

Message from Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler

Sisters,

We are now one full quarter into my term as your Grand President and I have to tell you how excited I am with what has been accomplished by my Committees; with the Sisters I have met as I travel the State and with the success of my Special Project. When we say Native Daughters are resilient and creative, we are telling the truth. I am so very proud to be your Grand President. Proud of the work we are doing in our communities, proud of the work our Committees are doing across the State and proud of how our Sisters support each other in times of suffering and need. All I can say is a very humble "Thank You".



But there is still much to do! And my Grand Officers, our Past Grand Presidents and all of the other Sisters that work so hard for our Order are doing just that, working hard. Committee meetings have been fun and productive, my Official Visits have been exciting, interesting and informative and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing California as it turns from Summer to Fall.

As you continue to read the *Star*, you will see information regarding my Special Project and how successful it already is. My primary goal at this time is to see that Parlors are conducting meetings (of some kind or another) doing their audits, keeping their Parlor Sisters informed; all the while keeping safe.

I hope that as many Parlors as possible are working to "invent" the means to hold Parlor Meetings as often as they can. It is VITAL that we keep communications open to our Sisters, and keep our Sisters actively engaged in the workings of their Parlor, their District and the Grand Parlor. Again, all while keeping everyone safe. It can be done; it is being done. We just need to get the word out on "the how to" of doing the work of the Order. One way is to contact our Chairman of Electronic Communications, John Testa for assistance on all things electronic. He has many "tricks" up his sleeve that might help you. John has received calls from a few Parlors seeking his assistance and he is ready, willing and able to help as many more Parlors as possible. Please see your Directory in order to contact him for assistance.

Please join me in congratulating the Sisters who have received their Service Awards this quarter: 25 year recipients; Barbara Seaton, Forrest Parlor No. 86; Dee Goodspeed, Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336; 50 year recipients; PGP Marilyn Bustillos, Califia Parlor No. 22/Ursula Parlor No. 1; GM Nina Coffenberry, Ursula Parlor No. 1; Janet Parker, Forrest Parlor No. 86. My congratulations to all; as well as my thanks for your dedication to our Order.

I am pleased to Congratulate Forrest Parlor No. 86 on their 125th Anniversary. It was a delightful day, and I was so proud to help them celebrate such a wonderful milestone.

In this next quarter, I will continue to travel as our restrictions allow and meet as many Sisters as possible, either in person or via electronic means.

We are now starting into our "Holiday" season which is likely to have its own restrictions this year.

The Christmas Tree Lighting is being planned in a different format for this year. I am considering having a select few people (per San Francisco regulations), live at



the Home and Live Stream the event to anyone wishing to participate. The date is December 6th, but more details need to be ironed out before I can make this a definite event. I truly wish we could have everyone in attendance in person but, unfortunately, that is just not possible this year.

Likewise, GPAM 2021 is also still in the works but again, time will tell as to the "How" "When" & "Where". I will keep everyone as up to date as possible. Of course, all of these events depend on our State, County and City regulations as we slowly open up to more activities. The safety of our Sisters is the PRIMARY criteria for all my decisions and your support and love is very much appreciated, at this very difficult time.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful upcoming Holiday Season. Please stay safe, healthy, and active in your Parlor as we go through the winter months of the year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Grand President
Suzanne Renee Chandler



Adopt a Committee

The Grand President’s Special project for her year is off to a rousing good start. We have 44 Parlors who have stepped up to help the small committees of the CFIC in support of their projects, with some Parlors helping more than one Committee.

A number of donations have also been received from the sponsoring Parlors to help start the ball rolling. I know that the committees are excited to see what they can do with the support. We have asked them to contact their sponsoring Parlor/s to let them know what type of help they need.

If your Parlor has not yet chosen a committee to sponsor, or wish to support more than one committee, please contact the Chairman Linda Galassi PGP or Sharon Logan PGP, or send a new form to the Grand Parlor Office.

- Committees with Sponsors:**
- Americanism & Civic Participation:** Ruby Parlor No. 46
- California Admission Day:** Petaluma Parlor No. 222, El Tejon Parlor No. 239
- California History, Landmarks & Historical Buildings:** Forrest Parlor No. 86; San Miguel Parlor No. 94; Aleli Parlor No. 102; Sutter Parlor No. 111, Encinal Parlor No. 156; Jurupa Parlor No. 296; Zinfandel Parlor No. 337; Amapola Parlor No. 338.
- California Lighthouse Preservation:** Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210; Cotati Parlor No. 299
- Education & Scholarship:** San Jose Parlor No. 81; Placer Parlor No. 138; El Pinal Parlor No. 163
- Electronic Communication:** Oakdale Parlor No. 125
- Environmental Issues:** Califia Parlor No. 22; Morada Parlor No. 199; Rancho La Puente No. 331; Zinfandel Parlor No. 337
- Mission Restoration:** Joaquin Parlor No.5; Eshcol Parlor No. 16; Golden Era Parlor No. 99; Aleli Parlor No. 102; Reina del Mar No. 126; San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179; Marinita Parlor No. 198; San Bruno Parlor No. 246; Toluca Parlor No. 279
- Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection:** El Vespero Parlor No. 118
- Pioneer Roster & Native Daughters Archives:** Ursula Parlor No. 1; Veritas Parlor No. 75, Vallejo Parlor No. 195
- Veterans Welfare:** Berendos Parlor No. 23; Angelita Parlor No. 32; Woodland Parlor No. 90; San Miguel Parlor No. 94; Vendome Parlor No. 100; Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126; Hiawatha Parlor No. 140; Marinita Parlor No. 198; San Diego Parlor No. 208; South Butte Parlor No. 226; El Tejon Parlor No. 239; Lugonia Parlor No.241; Tierra de Oro No 304; Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331, Sutter’s Mill Parlor No 336
- Welfare:** San Jose Parlor No. 81; Encinal Parlor No. 156; Morada Parlor No. 199
- Official Publication:** Bonita Parlor No. 10

