



# CALIFORNIA STAR

## Native Daughters of the Golden West

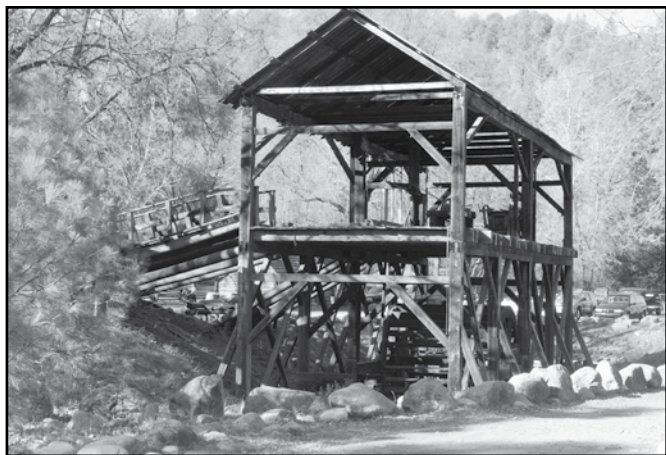
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### Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336, Coloma, is Instituted January 24, 2014

The alpenglow was fading from the hills above Sutter's Mill as the Sisters of our Order arrived at Sutter's Mill on Gold Discovery Day, January 24th, 2014. Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336 was Instituted in the twilight of a beautiful evening in the American River Valley at California's Gold

Grand President Sharon Logan, and her team of Grand Officers conducted the Institution of Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336, initiated eighteen new Charter Members, and installed President Karly Meadows and her Corps of Officers. Parlor Charter Members also include two dual Members and three transfer Members of the Order. The new Charter Members



received the Grand President's special pin and the Order's Membership pin. Organizer, Dee Goodspeed, presented each Charter Member with the "Sutter Mill" pin as her remembrance of the occasion. Thirty-four Charter Member applications have been approved to date. This is remarkable in a "Ghost Town" with just over four hundred inhabitants.



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Dee Goodspeed, assisted by Past Grand President Debi Stalder, has spent the past seven months organizing the new Parlor. Many of the Charter Members are pioneer descendants and will explore their ancestors through the Pioneer Roster.

Past Grand President Marilyn Rodriguez baked a special cake with the Parlor Seal for the occasion as her Sister, Marlene Williams, joined the Order as



#### Dear Sisters:

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that 2014 brings you all that you wish for.

This first half of my term has been eventful and exciting. I have had the pleasure of greeting many of our Sisters and seeing so much of our gorgeous state. I wish all of you could travel as I have across this great state of California and see it as I have had the opportunity to do. I really enjoy the sites that Parlor Sisters have shown me in their areas. It's very special to see an area through the eyes of those who know and love it.

My New Year's gift seems to be in the form of new Sisters and two new Parlors. As you will see and read in this issue of the Star, we Instituted Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336 on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Coloma. With friends, family and Native Daughter Sisters present, the new Sisters were Initiated, the new Parlor was Instituted and the Charter Officers Installed. In conjunction with a full day of ceremonies, and activities sponsored by Marshall Gold State Historic Park and the Native Sons, the Institution Ceremony was beautifully done and very exciting. Congratulations to all involved with this event and the beginning of this new Parlor.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be Instituting another new Parlor in Lodi, Zinfandel Parlor No. 337. They are an excited group of soon to be Sisters who have worked hard to bring this Parlor to its beginning. I look forward to meeting these special people at the end of the month.

The other 'new' news is our new Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant. Maria Teresa has been working hard to learn all there is to know about Native Daughters so that she can help you with your questions and needs. She has been organizing the office, and cleaning up old files and records. So if she contacts you about some old paperwork, please try to help her recreate the information we need to bring records up to date. Please help make her feel welcome to our family.

I have had the chance to both give and receive some of the Star Certificates. What a thrill it is to see our people honored and shown such appreciation for what they do for our Order. I hope many Parlors and Sisters are using these certificates.

To my State Chairmen, please start thinking of what information you want to display about your Committee at our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. I would like to have these tri-fold display boards for our members to see all week.

The GPAM Sessions Committee is working hard to prepare for our week in San Jose. I hope many, many of you, Delegates and Visitors alike, are making plans to join us. It should be a fun and informative week.

As I begin my travels again in this new year, I look forward to meeting all of you. The most inspiring part of this year has been to hear about and see the work done by the Sisters in our Parlors. You are all amazing for the work you do in your communities and for our State. You should be proud and excited about your projects and let the world know what you do. It encourages others to join you in your work and enthusiasm is contagious, one project leads to another, and another. My thanks to each and every one of you for doing the work of our Order. You are the largest Stars in my universe.

