

### Dear Sisters,

I offer a tribute to Past Grand President Dr. Mariana Bertola.

Under her watchful gaze we enter and leave our beloved Native Daughter Home. Because Dr. Bertola oversaw the Home for 47 years many of us tend to think that her major life's work was through the Native Daughters of the Golden West and that she belonged to us. Not true...



Dr. Bertola was an accomplished teacher, obstetrician, political activist, and social reformer. She is considered one of California's most notable Italian Americans by the California Historical Society. She was educated, her conclusions were practical, and her ideals high.

In this tribute you will meet a woman of great courage, conviction, and determination. She set goals and achieved them. She did not demand respect, she commanded it.

Dr. Bertola was born in the town of Pacheco in Contra Costa County on May 7, 1865 to Antonio and Catherine de Voto Bertola. Her parents immigrated from Italy to California in 1852, and her father worked as a miner in Tuolumne County. His hard work yielded a sufficient stake enabling them to move to the

Bay Area in 1857. They established the first produce and grocery store in Martinez, and an extensive vineyard in nearby Ygnacio Valley; the first in Contra Costa County.

Dr. Bertola was the second of four children and the first-born daughter. She attended local schools for her early education, and then graduated from San Jose State Normal School in 1889. For four years she served as Vice-Principal and then Principal in the same public schools in Martinez she had attended.

She enrolled in Cooper Medical School at Stanford University, graduating in 1899 and completing her obstetrics internship four years later at the age of 38. Between 1899 and 1903 she was the assistant Resident Physician at Children's Hospital and at Cooper Medical College's clinic and began her lengthy distinguished career as the examining physician for both Mills College and the Native Daughters.

So, what was an examining physician? Between 1886 and the early 1970s, a physical examination and certification of a candidate's good health by a licensed physician was required to be submitted with a Native Daughter's membership application.

Why? There was no governmental Welfare Department providing medical aid to those in need. Each Parlor was responsible for the care of their Members including funding for medical fees and costs. This was part of our promise and responsibility of Sisterhood. Later, a death benefit insurance policy was taken out on each Member and again, a health certificate was required.

Back to the story of this amazing women's life... In the Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906 Dr. Bertola lost her home, office, and all her medical instruments save for those in one obstetrical bag. For weeks after the quake and fire she worked among the poor and homeless. Those salvaged obstetrical instruments were put to good use by Dr. Bertola who in those weeks delivered innumerable babies to mothers who had gone into early

labor from the shock of this catastrophic event. In the course of her long career Dr. Bertola delivered more than 3,000 babies. She was a member of medical associations and served with distinction on City boards and commissions.

She was on the Board of Directors for the Pan Pacific International Exposition in 1915. She served as President of the Travelers' Aid Society. Although founded in San Francisco in 1893 as an adjunct of the YMCA, the Society became an independent non-sectarian organization in 1914 dedicated to assisting travelers drawn to the City by the great Exposition. The Society's mission sought to protect stranded people, especially women and children, from abuse and victimization while in the City. Their goal was to send these wayfarers on their way secure and in good health. A quote from Dr. Bertola regarding her work with the Traveler's Society: "The greatest work in the world, after all, is teaching others to think for themselves."



Dr. Mariana Bertola

She was conversant in several languages and enjoyed reading classical European poetry and literature. She was a descendant of an 18th century writer and translator Aurelius Bertola who taught philosophy for many years at the University of Pavia in Italy.

In November 1909, she founded the Vittoria Colonna Club for Italian Women. The club established a "Settlement House" in a tenement apartment donated by one of the members where classes helped Italian immigrant children and their parents adjust to life in America. Dr. Bertola was criticized and openly vilified for her efforts in bettering the lives of new immigrants from Italy. Indeed, her social reform activism in their behalf brought death threats to her door. But she persevered.

Who was Vittoria Colonna? She was a 16th century Italian noblewoman who was a renowned and successful writer. Her book of poetry titled "Rime" was published in 1538 with twenty-one subsequent editions re-issued before 1700. Vittoria Colonna's life and work greatly inspired Dr. Bertola.

Dr. Bertola was engaged in many civic and social clubs in the Bay Area. They served as a forum for her to directly network with community leaders, and as a means for her to achieve her main goal of making a difference in people's lives by getting things done. She spoke often and eloquently at private and public events; lunches, dinners, banquets, and lectures. Dr. Bertola was known for her thorough research and masterful presentation of various topics stimulating interest and providing instruction and entertainment for her audience.

Dr. Bertola remained active in Bay Area clubs well into her late eighties. Through them she sponsored the "California Plan" a major piece of social reform calling for the improvement and expansion of county hospitals. She initiated and advanced the movement for every county hospital to be equipped with both a maternity ward and a children's ward. There were many other social reform programs that she proposed and promoted. Most of which were designed to benefit people of moderate means. She was quoted as stating in one of her presentations, "The very poor and the very rich are always taken care of. It is the man of small income who usually bears the brunt of things."

She also took an active role in the Native Daughters and Native Sons joint project called the Homeless Children's Committee. Between 1910 and 1947 this Committee and our subsequent mutual Adoption Agency placed 7,000 homeless children with families throughout California. Dr. Bertola stated in an interview, "Child welfare has been my big life's work."

She was also president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs in the late 1920s. In February 1926, Dr. Bertola and thirty-nine of her Bay area Club women sailed on the ocean liner, "Malola," for a women's conference in Honolulu. They enjoyed a lengthy

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Miss Mariana Bertola

### Sutter No. 111 Welcomes New Members

SUBMITTED BY MARJORIE MCKISSON, GT



Left to right: Laurie Cotulla (Zinfandel Parlor No. 337), Kathy Curtaz, Valerie Eller-Baxter, new Member Carmen Delgado, Mary Baxter Simmons (kneeling) Milvia Christopher, GT Marjorie McKisson (kneeling), Jenny Haley, Cassel McKisson, and new Member Deborah Garcia.

### Congratulations Clorina!

SUBMITTED BY JOYCE COPPINI

Clorina Paine, 75-year Member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, receives her 75-year pin from our Grand President Dawn Dunlap. Clorina is a Member of Reichling Parlor No. 97 in Fortuna, California. Grand President Dawn Dunlap made her Official Visit to Northern California on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.



## Save the Date • April 4, 2020

### The 125th Celebration of Forrest Parlor No. 86, Plymouth - Amador County

For questions please contact Parlor President Debbie Cowan ([cowzin@volcano.net](mailto:cowzin@volcano.net)) or Barbara Seaton ([bseaton.office@gmail.com](mailto:bseaton.office@gmail.com)).



Eulogy for PGP Barbara J. Dulinsky

SUBMITTED BY PGP MARILYN BUSTILLOS

Eulogy for PGP Estela Moreno

PRESENTED BY PGP DEBI STALDER AND PGP CHRISTINE TRIPOD

Barbara J. Dulinsky was a mover and a shaker. Anyone who knew her knew she had strong opinions which she was not shy to profess. But her heart was as big as her home state of California. Her passing on April 3, 2019 in the city of Corning, leaves a large hole in the ranks of the Past Grand Presidents.

Barbara Jean Burnside was born July 8, 1931 in St. Helena, Napa County to parents James William Burnside and Florence Grace Crowder Burnside. She grew up in Napa County with her brother Eugene and sisters Kathryn, Vivian, Beatrice, and Charlotte. In childhood she lived in various parts of Napa County in the communities of St. Helena, Oakville, Monticello and Napa. She graduated from Napa High School in June 1949, married George Leroy “Bud” Dulinsky on January 26, 1950, and moved to Yountville. They had three children, Byrl who died as an infant, George, and Beatrice. She was predeceased by her parents, five siblings, and two sons. She is survived by daughter Beatrice, six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

Barbara had a varied and interesting employment career. At various times she was a waitress, bookkeeper, grocery store clerk, coffee shop cook, and a grocery store owner for 14 years. She also served as Assistant City Clerk for 15 years and City of Yountville Treasurer for 25 years. These experiences served her well as she served on Investment, Finance, the Childrens Foundation, and so many other committees for the Order.

Her love for Native Daughters began as a Charter Member of George C. Yount Parlor No. 322, Yountville on June 7, 1957 and continued for over 50 years through its consolidation with Eshcol Parlor No. 16 in Napa. She served in every office except Parlor Secretary. How she escaped that, I’ll never know. She also served many times as Deputy, Supervising District Deputy, and State Chairman.

At the 92nd Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June 1978 in Oakland, she was installed as Grand Outside Sentinel. She continued through the chairs and in June 1986 at the 100th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting she was installed as Grand President in Sacramento. Her colors were green and lavender. Her theme was “Agricultural Wealth of California” and her symbol was the grape. It was my privilege to serve as Barbara’s Grand Marshal that evening and during her term. I was broken in quite substantially that evening, as it seemed like every government official from the Napa

area presented the new Grand President with gifts from the community.

Barbara presided over the 100th Anniversary year of the Native Daughters and her convention was held at the El Rancho Tropicana Hotel in Santa Rosa in June 1987. She felt it was a great privilege to serve that year and as she traveled the State, she asked each Member “to strive to leave behind us a foundation strong enough to survive another 100 years of service to our Communities, our State, and our Country.”

It was my extreme privilege to have known and loved Barbara from the time I became a Grand Officer in 1979 and she took the “new kid” under her wing. We roomed together at every Grand Officer meeting for the next 10 years and traveled extensively throughout California during and after our tenures on the Board. I can recall trips to Southern California where she drove, and I tried to read a map and catch the signs for the off ramps. Needless to say, we did a lot of “sight-seeing” as she called it because we often missed those off ramps. No GPS in those days! On the other hand, she knew Northern California like the back of her hand and took me on roads I had never seen and have never seen since. Some of those roads weren’t even roads. I remember one road in particular in the far reaches of Northern California that didn’t seem to be going anywhere and when we got to the end, found out, it really didn’t! There were several memorable trips with PGPs Camelia Robles, Fern Adams, Hazel Mallette, Jean Hedemark, Virginia Tremaine, former Grand Secretary Kay Kelly, and so many more. As has often been said, we could write a book!