On behalf of Grand President Renee, we would like to thank all of you for helping us help the Committees of the CFIC.

Sharon D. Logan, PGP – Co-Chairman
Linda M. Galassi, PGP – Co-Chairman

And the Winner is?

By Christine Tripod, PGP
Co-Chairman California Lighthouse Preservation, 2019-2020

The winners of our Lighthouse raffle were:
First Place — Lighthouse Quilt — Renee Chandler, G.P.
Table Runners went to: Leona Sunseri, Renee Rianda and Terrie Kurrasch
Beach Throw – Vickie Van Winkle
Wall Hangings went to: Edith Goble, Helen Prieto and CeCe Johnston
The Lighthouse Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets.

While we wish we could have had our Quilt and other prizes displayed at GPAM, we are thankful that we were able to draw the winners and mail their prizes to them.
We also want to thank Louisa Postier of Vendome Parlor for creating our quilt and Esther McBride of Veritas Parlor for creating our table runners, beach throw and wall hangings.

Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors.

Ursula No. 1 Linda Ferro	Woodland No. 90 Doni Rulofson Pamela Tom	Katherine Gulseth Fort Bragg No. 210 Joseph Collins Diane Patterson
Joaquin No. 5 Judith Renberg Dena Rupert	Vendome No. 100 Christina Hurst-Loeffler Pamela Saunders	Lugonia No. 241 Davenport Browne Katharine Collie
Eshcol No. 16 Carol Stein	Aleli No. 102 Antoinette Lindeleaf Christine Raptis	Marjorie Walling Placerita No. 277 Mia Brittingham
Berendos No. 23 Janet Russell	Sutter No. 111 Sherri Nahhas Darina No. 114	Arcata No. 325 Jack Bareilles Jesse Bareilles
Manzanita No. 29 Amanda Alford	Rosemary Fraser Jennifer Meighan Junipero No. 141	Sutter’s Mill No. 336 Joyce Surette-Quigley
Angelita No. 32 Erin Gibson Carole Vercellino	Sheryl Littrell Grace McCoy El Pinal No. 163	
San Jose No. 81 Jake Taylor		

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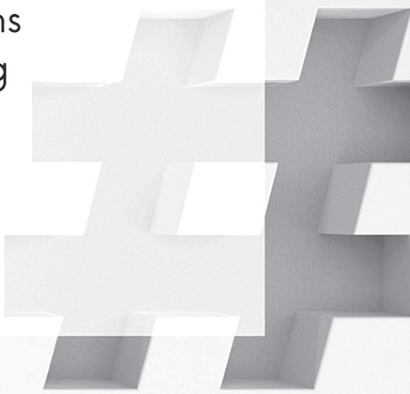
WE NEED YOU!

The NDGW Electronic Communications Committee is looking for two volunteers (Social Admins) from each subordinate parlor to participate in a state wide social media campaign. Representing not only their parlor but their local community. Join us!



OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

You don't have to do this alone. Electronic Communication Committee will be offering support and training. Learn about the whacky and yet informative digital world. Learn how we can use the social platforms for things such as recruiting new members, promoting events and promotion of Native Daughters of the Golden West.



SOCIAL ADMINS

Please contact Member
Julia R. Hull 209-604-5028
or perfectjulia@gmail.com



California’s Golden Poppy

By Dawn Dunlap, Jr. Past Grand President

Our State flower, the California Golden Poppy, or as it is officially known the *Eschscholzia Californica* has significant historical ties to the San Francisco area.

California’s Indians called the golden poppy the “Great Spirit Flower”, and believed that when the spent petals dropped they sink into the earth gradually forming the bright precious metal we call gold.

The Spanish explorers and early settlers from Mexico had three names for our golden poppy, cope de oro — cup of gold, *la amapola* — the flame flower, and dormidera — the drowsy one for its propensity of opening with the morning sun and closing in the late afternoon.

I have often wondered how such a simple flower with three lovely Spanish names was assigned such an odd scientific designation. The answer begins in Russia.

In 1815, Count Romanzoff the Grand Chancellor of Russia and a great patron of the sciences underwrote an Expedition to search for a northern passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. An endeavor in pursuit of which many 19th century explorers lost their lives.

Count Romanzoff commissioned a ship in Finland and christened it the “Rurick”. A native Estonian and Captain in the Russian Navy, Otto von Kotzebue was chosen to command the expedition.

The Rurick and her crew of 27 men spent three years sailing around the world, twice. In the summer of 1816 they explored the west coast of North America sailing from the Russian port at Sitka, Alaska to the Mexican presidio on the shores of San Francisco Bay.