In Sisterly Love,  
*Sharon Logan*  
Grand President

a Charter Member of the new Parlor. The Parlor Institution was a large part of the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of California State Parks. This Anniversary marks President Abraham Lincoln's establishment of the "Yosemite Preserve" which he gifted to the people of California in 1864. The Preserve was the first public lands set aside for the enjoyment of future generations and launched the idea of the National Park



System. Earlier in the day, Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park marked the beginning of construction of a new Sutter's Mill Replica with a Ground Breaking ceremony attended by Grand Officers of the Order.

The Sisters of the Native Daughters of the Golden West wish our new Sisters of Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336, Coloma, a successful and event filled future in our Order.

(Pictures courtesy of Roger Hall)





# San Miguel Parlor No. 94

BY BABETTE SMITH

In the past, San Miguel Parlor No. 94 has enjoyed many day trips to points of interest. Somewhere along the way we forgot that good workers need fun days! So we are planning to have at least six trips to various places. Our first trip was on Saturday, Dec 29th to see the play A Tuna Christmas at the Pewter Plough Playhouse in Cambria. We traveled over the hill with Lynne Schmidt at the wheel and arrived at Lynn’s Restaurant in good time to enjoy a great luncheon. The play was a comedy with a cast of two and took place on Christmas Eve and afternoon. It was well received by all with much laughter. All agreed that we will continue our excursions in 2014.

San Miguel Christmas Parade — On the 21st of December, San Miguel Parlor participated in the San Miguel Christmas



San Miguel Parlor No. 94 Members attended the play *A Tuna Christmas* on December 29th in Cambria. Those attending were Lynne Schmidt, Dorothy Gillett, Babette Smith, Barbara Bruce, and Elaine Work.

# El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield Celebrates Christmas by Adopting a Veteran

BY BARBARA MINER, VETERANS WELFARE CHAIRMAN

## Christmas Cheer for a Lady Veteran

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, held a Christmas luncheon at the Bell Tower Club December 16, 2013. Eleven ladies attended and brought canned food and toys that filed two boxes for our Lady Veteran in Need Program. This was the second year for El Tejon Parlor to bring cheer to a native California lady veteran. We work with the California Veterans Assistance Group which finds housing and employment for veterans in need.

Our lady this year is Douglassia Cartwright and she was born in Bakersfield, California. Douglassia is in training with the Welfare Back to Work Program and puts work hours in at Kern Medical Center. On December 19,

Parlor President Lurine Webb, and Veterans Welfare Chairman Barbara Miner, along with Caroline from the Veterans Assistance Group visited Douglassia at her home. She and her adorable three-year old daughter, Salome, greeted us upon our arrival as we carried the boxes of groceries and gifts into her home. President Lurine thanked her for the time she spent in the Marines protecting us, and presented her with the \$350.00 gift card for Walmart. Douglassia was all smiles and we all hugged and chatted with her a little longer. Salome took center stage We ask her, “What did she want Santa Clause to bring?”, but she was shy of us strangers and all we got was a big smile. It was a very rewarding day!

# New Members: July 11, 2013 to January 10, 2014

Native Daughters of the Golden West welcome our new Sisters to the Order, and congratulates them and their Parlors.

### Joaquin Parlor No.5

Connie Bills  
Hortenzia Moreno  
Josie Orozco

### Bonita Parlor No.10

Judith Buffa  
Diann Delucchi  
Florence Hyland  
Pamela Ivani

### Marguerite Parlor No.12

Beverlie Bandera  
Bonnie Battaglia  
Patricia Bourdeaux  
Gwyn Keli  
Heidi Mueller  
Judy Webb

### Eshcol Parlor No.16

Gina Imrie  
Stephani Stephenson  
Lisa Waterman

### Santa Cruz Parlor No.26

Linda Cooke  
Carolyn Greene  
Lorraine Gribbin  
Julie Ann Lambert  
Billie Trabing

### Angelita Parlor No.32

Michaela Beebe  
Margaret Emler  
Barbara Fellows  
Dolores Harrison  
Bertha Krail  
Mary Catherine Lancaster

### Naomi Parlor No.36

Loryce Ashby  
Beverly Jordan  
Tessa Jackson  
Ingrid Larson  
Cindy McCreary  
Donna McNamara  
Julia Noll  
Debora Wilson