The Order will miss Barbara, not just for her encyclopedic knowledge of the Constitution and Ritual, but also for her willingness to serve and her love for each and every one of her Sisters. I will miss her for her friendship, her steadiness, her willingness to share her knowledge, her humor, and her sense of fun. I will miss having a Sister to call and share memories with.

Barbara was so fortunate to have had the love of her “Bud” for over 50 years. And her daughter Beatrice, who cared so lovingly for her during her final years. She is survived by a large and loving family and we send condolences on their loss.

Dear friend, the Order of the Native Daughters bids you farewell for a little while. We are poorer for having lost you, but richer for having known you. God bless you Barbara! May you and Bud be dancing once again to “Sentimental Journey.”

PGP Debi Stalder:

Chris and I stand before you today to reflect on the fond memories of Past Grand President Estella Moreno.

Estella was born October 28, 1928, in Los Angeles to her loving parents Rafael and Maria Moreno. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Immaculate Heart College and a Master of Arts degree from the University of San Francisco.

Estella was over 90 years old and her life was filled with an abundance of achievements and accomplishments from being a teacher and principal for 25 years, and her passion for her faith in God and service to the Catholic Church as a Nun and Mother Superior. Her missionary life took her on worldwide adventures to support anyone in need! She was humble about her accomplishments.

Estella was blessed to have a loving family and was pre-deceased by her parents and her four brothers, Frank, Carlos, Jorge, and Ralph Moreno. She leaves a legacy of beautiful nieces and nephews and extended family that supported her service to God and her Church and looked to her as the Matriarch of the Family! After retiring she continued to teach English to Spanish speaking students as a second language and help with assimilating into the United States of America as an Adjunct Professor at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. Estella also continued other callings in her life to anyone in need.

She joined Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 on May 6, 1987. She was elected Grand Inside Sentinel at the 1993 GPAM in Modesto and was installed as the Native Daughters of the Golden West’s 114<sup>th</sup> Grand President in June 1999, Sacramento. She was proud to be escorted to the altar at her installation by her brother Ralph Moreno and Niece Linda Moreno Cain. Her colors were red signifying courage, white purity, and blue making the possibilities become reality. As she traveled the State visiting the Parlors her them was “EMBRACE THE CHALLENGES AND IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES AND MAKE THEM BECOME REALITY.” Estella presided over the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2000 in the city of Ventura. A highlight of the Annual Meeting was Huell Howser filming the delegation singing “I Love You California”.

Estella became known as a great Chairmen or Member of the Extension of the Order Committee and was a big part in implementing the “Purse Packets” and for Members to carry a membership application at all times. Estella also in recent years served our Grand Parlor Annual Meetings as the Parliamentarian which was a perfect fit for her to keep “Order” during sessions by serving as our own personal “Mother Superior”.

It was an honor and a blessing to the Order to have her as an esteemed Grand President and Sister. She served our Order with grace, poise, compassion, and honored leadership! Estella was one of my, what I call “bookends” in the PGP’s pecking order. It saddens me

that I have lost both of my bookends with Nancy Brown to my left and Estella Moreno to my right!

I was honored to lean on her for my own personal counsel and at times we became the “Odd Couple” and roommates.

PGP Christine Tripod:

I met Estell Moreno in June 1993 when we both came on the Board of Directors. The first thing I noticed was her compassion for others. Her steady and calming influence was often necessary when dealing with 11 opinionated Sisters. She led by example. She always tried to look at both sides of an issue. I might not always have agreed with her, but I knew that I would get a straight answer if I asked her opinion. She was passionate about her love of California and the children of our State. During her year as Grand President she championed the Childrens Foundation Committee as well as Education and Scholarship. As a former teacher, she never lost her love of teaching and helping others grow.

Our first year on the Board, Estella and I were tasked with writing legislation to be submitted at the GPAM. It took us longer to write the legislation (after many discussions) than it took to present to the delegates. But I learned quickly there was only one way Estella would sign off on the recommendations, it was that everything had to be correctly worded and that it had to benefit the Order.

Twenty-six years later and I still called her to ask her opinion on items that were being brought up! In October of last year, at our semi-annual meeting, we celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a cake. There was a big smile on her face when we sang “Happy Birthday” to her. Her time on Earth was packed with many memorable moments. I am glad I had the opportunity to know her and will miss her dearly.

PGP Debi Stalder:

In closing I will borrow the words of Benedictine Monk Norbert that Estella used expressing her sentiments the night she was installed as our Worthy Grand President:

I have to say to you  
You who have been a part of the fabric of my life.  
The color and texture which have brought you into my being  
Have become a song  
Aid I want to sing it forever.  
There is an energy in us which makes things happen  
When the path of other persons cross ours  
And we have to be there and let it happen.  
When the tome of our particular sunset comes  
Our accomplishments won’t really matter a great deal  
But the clarity and care  
With which we have loved others  
Will speak with vitality  
Of the great gift of  
LIFE  
We have been for each other.

Do You Have \$1,000.00 In Your Estate for the NDGW Home?

There was an article in our last *California Star* about Estate Planning, “A Gift that Provides for the Future of NDGW.” I would like to elaborate on that article just a bit. In a conversation with our Grand President Dawn Dunlap, I was given the concept of \$1,000.00 from every member.

Certainly not all of us will have an extensive estate to be distributed after our demise, but all of us probably have something to “pass on.” I have children and grandchildren who will be the recipients of most of my estate, but none of them will miss the \$1,000.00 I plan to leave for our beloved NDGW Home in my birthplace of San Francisco. As a Member of the Home Committee, I know personally what (and how very much) it takes to keep our Julia Morgan treasure alive and well. Just our aged elevator, whom I call “Miss Otis Regrets” requires money every month.

I hope many of you will join me in the \$1,000.00 Club.  
Francie Levy, Past President  
El Paso de Robles No. 335



Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

Deceased Members

We extend the deepest sympathy of Grand Parlor to the families and Parlors of the Sisters who passed away between July 11, 2019 – October 10, 2019.

Bonita Parlor No. 10 PGP Virginia Tremaine	Darina Parlor No. 114 Louise Frechette	Morada Parlor No. 199 Dolores Alvernaz
Marguerite Parlor No. 12 Jeanne Duhem	El Vespero Parlor No. 118 Peggy Anderson	San Diego Parlor No. 208 Ellen Kendall
Eshcol Parlor No. 16 Susan Chilton	Jean Tozer	Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 Helen Haun
Vendome No. 100 Phyllis Croall	Hayward Parlor No. 122 Irma Vargas	Marilyn Bartalini
San Luisita Parlor No. 108 Beverly Barrios	Argonaut Parlor No. 166 Arline Thompson	Lomitas Parlor No. 255 Myrna Narcisso
Sutter Parlor No. 111 Betty Hughston	Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 Maxine Peters	West Wind Parlor No. 328 Shirley Hundven
Irene Payne		



# World War I Veteran Honored, Interred

By Laura Lawrence, Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas  
Pictures taken by Elrond Lawrence

This is a familiar story about a veteran being laid to rest, but with a fascinating twist: the honors came nearly 30 years after his passing.

Edward Auton Adams was a World War I veteran who was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, on Feb. 9, 1891, and died on July 27, 1991, in Monterey, at the age of 100. Adams was 26 when he enlisted on June 4, 1917. On April 29, 1919, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Private First Class.

Adams registered for the selective service using the WWII draft card from the Fourth Registration, often called the “Old Man’s Draft,” because it registered men who were 45 to 64 years old at the time. He was 51 when he enlisted again to serve his country. Instead, he ran the motor pool as a civilian at the Livermore veteran’s hospital. He also served as a civilian ordinance engineer at Fort Ord during the Korean war.

At the time of his death, Mr. Adams was the client of a retired (and since deceased) attorney who used to have the office where I now work. When I arrived in this office over three and half years ago, I found Mr. Adams’ cremains on a high shelf in the small supply closet in my office. I asked around, but no one knew who he was or why his cremains were there. The box was addressed to the San Francisco National Cemetery, so we



concluded that he was a veteran. Beyond that, we weren’t sure what to do next. Mr. Adams became my “roommate.”

When Alec Arago came to work for our office two and a half years ago, I introduced him to my “roommate.” Being the former District Director for Congressman Sam Farr, Alec contacted Congressman Jimmy Panetta’s office to see if they could assist in finding out who Mr. Adams was and if we



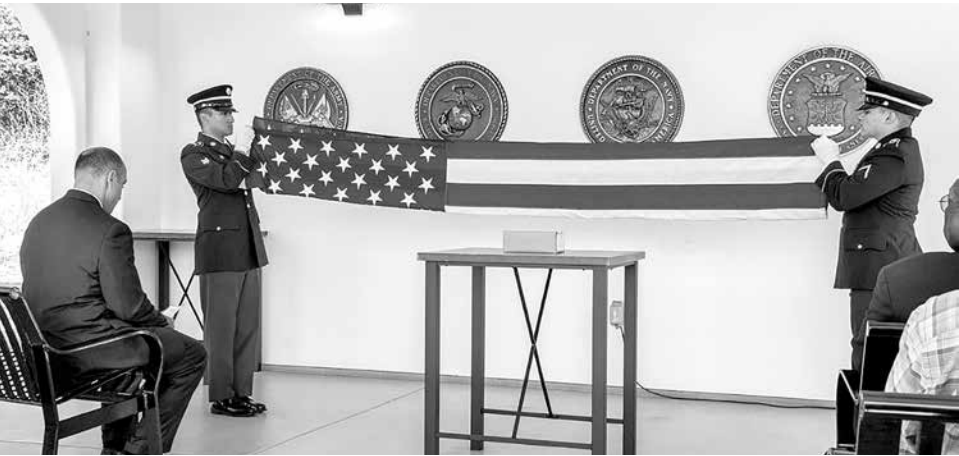
could get him properly interred.

Two years later, we finally solved the mystery. Mr. Adams was a WWI veteran who outlived his wife Beatrice and, apparently, all of his family. Initially, the cemetery could not find a record for him because all the information was filed under the name of his wife, who was also a veteran. Once she was identified, they were able to locate her resting place in the cemetery.

Congressman Panetta’s staff arranged for an honors ceremony that took place on September 16, 2019, at the California Central Coast Veteran’s Cemetery on the former Fort

Ord. On September 30, Mr. Adams was escorted on a Harley motorcycle from Salinas to the San Francisco National Cemetery by the American Legion Riders Chapter 31 – Monterey County. He was interred with his wife with full military honors as likely the last WWI veteran to be interred at San Francisco National Cemetery.