Commander von Kotzebue sought permission from the Presidio’s Mexican Commandante Luis Arguello to anchor the Rurick in the Bay and come ashore. In 1816, California was still a wild and lonely place inhabited by Native Indians, a bedraggled Mexican Army, and a few Mexican settlers. Commandante Arguello welcomed, feted, and invited Commander von Kotzebue and his crew to stay as long as they wished.

During the Russians month long visit the Rurick’s sails were repaired, her stores re-provisioned, and her crew enjoyed the bounty of California hospitality and explored the beautiful Bay area. It was during this period of land exploration that two members of the Rurick’s crew Adelbert von Chamisso, a French German naturalist and a Russian zoologist, Johann Friedrich Eschscholtz, gathered hundreds of native plant and animal specimens.

From San Francisco, the Rurick and her crew continued their exploration down the coasts of Central and South America returning to Europe in 1818 where Chamisso and Eschscholtz catalogued and assigned names to their vast collection of plant and animal specimens. Chamisso named the golden poppy after his colleague, Eschscholtz, who returned the honor by naming a California lupine, Lupine *chamissionis*, after Chamisso.

As a result of California’s Gold Rush, word of the natural beauty of our State spread across the continent. In the ensuing years our golden poppy came to symbolize everything Californian. Many businesses from bakeries to laundries throughout our state were named for the golden poppy. It also became a popular advertising image on California produce crates, as well as a



prominent decoration on the china in the Santa Fe Railroad’s dining cars.

The movement to adopt a state flower began in San Francisco at a California State Floral Society meeting on September 12, 1890. Three flowers were considered for the honor: the golden poppy, the mariposa lily, and the matilija poppy. At the Society’s next meeting, a ballot to choose a State flower was taken, and by an overwhelming majority the golden poppy won.

The San Francisco Press hailed the decision with great enthusiasm. One reporter called for “every man to show his patriotism for the Golden State by henceforth, wearing a California golden poppy in his buttonhole.” The official adoption of California’s state flower needed the approval of the Legislature, and the backing of the governor. Sounds simple, but due to the politics of the time this was not easy to accomplish.

Sarah Plummer Lemmon, a renowned California botanist, led the movement to have the golden poppy officially named the California state flower. In 1895, and again in 1899 the California Assembly introduced legislation proposing the selection and adoption of the golden poppy as the official state flower.

Both bills passed the Assembly and Senate, only to be vetoed first by Governor James Budd and then by Governor Henry Gage who vetoed it stating, “I disapprove of this state selection from the flora of California because I do not think it a proper subject for legislation.”

The indomitable Mrs. Lemmon continued her crusade and vowed to have the bill introduced with each new administration until she found a Governor who would sign it into law.

In 1903, the third attempt was launched as Senate Bill 203. The Senate voted 28 to 1, and the Assembly voted 58 to 1 for its passage. And the good news? Governor George Pardee signed it into law. On March 3, 1903, the California golden poppy was officially designated the State Flower of California.

Many decades later April 6th was officially proclaimed by the California Legislature as “California Poppy Day”, and May 13th through the 18th was proclaimed as “California Poppy Week”.

And that is the tale of the golden poppy we all love to welcome each Spring.

I leave you with this splendid prose written in 1900:

“The golden poppy with its satiny petals, bright with the gleam of our gold mines, rich with the sheen of our fruits, and warm with the radiance of our sunshine, typifies the ideal of California as no other flower could.”

The Sad Story of the Bear on The State Flag of California

Retold by Joyce Rice, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26

Monarch the bear suffered in Golden Gate Park for years. For 22 years actually, Monarch— the last California grizzly bear held in captivity— never stopped trying to escape from his cage. He had been captured in the San Gabriel Mountains and shipped to San Francisco solely for entertainment and Monarch wanted out!

Monarch the bear proved to be fierce and determined, biting and tearing at the logs used in the trap and gnawing at his iron chains. He refused to eat for a week and challenged his captors during his four-day transport down the mountains followed by a long train ride to San Francisco. By the time Monarch arrived in San Francisco, he was silent and despondent.

The state’s last captive grizzly was captured in 1889 as a publicity stunt ginned up by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst. Hearst offered the bear to Golden Gate Park, but it declined. On November 10, 1889, Monarch was in the bear pit at Woodward’s Gardens, a park located in the Mission District. Three to four years later he was transferred to Golden Gate Park.

Monarch lived out the rest of his 22 year sentence at Golden Gate Park in a bear pit on Monarch Bear Hill, watching the fog bank



roll into the City. In 1911, the arthritic bear was euthanized and his remains were sent to the University of California’s Museum of Vertebrate Zoology in Berkeley. His remains were stuffed and the bear was gifted to the California Academy of Sciences, where his stuffed likeness still remains and is memorialized on the official state flag.

In the year of his death, the Bear Flag was officially adopted and updated with Monarch’s image. The Bear Flag has remained unchanged since 1911. It is the one we see draped behind every televised press event from the Capitol Building to the schools. Look closely the next time you see the State Flag as now you know it is the face of Monarch.....a courageous grizzly with a sad life. Appreciate him! Source: *thebolditalic.com*

A 2020 Happy Birthday to California!