### Ruby Parlor No. 46

Joan Chandler  
Judyth Descoteaux  
Elizabeth Graham

### Veritas Parlor No. 75

Linda von Merveldt  
Samantha Rocci  
Lori Slaven  
Janice Yankura

### San Jose Parlor No. 81

Regina North

### Golden Era Parlor No. 99

Monika Aldabe

### Sutter Parlor No. 111

Victoria Contente

### Darina Parlor No. 114

Therese Cooper  
Annette Cruz-Padilla  
Mary Ann Heany  
Silvana Lopez

### El Vespero Parlor No. 118

Pama Huntley  
Clorinda Lauderdale

### Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126

Elizabeth Duprey

### Lincoln Parlor No. 138

Rosemarie La Rocca

### Calistoga Parlor No. 145

Judith Cornils  
Loris Innis  
Patricia Jones  
Louise Kettlewell  
Elizabeth Parr  
Margaret Rea-Kavarian  
Christine Singh  
Karen Slusser  
Charlotte Williams  
Sandra Zarate

### Nataqua Parlor No. 153

Heather Eastwood  
Debra Transue

### Argonaut Parlor No. 166

Katherina Court

### K. Bidwell

#### Parlor No. 168

Pam Figge  
Alicia Glatz  
Sherry McGagins  
Linda Ogwin  
Barbara Stevens

### Fresno Parlor No. 187

Jerry Albino  
Patricia Cline  
Sheila Efflandt  
Amy Emrany

### Donner Parlor No. 193

Cherie Wilson

### Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210

Barbara MacKay

### Liberty Parlor No. 213

Roni Bowling

### El Tejon Parlor No. 239

Denice Mettle  
Pamela Valdez

### Lugonia Parlor No. 241

Virginia Delieko

### Lomitas Parlor No. 255

Michelle Bravo  
Andrea Clarke  
Karen Forte  
Lisa Stoddard

### Placerita Parlor No. 277

Pamela Ballanti  
Dena Dahilig  
Adrienne Lastaunau

### Charter Oak Parlor No. 292

Lynn Beckers

### Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304

Esther Bartleh  
Jennie Martinez

### El Paso de Robles Parlor No.

335

Mary Alice Smith  
David Tosh

# Grand President Official Visit to South Butte Parlor No 226

BY GAIL KUNSMAN

On November 12, 2013, Cathy Moniz, President of South Butte Parlor No 226 welcomed Sharon Logan, Grand Parlor President, and her traveling companions for their Official visit to the Parlor. GP Sharon and her traveling companions shared dinner with Parlor No. 226 members. After which, GP Sharon shared with the Parlor her theme this year “Let Your Star Shine”. “Use a personal touch to encourage and thank Sisters and others who deserve recognition. The greatest wealth within Native Daughters is its members and those members need to be treasured and commended for their work”.

One of Grand President Sharon’s Projects is the “Drapery Fund “. There is a need to raise money to replace drapes in the public areas of the Native Daughter Home in San Francisco. Another project is C.A.R.E. ( Care, Assess, Revitalize, Energize). The committee works with Parlors one-on-one to help them grow.

South Butte Parlor No. 226 was very busy in 2013 with Civic participation, Veterans Stand Down and Veterans Welfare, Yard Sales, Spaghetti Dinner, Christmas Party and other projects. South Butte Parlor No 226 meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month or if that is a Holiday, the Tuesday following. Come see us on February 15, 2014 for our 7th Annual Bean Feed.

Happy New Year to all the Parlors from South Butte No.226 in Sutter, California



South Butte Parlor No. 226 held their Official Visit on November 12, 2013. Shown (left to Right): Cynthia Connelly, sGT, Berryessa Parlor No. 193; Linda Galassi, Jr. PGP, El Vespero Parlor No. 118; Sharon Logan, GP, San Jose Parlor No. 81; Cathy Moniz, President of South Butte Parlor No. 226, and Nancy Brown, PGP, Argonaut Parlor No. 166.

South Butte Parlor No. 226 – GP Members of South Butte Parlor No. 226 are shown with Grand President Sharon Logan during her Official Visit on November 12, 2013. Back Row (left to right): Deanna DeWitt, Financial Secretary; Vickie Tomlinson, Trustee Chairman; Claudia Warner, Trustee, Senior Past President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President; Bev Kelly, Inside Sentinel; Carolyn Childers, Recording Secretary; and Earlene Knight, Treasurer. Front Row (left to right): Marie Huerta, Jr. Past President; Sharon Logan, Grand President from San Jose Parlor No.81; and Cathy Moniz, President of So Butte Parlor No 226.