It has been an honor to share an office with Mr. Adams these past three and a half years. I am so thankful that he has been interred with his wife, that he is no longer forgotten on a shelf, and that he was given the final honors he so richly deserved.



## Here’s The Scoop From Naomi Parlor

Submitted by Karen Galan President, Naomi Parlor No. 36



Pictured above are the seven contestants, who prepared homemade ice cream for the annual Native Daughter’s Ice Cream Social (and competition) held on August 24th, 2019. From left to right: Ron Mee (guest) and Naomi Parlor Sisters Mary Jungi, Karen Galan, Tessa Jordan, Joan Nolan, Earlene Folsom and Sarah Folsom.

Folks who came to “taste” were able to sample five very different chocolate concoctions, key lime, blueberries and cream, peanut butter - but no jelly, and banana. Several kinds of homemade cookies were on hand for sampling in addition to fun raffle prizes to be won. It was a close competition with Ron Mee winning with his Devily Delicious Chocolate Praline Crunch. There was a three-way tie for second place between Earlene (Key Lime), Mary (Mexican Chocolate) and Tessa (S’mores). Last year’s first place winner, Earlene, graciously bowed out and let Tessa and Mary accept the other two awards.

Members of Naomi Parlor No. 36 want to thank everyone who attended this fun event and urge you to “save the date” for next year’s event on August 22, 2020.

## San Jose Parlor Turned 125 Years Old

Written by, PGP Sharon Logan, 125th Anniversary Event Chairman

On July 27th, 2019, the Sisters of San Jose Parlor No. 81 hosted 67 Sisters and guests at “Michael’s at Shoreline” in Mt. View to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of our Parlor. The event was many months in the planning but came together for an outstanding day of celebration.

The day began with a no-host social with music from Sister Judy Cain of San Juan Bautista Parlor, while guests were able to meet and greet and look over the display of memorabilia from our 125 years of service to the Order.

Guests were welcomed by Chairman Sharon Logan who read a poem from an Odesbook from 1922. Parlor President Trudi Tuban also welcomed our guests and introduced the dignitaries present, Grand President Dawn Dunlap, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Presidents. Lunch was enjoyed by all. Gayle Gleim told the guests about the “surprise” associated with our Birthday Cupcake Dessert. A 25-year Service Award was presented to Christine Scadina with her mother, Mary Ann and her daughter Kaitlyn in attendance.

The entertainment for the event was a group from History San Jose Portraits of the Past, who presented “Hats through the Decades.”

Grand President Dawn Dunlap gave us a message of congratulations and a Proclamation was presented and read from the California State Legislature.

PGP Linda Galassi and PGP Sharon Logan presented a short history of the Parlor with an emphasis on the last 25 years and the Sisters of San Jose Parlor were asked to stand and be recognized. Regrets and donations were read, and the event was closed with thanks and well wishes to our guests.

As Chairman of this event I would like to thank all our Parlor Sisters for their help and support in bringing this event together; Parlor President Trudi Tuban for my appointment and her help and advice; Gayle Gleim and Shirley Svindal for handling all the details on the room, food, decorations, invitations and many other things; PGP Linda Galassi for her hard work on the history of the Parlor and the outstanding display; Jeannie Gregorio for the beautiful corsages and the registration; and the many other Parlor Sisters who stepped up and took on jobs that made this event such a success.



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# Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210

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The Paul Bunyan Days Festival in Fort Bragg, California, held each Labor Day Weekend, pays tribute to the history of the community, the lumber industry, and the strength of the people who live here. Paul Bunyan and his Blue Ox Babe host the festival in person. It is family friendly and packed with free (or almost free) activities. It is organized by the Paul Bunyan Days Association, community sponsors pay for it, and volunteers make it happen. This year marked the 80th year of the festival. The Association put out a call for community members who were born in 1939 to step forward. Fort Bragg Parlor Member and longtime Organist Karen Lynn was chosen to be Co-Grand Marshal of the parade having celebrated her 80th birthday earlier this year. Karen was born right here in Fort Bragg and remembers the earliest days of the festival.

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 has participated in the parade from almost the inception of the festival, building elaborate floats. Once again, this year they built a grand float. They were able to use a flatbed donated by John Skinner, High School Shop Teacher, that was built by the students. Parlor Members gathered on the day before the parade and decorated the float using the banners and flags of the Parlor and hundreds, if not thousands, of tissue paper poppies made over months by its Members.

The theme of the parade this year was “80 Years with Paul and Babe.” The Members dressed in period garb from various decades. A banner was carried in front, so parade goers knew when to cheer for the NDGW ladies. The Parlor took 3rd place in the float division and is looking forward to next year which is already in the planning.



GM Susan Collins and Parlor President Frieda Clayton



Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 float 1950's



Grand Marshal of Fort Bragg Paul Bunyan Parade, Karen Lynn

For Admission Day, Fort Bragg Parlor Members reminded the community of the significance of September 9th in California as they stood at the Fort Bragg Post Office wishing California a Happy Birthday. Passers-by signed birthday cards to be sent to the State Capital. Most of the people encountered did not realize what had happened on this date in 1850 and were happy for the reminder.



Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 Paul Bunyan Float 2019

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

BY DARLEEN CARPENTER

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, NDGW, sponsored an exhibit in the Community Building at the Kern County Fair running from September 18 through September 29, 2019. This was the tenth entry for the Parlor, having previously won five first place, one third place, and three second place awards. Our award for second place this year is \$500.00 for our treasury.

The theme of the Fair was “Fair, Food, and Fun.” Our theme for our exhibit was the history of NDGW and our Parlor, highlighting our projects, all that we support, and the NDGW Home. We utilized the slide show and had a physical object to highlight each slide. We had an El Camino Bell, a lighthouse, and a mission to name a few. Our Parlor banner was displayed behind the exhibit with vases of poppies and our theme banner. We had a 15” monitor running a flash drive of many of our events and activities. There was a poster board listing all 37 markers we have placed over the years throughout Kern County. There was a supply of brochures for CFIC and Children’s Foundation, Membership applications, and our business cards on the table. Many thanks to our Fair Committee Chairman Darleen Carpenter and our President Deborah Gregory for the display. Our fair participation brings money to our Parlor, along with publicity and name recognition for Native Daughters, and hopefully a few new Members.



Darleen Carpenter



Exhibit Display



Ribbon and \$500.00

# El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Presents Annual Devoted Daughter Award 2019-2020

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, EL TEJON PARLOR NO. 239

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, established the Devoted Daughter several years ago to honor Members who go above and beyond in their service to the Parlor and to California. This year’s recipient of the 2019-2020 Devoted Daughter Award is Denice Mettle. Denice has been a member of NDGW El Tejon Parlor No. 239 since 2013 and has served the Order as our Financial Secretary for five years. The award was presented on July 22, 2019, following our Installation of Officers for 2019-2020 and was presented by our First Vice President, Ruth Jacobus. Ruth is a previous recipient of this award.

Denice is a third generation Californian and a fourth generation of her family to reside in Chico. She taught school in Lamont (just outside Bakersfield) for 37 years before retiring. She was mostly a second-grade teacher. Denice is a very active lady belonging to Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Beta, Emblem Club, Retired Teachers, and of course, Native Daughters. Her hobbies are quilting and oil painting. I think she may have some entries for our GPAM Art Talent Contest this year.

Denice is very active in our Parlor and always steps up when help is needed. We



Pictured: Denice Mettle and Ruth Jacobus

have an annual High Tea fundraiser and Denice always hosts a beautiful table. She decorates our Tree at the Festival of the Trees, arranges the caterer for many of our functions, and keeps us in line on our dues and at our audits. Thank you, Denice, for being a Devoted Daughter.

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## List of Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors: July 11, 2019 – October 10, 2019.

### Joaquin Parlor No. 5

Judith Anselmi  
Judi Howell  
Genevieve Johnson  
Bernice Lea  
Loretta Lee  
Diana Machado  
Cara Wong  
Marguerite Parlor No. 12  
Katharine Davis  
Angelita Parlor No. 32  
Catherine Castillou  
Tara Godoy  
Catherine Schneider

### Ruby Parlor No. 46

Helen Webster  
San Jose Parlor No. 81  
Suzanne Dong  
Woodland Parlor No. 90  
Mary Anne Azevedo  
Golden Era Parlor No. 99  
Kristin Smith

### Sutter Parlor No. 111

Carmen Delgado  
Deborah Garcia

### Darina Parlor No. 114

Alexandra Drew  
El Vespero Parlor No. 118  
Mary Cordes-Hutchings  
Deborah Gray  
Joan Leehane  
Marilyn Moffett

### Oakdale Parlor No. 125

Gloria Young

### Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126

Gloria Dunn  
Aurora Gonzales  
Valerie Green  
Adelaide Ortega  
El Pinal Parlor No. 163  
Rosemary Flamion  
Jazlin Rixman

### Annie K. Bidwell

Parlor No. 168  
Dian Hasson  
Stacy Wegner

### Morada Parlor No. 199

Patricia Phillips

### El Tejon Parlor No. 239

Kathleen Ramos

### Toluca Parlor No. 279

Holly Thiercof

### Arcata Parlor No. 325

Thomas Camozzi

### Zinfandel Parlor No. 337

Barbara Fiene  
Amari McGee  
Domina Mise  
Amapola Parlor No. 338  
Penelope Tone



# South Butte Parlor No. 226 Annual Spaghetti Dinner

SUBMITTED BY GAIL KUNSMAN, TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN/PUBLICITY

South Butte Parlor No. 226 held their 13th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Mega Salad Bar on September 21, 2019. A fun time was had by all in attendance. It was a wonderful evening of friendship, rushing, and yummy food prepared by our Sisters pictured here. Proceeds will benefit our Parlors projects and charities during the year.

## Spaghetti Feed Crew

*Pictured left to right back row:* Debbie Groves, Outside Sentinel, Earlene Knight, Treasurer, and Gail Kunsman, Trustee Chairman/Publicity. *First row:* Marie Huerta, Financial Secretary and Cathy Moniz, Recording Secretary/Event Chairperson. Not pictured, Emma Chenoweth.