By San Bruno Parlor #246 Outside Sentinel Sandra Firpo and Recording Secretary Gloria Courtney

It was coming up on Admission Day — California’s birthday — but it is 2020 and our usual NDGW celebration could not be.

What to do to celebrate this special day? San Bruno Parlor #246 decided to mark it in a decidedly 2020 and social way...by taking a group photo in a safe and appropriately distant method.

On Saturday, August 29th, wildfires sparked by the fabulous Northern California lightning storm, were burning horrifically in both San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties. Smoke had begun to settle throughout the Bay Area, so, in addition to COVID-19 precautions, the air was a serious consideration for our sisters.

Six of our parlor sisters, along with Deputy Grand President Kathy Kelly-Breitler, were able to gather at a lovely outside location, called Oyster Point, along the Bay, in South San Francisco.

It was a delight to see each other in-person, even while maintaining healthy distance and wearing masks. Sister Carol Lavelle had made masks featuring California Poppies! The energy and enthusiasm was palpable.

We each wore something “California,” put on our new poppy masks, and posed with our state flag, as Kathy took our Parlor group photo. And, although the usually lovely view was blocked by smoke, the bliss of our sisters and pride in being Californians could not be smoked out! Several of our sisters who couldn’t be there for the group photo sent in their California-pride photos, which were put together into a great collage by our Recording Secretary Gloria Courtney.

We printed the lovely California birthday cards from the NDGW website, which our members signed, and we mailed them — along with a copy of our photo collage — to our California Governor, state senator, and state assembly member.

Admission Day 2020 — Wednesday, September dawned in a red darkness none of us had ever experienced. It was a strange day that placed us in the middle of every dystopian Sci-Fi movie we’d ever seen. But, this was real.

Ladies, we are Californians. We are not alone in this. This pandemic is being experienced in every country of the world and every county of our beloved California.

Like the enthusiasm of our sisters in creating our Admission Day collage, we will make it through all this, together. Be sure to reach out to one another and find the way to make this trying experience one that strengthens our bonds.

THAT is our birthday gift to California!

San Bruno Parlor No. 246 celebrates
California’s 170th Birthday
★ Wednesday, September 9, 2020 ★



NDGW Pioneer Roster Provides Success

BY GLENDA CZERWINSKI KENT ESCHSCHOLTZIA PARLOR No. 112

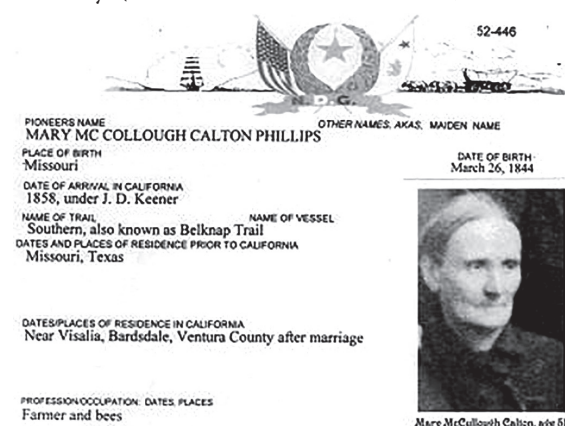
In 1963, at the age of 25, I asked my mother where my grandmother's family was from, and I've been hooked on tracking down ancestors ever since.

After crashing into several brick walls over the next 20 years or so, I decided to spend a week researching the records of the California State Library genealogy collection, where I found the N.D.G.W. California Pioneer Roster. (At that time, the collection included only rosters for those who had arrived in California by 1869.) I found that deceased shirttail relatives had submitted rosters prior to April 1951* for five of my direct family lines.

Using the leads provided in those rosters, I was able to track down much more information and other descendants, many of whom had information not been previously found in public records. In fact, for one line I was given all of the deceased's original research which had begun in the late 1800s.

I have attached a copy of the NDGW roster for my great-great-grandmother, Mary McCullough Calton, who traveled in 1858 by wagon train from Texas to California. Mary told by her westward story shortly before her death in 1934. I have also located a letter written by the 2nd wife of Mary's grandfather while also on this wagon train. (At one time, information on these rosters could be updated and additional pioneers added to the NDGW roster at If this is still so, I will eventually update rosters for my ancestors.)

Between 2003 and 2015, I self-published several books on various family lines in either hardcopy or CD-format or donated copies to pertinent county and state libraries. I have since had requests for copies of certain books from descendants who saw a copy in a library. (Prior to the recession of 2008, most of the books were listed in www.worldcat.



org; however, several libraries no longer subscribe to this, so several are no longer listed at this time.)

Many members and their descendants are very glad that the N.D.G.W. Pioneer Roster and Archives is available for research and support. Visit www.ndgw.org for more information.

*Date based on the library's stamped numbers on back of pages at the time materials were donated, per a librarian.

NDGW Essay Contest "Adopt a School"

SUBMITTED BY STATE CHAIRMAN STEPHANIE WHITTLE

As we move into a new school opportunities, the Essay Contest Com-
 “Adopt a School” program designed
 contest. We believe that the unusual
 affords us new possibilities. Because of
 are starting off this term with distance
 of various types. We would like to en-
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 requested via email or “snail mail” than
 We request that those who choose to par-
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 visit might be an even better way to pre-
 sent the programs in place, and we would love
 to learn about our great Golden State
 and gain new sisters among the parents and



year with its unique challenges and mittee would like to implement an to introduce local teachers to our situation we find ourselves in this year COVID precautions, many students learning or even blended schedules ND Sister to consider choosing one er will be provided online and can be oy at will to distribute to the teachers. ke a personal phone call to the teach- ate, as it has been my experience that such as this. If you're able, a personal erest. We truly believe we have great ters capitalize on them and to inspire marketing our contest, we might even f the student participants.

