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SUTTER PARLOR #111 PAINT & SIP

Submitted by: Annette Emery, 1st VP

Sutter Parlor in Sacramento held a Paint and Sip event on July 8. Our fabulous hostess, Terrie Taylor offered her beautiful yard for this event and taught the group how to use your imagination and watercolors to produce your own unique painting. Along with Sutter members, members of Sutter's Mill Parlor #336 and Califia Parlor #22 attended this fun event. We shared potluck food, drinks, conversation, and took a dip in the pool after painting. This was a great way to get to know sisters new to Sutter and from other parlors, gain confidence to paint, and just a great way to spend an



Front Row: Marjorie McKisson, Terrie Taylor, Sharon, Barbara Wackford, friend, and Gail Patrice
Back Row :Val Baxter, Malvia Christopher, Denise Thiesen, Annette Emery, friend, Elizabeth Mottoza

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Dear Sisters,

I want to thank all those that attended GPAM 2023 in Stockton and were able to join me for my Installation. It was such an exciting evening. It was very special having everyone there, with me especially my daughter, Amy, my sister Dawna, and my cousin Amber. I could not have done this without their support and encouragement. Thank you all!



I also hope that all of you enjoyed your local 4th of July festivities but mostly you enjoyed the company you were with. Let's hope your summer weather won't be too hot where you are. I'm going to enjoy wearing my flip flops when I can with the sand between my toes.

Wishing all the Parlors that have installed or will be installing their Officers in July or August a very good and successful year. I am really looking forward to traveling to Lincoln and Visalia for upcoming N.D.G.W. Home Luncheons and to Susanville for my first Official Visit of my term.

September brings Labor Day holiday and Admission Day celebration in South San Francisco. Happy 173rd Birthday California!

I look forward to seeing some of you at these events so I can meet you.

Try to stay cool this summer wherever you may be!!

Sisterly Hugs,

Rae Rosas, Grand President

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Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office or NDGW Home Office

SENIOR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT DOLORES FERENZ IS HONORED AT GPAM 2023

Senior Past Grand President Dolores M. Ferenz has a long important history with the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Originally joining the Junior Order, Dolores has now earned her 75-year membership emblem! What a thrill it was for her Sister Past Grand Presidents to welcome Dolores to our



GP Nina presents Maureen Ferenz with her 50-year membership emblem. Together, they have 125 years of service to our beloved Order!

Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Stockton to celebrate her many years of dedicated service to our Order. Dolores was so glad to see everyone

and even stayed for the Hicks for the Sticks Luncheon presented by the Past Grand Presidents.

Senior Past Grand President was so proud to receive her pin from Grand President Nina Coffenberry and also to share the moment with her daughter Maureen Ferenz



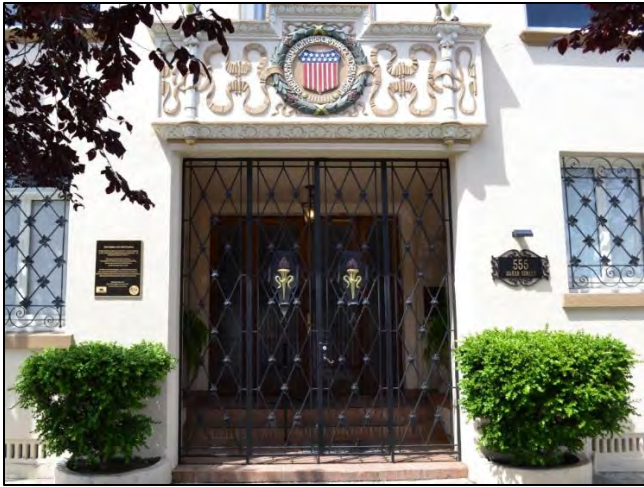
Grand President Nina Coffenberry proudly presents our Senior Past Grand President Dolores Ferenz with her 75-year membership emblem!

(who was also a Junior Member) who was receiving her 50-year emblem as well. What an exciting day for our Order!

Senior PGP Dolores also presented a a copy of the new video for Mission San Jose which was funded by the Mission Restoration Committee and will now be shown regularly to all visitors who visit Mission San Jose in Fremont.



*Senior PGP Dolores is welcomed by her Sister Past Grand Presidents for this wonderful occasion!
Front row from left: PGP Bonnie Tabor; PGP Susan Collins; PGP Margaret Mallette; Maureen Ferenz; PGP Marilyn Bustillos; PGP Sherry Farley
Second row from left: PGP Jean Koehl; PGP Suzi Riley; PGP Camelia Robles; PGP Debi Stalder; PGP Christine Tripod; PGP Marilyn Rodrigues. (Note: PGP Lorraine Robinson joined later for lunch!)*



**New from our Home Sweet Home The
Jewel of the Native Daughters of
the Golden West**

Submitted by: Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP
N.D.G.W. Home Co-Chairman

Your NDGW Home Committee is working diligently to finalize the repairs after all of the water damage we suffered in 2022 from the leak that started on the fourth floor and went all the way to the sidewalk below. The leak started in the bathroom between Rooms 402 and 403 which had major floor and drywall damage as did Rooms 302 and 303 on the floor below. The bulk of the damage was to the ceiling, the walls, and to the floor of the Parlor on the first floor where the water actually ran down the walls. As a result, we now have some of the original stenciling, that was painted over years ago, showing through. Also, during this time, the shower pan in the bathroom between 302 and 303 rusted through, creating another leak, and had to be replaced. 95 year-old pipes certainly create quite a lot of problems!!

Home Committee Members, **Bill Stalder, and PGP Debi Stalder** re-sanded and varnished the floor in the Parlor and it sparkles like nothing I have ever seen. The goal is to have the piano and furniture put back in the Parlor and available to our Members by the middle of September or sooner. The furniture, piano and drapes will also be returned to the Parlor soon! We are so excited that the Atrium, which has been blocked by the piano and other Parlor items, will also be available for guests to use and enjoy our wonderful fall weather. Past Grand President Debi Stalder has spruced the atrium up as well with a beautiful new flag and several plants. It is a glorious space for all Native Daughters and their guests.