# “California’s First State Park”

CONTRIBUTED BY SUTTER’S MILL PARLOR No. 336, COLOMA

In April 1864, President Abraham Lincoln established the Yosemite Preserve to protect the giant sequoia redwoods in Mariposa Grove as well as the Yosemite Valley. Galen Clark was appointed the Preserve’s first Guardian. President Lincoln granted Yosemite Preserve to the newly formed State of California which had been admitted to the Union fourteen years earlier on September 9, 1850. Yosemite Preserve was the first natural resource area set aside in America for the public good.

Coulter’s Hell was established as Yellowstone National Park, the first National Park, by President Grant on March 1, 1872, eight years after the Yosemite Preserve was established. Since the Yosemite Preserve was granted to California, it was ineligible to be the first National Park. It did not become Yosemite National Park until 1890.

In Coloma, the Native Sons of the Golden West, Placerville Parlor No. 9 purchased the parcel on which the Marshall Monument now stands and donated it to the State of California following James W. Marshall’s death in 1886. They petitioned the State Legislature to fund the \$5,000 monument construction cost. The monument was designed by J. Marion Wells and cast in San Francisco. It was placed in May, 1890, and the “Discoverer of Gold” buried beneath it. Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park was formed and became

a State Park in 1927. In 1947, Sutter’s Mill Site was discovered and excavated. Artifacts from this discovery are on public display in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park Museum.

On October 8, 1990, Native Sons of the Golden West Georgetown Parlor No. 91 rededicated the Marshall Monument to commemorate the 200th anniversary of James Wilson Marshall’s birth.

So, you get your choice. In 1864, the Yosemite Preserve was the first natural resource area set aside under the control of the State of California by President Abraham Lincoln. The Marshall Monument was the first State Monument constructed in California and placed under the protective care of the State in 1890. Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park was established in 1927, sixty-three years after the Yosemite Preserve was established.

In 2014, California will commemorate the 150th anniversary of California State Parks. You now know the history of this wonderful idea which preserved and protected our natural and historic resources for generations to come. Ask Jeremy McReynolds, Superintendent of Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, to see the beautiful new law enforcement shield which he wears to mark the 150th Anniversary of California State Parks.

“The only thing new under the sun is the history which you do not know.”— Alistair Cook

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## C.A.R.E. (Care, Assess, Revitalize, Energize

BY MARILYNN RODRIGUES, PGP, STATE CHAIRMAN, ANGELITA PARLOR NO. 32

Happy New Year to everyone in the Native Daughters of the Golden West. I hope your year so far has been successful as well as fun.

I hope that each Parlor has had the opportunity to fill out the Assessment Questionnaire that Grand President Sharon sent out a few months ago. I hope that it gave each of you some insight as to where your Parlor is at this time and what you need to do for future success.

As in my Parlor, sometimes it is difficult to decide what to do about getting out there and finding prospective Members, fund raising, and just plain having some fun. I will be giving you some suggestions for all three that will hopefully help your Parlor grow and be successful.

If you would like someone to visit your Parlor and help you with ideas to implement these suggestions, or to just be a sounding board for issues in your Parlor, please let Grand President Sharon or myself know and we will do our best to make the arrangements for a visit. We are just a phone call or email away and we want to help you continue to grow and support the projects of our Order and your communities.

**To get new Members:** set up informational booths at city events, street fairs, farmers markets, county fair. Have a tea or luncheon and invite prospective Members and tell them

about the history of Native Daughters of the Golden West and your Parlor.

**For Fund Raising:** yard sale, card party (bunko, canasta, whist, etc.), bake less bake sale, fashion show and salad luncheon, Christmas bazaar, silent tea party, Italian dinner night and BINGO, recycle cans and bottles,

**Just for fun:** themed socials before meetings — California birthday party, Halloween costume party, Thanksgiving potluck, Hobo night and serve Hobo Stew, Christmas dinner, Valentine’s sweetheart potluck, luau potluck.

**Community Service Projects:** serve birthday cake at your library for California’s birthday (September 9), volunteer at Veteran’s homes or rest homes, collect food and clothing for the needy, take cookie plates to seniors, collect money for Pennies for Pines and buy an acre of trees to re-forest a burned burned (\$68.00 per acre), work with schools in your area to recognize the most improved or outstanding students, Christmas Angel Tree, plant a tree in a city park for Arbor Day, visit shut-in members.

These are just a few things your Parlor can do to be active and have fun. If you need more suggestions, let me know — I have many, many more. Good luck in whatever you choose to do.