*Pictured: Cecil Clemmer, Winner of the Door Prize at the NDGW So. Butte Parlor No. 226 13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner.*



*Pictured: Art and Dee Worledge, guests at the So. Butte Parlor No. 226 13th Annual Spaghetti Feed. Art is current Past President of Native Sons.*

# Past Presidents Association Has Annual Summer Picnic

SUBMITTED BY, JEANNE ALLGEIER

Past Presidents association No.6 Native Daughters Golden West held their annual summer picnic at the Roth Estate Event Center, Nevada City, Ca. In attendance were Members from Sacramento, Manzanita Parlor No. 29 Grass Valley, and Laurel Parlor No. 6 in Nevada City.

Mary Todd, President of Past Presidents Association No.6, Nevada County introduced State President Leona Sunseri, Association No.32, El Dorado Hills, Ca., Barbara Seaton, Association No.16 Past State President, Granite Bay, Ca. and Guest Speaker Michael Allgeier, Nevada City., who has been involved with Educational Living History events for almost 15 years.

Mr. Allgeier has given lectures at

museums, civic groups, and public events, and has been interviewed on TV, radio, and newspapers. He has also spoken to 10,000 school children on this historical topic.



Mr. Allgeier spoke on the American Civil War and how California was involved in the war. He clarified some misconceptions and events that were not taught in school. The schools only slightly touch on this historical event that took place in the United States from 1861 to 1865.

The finale of the afternoon was the release of hundreds of butterflies by Leona Sunseri. These butterflies called Painted Ladies were from the El Dorado Swallowtail Farm.

All in attendance were pleased with the wonderful informative afternoon.



*Standing, left to right: Linda O'Gwin, Melissa Hansen, Jeannie Slinkard. Laying on the float: Sigrid Wakefield. Sitting on the trailer, left to right: Mackenzie Wills, Maddi Hansen, the rest of the gang all Jeannie Slinkard's great grandchildren.*

# Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico

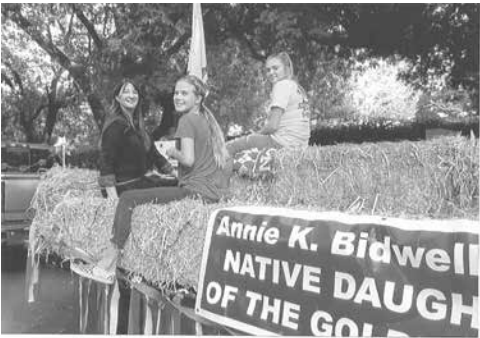
SUBMITTED BY, LINDA O'GWIN

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 entered a float in Chico's 30th Annual Parade of Lights. This year's theme was "Dance to the Music." Of course, we had "I Love You California" playing continuously. Along with hundreds of lights, Members, their children, and grandchildren sat on bales of hay waving "Old Glory" and our own California Bear Flag. Flyers were handed out promoting NDGW and the Childrens Foundation, plus glow sticks, necklaces, and bracelets for the children.

The morning started early with decorating of the float down at the Parlor. A big THANK YOU to Chairpersons Melissa Hansen and Sigrid Wakefield for all your planning, organization, and ideas. Also, their husbands deserve a big THANK YOU. Then, after the parade, more work. The float had to be disassembled. Our Sisters put in a very long day. However, all agree it was worth it!



*Standing in front, left to right: Jeannie Slinkard, Melissa Hansen, Sigrid Wakefield, PGP Cynthia Connelly. On trailer, left to right: Sheryl Brann, future NDGW Mackenzie Wills, Maddi Hansen*



*Left to right: Sigrid Wakefield, Mackenzie Wills, Maddi Hansen*



*Driver, Jim Wakefield and Melissa Hansen*

# Great Job Ladies!!!

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE JENKINS

Cotati Parlor No. 299 hosted an informative event about California's Admission Day in front of the Rohnert Park Cotati Library on September 7. The event offered lots of information about our State with coloring pages for children, bookmarks, pinwheels and cookies in the shape of California and our state bear.



*Members pictured from left to right: Chris Jenkins, Pam Johnston, Randy Collins, Mary-Rita Williamson, and Patty Fiske.*



# Your NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee In Action!

SUBMITTED BY PGP SHERRY A. FARLEY, STATE CHAIR

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation Committee has been busy presenting checks for campership programs throughout the State. Special thanks to our Campership Liaison, PGP Camelia Robles, for encouraging us to visit these wonderful camps and present the donations in person. We hope you enjoy learning about the ways your donations have helped the children of California...

### Society for disABILITY

Childrens Foundation Case Manager Trena Andersen and Grand Trustee Stephanie Kerr visited the Society for DisAbilities to award a campership. They met the Executive Director, Michelle Allen. She explained they teach children to ride bicycles, but that is just a small part of what this society does. It serves people of all ages and partners with all types of other agencies, sharing equipment and what is necessary to help the clients. Some of the activities offered, are bowling, horseback riding, field trips, baseball, and skiing, both snow and water. All these activities are based on the ability of the client. There is even a “Night to Shine Prom” through a partnership with the Tim Tebow Foundation. It is a night of dinner and dancing. The clients can borrow clothes to wear, get make up done, have shoes shined, borrow ties, and anything else needed to thoroughly enjoy the evening.

This Society has so many facets, it would take several pages to cover them all. It also has people who are serving light duty from their employers, like Amazon. Amazon still pays the salary, and the employees work at the Society for DisAbilities. Another partnering agency is the Welfare to Work Program. The clients work to gain their hours for that program while they receive Assistance. On occasion, at the end of the program, the clients are hired and continue to work. The most served group is between ages 9 and 15.



*Pictured left to right: Trena Andersen, Michelle Allen, and GT Stephanie Kerr*

### Camp Nugget

California State University, Long Beach

The Kinesiology Department at CSULB, under the direction of Dr. Barry Lavay, Professor and Adapted Physical Education Coordinator, offers a year-round (fall, spring, after school, and summer sessions) program of physical activity for young children with disabilities.



*Pictured left to right: Dr. Barry Lavay, GVP Suzanne Renee Chandler, Dr. Melissa Bittner, PGP Camelia Robles and Ann Chau.*

Camp Nugget provides small group instruction by university students enrolled in the KIN Department who are studying to receive an Adapted Physical Education Teaching Credential. Camp Nugget activities include aquatics with swim instruction, fundamental motor skills, health-related physical fitness, dance, lead-up cooperative games, and adapted sports.

Camp Nugget is designed for children with special needs and disabilities ages 5-12 year.

During our tour, we were able to view various programs and games that the children were participating during the morning. All staff members, including Dr. Lavay, were eagerly awaiting our visit so

they could share with us what goes on when the children attend camp. This was a very special day, the last day of Camp Nugget for the summer, and awards would be presented to the campers, there would be lots of food, and they would acknowledge some of their sponsors.

This visit was so inspiring, not only to be meeting some of the campers and seeing them in action, but meeting those who have worked with them for so many years, as well as those who are embarking on a career to help Special Needs Children.

Our gift was received with so much appreciation, and the acknowledgment of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation was outstanding. We were able to connect with parents, introduced to staff of other departments that help special needs children, especially the Audiology Department, as well as a few other agencies that service children that we may be able to help in the future. Another visit will be made in the near future to tour the Audiology Department to see what services they offer to children living, learning and playing, with hearing loss.

### The Taylor Family Foundation

On July 25, 2019 Sr. PGP Dolores Ferenz of Hayward Parlor No.122, Childrens Foundation Case Manager, Trena Andersen, of Donner Parlor No.193 and Annette Hansen of Donner Parlor No. 193 met with Jeannette and Angie of the Taylor Family Foundation. The Taylor Family Foundation is an awesome camp that runs year-round. They have 144 attendees and 33 sessions each year. During the summer the sessions are about a weeklong and during the school year they hold 2-3 day weekend camps. Each camp is aimed at a specific disability so the children would be surrounded with children who are just like them. They even have a camp for siblings of those children with major disabilities. The camp itself is located in the Livermore hills at Camp Arroyo, an all green facility, and has all the normal camp activities (ex. swimming, sports, arts and crafts, gardening, rope course, etc) they even partner with a special needs horse training who comes and does horse riding. As part of their outreach, they



*Pictured left to right: Trena Andersen, Angie Carmignani, PGP Dolores Ferenz and Annette Hansen.*

also partner with 5 hospitals in Northern California to provide musical therapy and pet therapy. They also do emergency grants to families in need for lodging, gas, copays, etc. for families in need. Angie was very excited to partner with us and give introductions to her Child Life Specialists at each hospital in hopes that we can expand our HMF program and other assistance.

### Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times

On August 4, 2019, PGP Sherry Farley and PGP Camelia Robles visited Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, located in the San Jacinto mountains. Associate Camp Director, Brian Crater, gave us a wonderful tour of the grounds. The camp is a program of the Southern California Ronald McDonald House Charities and provides a cost free, medically supervised camp for children with Cancer and their families. The “Med Shed” is staffed by volunteer doctors, nurses and other health care providers devoted to the children they serve. In case of a medical emergency, they have a fully functioning E.R. with a nearby helipad for urgent transportation needs. It was a pleasure to meet Dr. Stuart E. Siegel, one of the founding directors of the camp, and present a donation check on behalf of all of you!



*Pictured left to right: PGP Sherry Farley, Stuart E. Siegel, M.D., Brian Crater, Associate Executive Camp Director and PGP Camelia Robles.*

### Camp Okizu

On Monday, September 16, Committee Members Donna Fletcher and Linda Dusek presented a check to OKIZU to sponsor camperships at their Summer Camp located in Berry Creek, California, north of Sacramento. OKIZU provides a camp experience for children with Cancer and their SIBS (Special and Important Brothers and Sisters). We were pleased to meet with Executive Directors, Dr. Stuart Kaplan and Susie Randall. We are pictured in front of the house of the Tajar, their mascot. He is part tiger, badger and jaguar.



*Pictured left to right: Susie Randall, Donna Fletcher, Dr. Stuart Kaplan and Linda Dusek.*

### GIANT STEPS

Located in Petaluma, Giant Steps is dedicated to enriching lives through the power of horses, team and community. Through the excellence of our equine assisted programs, children of all ages, means, and challenges experience the extraordinary benefits of therapeutic riding and activities. Therapeutic riding is extraordinarily versatile, as is groundwork and our other programming.