Home Committee Member, Joyce James has been working with her gardener on the Voss Garden. They came up to the Home a few weeks ago and trimmed trees, removed some old plants and planted some new ones and

did a general clean-up of the garden. It looks great and is ready for visitors!

In December we will, once again, be hosting our Annual N.D.G.W. Home Tree Lighting. We are excited to dress up our Home in Christmas decorations and welcome you to start off your holiday season with us. **Save the date of Sunday, December 3, 2023,** and come celebrate with us. This has always been one of our best attended events, so I encourage you to make your reservations to stay at the Home early.

If you purchased any of the 2 for 1 gift certificates in the last couple of years, please notify GM Heidi Dillon (at reserve@ndgw.org) and let her know which of the two sold (Gold border or Bear gift certificates) you have, how many of each design you have, as well as the gift certificate numbers on each. We need to track them as part of our corporate audit, and it would help us immensely if you could let us know. Thank you in advance for your help.

Several fundraising events will be coming to our Home in the near future. It will be awesome to have a lot of guests having fun in our beloved Home once again, while at the same time, helping us raise funds to keep her safe and sound for all our Sisters to enjoy many years to come. We have some great ideas and will be sharing them with you soon.

For general non-reservation correspondence or inquiries, we are using the ndhome@ndgw.org email address. **Room reservations should be now be made using the reserve@ndgw.org.** Please contact the Home if you have any questions and the staff will be glad to assist you.

I would like to thank the Parlors and their Delegates who attended the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June and approved the increase in our Home Assessment. It has been 8 years or more since the assessment has been raised, and as we all know, inflation has been challenging in the last few years. This \$2.00 increase may not look like much, but it will definitely help us keep our Home open and running smoothly. **Thank you all!**

We are so excited to report that the Home is filling up again with Members and their guests coming to San Francisco. Our Home is a wonderful opportunity for you to visit the City and enjoy all of its activities. Please visit us soon.

Light illuminates the newly refinished floors of the NDGW Home Parlor. Many thanks to our Order's Home Committee and the "floor team" led by the amazing hard working and dedicated Bill Stalder. We could NOT do this without you!

A HUGE Thank you also goes to Kathleen Valerio, President of Encinal Parlor No. 156 as she has taken 215 magnificent photos of our NDGW Home on a recent visit to 555 Baker Street. [Please click here](#) to view Kathleen's lovely photos. Feel free to upload more if you have them or start another album.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SILVER
ANNIVERSARY PAST GRAND PRESIDENT
DEBI STALDER
LAUREL PARLOR NO. 6, NEVADA CITY**



Having served as our Grand President in 1998-1999, we are very excited to celebrate Debi's 25th Anniversary since she presided in Sacramento at the 113th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June of 1999. Look for our Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Debi, and her dedicated and always-helpful husband, Bill

Stalder, at events during this special term.

Members and guests in attendance at the Grand Installation in June were pleased and appreciative to receive a lovely pendent to commemorate PGP Debi's 25 years of service to our beloved Order. The pine tree included in her pendent is to honor Debi's interest in reforestation and maintaining our forests throughout our glorious golden state. If you are interested in learning more about Penny Pines

Visit: [Penny Pines Reforestation](#)

Look for Past Grand President Debi and her husband Bill at events held throughout the State this year as she continues to travel and to support Native Daughters as she has always done.

Thank you to our Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Debi for your many years of active service to the Native Daughters of the Golden West.



**EL TEJON PARLOR SPONSORS FIFTH
ANNUAL HIGH TEA**

By Darleen Carpenter, GVP

Saturday May 6, 2023, El Tejon Parlor held their annual High Tea in the Tea Room of the Woman's Club of Bakersfield. The event was chaired by Brigette Bonnet and LeeAnn Burns. The Parlor had 7 Table Hostesses for the event with over 56 ladies attending. The overall theme this year was Kentucky Derby.

The tables were decorated by each table hostess in her individual settings and each table was lovely. Our menu, served buffet style, consisted of various tea sandwiches, scones, clotted cream, lemon curd, raspberry jelly, Lemon Squares, Cakes, Éclairs, Cookies, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Sugar, Sweetener, and Half & Half.

We encouraged hats and no one disappointed. Hats were worn by most of those attending. We had 12 baskets to be raffled including a Coach bag. There was also a game of heads or horse tails which added to the fun. The event was so well received that many attendees are again asking when our next Tea will be held. We are continuing to make this an annual event for our Parlor and hope to expand into a larger facility.





Rae Ann Rosas
Tierra De Oro
Parlor No. 304,
Santa Barbara

“Life is better in flip-flops!”

Q: How did you become a Native Daughter and join the Order?

GP Rae: Well, I became a Member of Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 in Santa Barbara in 1983 through my mother and my Aunt Ruth (who was a dual Member of Poinsettia with my future mentor and cherished friend, Past Grand President Estella Moreno. Years later, and Estella never gave up, and look where I am now!

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a Native Daughter?

GP Rae: For me, it is always all of the Members who are very friendly and so gracious. I enjoy sitting and chit-chatting with everyone at various events and Luncheon are my favorite!

Q: What is the best part of serving as Grand Officer – and ultimately our Grand President?

GP Rae: I think that the best part is that everyone has their own opinions and we come with different Native Daughter knowledge of the Order and of course different skill sets. We are all unique and different, but we share the common goal – the good of the Order!

Q: What is your favorite place in California?

GP Rae: I really love being in San Francisco! I like being at the Home and I enjoy the past history. Of course, I love the beach and Santa Barbara’s coastal life too. My spirit is most “at home” at the beach in the waves. Although, I am excited about all of my new adventures still to come!