## Deliveries to our Veterans by Jurupa Parlor No. 296

BY MARTI NOYES

Jurupa Parlor No. 296 in Riverside has a special bond with the VA Hospital Healthcare Center in Loma Linda. In honor of Veterans Day the sisters of Jurupa Parlor assembled 100 patriotic decorated bags filled with goodies



that were delivered on Thursday, November 7, 2013. The bags were delivered throughout the various wards in the VA Hospital sections. Each bag had a Veterans Day Card from NDGW Jurupa Parlor. Also delivered were a number of playing cards that had been donated by a local card casino to Sue Anderson. Playing cards were also taken by President Laurel Weiler for active duty personnel at the USO in Ontario where she volunteers.



Assembling bags for Veterans Day for the VA Healthcare Center are (left to right): Pat Smith, Chairman, Veteran Affairs, Sue Buchko, Sue Anderson, and President Laurel Weiler.

In December another trip was made to the VA Healthcare Center where a monetary gift from Jurupa Parlor was made to Volunteer Services. Also delivered was a large stack of 2014 calendars collected by sisters of Jurupa Parlor and Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 in Hemet. The best part of the trip was handing out candy cane mice to the Veterans and their families waiting for services. The felt mice were made by Donna Moir and then a candy cane was added for the body and tail. The candy cane mice and/or candy canes could be used as a pocket decoration, taken home for the tree or a loved one, or eaten then and there. All the Veterans were most appreciative and their smiles were the best gift back to those making the deliveries — Pat Smith, Marti Noyes and Donna Moir.

## Nataqua Parlor No. 152, Susanville, Mourns Marianne Slinkard

Marianne Slinkard of Nataqua Parlor No. 152, Susanville, passed away on September 27, 2013, at the age of 99. She was born in Tulare, California on September 26, 1914, and died the day after her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday following a brief illness. Her services were held on October 4, 2014.

Marianne graduated from high school in Exeter, California, and attended Chaffey College and Chico State. She was a Member of Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico, prior to her move to Susanville following the death of her husband Wilson. She joined Nataqua Parlor and was very active. She held every

office including President, Past President, Deputy Grand President, and Supervising District Deputy Grand President.

Marianne is survived by her two sons, Mel Morrison and wife Jan, and Jerry Slinkard and wife Lois. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations in her memory be made to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Scholarship Fund or the Susanville Assembly of God Church Benevolence Fund.

**Dear Fellow Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, Subordinate Parlors and Members:**

I sincerely want to thank you all for the cards, e-mails and phone calls I received after the loss of my Mother, Mae Robinson. Although she was not a Native Daughter, she was a true pioneer in many ways and she loved California. She is being recognized by Congressman Jeff Denham as a vital political activist for over 50 years in the Golden State.

I also wish to say thank you for all the wonderful support during my recent bout with the flu. My sisters, you are the best!!

*Sincerely and fraternally, Bonnie M. Tabor, Grand Marshal, Morada Parlor No. 199, Modesto, California*

## Naomi Parlor No. 36 Celebrates 125th Anniversary

BY KAREN GALAN

Naomi Parlor No. 36, Downieville, celebrated its 125th Anniversary on September 12, 2013. The celebration was combined with Grand President Sharon Logan’s official visit. Many Sisters from nearby Parlors attended the luncheon, followed by the meeting, which included the initiation of eight new Members. In addition, four Members received their 25 year pins.

County Supervisor and Native Son Lee Adams presented President Earlene Folsom with a resolution recognizing the parlor for its 125 years of involvement in our community. Cake and coffee were served following the meeting. It was truly a special day for our Parlor.

The following was an excerpt from the proceedings of the 3rd Annual Session of Grand Parlor

June, 11-14, 1889.

“Nevada City, June 1, 1889 - To Miss L. P. Watson, Grand President, N.D.G.W.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy. On September 10th, 1888, I instituted Naomi Parlor, in Downieville — it bids fair to become one of our best Parlors. The Native Sons kindly gave all the encouragement and assistance possible, and took great interest in the installation, which was public. I was very nicely entertained and well treated by all. The event is one that will be long remembered.”



Eight new Members were initiated at the 125th Anniversary celebration on September 12, 2013. Picture Back Row (left to right): Loryce Ashby, Ingrid Larson, and Julie Noll. Front Row (left to right): B. J. Jordan, Cyndy McCreary, Debora Wilson, Tessa Jordan, and Donna McNamara.



Receiving their 25 Year Pins were (left to right): Marcella Ponta, Sandra Loving, Cheryl Pangman, and Patricia Sharp.



Naomi Parlor No. 36 held its 125th Anniversary celebration and Official Visit of Grand President Sharon Logan on September 12, 2013. Many Sisters from nearby Parlors attended the luncheon, followed by a meeting.

### Deceased Members: July 11, 2013 to January 10, 2014

Native Daughters of the Golden West extends sympathy to the Parlors and families of these deceased Sisters.