Over its many years, Giant Steps has served riders with more than 60+ distinct disabilities, encompassing physical, developmental, cognitive, and behavioral challenges. Over time they have developed various programs to serve many children with disabilities.

Three Members of the Childrens Foundation Committee were pleased to meet with Executive Director Beth Porter to present a campership check to be used to help children attend Giant Steps equine therapy camp.



*From left to right: Beth Porter, Executive Director, Giant Steps with Committee Members Linda Dusek, Donna Fletcher and Katherine Foster.*



### The Children’s Ranch Foundation

The Children’s Ranch is located in Los Angeles and offers unique therapeutic private ranch lessons, confidence-building social groups, and parent workshops. The Ranch moves at “just the right pace” becoming a refuge for the families it serves.

Started by Jackie Sloan, (pictured with Camelia) after realizing the positive effect that animal caretaking had on her own daughter, The Children’s Ranch serves various types of disabilities and illnesses through therapeutic programs. The Ranch welcome children and teens of all abilities.

The tour of the Ranch was very interesting. While it is not large ranch, it has everything needed to help children with special needs learn, in time, to bond with the various animals



and the work that needs to be accomplished to help the animals thrive. Their horses are beautiful, and each has their very own personality that each child is drawn to become involved with. This does not happen overnight, but it a gradual process that stays with the children for a lifetime.

Over 80 families are served each month and with donations such as from the Childrens Foundation, more families have the chance to experience how motivating animals can be to children who are struggling to make a connection. Our gift was accepted with sincere appreciation and grateful thanks on behalf of the children.



Pictured left to right: Jackie Sloan with PGP Camelia Robles

Donation to John Tracy Center

Located in the center of Los Angeles, John Tracy Center provides parent-centered services locally and globally to young children with hearing loss, offering families hope, guidance and encouragement.



Pictured left to right: Claire Sanchez, Director of Audiology with PGP Camelia Robles

Established in 1943 by Louise Treadwell Tracy, JTC is now one of the world’s most acclaimed private providers of audiology diagnostics, education, resources and support for families who have infants or young children with hearing loss. They serve more than 3,200 families annually.

The goal of JTC is to help children develop the speech, language and listening skills they need to thrive in the hearing world.

They have recently moved to a new location. This new facility has the latest in all

technology to test and direct the plans for each child individually. During the tour, I was able to view an infant classroom, a pre-school classroom, and a parent class in session as well as the entire center as well.

The donation of \$1,000.00 from the Childrens Foundation was given to specifically go towards the purchase and/or upkeep of loaner hearing aids that are presented to a child until funding is found to purchase hearing aids for the child. It is a little-known fact that insurance companies do not cover the cost of hearing aids.

Brochures and other information regarding the Childrens Foundation and Native Daughters of the Golden West were gratefully received by the JTC staff. They were very appreciative not only for the donation, but for the interest we have in helping children with a hearing loss.

Truckin’ for Kids

What a great weekend we had at the Truckin’ for Kids event held on September 28th and 29th at the Irwindale Event Center!

A complimentary booth space was offered to the NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee by John Testa of 10-4 Magazine to help promote our important programs.



NDGW Childrens Foundation Booth at Truckin’ for Kids  
Pictured left to right: Grace Parlor No. 242 President Norma Johnston, State Chair of the NDGW Childrens Foundation and PGP Sherry Farley along with GT Viola Gene Dana.

NDGW Childrens Foundation State Chair & PGP Sherry Farley organized “Count the Candy Corn” (booth game) and provided “red truck” prizes for the top three winners. Donner Parlor No. 193 donated the 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 the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation, allowing us to put our brochures inside the truck.

Thank you to the following volunteers for staffing the booth: State Chair and PGP Sherry Farley, Grace No. 242; PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail No. 266; GT Viola Gene Dana, Rancho La Puente No. 331; Norma Johnston, President of Grace Parlor No. 242; Judi Smedley, Grace No. 242; Julia Hull, Morada No. 199 and helpful husbands David Farley and Rick Dana. Special thanks to Julia Hull for driving all the way from San Francisco to volunteer her time. We also extended our deepest gratitude John Testa and Truckin’ for Kids by making a donation in their honor to Camp Blue Jay, a program of the Society for Disabled Children.

Autism Awareness  
Truck collaborating with NDGW Childrens Foundation.



Winner of Count the Candy Corn game pictured with PGP Camelia Robles.



Donation to Camp Blue Jay in honor of John Testa & Truckin’ for Kids presented by Julia Hull, Morada No. 199 and PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail No. 266.

Recycle 101

SUBMITTED BY LEONA M. SUNSERI

Here is an article that can change your Parlor’s bank account. All your Parlor financial needs can be met with this phone number 1-800-732-9253. This is how you and your Parlor ladies can get 1 each, FREE, your black RECYCLE bin. Once everyone has requested these bins, sit down and decide who will get them. My church, my dentist, my gym, my grandchildren’s sports events, or even a neighbor who you see every week throw out all the money in the trash.

Funny story, I have on the side of my house a smaller can. I told my neighbor, instead of dumping your aluminum cans or plastic bottles, in the trash, could you put them in my can right here. \$\$\$\$. Yes, this is free cash for your Parlor. I even hit the parks that my children and grandchildren visit every weekend for a sports event. I bring either my bin or large black bags, and as people walk by, I say, “OH, I’LL TAKE THAT BOTTLE. Oh, and thank you! My Native Daughters will be happy to accept this.” Then you can talk about who the Native Daughters. Very easy!

If you happen to have a business, you can actually get up to six bins to place in your office. Oh yes, I even have one at my CPA’s office. Check out your local realtor, nail shop, etc. I mentioned at Grand Parlor, when my granddaughter lived with me, her class was going to Washington, DC. That trip was going to cost \$2,500. Well, her and I started our recycling business, and in nine months we had it all, every bit of it. CASH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For questions, contact Leona M. Sunseri.  
Email: nonnie.tgp@gmail.com



Estate Planning

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

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

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





# California Admission Day 2019

## Happy 169th Birthday California!

SUBMITTED BY SUZI RILEY, PGP, CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY STATE CHAIRMAN

On Friday, September 6, 2019 Native Daughters of the Golden West along with the Native Sons of the Golden West celebrated California Admission Day in San Francisco. This long-time tradition of both Orders joining together to honor California on Statehood Day had been lost in recent years and it was an institution that both Grand Presidents were hoping we could replicate again this year for our third annual celebration.

More than 150 Native Sons and Daughters from all across our golden state gathered together to Celebrate Admission Day – California’s 169th Birthday at South San Francisco’s Basque Cultural Center. Everyone enjoyed a fine meal and eagerly took part in a silent auction and raffle of prizes of all types including some amazing SF Giants memorabilia signed by many players including Willie Mays, Bruce Bochy and Brandon Crawford. Several Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents from both Orders attended making the event even more special. The wonderful event raised funds for both Orders and we were elated to celebrate Admission Day with our Honorary Co-Hosts of the event, NDGW Grand President Dawn M. Dunlap and NSGW Grand President James P. King ensured the entire afternoon was a wonderful success.

Historic displays from both Orders filled the Luncheon room with the N.D.G.W. Home’s Evelyn I. Carlson Historic Collection State Chairman Kathy Kelly-Breitler and E.I.C. Committee Member Vicki Allen presenting a wonderful exhibition of our Home’s history. Additionally, the Pioneer Roster display presented by members Vicki Contente and Grand Trustee Marjorie McKisson was very well received. N.S.G.W. National Parlor Member Bob Teal presented fascinating photos and an accompanying display of the historic of the Doughboy Statue and memory grove located in Golden Gate Park in memory of San Francisco Native Sons killed in WWI. Many guests complimented all involved for presenting such meaningful collections. Great thanks are also extended to N.S.G.W. Guadalupe Parlor’s Dennis McLaughlin for sharing the details of the long awaited reveal of the newly restored circular glass window portraits on display at the N.S.G.W. Hall on Mason Street. Thank you all – Your enthusiasm captured the appreciation of our history which should guide all of our activities as we promote California’s history!

The room looked bright and colorful decorated with large California Bear Flags (and table top versions!) donated by Grace Parlor No. 242 along with California wine in a California bag. The N.D.G.W. California Admission Day Committee also made a donation and helped to supply the favors and official birthday cakes for each guest. We were also very pleased to have NDGW GM Susan Collins joining us to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. One of the highlights of the afternoon was having the Grand Presidents of both Orders present engaging and informative keynote addresses – N.S.G.W. Grand President James King and N.D.G.W. Grand President Dawn Dunlap’s talks were both interesting and entertaining to the assembly. Everyone present now has a more thorough understanding of California’s early statehood.

Two esteemed Past Grand Presidents of our Orders – PGP Sharon M. Johnston and

PGP Joseph Ursino prepared the Invocation and Benediction respectively. Unfortunately, PGP Johnston was ill and we certainly appreciated San Juan Bautista Member Roberta L. Paul stepping in to offer PGP Sharon’s lovely prayer in her absence. Once again, the Basque staff served a delicious luncheon and following lunch, we all sang “Happy Birthday to California!” Thank you to NSGW Halcyon-Alameda Members Dennis & Kathleen Valerio who led the community signing.

The benefactors of our event were the Native Daughters and the Native Sons of the Golden West. Thanks to the generous contributions collected, we raised \$3,750! The funds have been divided between the N.S.G.W. Historical Preservation Foundation and the N.D.G.W. Charitable Foundation, Inc. ~ History & Landmarks to continue to work on a joint dedication during this term. We are excited to support both worthy causes!

Once again, the N.S.G.W. and N.D.G.W. California Admission Day Committees sincerely thanks everyone for their attendance and support. We were grateful to all of the Native Californians who attended as well as to our many donors and guests for their amazing contributions as well. Lastly, it is the hope of my Co-Chairman, Donna Fletcher and myself that we can build this exciting San Francisco Admission Day Celebration into an annual event to help preserve the history of our beloved Golden State!