Q: Where are you most excited about during your year as Grand President?

GP Rae: I am excited about traveling throughout our glorious, golden state. I am so looking forward to visiting new places where I have never been and meeting so many Sisters will be really fun! I hope that everyone will attend their local events and Official Visits so I can meet you and make new friends along the way!

Q: What is your hope for Native Daughters during your term?

GP Rae: My goal for our Order is clear – I hope to improve comradery among all of our Sisters. I think we can

do this if we work together and remember that everyone has something to offer. My goal is also to increase our membership and to bring in more younger Members. We need to work together as a group and remember that growing our membership is so important. I am looking forward to working with my Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents and all of the Subordinate Parlors to continue to grow Native Daughters.

Q: If there is one thing that you could change about our Order, what would it be?

GP Rae: For me, I think that reducing the number of Committees we have and really streamlining our efforts is vital to Native Daughters. We need to find ways to build and showcase our charities and focus on that effort. I also feel that reducing the number of days for the Annual Meeting would be helpful as well. The costs continue to escalate and taking time away from work and family commitments can also be a challenge...At the same time, it is always a wonderful week, despite the long hours!

Q: Thank you for taking time to meet with us today and is there anything else you would like to share?

GP Rae: I am really looking forward to meeting so many Sisters this year!

Thank you!



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GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING ~ 2023



Grand President Nina Coffenberry and her 2023 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee should be extremely proud of the wonderful convention they presented in Stockton. GPAM 2023 virtually. The daily meetings were enjoyable, busy and the work of the Order was completed in a timely way thanks to everyone's dedication and hard work.

Congratulations also the first-time Delegates who represented their Parlors so well in-person and online. The lovely pins they were presented were very popular. Thank you to PGP Bonnie Tabor and her hospitality Committee for their support of our new Delegates to GPAM 2023! For more fun from Grand Parlor. See below.

New opportunity to share your GPAM 2023 photos!

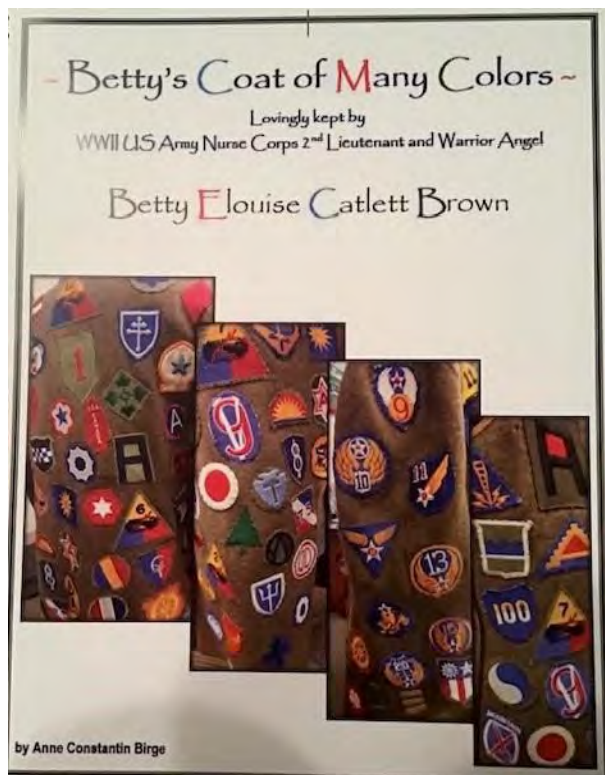
Electronic Communications Committee Member Kathleen Valerio has shared her link for her Google Album. Please enjoy the photos and feel free to add your own as well. If you add to the album, please know that the pictures may be used for NDGW publicity.

Thank you, Kathleen for capturing all of the fun!

Enjoy the sights and sounds of GPAM 2023 by clicking on the link below. It's all my own photography, and videos - I give full permission to use any of it for the Star, Facebook, Twitter- any NDGW social media format. ~ Kathleen Valerio, Photographer

[GPAM 2023 - Stockton](#)

Betty's Coat of Many Colors



The Native Daughters of the Golden West Placer Parlor No. 138 meets at the Lincoln Veterans Memorial Hall 541 5th Street, Lincoln the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. Currently, there are 43 members. They, with the Native Sons of the Golden West Silver Star Parlor #63 cosponsor the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast at the Veterans Hall before the 4th of July Parade.

Recently, the NDGW Placer Parlor No. 138 nominated resident Anne Constantin Birge for their prestigious Roll of Honor Award which is awarded to someone born out of the State of California "who has performed some signal service to the Order or for the State of California". The Roll of Honor has been awarded to outstanding candidates since 1910. Anne is from Oklahoma and loves Lincoln.

Anne was nominated for publishing the book Betty's Coat of Many Colors about Placer Parlor member and long-time Lincoln resident Betty Catlett Brown. Betty's US Army Nurse's trench coat liner is on display in the Lincoln Area Archives Museum. Betty, a US Army Nurse Corps 2nd Lieutenant, during WW II, received over 115 military insignias from her patients which she sewed on her coat. The book is available to purchase in the Museum. All sales go to the Museum.

Anne was also nominated for helping Placer Parlor member Fran Neves research information on over 395 members of the Parlor since its institution March 23,

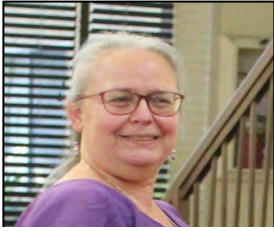
1903, and for her research and participation for the Titan I Missile Site Environmental Contamination and Remediation Committee which has been investigating the ongoing cleanup of the toxic Cold War era site in Lincoln.