We would like to take advantage of this by encouraging you to promote participation in our contest. Many of you may have children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews in grades 4-8 that would be eligible to participate. Perhaps you would be willing to offer that to your own family members and friends alike.

If you are interested in the "Adopt a School" program, please fill out the form and mail it to the State Chairman. The Essay Contest Committee would like to keep track for the future and to ensure that we don't end up with duplicates. Please return the form as soon as possible, and feel free to contact the chair if you have any questions. **You may contact the NDGW Essay Contest State Chairman: Stephanie Whittle, Toluca Parlor #279 – Burbank, 1416 Morningside Drive, Burbank, CA, 91506 or LvsBtxPtr@msn.com**

Your Name: _____

Your Parlor Name & Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____


School Name: _____

Circle Grade Levels: 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8

School Address: _____

Our Thanks to the Emergency Responders Here in Livermore and Throughout Our Beautiful State

My daughter, Sarah Stanger Montano, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, and I made a sign for our emergency workers that were battling the fires that started by lightening in the SCU Lightening Complex Fires. As you may notice we placed NDGW.org and Native Daughters of the Golden West on our sign. We took them cases of water and a case of Granola bars along with this sign heading towards Mines Road (which was closed). They were very appreciative!



We had our wonderful cabin and property, "Camp Bessie", saved from the fires. We obtained a permit to drive up August 29, 2020. We are blessed! The property has been in our family since the early 1900's.

We are hoping that everyone is safe from the smoke by the time this article is read. Also wishing you all well from the virus!

Sisterly,
Sheryl Stanger, 2nd Vice President,
Ruby Parlor No. 46, Murphys; DGP to
Encinal Parlor No. 156, Alameda



Deceased Members

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

Bonita No. 10
Helene Ashby
Berendos No. 23
Mary Stroing
San Miguel No. 94
Sharon Rose
Aleli No. 102
Shirley Baird
Sutter No. 111
Rosemary McKisson

Hayward No. 122
Arlene Chandler
Zenita Wissler
El Pinal No. 163
Barbara Romley
Annie K. Bidwell No. 168
Dana Connelly Lake
Morada No. 199
MarvAnn Russell

San Diego No. 208
Karol McNeer

Petaluma No. 222
Esther Moreda

La Tijera No. 282
Idabelle Griffin

Tierra de Oro No. 304
Elouise Paez

Tahquitz No. 333
Pamela White

Estate Planning

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

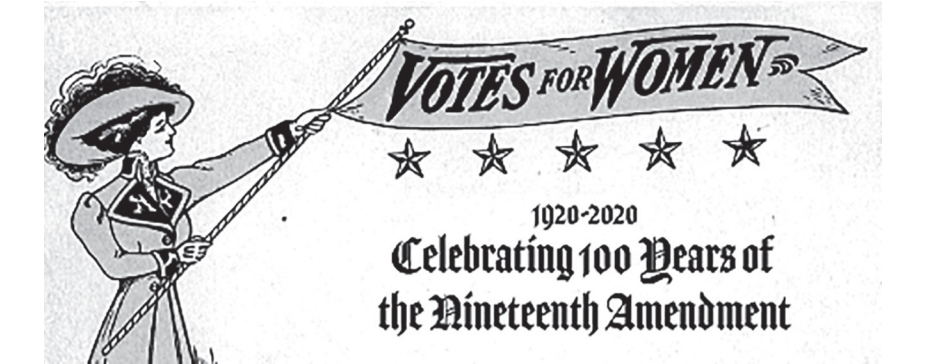
When doing your Estate Planning please keep Native Daughters in your thoughts. Bequests in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy can be made to the three 501(c)(3) entities under the Native Daughters of the Golden West: the Native Daughters Charitable Foundation, Inc. and/or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

Native Daughters of the Golden West, 543 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405, Telephone (415) 563-9091, Email: *grand-parlor@ndgw.org*

In Celebration of Women’s Right to Vote in California

By L. CAROL BONÉ, JOAQUIN PARLOR NO. 5 PAST PRESIDENT & HISTORIAN



This year, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women’s constitutional right to vote. This historic centennial offers an unparalleled opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy and to explore its relevance to the issues of equal rights today. It was a 72-year fight for women to achieve the vote and should be commemorated and celebrated throughout the United States. On October 10, 1911, by only 3,587 votes, California became the sixth state where women could vote equally with men. Nine years before the 19th Amendment enfranchised women nationally. This was accomplished by California suffragists who developed posters, sashes, and buttons such as the one I am wearing, advocating Votes for Women.

The right to vote in California not only allowed women to participate in the democratic process, but also led to women being elected into office. In 1918, the first four women were elected to the California State Assembly. These women were among the first to hold distinguishable roles in state government advocating for women’s rights. In memory of these courageous women, please remember to exert your hard fought right and privilege to vote in our elections. Our votes do matter.