**Joaquin Parlor No. 5**

Alice Peters  
Noreen Sanchez  
Shirley Lindsey

**Califia Parlor No. 22**

Mildred Redlingshafer  
Marian Wills

**Manzanita Parlor No. 29**

Darlewne Rose Crabtree  
Edna Angover (Steger)

**Mariposa Parlor No. 63**

Pearl Barbara Williams

**Veritas Parlor No. 75**

Mildred Dysart  
Georgia Ann McGinnis

**Woodland Parlor No. 90**

Charlotte Buchignani

**San Miguel Parlor No. 94**

Patricia McHarris

**Golden Era Parlor No. 99**

Selsby Ratliff

**Aleli Parlor No. 102**

Lucy Cornelius

**San Luisita Parlor No. 108**

Beverly Gammill

**Eschscholzia Parlor No. 112**

Kathleen Hurlimann

**Darina Parlor No. 114**

Mary Forth

**Oakdale Parlor No. 125**

Wilma Wilson

**Placer Parlor No. 138**

Doris Wyatt

**Hiawatha Parlor No. 140**

Dorothy Hart

**Nataqua Parlor No. 152**

Marianne Slinkard

**El Pinal Parlor No. 163**

Hazel Bordegaray  
Sue Evans

**Annie K Bidwell**

**Parlor No. 168**  
Nelda Wood

**San Juan Bautista**

**Parlor No. 179**  
Fern Fancher

**Fresno Parlor No. 187**

Olivia Stewart

**Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190**

Anysia Drumheller  
Jane Severnce

**Donner Parlor No. 193**

Rae Dias

**Marinita Parlor No. 198**

Victoria Kowski  
Dolores Long  
Carol Nichelini

**Morada Parlor No. 199**

Lillian Ikerd  
Martha Schlender  
Dorothy Winstead  
La Junta Parlor No. 203  
Anne Warnes

**Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210**

Rose Cavallini  
Linda Cochran

**Liberty Parlor No. 213**

Johanna Vaughn

**Petaluma Parlor No. 222**

Dorothy Paris

**Antioch Parlor No. 223**

Florence Echeverria

**El Tejon Parlor No. 239**

Margaret Fredenburg

**Lugonia Parlor No. 241**

Edrene Garner  
Thelma Newman

**Grace Parlor No. 242**

Rose Nesbit  
Val Rennevr

**Poppy Trailr No. 266**

Della Crenshaw

**Cotati Parlor No. 299**

Artemis Stewart

**Gilroy Parlor No. 312**

Sara Ventura

**Poinsettia Parlor No. 318**

Yvonne Ester  
Jacqueline Kelly  
Dorothy Ramirez  
Marian Tulos

**George C. Yount Parlor No. 322**

Margaret Herald

**Tahquitz Parlor No. 333**

Joan Van Winkle



# Home Chatter...

By ANGELA BROWN, HOME COMMITTEE STATE CHAIRMAN  
GOLDEN ERA PARLOR NO. 99

Happy New Year 2014 to each and everyone!!!!

The Home has been very busy during 2013. We hope you were able to come to the Home and share the beautiful Christmas decorations throughout. It has been wonderful to see the number of Parlors that have come and stayed. Each and every person always brings a little different excitement to the Home. We hope other Parlors can come and enjoy the Home too. We welcome you.

We have a new sponsor for Room 404. Ruby Parlor No. 46, Murphys, has adopted the room and decorated it beautifully. We have a new feature for this room — a double bed. We decided it was time to try it. Come and check it out.

The Voss Garden has a new look to it. Bonnie Tabor, GM, and her committee have started working in the garden. Mulch has been spread throughout. Susan Potter, on the Home Committee, is putting up a fence and we will be putting the bricks, which were ordered in early January, in place as soon as they arrive. Bonnie and her crew will be ready to finish the garden. It's going to be very beautiful!

We are putting together several fundraisers to finish the painting and carpeting in the bedrooms. We hope to have this finished by the end of this year. If you want to help us, please contact someone on the Home Committee.

Rose, the week day manager, Brandi, and all the other weekend managers are there to make your stay at the Home very enjoyable.



Susan Potter (right) and her husband John are shown in front of the recently completed fence in the Voss Garden.



Home guest Jeanette Bemis baked gingerbread cookies during a visit when the heater in the Home wasn't working. Not only were the kitchen and dining room warm, but the house smelled great!

## Antioch Parlor No. 223 Presents 75-Year Pin

By JACKIE WALLACE

Antioch Parlor No. 223 was organized in Antioch in 1923, and has sponsored two Grand Presidents over the years. Currently the Parlor has thirty-two Members, of which two are over 100 years of age, and nine who have received their 50-year emblems.