Anne was also nominated and received the Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Award which is awarded to "individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses that publicly portray the positive images of California". The Awards were presented to Anne at the NDGW Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Stockton on June 25. Anne's husband Ray, Fran, and her husband Frank were also in attendance. Native Sons of the Golden West were also present. More than 100 attendees, including many on Zoom witnessed the presentation. Anne is very honored and humbled by these awards. It's the first time in the history of the NDGW that someone has received both awards in the same year.



Anne Constantin Birge and Placer Parlor No. 138 Recording Secretary Fran Neves who nominated Anne for the awards.



1 Grand President Rae Ann Rosas, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Santa Barbara

Grand President Rae Rosas Acceptance Speech, 2023

I want to thank everyone for your support especially my family, my parlor sisters, and the Members of the Order.

To my mentors Rosalie and Estella who are watching from the heavens above, wishing you were here to share in this new adventure.

I want to tell you a little bit about myself. I was born, raised and still live in Santa Barbara. I still have my parents, have an older sister and a younger brother, and one daughter. I like most foods with the exception of liver and lima beans. My favorite color is any shade of purple. My hobbies are reading, photography, Legos, computer games, listening to music and taught myself embroidery. But what I really like the most are flip flops and shorts. Also, this will probably be the longest you'll hear me talk since I'm not much of one. I love to watch and listen to people and their interactions with each other.

I want to apologize to all of you for sending out the appointment forms late. I wanted to get all this done by the end of May. It's interesting how grief shows up when you least expect it, that's what happened to me and I threw myself down a rabbit hole because of it after my birthday.



I want to thank all of you who have responded so far with a "YES" and those who haven't I'll call you. I appreciate each of you who are willing to serve our Order either on a Committee or SDDGP/DGP. I'm looking forward to traveling and greeting you in your city or district and seeing your California scenery.

My theme for the year is "California scenery". I feel

that the scenery of the Golden State is part of us and we all change just like it does. My favorite scenery is listening to and walking in the Ocean. I watch how the rolling of the waves changes the shore. I believe that Native Daughters needs to change just like the waves changes the shore to stay current with the times to attract new and keep existing members.



I want to close with a poem written by Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation member Georgiana Valoyce-Sanchez entitled,

"The Universe We Are"

There is a pull to the sea beyond its moon tides and cool blue water more because the mind cannot fathom its vast depth and span our world so subject to fences and small definitive places

And so much water reaching so far and so far down quickens the spirit to sense of mysteries deep and far-reaching

Along the shore the thunder and hush of each crashing wave echoes my own blood-pulse as it ebbs and flows through my veins

I breathe the salt air and each cell of my body rocks in the sea of its own primordial past

I walk bare feet tingling at the water's edge and sea-birds dart and rise wheeling on white wings against the wide blue sky

And just beyond the bend of sea cliffs rising from a sheltered cove seashell tumble from the waves into my waiting hands the tracings on the seashells telling stories as I turn them in the sun reminding me of the universe we are



El Tejon Parlor 239 Presents Annual Devoted Daughter Award 2023-2024

By Darleen Carpenter, GVP



2 Grand President Rae Rosas and her Corps of Grand Officers 2023-2024

From left: Grand Marshal Heidi Dillon; Senior Grand Trustee Renee Rianda; GP Rae Rosas; Jr. Past Grand President Nina Coffenberry; Grand Vice President Darleen Carpenter; Grand Secretary Shelley Buchberger; and Grand Trustee Marion "Sonny" Graves.



3 Grand President Rae Rosas and Past Grand Presidents
From left front row: PGP Bonnie Tabor; Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Debi Stalder; Grand President Rae Rosas; PGP Margaret Mallette; PGP Sherry Farley; PGP Susan Collins;
From left back row: PGP Suzi Riley; PGP Jean Koehl; PGP Christine Tripod; PGP Marilynn Rodrigues.



4 Grand President Rae Rosas(center) receives support from her Sisters from Santa Barbara.



5 Pictured: Ethel White and Darleen Carpenter

El Tejon Parlor 239, Bakersfield, established the Devoted Daughter several years ago to honor members who go above and beyond in their service to the Parlor and California. This year's recipient of the 2023-2024 Devoted Daughter Award is Ethel White. Ethel has been a member of NDGW El Tejon Parlor 239 since 2012 and has served the order as our President for 3 terms, Past President and Sr. Trustee. The award was presented on May 22, 2023, by Darleen Carpenter, GVP. Darleen is a previous recipient of this award.

Ethel has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. In her career, Ethel was a teacher.

She is a very active lady belonging to Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Beta, Emblem Club, Retired Teachers and of course Native Daughters. She is a very talented decorator and painter. She recently painted lighted wine bottles for a fundraiser and loves to decorate our NDGW Tree for the Festival of Trees event. Ethel is very active in our Parlor and always steps up when help is needed. She chairs our California Admission Day event every year and serves as Sr. Trustee. She keeps us on track for our audits. We have an annual High Tea fundraiser and Ethel always hosts a beautiful table. When there is a job to be done, ask Ethel.

Thank you, Ethel, for being a Devoted Daughter.



**Thank you from the Native Daughters of the Golden West's
Charitable Foundation, Incorporated (N.D.G.W. C.F.I.C.)!**



The C.F.I.C. is proud to announce the success of the

**2023 Annual "Cash for Christmas"
Opportunity Drawing**



& START OUR 2023 FUNDRAISER

In 2022 we sold an amazing 1,160 tickets and raised \$8,855 to directly benefit our CFIC State Committees: **Our goal in 2023 is to sell all 2500 tickets!** Watch for a postcard in the mail

for details on how to purchase your 2023 Tickets. **Ticket prices are:**

1 for \$10, 3 for \$25, 10 for \$75 and 13 for \$100 – same as last year!!!