Sadly, California Statehood Day is no longer observed as a legal holiday in our glorious golden State. Therefore, it is so important that as Native Daughters we do our best to preserve and acknowledge this central date in our State’s illustrious history. Congratulations and thank you to the Sisters who celebrated California Admission Day in their local Parlors and in their communities!



Grand President Dawn Dunlap (standing center) Past Grand President Suzi Riley (standing left) enjoy the luncheon with several Bonita Parlor Sisters; Seated from Left: Deanna Liotta; Marian Wydo; Mary Wardlaw; Marge Peralta; Margaret Mirande and Patricia Andersen (standing right of GP Dawn).

### The presentation of California’s 169th Birthday cakes!

From Left: NSGW Grand Marshal Kristofer Nelson, Nicasio Parlor No. 183; Grand President James P. King, San Miguel Parlor No. 150; NDGW Grand President Dawn M. Dunlap, El Pinal Parlor No. 163; and Grand Marshal Susan Collins, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 present the Birthday cakes for our golden State!



Many thanks to NDGW Admission Day Co-Chairman Donna Fletcher Darina Parlor No. 114 and her husband Bob Fletcher of Gate Parlor No. 29 for coordinating the cakes which were lovely and celebrated our 169th Statehood Day in fine style!

Great appreciation to Jobena Tipp, Edythe Miller, Linda Montalbano, Claudia Fort, Pat Riley and Rose Twyman for their hard work and assistance. Thank you also to Joan Stafko, Ida Evans and Joaquin Parlor No. 5 for their basket donations. We appreciate you all!

### THANK YOU to All of Our PROUD N.D.G.W. Parlors Who Supported California Admission Day with Donations!!

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Joaquin Parlor No. 5  
Bonita Parlor No. 10  
Eshcol Parlor No. 16  
Califia Parlor No. 22  
Berendos Parlor No. 23  
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26  
Manzanita Parlor No. 29  
Ruby Parlor No. 46  
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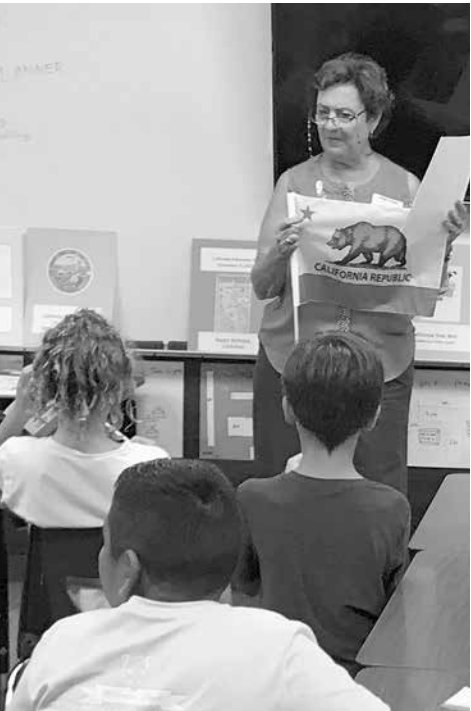
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Amapola Parlor No. 338

## Petaluma Parlor No. 222 Honors California Admission Day ...In the Classroom



BY LINDA DUSEK

Petaluma Parlor No. 222 members Linda Dusek and Sandy Saldate shared an informative presentation about California Admission Day to the fourth-grade class at Sonoma Mountain Elementary School. Linda gave them a bit of history about California’s admission to the Union, a much-forgotten fact about our great state. And we all sang Happy Birthday to California for its 169th birthday. We shared posters with photos of our glorious state of California, the California State Seal, the State Bird, flower, tree and other symbols of our state. Each student was given their own California State flag, a packet of poppy seeds, and a color sheet with facts about California. Sandy even put an ink stamp of the shape of California on each of their hands. The students were so attentive to the information presented to them. They asked us if California had a song. I said yes, “I Love You California”. But I hadn’t thought to prepare for that. So, their teacher, Michelle Gilson, brought up a video on her computer that played the song, complete with the words printed at the bottom. The children spontaneously began singing along with Sandy and Linda and waved their California flags! It was so amazing to see and share this moment with these young students. We were so happy to educate these children about this important date in California history.



Linda Dusek presenting to fourth graders





# El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Celebrates California Admission Day

By DGP Darleen Carpenter

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, El Tejon Parlor in Bakersfield held a luncheon and program in honor of California's 169th birthday at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant. Approximately 40 Sisters and guests were in attendance. A different topic of California history is presented each year at our Admission Day Luncheon. Our theme this year was presented by 2 speakers and focused our Kern County markers and the first Constitution written to make California the 31st state of the Union as a free state. Our first speaker was Mr. Ken Hooper who is a history and archivist teacher at Bakersfield High School. Mr. Hooper is also the President of the Kern County Historical Society and historian of the Kern Veterans Memorial Foundation. He spoke of the current project underway to replace damaged or stolen markers in Kern County. Over the years, El Tejon Parlor and other previous Parlors in our district have placed 37 markers throughout the County. Mr. Hooper also spoke of the Veteran Wall Project to list Veterans who died in combat from Kern County.

The second speaker was Ms. Roxanne Jacobus, a member of Junipero Parlor 141 in Monterey. Roxanne is the daughter and sister of our El Tejon members Ruth and Nancy Jacobus. Ms. Jacobus gave a wonderful presentation on the first Constitution of California highlighted by a copy of the first constitution and several pictures. Her presentation was very informative and very well received by all in attendance. Everyone learned things we did

not know about this process to write the very first California Constitution. If you need a great speaker, you cannot go wrong with our own Native Daughter, Roxanne Jacobus.

Each attendee at our event received a bar of homemade poppy soap wrapped in clear paper with poppies, handmade by our member, Brigitte Bonnet. Our table decorations, of course, were our beautiful poppies with the California flag designed by our Chairman, Ethel White. The program was prepared by Darleen Carpenter, DGP. Our President, Deborah Gregory opened the celebration with the Invocation given by Ethel White, PP, followed by the flag salute, which was led by Denice Mettle. We discovered that our American flag was missing, so an aide from Congressman McCarthy's office stepped forward and we saluted his lapel pin. After a delicious luncheon, we were presented with proclamations and resolutions from the offices of Bakersfield City Mayor, Karen Goh, Congressman, Kevin McCarthy, Assemblymen Vince Fong and Rudy Salas, and the Kern county Board of Supervisors. The program concluded with the serving of our beautiful Birthday cake and singing Happy Birthday California. Many thanks to the committee Ethel White, Chairman, Darleen Carpenter, Brigitte Bonnet, Denice Mettle, Phyllis Hensley, Ruth Jacobus and Nancy Jacobus.



Mayor Goh presents Ethel White with a Proclamation



Speaker, Roxanne Jacobus



Speaker, Ken Hooper

To honor our California Missions  
Eshcol Parlor No. 16 — Napa  
Native Daughters of the Golden West



Cordially invites you to attend the 15th Annual  
Mission Restoration Luncheon  
(We thought during the day would be fun)

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Native Sons Hall, 937 Coombs Street, Napa, CA 94559

No-Host Cocktails –11:30 a.m. Lunch – 12:15 p.m.

Information on our Historic California Missions \$25.00 per person

Join us for a delicious Burrito Lasagna Lunch  
plus salad, chips, and dessert, and of course a raffle  
(please indicate Veg or Gluten-free with reservation)  
Prepared by "The Usual Suspects"

For reservations and/or information contact Jana  
e-mail: jkjack49@gmail.com or call 707-738-1303

Make checks payable to Eshcol Parlor No. 16

Mail to: Jana Jack, 2468 Vine Hill Drive, Napa, CA 94558  
By November 30, 2019

# Zinfandel Parlor No. 337

SUBMITTED BY CANDACE MCGEE

## CA Admission Day

Zinfandel Parlor Members joined other sisters in San Francisco on Sept 6th to celebrate California's Admission Day 169th Anniversary Luncheon held at the Basque Cultural Center. To coincide with our State Anniversary Celebration, Zinfandel Parlor No. 337 had a CAD display at the Lodi Public Library. In addition, a wonderful article appeared in the Lodi News-Sentinel describing the history of California Admission Day, written by our Member Durlynn Anema.



Photo from left to right: Juanita Case, Financial Secretary, Corrine Terry, Treasurer. Maria Elena Serna, President, Janice Orrock, Recording Secretary, Marilyn McGee, Inside Sentinel, Victoria Carranco, 2nd Vice President

## Initiation Domina Mise and Amari McGee

Two new Members were initiated on August 19th at the home of President Maria Elena Serna. Amari McGee is our youngest Parlor Member at age 17 and she is the granddaughter of President Maria Elena Serna.



Photo from left to right: Domina Mise and Amari McGee

## Installation of Parlor Officers

Zinfandel Parlor No. 337 held its Installation of Parlor Officers on July 24th.



Top row, left to right:, Toni Dahlen, Trustee, Kris Cullinan, 1st Vice President, Corrine Terry, Treasurer, Marilyn McGee, Inside Sentinel, Patricia Clark, Trustee, Claudia Styles, Head Trustee, Janice Orrock, Recording Secretary, Juanita Case, Financial Secretary, , Bottom row, left to right:, Victoria Carranco, 2nd Vice President, Maria Elena Serna, President, Karen Gonzales, Past President, Candace McGee, 3rd Vice President, Elizabeth Hausauer, Marshal,



# NDGW Home Happenings

## Reorganization News

The 2019-2020 NDGW Home Committee is off to a great start with enthusiasm, energy, and great ideas! Improvements have been implemented and Staff has been hired and we are very excited for you to come stay with us! The Home Management is under the direction of Debi Stalder, PGP, State Chairman of the Home and the NDGW Home Committee. Any comments or questions, please address to [stalder53@yahoo.com](mailto:stalder53@yahoo.com) or call (530) 570-9100.