Zoom Saves Bonita Parlor!

As we will soon enter our ninth month without an in-person Parlor Meeting, Bonita No. 10 has found some ways to keep our Parlor active and connected. Under the leadership of our Parlor President, Deanna Liotta and the flexibility of our membership, we have fully entered the 21st Century of virtual meetings. Zoom really works for our Parlor as an easy way to connect our Sisters for near and far – One of our longtime members, Diann Schneider, lives in Tennessee. While Diann has never been able to regularly join us prior to COVID, she now logs on every month! We are also excited that we have created some safe “viewing hubs” as well. One of our Techy-members, Joyce James, has set up safe, physically distant (5 members max!) for our local members who can safely gather and view the large screen together. Bonita Parlor is excited to utilize Zoom and to hold virtual monthly meetings as we wait for things to be safer and open again. In the meantime, we encourage other Parlors to hold Zoom meetings as well.

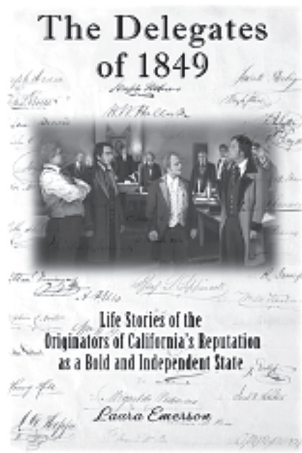
Karen H. Fini

Effective September 3, 2020, Karen H. Fini was restored to full membership. No monetary remuneration was exchanged to or from Fini, nor to or from the Native Daughters of the Golden West. To avoid prolonged litigation a written Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims was signed by all Parties. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement Karen H. Fini, Danny Lee Coffield, the current and past Grand Officers, and/or any and all Members or Representatives of the Native Daughters of the Golden West shall refrain from discussing, within or outside the Order, any information or speculations regarding the expulsion or reinstatement of Karen H. Fini, or the Settlement Agreement.



San Luisita Parlor No. 106 *The Delegates*

At the October meeting of our San Luisita Parlor No. 106, recent initiate Laura Emerson told us she has written a book that preserves the history of many venerable pioneer fathers. In 2013, she visited Colton Hall in Monterey, scene of California’s first Constitutional Convention held in 1849. After the docent had given her a tour of the large room and explained some of its history, Laura asked him how many books had been written about this historic event. None, he told her; everybody was more interested in writing about the Gold Rush and the Civil War. Laura could not believe this, that no one had recognized the tremendous contribution these “founding fathers” had made to this grand and glorious state. Through research, she learned that some books included information about the more prominent delegates, but no book recognized all 48 men. So, she decided she would write the book herself. In August 2019, *The Delegates of 1849: Life Stories of the Originators of California’s Reputation as a Bold and Independent State* was published. Dennis Copeland, the historian for the City of Monterey, wrote that her “... excellent book helps to close the [information] gap for the transition period.” Cal Poly history professor emeritus, Dan Krieger, wrote *The Delegates* “is an important book for people interested in the beginning of our State.” Laura told us her goal in writing *The Delegates* was not to become “rich and famous,” but to give as many California natives as possible the opportunity to learn where our strength and resilience originated. If you want to know more about *The Delegates* you can send her an email to thedelegatesof1849@gmail.com.



Home Happenings

By PGP CYNTHIA CONNELLY, CHAIRMAN

The Home Committee continues to meet monthly, both in-person and via Zoom. The meetings have been very productive, and we are moving forward with repairs to our precious Home. The Home Committee enlisted the help of a Building Inspector who reviewed our Grand Old Lady and reviewed with the Home Chairman repairs and helped prioritize those repairs so the Home Committee can move forward. There is a lot to be done, but we will make every effort to have everything ready for our re-opening. At this time, we have set January 1, 2021 as our official re-opening date. We feel very optimistic that things will relax at that time. Now is a great time to start planning your Home visits for 2021. Don’t forget that the 2-for-1-night stay certificates are still available for purchase. Just contact Home Hostess Julia Hull for information on how and where to get yours now. Parlors and individuals who are sponsoring rooms have received the invoices for their annual Sponsorship Fee. This Committee thanks all who participate in this program as you have provided a beautiful place of respite for our Sisters. Due to the Covid restrictions, District 13 was unable to hold their annual Home luncheon. However, they were able to hold a virtual “luncheon” allowing Sisters and Parlors to send their donation/meal money to Woodland Parlor No. 90. You beautiful, generous Sisters! Your love provided \$2,000 +/- to our Home and Voss Garden. The Home Committee cannot thank you enough for your love and support. As we continue to move forward with getting our stately Home ready for your return, please stay safe and make good choices. We love you all!

We will soon be entering the “*Season of Giving*” and once again the *Native Daughters of the Golden West’s Charitable Foundation, Incorporated (N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C.)* is proud to present:

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California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings	Mission Restoration
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California Lighthouse Preservation	Welfare

All donations made to the Charitable Foundation or the individual committees listed above are 100% tax deductible. Your contribution to the Charitable Foundation’s Undesignated Fund allows all of the money raised by these committees to support their projects.