The opportunity drawing to be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023. 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; three for \$25.00; ten for \$75.00* or 13 tickets for \$100*****

***** (Both include a special bonus: one free ticket with each purchase!)**

Your purchase helps to Preserve, and Promote our Charitable Foundation Committees listed below:

Americanism and Civic Participation

California Admission Day

California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings

Art Talent and Essay Contest

California Lighthouse Preservation

Education and Scholarships

Environmental Issues

Mission Restoration

Veterans Welfare

Welfare

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. is an established 501(c)3 nonprofit. (EIN #26-3793035) All donations made to the Charitable Foundation Undesignated Fund, or the Individual Above listed Committees are 100% tax deductible.

So how do you get your tickets for this year's fundraiser you may be wondering?? You will be receiving a postcard in the mail soon and all you need to do is email, text, call or mail to GT Renee Rianda with your ticket request.

Contact phone is 530-304-7065 or mail your request to P O Box 535, Soledad, CA 93960.

Get your tickets now- Deadline is December 2nd!!!!

Thank you in advance for your support!!

Approved by Grand President: *Rae Rosas, GP*

Radical idea – Stop “Looking” for New Members ... Attract Them!!

Submitted by: Sandra Firpo – San Bruno Parlor No. 246

People want to be part of something special. That’s how we pick a team to root for, or a candidate to vote for, or a club to join!

Native Daughters all around California are doing spectacular things in their communities! **It is time to be SEEN.** It is time to get out from behind those Zoom cameras, and get back into our communities and solve problems.



1San Bruno Parlor Sisters volunteer by packing care packages for our unhoused community.

What is needed? Look around and discuss this at your parlor meetings. Are people having trouble making ends meet and worrying about putting food on the table, buying school supplies, or affording needed medication? Are pets filling up the shelters? Are kids in the foster system feeling unwanted? Are local students not having their imaginations inspired? You bet! What can NDGW parlors do?

➤ Gather your Parlor members and volunteer 2 – 3 hours at your local Food Bank (taking inventory of food, packing foods into smaller boxes for easy transport, sorting items, etc.)



2San Bruno Sisters assist and volunteer at the Blood Mobile!

➤ Volunteer at an upcoming Food Distribution (packing groceries, loading cars, directing traffic).

➤ Find a local school district or radio station conducting a school backpack donation drive. Your parlor members can all agree to gather one item such as crayons, or book covers, or backpacks. Then package them up and donate them in bulk from your Parlor to the donation drive.

➤ Choose 3 – 5 of your members who happen to be good presenters to volunteer as “readers” for the local library’s Story Time. I’m sure they need people to substitute for their regular Story Time folks when they are on vacation or aren’t feeling well. California’s Admission Day is in September, what better time to read something that is California based? Some suggestions – and there are many others:

- Pop’s Bridge by Eve Bunting
- Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi
- G is for Golden: A California Alphabet by David Domeniconi
- Julia Morgan Built a Castle by Celeste Davidson Mannis

➤ Contact your local Blood Bank and coordinate with them to host a Community Blood Drive. One donation of blood can save up to three lives!

➤ Do you have talented knitters in your Parlor? Hold a “knitting bee” and make small blankets for pets at your local humane society. Contact them and they’ll give you the pattern that works best.

➤ Gather items for a handy pack for children and teens in the California Foster system. Often, these children get no notice when moved into a different home with barely any personal items, and if so, those items are tossed into a trash bag and unceremoniously handed to them. Provide some dignity and love to a young person with something that they can call their own – a backpack with personal supplies, a blanket, a pillowcase, journal, pens and pencils, breath mints, stuffed animal, etc. Team up with a local group working to help young Californians in the foster system.

Some of these actions require no outlay of money. Some of these just take a little time and talent. Small actions have big impacts in the lives of our neighbors. But doing it as a parlor gives you the ability to make those actions bigger!

Now – here’s the kicker. Everyone should wear an NDGW t-shirt or pin when out doing these projects. **Take “action” photos** of your members participating in these projects. Send them to your local newspaper, TV station, and email it to Grand Parlor’s Electronic Communications Committee for posting on our Facebook page: ECC.NDGW@gmail.com

Be sure to include: What Parlor you're from, What is the activity you're doing, Who is in the photo, When this was, Who benefitted from this event, and any other fun tidbits. Also, include a contact name and email, so you can be reached if there are any questions!!

People are naturally attracted to groups they SEE, who are having a positive impact and who are having fun doing it. Wear your NDGW gear, take small but meaningful actions in your community, carry and hand out "NDGW purse packs," take action photos and share them on your social media, and local media, and Grand Parlor, and people will soon be saying ... "Hey! I want to be a Native Daughter, too!"



Native Daughters from District 1 walked in Parades with the Native Sons

Three NDGW members carry the NSGW banner in the Rhododendron Parade in Eureka on April 29. From left Lee Cramer- Reichling Parlor #97 and Arcata Parlor #325, Lynn Leger- Arcata Parlor #325, Fay Curtis-Reichling Parlor #97 and Arcata Parlor #325. They also participated in carrying the large American Flag in the Ferndale Memorial Day Parade on May 29 with the Ferndale #93 and Humboldt #14 Native Sons of the Golden West.

NDGW MORADA PARLOR No. 199

Submitted by:

Wendy Craft and Joann MacDonald

Morada Parlor No. 199 in Modesto, CA kicked off their new year celebrating recently installed Worthy President Barbara Custer in July and her core of officers with a "Fun" draiser in August. It was a "PAINT & SIP" event which was fun and successful because everyone got involved.

The location was our Past President, Alicia Steward's business office conference room on Saturday, August 26th. Members invited family and friends and sold tickets in advance. Some members volunteered to

make or bring snacks, goodies, paper goods, and drinks including some wine for refreshments.

Our own member Carol Bone' was a fabulous "Monet Master". She organized and brought all paint supplies and a darling straw hat for each "artist". She had us painting Sunflowers on it and they turned out well! We have included photos showing all the FUN we had.

Thanks to Carol and all who attended and helped to make this truly a great "Fun"draiser!