In December, Antioch Parlor had the privilege of presenting Member Betty Giannotti with her 75-year pin. Betty joined the Parlor in 1939. Betty has held every office in the Parlor except Financial Secretary and Treasurer; she is currently serving as Past President. DGP Jackie Wallace presented her with her pin at the Parlor's December meeting.

Betty was born in Madera and the family came to Antioch when she started kindergarten. She graduated from Antioch High School in 1939. She worked for Attorneys Ham and Arnison, then for Antioch High School for 38 years. She married Lorenzo Giannotti in 1940 and had a daughter Carolyn and a son Norman, who have given her five grandchildren. Since she retired she spends her summers at Lake Tahoe.

The Members of Antioch Parlor are proud to have such an outstanding, faithful Member.



Betty Giannotti (left), a 75-year Member of Antioch Parlor No. 223, received her 75-year pin from DGP Jackie Wallace at the Parlor's December meeting.

## Fresno Parlor No. 187 Happenings

Fresno Parlor is opening "OURSISTERS" CLOSET at the old Hacienda Hotel and Resort facility in Fresno on January 15, 2014. We have been given a one bedroom site to house the beautiful clothing which our Sisters have so generously donated to this project for female veterans. Thank you so much to Cathy Caropresso of Lomitas Parlor No. 255; Dawn Dunlap of El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Jr. PGP Linda Galassi of El Vespero Parlor No. 118; and Maryann Griffith of Angelita Parlor No. 32, for your most generous and beautiful donations.

We are still in need of more items. If any of you have gently used (clean) business attire, coats, suits, blouses, dresses, shoes, handbags or jewelry which are suitable for these veter-

ans to wear job interviews or to work, please feel free to send them to Karen Fini, GT, 6412 N. Dolores, Fresno, California 93711 - of if you have any questions 559-392-2604. We also can use clothes hangers - (plastic - not wire). We are honored to be able to assist these lady veterans.

Fresno Parlor No. 187 and Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 were pleased to furnish full ham and turkey dinners to all guests at the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital Central California in Madera on Christmas Day. There are approximately forty families who have very sick children at the hospital, and it was our distinct pleasure to be able to provide them with dinner.

## Grace Parlor No. 242 Celebrates

By HELEN LEIVA



Our annual Christmas Party followed in December at the beautiful Mission Inn in Riverside with another special buffet and Christmas favors. Joining us was our own Grand Trustee Sherry Farley, PGP Marie Otto, and our DGP Donna Moir and SDDGP Carmen Paredas. DGP Marti Noyes also enjoyed the day with us.



November 23 found several Grace Parlor members helping serve a Turkey Dinner to 200 Veterans at the VFW hall in Azusa in southern California. The ladies also donated bags and bags of toiletries and men's socks for this special occasion. The Veterans verbally expressed their appreciation to us and were thrilled that people truly cared so much.

## "Make Time for the Children"

*The Parlors of Southern California  
Native Daughters of the Golden West*

Hosted by District 28 Parlors  
Lugonia No 241, Jurupa No. 296 and Tahquitz No. 333

Cordially invite YOU, your family, and friends to the  
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Riverside, California 92501

Parlors attending are asked to bring an Opportunity Basket or Gift item(s)  
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All Proceeds go to the NDGW Childrens Foundation

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## 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.

## Christmas at Bonita Parlor No. 10

SUBMITTED BY MARIE AMAYA

Members of Bonita Parlor gathered for their annual Christmas Dinner on December 12, 2013. All in attendance enjoyed the many delicious dishes made by our Members and everyone also enjoyed visiting with our Sisters who we don't always see at the meetings during the year. Members were asked to bring a gift to exchange as well as bring items of toiletries for the Veterans at the Palo Alto VA Hospital. The response was overwhelming, with donations filling a large decorated box plus a large bag. The Parlor also purchased



Pictured below from left to right are Bonita Marshal Helen Cocco, Past President Marian Wydo, President Laura Galey, and Recording Secretary Marie Amaya.

\$50.00 worth of Canteen Books for the Vets to use to make any purchases they desired in the canteen.

Following dinner, a game was played and members must listen attentively to the story being told, which goes like this... Santa Wright and Mrs. Wright were delivering some Christmas gifts. Mrs. Wright forgot some packages so they turned right to get to their home which was on the left. Packages are shifted to the left or to the right whichever direction is stated. When time is called then you retain the gift you have in front of you. There is always lots of laughter and lots of fun for everyone!!