The opportunity drawing to be held on Sunday, **December 6, 2020**. You need not be present to win. **Winners will receive: **FIRST PRIZE: \$500.00 **SECOND PRIZE: \$300.00 **THIRD PRIZE: \$100.00**

Tickets are \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00

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Order your tickets today by contacting: **Renee Rianda, GIS at: (530) 304-7065 or: rrianda@aol.com**

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Thank you in advance for your support. **YOU** could be the lucky winner of **CASH for CHRISTMAS!**



Joaquin Parlor No. 5

Joaquin Parlor held an initiation at their regular Zoom Parlor meeting on September 8. The new member, Judith Renberg, wanted to attend in person at the home of Parlor Secretary Joan Stafko so she could experience the full initiation ceremony. The ceremony was performed by the Officers of the Parlor via Zoom, with a few officers in attendance. The “Parlor” was set up with the initiation banners and was “attended” by over twenty members. Second picture below are from the left, Roberta Taylor, second line signer, Judith Renberg, new member and Genevieve Galli, First line signer.

Ida Allen Evans and Ann Meneguzzi, who is the current Vice President of The California State Parks Ranger Association (CSPRA) and a retired State Park Ranger,

attended the CSPRA ceremony in which they awarded David Allen, Past President of the NSGW, member of Auburn Parlor No. 59, and brother to Mrs. Evans, the Honorary State Park Ranger for 2020. As noted on the CSPRA website this award was given to Mr. Allen for his distinguished service and extraordinary devotion to the objectives and support of the objectives of the CSPRA, California State Parks and the Ranger profession on local, regional and statewide levels,. They stated that Mr Allen epitomizes the ideals and dedication of the Park Ranger and has earned this recognition for his years of service and devotion to California State Parks. Top pictured below, from the left: Ann Meneguzzi, David Allen and Ida Evans.



California Lighthouse Preservation has a surprise coming!

Watch for our fundraising event in the Spring!



Historic Buildings and Landmarks

Do you know where your LANDMARKS reside? The NDGW Historic Buildings and Landmark Committee would like to capture the location and status of the NDGW plaques, landmarks, and other historically significant objects. In our current political climate, we are losing sight of these historic makers. They are being removed, replaced or just destroyed. Some markers have never been photographed, and some of the photos we have are from the early 1980's, and some from the 1950's. Technology has changed quite a bit since then!!! We would like for

you and your parlor to take pictures of the markers before they are gone for good. A clear picture of the marker and a picture of where the marker is located. The Landmarks Committee has started making binders for each county in which to place pictures of the markers. Send your pictures to Renee Rianda, rrianda@aol.com, so they can be placed in the binders. If you are not sure where the markers are located, the Historic Buildings and Landmark Committee has a list of known markers. Maybe you will find a new one!!!

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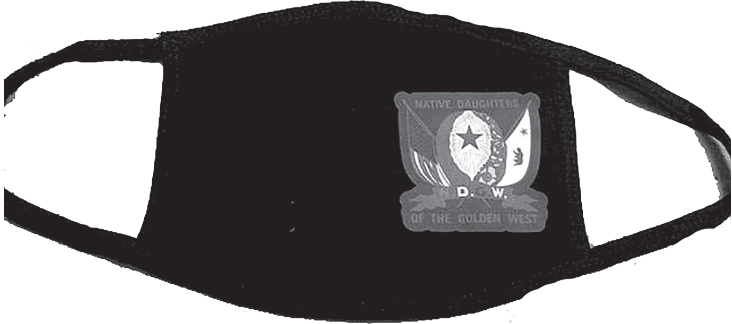
Happy holidays and Happy shopping!!



Ursula Parlor No. 1 Asks You to Support GPAM 2023

Our “Mother Parlor” Ursula Parlor No. 1, asks for your support for Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2023 by purchasing your own personal N.D.G.W. face mask. Show off your Native Daughter Pride while also staying safe and protected in this comfortable and washable facemask. Only \$15 each. They make a great holiday gift for friends and family too.

Checks in the amount of \$15 (per mask) may be made payable to: GPAM2023 and mail to: Alba Arosio
P.O. Box 393
Jackson CA, 95642
If possible, a self-addressed stamped envelope would be appreciated.
Thank you for your support of GPAM 2023.



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

To make a Room Reservation call 415-921-2664
or E-mail ndhome@ndgw.org

or mail the Reservation Form available from
Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office or NDGW Home Office

San Jose Parlor No. 81

SUBMITTED BY: SHARON LOGAN, PGP

San Jose Parlor has continued to stay as active as possible during the trying times we are all living with. We hold our Parlor Meetings via Zoom, including our Social Night and Planning Meetings (SNAP) including a Zoom, Ice Cream Social.

Recently we held our Official Visit with Grand President Renee Chandler where Parlor Books were reviewed with the Book Officers in attendance and then Parlor Sisters joined the Grand President in a Zoom meeting.

Sadly, our major community project “Baby Layette” has been on hold during the Pandemic so that the baby items do not get contaminated. But we will shortly be helping with a collection drive for baby items, with the hopes that soon we can resume distribution of the layettes.

Many of our Sisters are on various Grand Parlor Committees, or Chairmen of Committees which keeps us all up to date on Grand Parlor activities.

We have taken this time of less activities to work on updating our By-Laws and Standing Rules. Our Sunshine Chairman works hard to keep in touch with Parlor Sisters and we do a lot of phone calls and emails. I hope that other Parlors are staying as active as possible and keeping in touch with all their Sisters.