**Welcome**  
**NDGW Home Staff**

**Joshia Altamirano, Home Host**

**Julia Hull, Home Hostess**

**Sophia Patino, Home Hostess**



## Around the Home

We no longer have a Home Office.  
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. daily phone calls to the Home are forwarded to Home Committee Members off site who can make reservations, accept payment, answer questions and assist you with the check-in process and entry code to the Home. If you need on-site assistance after hours, the Home Host/Hostess names are listed on the Room Assignment sheet for emergencies only after 5:00 P.M.  
If you want to make **Home Event Reservations**, or need further information on upcoming events contact **Julia Hull: (209) 604-5028** or [perfectjulia@gmail.com](mailto:perfectjulia@gmail.com)  
**DO NOT CALL THE NDGW HOME.**  
**Reminder:** Room assignments are not guaranteed, check-in is at 3:00 P.M. and check-out is at 11:00 A.M. If you arrive early, you can place your belongings in the Second Floor Foyer. Room assignments will be posted at the sign-in desk located in the First Floor Foyer at 3:00 P.M.  
Keys are now located on a hook located behind your assigned room’s door and return to the hook when leaving.  
The payment drop box is now in the First Floor Entry located on the wall to the right of the Home Entrance Doors as you face the doors from inside the Home.  
Strip your bed but leave your sheets and towels in your room not in the hallways.  
Newly revised House Rules are located in each room on the back of the door.  
Wi-Fi Password and Front Door Code will be located on a card in your assigned room.

## Exciting News

We are now offering different size beds in some rooms! We have a California King, a Queen, two Doubles, and XL Twin beds!! We have also opened four more rooms for our Members to use! We have improved the locks in the Jack and Jill Rooms for more comfort and privacy. The communal hallway bathrooms on the Third and Fourth Floor have easier door access and we are encouraging our guests to use them more often not only because they are bigger and brighter but to alleviate some of the plumbing stress on the Rooms with bathrooms in them! Check them out!

## REMINDER

The NDGW Home accepts credit cards and PayPal for payments. A convenience fee will apply.

## Calendar of Events

Christmas Tree Lighting, December 1, 2019, NDGW Home, 3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact Susan Potter for more information 510-508-9402 or [susanpotter94501@yahoo.com](mailto:susanpotter94501@yahoo.com).



NDGW Home Crab Feed, January 11, 2019, NDGW Home. Contact NDGW Home Event Chairman for more details Julia Hull, (209) 604-5028, or [perfectjulia@gmail.com](mailto:perfectjulia@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to help out on occasion at the NDGW Home!! If interested or have questions call Heidi Dillon (209) 207-2681 or [heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com](mailto:heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com) for an application. Volunteers needed for gardening, dusting, polishing furniture, painting, housesitting with some housekeeping and cleaning duties, and even a Spring Deep Cleaning Party! Incentives include free stays at the NDGW Home based on hours of volunteer time as a perk for your efforts!

## Parking Garage

A Parking Garage in located just down the street from the NDGW Home at reasonable rates! Check it out on the NDGW Home Facebook Page or contact [home@ndgw.comcastbiz.net](mailto:home@ndgw.comcastbiz.net) for more details.



## Help is Wanted for Christmas Decorating

Help is Wanted for Christmas Decorating of the Home. If you would be able to help, please contact Susan Potter at 510/508-9402 or [susanpotter94501@yahoo.com](mailto:susanpotter94501@yahoo.com). The unveiling and official tree lighting will take place on December 1, 2019.



## NDGW Home Open for the Holidays

NDGW Home is exploring being open for Members and Guests that would like to stay at the Home on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day, and Easter Sunday! If you are interested in staying at the Home during these dates please contact Heidi Dillon (209) 207-2681 or [heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com](mailto:heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com) as soon as possible so we can plan on having someone on site. We are requiring at least 10 rooms be reserved before we will have any or all of those days open to stay at the Home! We have four people on the list for Thanksgiving and we need six more to open the Home! Please let Heidi know right away if you are interested!

## Save Our Otis

As most of you know we have talked about the repairs and up-keep for our 90+ year-old “Otis” Elevator. We are in the process of replacing brakes and shoes and a few other worn parts. We have also contracted a new elevator service which will take care of Otis 24/7 once we do the required replacement of the brakes and other required repairs. This contract will be costing the NDGW Home \$1,050.00 per month. We have started a new pledge for financial support and donations called the **SAVE OUR OTIS FUND**. *If you would like to support Otis please visit [ndgw.org](http://ndgw.org) and refer to NDGW Home and then click on Save our Otis donations.* You can also send donations to Otis at:



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Tax deductible as a 501(c)3  
#94-1251112



## OTHER NEWS AROUND THE HOME

“Brick by Brick” personalized retaining wall bricks in the Voss Garden are still being ordered and placed in the garden. Contact Kathy Murtha [sngs4u@gmail.com](mailto:sngs4u@gmail.com) for more information.  
Our sewer and water bill is averaging \$700.00 per month! We have implemented a few new conservation measures: full loads of laundry, 1-gallon water filled milk jugs have been placed in the toilet water storage in the back of the toilets that are not low-flow toilets to lessen the tank fill with each flush! Low-flow shower head installation has been implemented, and full dishwasher loads are being observed too!  
The Utility bill is averaging \$1,000.00 per month! We have replaced almost all light bulbs throughout the Home with energy conserving bulbs.  
Upgrading the Home electrical has begun as funds are available.  
Recycling has become an important part within the Home. We are collecting CA CRV Bottles and Cans for recycling and Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2022 is taking on that project and the proceeds are going to support GPAM 2022.

## Green Thumbs Needed!

The Home would like to ask if any of our Members are interested in participating in developing an Herb Garden in our lovely light and airy kitchen! If you would like to be a part of this fun addition to our Kitchen contact Heidi Dillon (209) 207-2681 or [heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com](mailto:heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com). Also, if you would like to donate a house plant, we would appreciate a few to place around the Second Floor Parlor and Dining Room for the beauty of live plants. Contact Heidi if you would like to participate.



## We Want to Hear From You

Proposed new ideas? Mid-week activities such as card games, crafts, dancing lessons, wine tasting, knitting/crocheting lessons, bunco, bridge, baking cookies or cooking fun, new recipes, and any other fun or interesting activities you may want to do within the Home? Let us know at [heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com](mailto:heididillon.ndgw@gmail.com).

**NDGW Christmas Tree Lighting**  
**and Open House**

You are cordially invited to attend the annual NDGW Christmas Tree lighting and open house

**December 1, 2019 • 3:00pm-5:00pm**

555 Baker St. San Francisco, Calif.

Come and see Santa

Refreshments, Festive Music, Sing a Long

Hosted by the 2019-2020 NDGW Home Committee.

## Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

### Room Reservations

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



# Dr. Mariana Bertola

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four-month stay touring the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, and Kauai before returning in June to San Francisco on the ocean liner, “Maui.” I envy them that experience; touring the Hawaiian Islands in the 1920s, must have been extraordinary.

In 1921 a huge scandal presented San Franciscans with a full complement of drama and mayhem including prostitution, illegal drugs, alcoholism, manslaughter, corruption, political intrigue and expediency, and a framed and defamed Hollywood movie star named Roscoe “Fatty” Arbuckle; all of which was spelled out in lurid detail in Mr. Hearst’s local newspaper, The Examiner. As a direct result of this public debasement of humanity, Dr. Bertola instituted the Womens’ Vigilant Committee in the assembly hall of the Phelan Building. The Committee’s rank and file soon grew so numerous that their monthly meetings were moved to the California Club. In an address at one of their meetings Dr. Bertola stated, “Whatever touches the life of a girl or boy, whatever enters into the home-life of the community, whatever affects the welfare of the commonwealth in a civic, a social, or a moral way will engage the strict attention of our Women’s Vigilant Committee.”

A subsequently founded like-minded organization, The Bertola Assembly of California Women was organized by Emma O’Donnell in tribute to Dr. Bertola. Their meetings were held in the Native Sons Building where the members debated subjects including American citizenship and kindred themes proposed by other women of state prominence and community interests. The Bertola Assembly of California endures today as a non-profit corporation aiding California children and sponsoring scholarships for college-bound students.

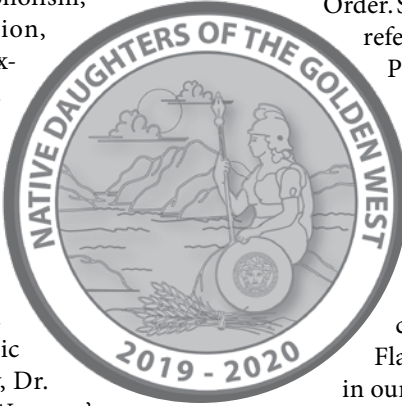
Dr. Bertola was initiated into the Native Daughters of the Golden West in Ramona Parlor No. 21, Martinez. She presided as our Grand President in 1895/96. Her main

project for the term was the Board of Relief. In 1895/96 the Board provided our Members aid through grants for medical expenses.

A few years later that aid was transformed into hands-on hospital and convalescent care in our first Native Daughter Home, a rented Victorian residence on O’Farrell Street. As Grand President, Dr. Bertola promoted respect for the American flag in our daily lives, and its inclusion in the Ceremonies of the Order. She was often affectionately referred to as, “The Flag Grand President.” Her Grand Parlor Annual Meeting was held in Napa in June 1896. The legislation adopted at that Grand Parlor included designating the official colors of the Order as red, yellow and white, and incorporating the American Flag as part of “the Regalia in our Ritual”.

Early in her residence in San Francisco, Dr. Bertola transferred her Membership to Buena Vista Parlor No. 168, San Francisco. As Buena Vista Parlor was the main sponsor of the hospital rooms and related equipment in all three of our NDGW Homes located in succession on O’Farrell, Hyde, and eventually Baker Street. This Parlor seemed a good choice for her.

Dr. Bertola became Chairman of the Board of Relief in 1906 and remained in that post for the next forty-seven years. The Board of Relief’s name was later changed to the Home Committee. After picking up the pieces of our Home on Hyde Street that was destroyed by the quake and fire, the Board of Relief bought two adjacent Victorian residences on Baker Street; the first in 1913 and the second in 1924. Dr. Bertola worked with Miss Julia Morgan to convert them into one large structure by exploring a means of connecting the two residences with a tunnel. When this was not feasible, Dr. Bertola and Miss Morgan worked together planning our new Home. The NDGW Home was formally dedicated



## Past Presidents 2019

SUBMITTED BY LEONA M. SUNSERI, STATE PRESIDENT,  
PAST PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Hello my Dear Sisters,  
I wanted to get my article out about the Past Presidents to update everyone on Who we are! I am not sure how many of our Native Daughters have never ventured out to join the Past Presidents Association, but I know from the questions I received at Grand Parlor, there are many! We all started in the Parlor level as a Member. Attending the monthly meeting, getting involved in the community, our charitable fundraisers, and our NDGW Home. Then one day maybe you decided to move up the chairs to hold the office of Parlor President. Once you have been in the office of President for one year, you can join the Past Presidents. I have the complete list of all the Associations and the contacts for reference. Some of your Parlor Sisters can even sponsor you into the PP’s in your area.