The Electronic Communications Committee invites you to visit:

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the website: grandparlor@ndgw.org

Fresno Parlor No. 187 Participated in an important Flag Day Ceremony

At our local Veteran's Hospital-- the VA Central Valley Health Care System (VACCHCS).

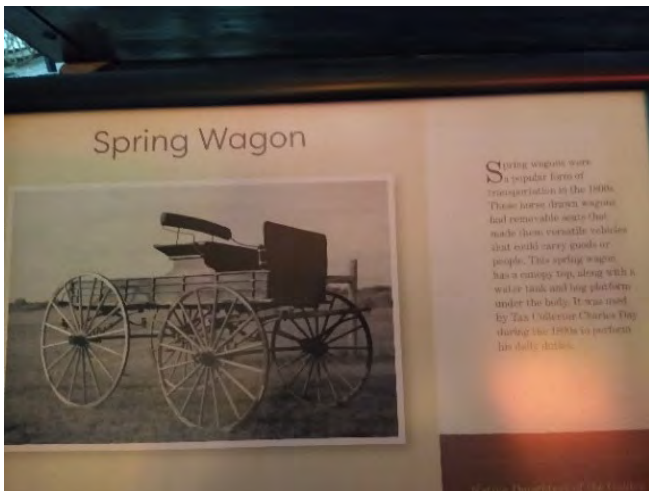
3 members who are generally known among the Fresno/Clovis Veteran's Community were in attendance and we had a chance to be introduced to the assembled group as representatives of Native Daughters of the Golden West; and other relevant organizations that we are members of as well. We had the privilege of observing 5 young men and 4 young women take their oath to serve in the U.S. Army, and this year was the Army's 145th Anniversary!

Afterwards we presented a \$100.00 check to the Volunteer Coordinator for VACCHCS to use as they deem necessary, purchase items for veterans and/or use for various services a veteran may have difficulty paying their portion of.

GP Nina Coffenberry OV at Museum El Tejon Parlor 239

Submitted by: Darleen Carpenter, GVP

The Official Visit of Grand President Nina Coffenberry to El Tejon Parlor 239 was held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at the Kern County Museum. The Museum includes Pioneer Village which houses many of the original buildings from Bakersfield, a plaza of old historic neon signs from various businesses, and a transportation building with vehicles from the late 1800's and an original street car.



We hosted GP Nina and GVP Rae Rosas in the transportation building. Our Parlor sponsored the below pictured Spring Wagon which was used by our local tax collector in his rounds to collect taxes. Pictured below is the Wagon and the presentation of our sponsorship check to Mike McCoy, Museum Director by Darleen Carpenter. The sign in front of the wagon acknowledges our sponsorship.



We had an informal afternoon Tea meeting with an array of desserts served and enjoyed by all. We served a cake in honor of GP Nina's visit and donated the coin march to her Foley Wing project. Everyone was able to tour the transportation building to view the vehicles which included our Spring Wagon, a glass hearse, delivery wagons and many old vehicles including many which were horse drawn.

GP Nina is pictured with Darleen Carpenter and El Tejon President, Brigette Bonnet at the exhibit.]



THANK YOU



Dear Sisters,

I want to thank all of you for the cards, prayers and phone calls that I have received since my fall and subsequent surgery to correct my fractured hip. You have filled my heart with kindness and love during the early days of recuperation and the latter days of success here at home. I am so grateful for all my sisters who made my days brighter as I am now close to being back to my normal life. God bless all of you and I hope to see you in person sometime this coming Fall.

Much love, **Bonnie M. Tabor, PGP**



Bonnie M. Tabor

Encinal Parlor No. 156 Builds Their Membership in New Ways!

Submitted by: Kathleen Valerio



1 From Left: Past President Terrie Kurrasch, presents Encinal's newest member, Tim Vaughan, a welcome packet while President Kathleen Valerio presents his membership pin.

When Kathleen Valerio, was elected to serve as President of Encinal Parlor last August, she immediately began working on ways to build membership. The Parlor was scheduled to share a recruitment table with Members of the Native Sons of the Golden West at an upcoming community event, and Kathleen wanted a way to communicate clearly and concisely who, what, where, when, why and how

- Who we are at the local level,
- How our Parlor fits into a larger Statewide Non-Profit organization,
- What Native Daughters believe in and stand for
- Why she joined and what she hopes to accomplish,
- When and where we meet (in-person and on-line)
- What people could expect should they decide to join
- And close with an invitation to be part of something bigger than themselves.

President Kathleen sought to provide upfront answers to a lot of the questions she had when she initially joined to Order. Below is the letter she came up with, other Parlors are welcome to adapt it to tell their own story, causes and motivation.

In an effort to improve response rates, Kathleen adopted the practice of carrying around self-addressed envelopes with this letter, a copy of Encinal's monthly newsletter, to give people a sense of what's going on, and a partially filled out application form with stickers highlighting the parts that need to be filled-in and signed. So far, this practice has netted 5 new members, with a few more in the wings considering the offer. What a great start!

Encinal Parlor No.156 Serving Alameda since 1907

Is a local chapter of Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW) which is a fraternal and patriotic organization who strive to improve the State of California through service to its citizens and acknowledgement of historical landmarks.

Native Daughter of the golden West Grand Parlor was established in 1886, founded on the principles of:



- Love of Home
- Devotion to the Flag
- Veneration of the Pioneers
- An abiding Faith in the Existence of God

You can learn more about our parent organization, as well as our beautiful Historic "Julia Morgan" Home - located in San Francisco by visiting www.NDGW.org

At [Encinal No.156](#) it is our ambition to revitalize our membership, by pioneering new ways of doing things, in addition to honoring our past. We seek to use modern communication tools to support the timeless tradition of building community and raising funds to support friends and neighbors in need. You can like or follow us <https://www.facebook.com/ndgw.encinal.156>

I joined Encinal Parlor in 2007 to honor a family legacy; I remain active in hopes of bringing our rich traditions into the modern age. For me, pioneering is not just about honoring our past, it also means blazing new trails into the future. As a fellow native Californian perhaps you'll join me on this quest.

