14 Investment Meeting. Finance Meeting, Personnel Meeting
- 15 CFIC Meeting

District 13, Zinfandel Parlor No. 337 (H), Califia Parlor No. 22, Woodland No. 90, Sutter No 111, Liberty Parlor No. 213, and West Wind Parlor No. 328 Official Visit

- 16 Donner Parlor No. 193 Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 21-23 Joint Meeting, Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents

## **California Lighthouse Parlor** No. 2022 Shines Bright

SUBMITTED BY SUZI RILEY, P.G.P.

On February 6, 2022, the Parlors District 15: El Vespero Parlor No. 118, Hostess Parlor; Bonita Parlor No. 10; Darina Parlor No. 114; Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155; and San Bruno Parlor No. 246 were so glad to welcome Grand President Susan Collins, to California Lighthouse Parlor No. 2022

pandemic, and social distancing bewas held Zoom. The Officers for the afternoon were a picked team and



Due to the surge of the COVID-19 The Sisters of District 15 warmly welcome Grand President Susan Collins and Grand Vice President ing recommended, the Official Visit

Nina Coffenberry to the Sharp Park Restaurant in Pacifica for a pre-Official Visit Luncheon.

the meeting was called to order by President Kathy Kelly-Breitler, S.D.D.G.P. to District 15. State President of Past Presidents, Vicki Allen offered the Opening Prayer.

The theme of California Lighthouse Parlor was fun and all reports and gifts were presented to the Grand President Susan the day before at the Sharp Park Restaurant in Pacifica, where she and Grand Vice President Nina Coffenberry shared a wonderful luncheon safely attended by the Presidents and book officers from each Parlor.

District 15 was so pleased to have 47 members and guests in attendance for our virtual Official Visit and everyone enjoyed hearing Grand President Susan's message where she encouraged members to attend Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park as it is close by.

She also spoke about researching the history of the El Camino Real bells, and her special



project for improving the Foley Wing and restoring the wood floors at the N.D.G.W. Home. Following the meeting, SDDGP Kathy Kelly-Breitler led a California Lighthouse quiz-game with 10 questions about lighthouses. Those with the most correct answers won a California Lottery ticket. While I'm not sure if anyone won BIG BUCKS, I am sure that everyone had a good afternoon. Thank you to all who attended.