I was installed as the 98th State Past Presidents on April 13, 2019 at Barbara Seaton’s Assembly in Rancho Cordova at the Marriott Hotel. Our year is from April to April, example 2019-2020. I will be traveling to my Official Visits to visit with my Sisters, a social luncheon and share my history with my Sisters. My

mother’s side of the family came to California with the Donner Party, I am 9th generation.

In 1922 Leah Williams was the founder and the 1st Charter State President of the Past Presidents. Each year in April, we gather for our Assembly, that lasts three days. Friday night is our Officers’ Dinner with the President. Later in the evening we all gather for a fun evening to catch up on what we have been doing in our Associations and play games or have entertainment. Saturday is our “take care of business” day, our Memorial Service for our Sisters that have passed. OH yes! Don’t forget Practice for the incoming Officers. Saturday evening is our dress up dinner. Then around 8 P.M. all the new officers gather for show time! What we all have been waiting for. May I present to you your 98th State Past President!!!!!!

**WOW WHAT A NIGHT!**  
Interested Ladies contact me, Leona M. Sunseri, by email: [nonnie.tgp@gmail.com](mailto:nonnie.tgp@gmail.com) for all information on Past Presidents Associations. Hope to hear from you REAL soon. Bye for now.

### Would you prefer to receive your *California Star* by email instead of newsprint?

Be sure to sign up to receive the *California Star* via email on the *California Star* page of the official website at [www.NDGW.org](http://www.NDGW.org)  
Also, let our Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant know that you’d like to have your address taken off the *California Star* mailing list that goes to the U.S. Post Office. Send a note to [ndgwgpo@att.net](mailto:ndgwgpo@att.net).

January 12, 1929. Fifteen hundred Members and guests toured the Home that day, and five hundred attended the formal dedication reception that evening.

Dr. Bertola took particular interest in encouraging young women to come and work in San Francisco. She provided them safe shelter in our Native Daughter Home and offered them counsel in becoming self-supporting. Those fortunate enough to come under her protection and tutelage were referred to as “her girls.”

As an aside, I thought you might find it of interest to know that in September 1930, the Native Daughters Home had a pee wee golf course installed on the roof. It was purportedly short-lived, but much-loved. It was abandoned as being too expensive to maintain.

Other than enduring a serious bout of typhoid fever in the winter of 1900, Dr. Bertola generally enjoyed good health throughout her life. However, in her later years blood pressure concerns and a failing heart forced her to curtail many of her activities. At the age of ninety she was described as being 5’4” and weighing 170 pounds. Her eyes were light blue.

She was “in sympathy” as the term was utilized in the 1920s with Republican principles,

reared a Presbyterian, and wisely invested in real estate in several Bay Area cities.

She died of a heart attack in her “apartment” on the third floor of the Home at 9 P.M. on December 7, 1955. Her cremains are entombed in the Chapel of the Chimes located in Oakland, California.

Dr. Bertola studied child education and the best practices for their welfare, and then medicine specializing in obstetrics and pediatrics. She continued by establishing social programs to benefit women and children and overseeing our NDGW Home as a refuge providing safe shelter for self-supporting young women and older women without someone to care for them. She persevered by seeking funding for college scholarships for women. She promoted programs that worked to improve life, inspire pride in their heritage, and their new country for newly arrived families at the height of prejudice against Italian immigrants.

Inspired by the life and good works of Dr. Mariana Bertola let us work together to improve our culture and our society.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
**Dawn Dunlap**  
El Pinal Parlor No. 163  
Grand President



**NATIVE DAUGHTERS of the GOLDEN WEST HOME**  
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#### RESERVATION FORM

NDGW members may **REQUEST ROOM RESERVATIONS** by guaranteeing payment for the first night’s stay at the Home for each reserved bed. Please send this completed form and your check(s) to: NDGW Home, Home Manager, 555 Baker St., San Francisco, CA 94117, Or you may provide this information by telephone **(415) 921-2664** or e-mail [Home@NDGW.comcastbiz.net](mailto:Home@NDGW.comcastbiz.net) and then mail your guaranteeing payment. A reservation confirmation is necessary and will be provided via phone, email or mail.

A 24-hour (noon of the prior day) cancellation notice is required to negate your pre-paid guarantee. If you will be arriving later than your estimated time of arrival (ETA), please call the above number. **Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM.**

The NDGW Home Committee and/or its employees have the right to refuse a reservation to a member and/or guest or to terminate their stay. **Guests must be age 12 years or older. (Rev. 2015)** Guests may stay no more than 5 consecutive nights without prior approval of the Home Committee (see NDGW Committee Policies, NDGW Home Committee, #5, page 28, second paragraph).

Member NAME	_____	Parlor	_____
Address	_____ (Street number and name, city, zip code)		
Phone: (____)	_____	Emergency Phone: (____)	_____
Cell Phone (____)	_____	E-mail	_____
DATE OF ARRIVAL	_____	ETA	_____am/pm (Estimated Time of Arrival)
LENGTH OF STAY	nights _____	(5 nights maximum)	
Names of <u>members</u> who will accompany me: _____			
Names of <u>guests</u> who will accompany me: _____			
My accommodation preferences: Single room w/bath Room ____ Double room w/bath ____ Double room and single room connecting w/shared bath ____ IF AVAILABLE I would prefer room number(s): _____, _____ <b>**Specific room requests may not be available. If rooms with a bath are not available, a room without a bath will be designated.**</b>			
<b>RATES</b> Members: \$45.00 per night Non-member guests: \$60.00 per night (guests must be accompanied by a member)			
Make checks payable to: NDGW Home # of Checks enclosed: _____ Total of all enclosed checks: \$ _____			
By my signature below, I agree to abide by the Home Rules (NDGW Committee Policies, Page 32, Section 11, House Rules), and I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of myself and my guest(s) while in the Home. I agree to my liability and will pay for any damage to the Home including, but not limited to, damage to the facility, furniture, linens, appliances, and equipment that is caused by me or my guest(s) while I am/we are on the premises.			
Member’s <b>SIGNATURE</b> and GUARANTEE		DATE	



## Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of ‘Love of Home’, ‘Devotion to the Flag’, Veneration of the Pioneers’ and ‘Faith in the Existence of God’. Individuals 16 years of age and older who were born in California are welcome to call 1-800-994-NDGW, e-mail to [ndgwgp@att.net](mailto:ndgwgp@att.net) or check out our web page at [www.ndgw.org](http://www.ndgw.org) for more information.

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

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)

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

*“The mission of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as one of the oldest associations of diverse California born leaders, is to preserve California’s history and better the quality of life through active participation in education and community service.”*

## Calendar of Events, Special Days of the Order, State Committee Meetings and Official Visits November and December

### NOVEMBER 2019

- November 9th – NDGW Home Committee Meeting 9 A.M., San Francisco
- November 9th – NDGW Childrens Foundation GoTo Meeting, 9 A.M.
- November 15th and 16th – Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Past Grand Presidents, Madera
- November 22nd – Kitchen Cabinet Committee GoTo Meeting, 1 P.M.
- November 23rd – NDGW Charitable Foundation Committee Meeting 11 A.M., San Francisco

### DECEMBER 2019

- December 1st – District 15’s Christmas Luncheon benefitting the NDGW Childrens Foundation, South San Francisco
- December 1st – Twenty-Sixth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the NDGW Home 3 P.M., San Francisco
- December 5th – NDGW Home Special Event – Disney Museum, San Francisco
- December 7th – Mission Restoration Luncheon, Napa
- December 11th – NDGW Home Special Event – Nutcracker Ballet, San Francisco
- December 13th & 14th – NDGW Home Special Event – Dickens Faire and No-host Dinner at the House of Prime Rib, San Francisco

### OFFICIAL VISITS:

- November 9th – Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland
- November 12th – Califa Parlor No. 22, Sacramento
- November 13th – West Wind Parlor 328, Fairfield
- November 14th – Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento
- December 2nd – Eschol Parlor No. 16, Napa
- December 6th – Vallejo Parlor No. 195, Vallejo
- December 11th – San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179, San Juan Bautista



## California Lighthouse Preservation Committee

SUBMITTED BY, CHRISTINE TRIPOD, PGP, CO-CHAIRMAN

This year’s Committee is looking forward to providing funds to help the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association replace the historic railings on the walkway around the lantern room of the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse. In order to fund this effort, we are holding a Lighthouse Quilt raffle. The tickets are \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00. They are available from the Members of the Lighthouse Committee and will also be available at GPAM 2020. The drawing will take place at GPAM 2020.

In addition to the quilt we have other

prizes that include a lap quilt, wall hanging and other items. We hope that we can count on you for your support.

The committee is also planning a spring luncheon cruise on the USS Potomac (President Roosevelt’s “Floating White House”). The cruise will focus on the history of the San Francisco Bay and lighthouses. Look for more information from us!

If any of you know of a need from a lighthouse, please let us know and we will see if it is possible for us to help preserve these beautiful sentinels on our coastal waters.

## Veritas Parlor No. 75 – Merced

SUBMITTED BY ROBERTA SALING



Pictured Lenda Baker President (center) and her Corps of Officers for the 2019-2020 term at their Installation held August 6, 2019 in Merced.

The installation was conducted by Carol Bone, Parlor President and Joan Staffko Recording Secretary, both of Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton shown here with Veritas Parlor President Lenda Baker (center).



CALIFORNIA LIGHT HOUSE  
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

QUILT FUNDRAISER

FIRST PRIZE

LIGHTHOUSE QUILT  
(44" BY 53")  
MADE BY LOUISA POSTIER

SECOND PRIZE  
TABLE RUNNER & PLACEMATS  
& OTHER PRIZES

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5  
Can be purchased from committee members  
& at Market Place GPAM 2020  
Drawing to be held at GPAM 2020

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