If you are interested in applying, there's a \$10 initiation fee, plus annual dues of \$45/year. (deposit and proof of California birth due with application) Our parlor holds a monthly business meeting on the 2nd Monday at 7pm. Meetings typically run an hour to 90 mins.

We follow a script set forth by Grand Parlor, which includes the pledge of allegiance and opening prayer. The Parlor hosts initiation and installation ceremonies as prescribed in our bylaws. We also host a social gathering each month to build community and/or raise funds and awareness for various causes. This past year we contributed to the Alameda Food Bank, Operation Dignity, and the Alameda Women's Shelter.

We also fundraise to support our SF Home, California Missions and Lighthouses, scholarships, camps, and the Children's Foundation which covers medical costs for families in need. We are a caring supportive community. I hope you'll join us.

Yours truly,
Kathleen Valerio
President, Encinal Parlor No. 156
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Remembering our Past Grand President



Harriet Wilma Brown, was born in Oakland, California on August 7, 1947 to Henry H. Brown and Wilma Elges Brown she joined her older sister Dr. Mina May Brown.

Proceeding Harriet's death was her father Henry H. Brown, mother Wilma E. Brown, Aunt Zelma Kahrs

and sister Mina-May Brown-Robbins.

Surviving Family are Nieces, Katy Robbins-Jensen, Beth Robbins, Nephews, Bruce Robbins, Kenny Robbins and extended family.

Harriet's mother, Wilma and her sister Zelma inherited the family-owned Bartlett Pear Farm "Kahrs Ranch" after the death of their mother and continued the management of the farm.

During the years under management from Wilma and Zelma a yearly Pear Fair was organized and was celebrated in Courtland, California (which focused on Walnut Grove, Courtland and Clarksburg which portrayed vibrant communities that were linked to the Capital and Bay Area via the Sacramento River and was focused on the importance of the Delta Steamships). This wonderful Fair continued for over 20 years, to celebrate with entertainment, all sorts of pear edibles and the twin and triplet contest which was a big hit! The Fair also sold arts and crafts and all things pear related!

The Pear Farm was then managed collectively and they continued managing the Pear business. After Zelma's death, Wilma, and daughters Dr. Mina May Robbins-Brown, and Harriet along with niece Alma Kahrs-Fletcher continued the management of the Pear Farm Family business.

Upon the death of Harriet's mother and sister Dr. Mina-May Robbins, Harriet continued the family business until she could no longer continue her duties. Harriet's nieces Kathryn Robbins-Jensen, Elizabeth Robbins, nephews Bruce Robbins and Kenny Robbins took over the family Pear business.

Other interests Harriet enjoyed were being a proud Rainbow Girl and Harriet was also a highly skilled philatelist (which is a person who judges, collects or studies postage stamps.)

Harriet was initiated into our NDGW Order on January 15, 1981, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento. She was installed as the 109th Grand President of the

NDGW on June 25, 1994, San Diego, California at the U.S. Grant Hotel.

She presided as Grand President at the 109th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in the beautiful "River City" of Sacramento, California on June 19-22, 1995.

Harriet's theme "*Take a Step with Me*" was a main focus during her travels of over 30,000 miles as she was fighting Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Harriet needed the assistance of a Green Walker which was affectionately named "Minerva". Minerva even had a California License Plate with her name on it!

I was honored to be Harriet's traveling companion frequently and assisted her as she had numbness in her fingers and was starting to have difficulty walking. She enjoyed socializing and knew how to work a room, she loved to greet each Sister at Official Visits and events and enjoyed presenting her Grand President's pin which was a symbol of an early-day gold-panner. She gifted over 3,000 pins during her term. She was well-loved with her kind demeanor, articulate speaking ability and "contagious boisterous laugh".

During her term as Grand President, Harriet was honored to attend two 100th, one 95th, one 85th, two 75th and four 50th anniversaries. She had 69 Official Visits and numerous lunches, Historical Markings and Public appearances. Harriet truly loved a party!

Harriet would enjoy me highlighting some fascinating information about NDGW during her celebration of her life!

The Order had 139 Parlors during her term of Office. 295 new members were initiated. Top 10 Parlors membership was from 124 members to a high of 289 which was Bonita Parlor No. 10, Redwood City. Membership of the Order was approximately 9,700 Members during her year!

Grand Parlor Expenses: \$149,971.00. Grand Parlor Income was \$153,635.00, Per-capita was \$8.50 per Member, Home Assessment was \$2.00 per Member, Room Rental Fee for a stay at the Home for Members was \$15.00 per night and guests were \$20.00 per night. Childrens Foundation was allocated the sum of \$100,000.00 to be used for California Children in need of Medical Help.

Investment portfolio fair market value was \$3,371,771.00 Grand Parlor General Investment Fund was \$261,678.00 and the NDGW Home Endowment Investment Fund was \$272,392.00 along with NDGW Home General Investment Fund was \$310,209.00. Childrens Foundation Investment Fund was \$1,536,118.00. And Parlor dues averaged less than \$20.00 per member!

Highlighting accomplishments during Harriet's term on behalf of her State Committee's was overwhelming. I would ask that you read her Proceedings and enjoy the memories and reflect or for new members of the Order that did not have the honor to know Harriet read her proceedings and enjoy her journey. A list of the many highlights of Harriet's term is below. I hope you enjoy reading the accomplishments and historical footprint from her term.

I know that today as we bid our final farewell, we extend our sympathy to her family and Native Daughter Sisters. Sleep well, my friend, your labors are ended, until we meet again in our Grand Parlor on High.

Presented by PGP Harriet's dear friend and Sister Past Grand President Debi Stalder at Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, June 23, 2023.