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The Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of ‘Love of Home’, ‘Devotion to the Flag’, Veneration of the Pioneers’ and ‘Faith in the Existence of God’. Individuals 16 years of age and older who were born in California are welcome to call 415-563-9091, e-mail to grandparlor@ndgw.org or check out our web page at www.ndgw.org for more information.

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

Check out Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor page and click “LIKE”. Great stories and information regarding our beloved State of California are posted frequently! It is a wonderful tool to share and communicate with Sisters all over the State! Join in with the technology, information and fun!

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



Native Daughters of the Golden West – Mission Statement:

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

Itinerary of Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler 2020-2021

****All Official Visits and Events are tentative, pending Coronavirus restrictions.**

NOVEMBER

- 2 Angelita Parlor No. 32 Official Visit (Re-scheduled to 10/5/20)
- 11 Veteran’s Day — Support our Troops and Veterans
- 14 Childrens Foundation Committee Go To Meeting — 9 a.m.
- 14 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco — 2 p.m.
- 14 District 13 Official Visit, Califia Parlor No. 22, Woodland Parlor No. 90, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Liberty Parlor No. 213, West Wind Parlor No. 328, Zinfandel Parlor No. 337
- 20-22 Board of Director’s Meeting, San Francisco
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 5 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- 5 Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Mission Restoration Dinner, Napa (Cancelled)
- 6 District 15 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, San Francisco (Cancelled)
- 6 Tree Lighting, San Francisco (Pending)
- 25 Merry Christmas

2021

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year
- 5 District 25 Official Visit, Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126, Tierra Del Oro Parlor No. 304 and Poinsettia Parlor No. 318
- 9 Grace Parlor Home Luncheon
- 15-17 Board of Director’s Meeting, Murphys
- 15-17 Discovery of Gold Celebration in Murphys with the Native Sons of the Golden West
- 23 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- 23 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- 30 District 26 Official Visit, Placerita Parlor No. 277, Toluca Parlor No. 279

FEBRUARY

- 6 District 15 Official Visit, Bonita Parlor No. 10, Darina Parlor No. 114, El Vespero Parlor No. 118, Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155, San Bruno Parlor No. 246
- 7 District 11 Official Visit, Sonoma Parlor No. 209, Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Marinita Parlor No. 198 and Cotati Parlor No. 299
- 8 Encinal Parlor No. 156 Official Visit
- 13 District 28 Official Visit, Lugonia Parlor No. 241, Grace Parlor No. 242, Jurupa Parlor No. 296 and Tahquitz Parlor No. 333
- 14 Happy Valentine’s Day
- 19 Investment Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- Finance Meeting, San Francisco — 1 p.m.
- Personnel Meeting, San Francisco — 4 p.m.
- 20 CFIC Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- 21 Donner Parlor No. 193 Home Luncheon
- 27 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- 27 District 14 Childrens Foundation Luncheon, Jackson

MARCH

- 6 District 23 Official Visit, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Luisita Parlor No. 108, El Pinal Parlor No. 163, El Paso de Robles Parlor No. 335
- 13 District 29 Official Visit, San Diego Parlor No. 208
- 14 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, Southern California — 9 a.m.
- 14 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 16 Mariposa Parlor No. 63 and Veritas Parlor No. 75 Official Visit
- 17 Lomita Parlor No. 255 Official Visit
- 19 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- 20 District 21 Official Visit, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Aleli Parlor No. 102, Junipero Parlor No. 141, and San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179
- 26-28 Board of Director’s Meeting, San Francisco

APRIL

- 2 Investment Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- Finance Meeting, San Francisco — 1 p.m.
- Personnel Meeting, San Francisco — 4 p.m.
- 3 CFIC Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.
- 4 Happy Easter
- 5 Oakdale Parlor No. 125 Official Visit
- 6 Joaquin Parlor No. 5 Official Visit
- 7 Morada Parlor No. 199 Official Visit
- 8 District 6 Official Visit, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 and Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190
- 9 Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 Official Visit, Etna (Re—scheduled from 9/1/20)
- 10 District 22 Official Visit, Fresno Parlor No. 187 and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292
- 1 Argonaut Parlor No. 166 Official Visit
- 12 Nataqua Parlor No. 152 Official Visit, Susanville (Re—scheduled from 8/10/20)
- 15 District 18 Official Visit, Ruby Parlor No. 46 and Golden Era Parlor No. 99
- 16—18 Past President’s General Assembly, Tachi Palace Hotel, Lemoore
- 20 Marguerite Parlor No. 12 Official Visit
- 21 District 8 Official Visit, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Manzanita Parlor No. 29, Naomi Parlor No. 36
- 23-25 Joint meeting with Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents
- 26 El Tejon Parlor No. 239 Official Visit

MAY

- 1 District 27 Official Visit, La Tijera Parlor No. 282 75th Celebration and Official Visit of La Tijera Parlor No. 282 and Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331
- 8 District 1 Official Visit of Reichling Parlor No. 97, Arcata Parlor No. 325, and District 5 Official Visit; Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
- 9 Happy Mother’s Day
- 15 District 16 Official Visit, Donner Parlor No. 193
- 17—20 Native Sons of the Golden West Grand Parlor, Ontario
- 22 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting, San Francisco — 9 a.m.

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