As Harriet ended each of her monthly mailing letters she shared a poem. I leave you with this one:

*May you have...
Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough faith to banish depression,
And enough determination to make each and every
day better than yesterday.*

Author unknown

REMEMBERING OUR PAST GRAND PRESIDENTS



Marilyn Joyce Rickett, died April 18, 2023. She was born to Edwin and Myrtle Cochran March 24, 1932. She had one sister, Arlene Russell, who preceded her in death. She graduated high school in Chico, California in 1949 and then she attended Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, California. She met and married Robert Warren Rickett on February 11, 1950, who also preceded

her in death. Marilyn is survived by her four children, Cheri Rickett, Robert Rickett, Will Rickett and Ronald Rickett. She has 14 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

Marilyn lived in Fort Bragg, California for 27 years where she was very active in her Church. She was church organist and Choir Director and taught the Missionett Girls Club. She also taught primary grades at the Assembly of God Church

School. She was active in the women's ministry programs, as well as being a member of the Fort Bragg Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. She climbed the ranks to become Grand President in 2001. Marilyn was installed Grand President on June 22, 2001 in Stockton, Ca. Her theme was "Keys to the Future". There were four keys. The first key represents Education, the second Environment, the third was Extension of the Order and the fourth Existence of God. Her colors were mauve and silver.

Marilyn moved to Oakdale in 2006 and continued to be active in the Native Daughters of the Golden West as a member of Oakdale Parlor.

Marilyn was not just active in her community. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She knew her way around a sewing machine, was a beautiful pianist, and even taught lessons. Her family held a private memorial service for Marilyn.

Presented by PGP Marilyn's friend and Sister Past Grand President Christine Tripod at Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, June 23, 2023.



REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED SISTERS



Joaquin No. 5: Joan Stafko

Laurel No. 6: Julia McCullough

Eshcol No. 16: Betty Ballentine

San Jose No. 81: Jeannie Gregorio,
Ruby Tull

Forrest No. 86: Ella Emerson, Janet
Parker

Reichling No. 97: Patricia Cooke

Aleli No. 102: Rita Dominy

Hiawatha No. 140: Colleen Copeland

San Juan Bautista No. 179: Elma Burke

Fort Bragg No. 210: Jane Bavo, Mary
Meskis, Ethel Pivirotto

Toluca No. 279: Margaret Hanson

Charter Oak No. 292: Lynn Beckers

Jurupa No. 296: Susanna Buchko

Gilroy No. 312: Rosie Dias

Poinsettia No. 318: Mary Lorraine
Boyd, Corinne Klock

Tahquitz No. 333: Mary Ellen
Parmelee

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October



- 12 **Official Visit** – Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 (H), Gold of Ophir No. 190 – Chico
- 13 Finance Committee Meeting – 1:00 PM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 13 Personnel Committee Meeting – 4:00 PM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 14 **Official Visit** – District 13 – Califia No. 22 (H), Woodland No. 90,
Sutter No. 111, Liberty No. 213, West Wind No. 328,
Zinfandel No. 337 - Sacramento
- 14 CFIC Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, Zoom
- 16 Encinal No. 156 - **Rededication of the Thaler Fountain** – 10:00 AM Oakland
- 17 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 18 **Official Visit – District 8** – Laurel No. 6 (H), Manzanita No. 29 – Nevada City
- 18 Assessment & Renewal Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 20 Investment Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 27, 28, 29 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Retreat
Hampton Inn & Suites – Madera
- 29 Childrens Foundation Luncheon – Brentwood
- 31 **Happy Halloween**

November



- 10, 11, 12 Board of Directors Meeting – San Francisco
- 11 **Veteran's Day – Support Veterans**
- 14 **Official Visit – District 21** – Santa Cruz No. 26, Aleli No. 102,
Junipero No. 141 (120th Anniversary, H)
- 15 Assessment & Renewal Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 17 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 20 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM, Zoom
- 23 **Happy Thanksgiving** {Grand Parlor Office closed}

December



- 3 **NDGW Home Holiday Luncheon** – District 15, So. San Francisco
- 3 **Open House & Tree Lighting – NDGW Home, San Francisco**
- 3 Home Committee Meeting, San Francisco
- 20 Assessment & Renewal Committee – 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 25 **Merry Christmas** {Grand Parlor Office closed}


Who are the Native Daughters of the Golden West?

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

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

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

Submitted by Sandra Firpo, Facebook Manager, thefirp@comcast.net

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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."

Initiated Members

We welcome and congratulate our new Sisters and their Parlors.

Joaquin No. 5: Leslie Edman, Darlene Gantz, Laura Racacho
 Marguerite No. 12: Linda Ficklin, Marianne Jordan, Kellie Mills, Janet Stoddard
 Eshcol No. 16: Elizabeth Alessio, Janice Andrade, Helen Busby, Angela Franceschi
 Califia No. 22: Emily Vickers
 Santa Cruz No. 26: Leonard Foreman, Adam Rose, Alison Speights
 Ruby No. 46: Christine Hall
 San Jose No. 81: Melene Trester
 Sutter No. 111: Denise Theisen, Deborah Wurdack
 Darina No. 114: Devin Dougherty
 Reina Del Mar No. 126: Vivian Gutierrez, Martha Ruiz Placer
 No. 138: Kris Cannis, Carole Edwards, Linda Graham
 Junipero No. 141: Margaret Baldwin, Linda Leum Encinal
 No. 156: Timothy Vaughan
 San Juan Bautista No. 179: Mary Edge, Shana McCracken
 Morada No. 199: Karen Geyer
 Fort Bragg No. 210: Matthew Griffen
 Grace No. 242: Bernadette Montegani, Patrick Pattison
 Bruno No. 246: Georgia Nelson, Gail Wilson
 Cotati No. 299: Sheila Juilly, Lorretta Minton, Karen Nau