### Bonita Parlor's Shining Star

On January 9, 2014 following our regular meeting, our Marshal was asked to escort Bonita Parlor Member and Past President Marian Wydo to the altar. Marian was recognized for the many projects that she has provided for our Parlor and many other requests from other Parlors whether it be programs, name cards, or any other items. No request is too big for this Sister. It was our great pleasure to recognize Marian as Bonita Parlor's SHINING STAR.

## News from Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 Ventura

By JEAN GATES

**SAN BUENAVENTURA MISSION** — The California Mission Ride began in Sonoma on August 18, 2012. A group of six riders on horseback are making a two-year 600 mile trek of the 21 California missions, stopping at each one to speak to local children and adults about early California history. When the Missions were built, it was before there were cars, trains, or airplanes, so travel was by foot, horseback, and horse and wagon. The California Mission Ride team traverses this mission trail. They arrived at the Emma Wood State Park and then traveled on horseback through city streets to San Buenaventura Mission in Ventura on October 2, 2013. They then camped in a lot by the mission. This mission is very active in the community. Students in the fourth grade are studying California Missions in the mission elementary school. The riders spoke to them about their travels by horseback. They also gave talks at the Museum of Ventura County about how life was in those rural times. They will end their trek in San Diego by the end of October. The San Buenaventura Mission was

built in 1782 under the direction of Father Junipero Serra.

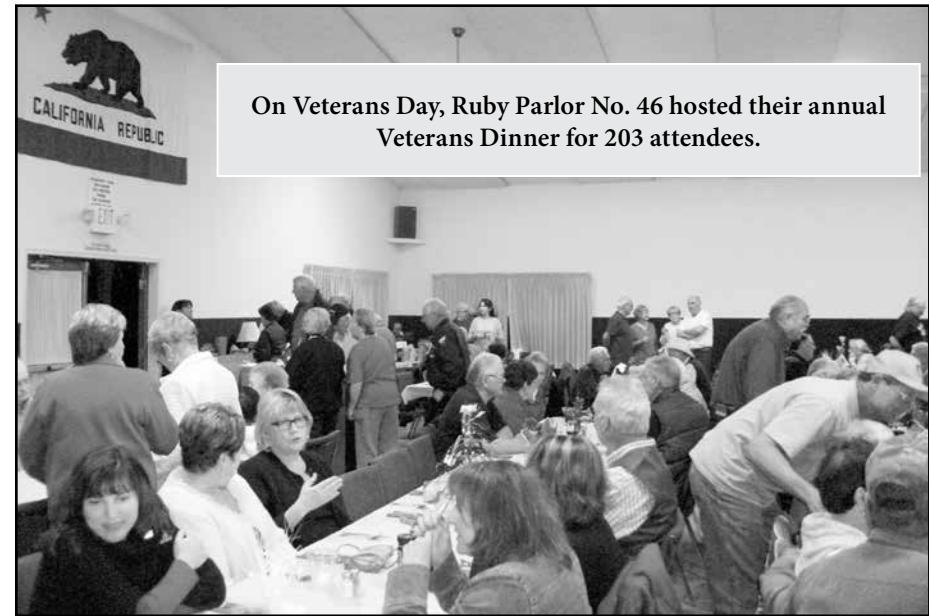
**FATHER SERRA'S BIRTHDAY** — The 300th birthday of Father Junipero Serra on November 24, 2013 was honored at Mission San Buenaventura in Ventura. Gold and yellow lights on the cypress trees on either side of the Mission were lit in his honor and four Masses on Sunday were about the California Missions. A bronze statue of Father Serra looks over California Street in front of the former City Hall Building on Poli St. This is an official historical landmark. In 1936 local artist and sculptor John Palo-Kangas used sand and gravel from the Ventura river to create a concrete representation of Serra as a Works Project Administration project. The statue started to crumble so a bronze version is now in place on Poli Street. Members of the Channel Islands Carvers club recreated the sculpture in wood as a mold for the bronze statue. Longtime Poinsettia Parlor Member, Shirley Weeks, is the daughter of Artist John Palo-Kangas and has some of his artwork in her home.

## Ruby Parlor No. 46 Hosts Veterans Dinner

By PEARL ARHONTES, PRESIDENT

Ruby Parlor No. 46 held its Veterans Dinner at the NSGW Hall in Murphys on Veterans Day. They had a packed house, with 203 people attending. The Boy Scout Troop No. 343 presented the colors. A pasta dinner was served to all. There were 30 beautiful baskets including ones that featured complete turkey and ham dinners with all the fixing.

The veterans introduced themselves and told about where they served. The oldest veteran there was 105 1/2 years young and he had many stories to tell. The monies raised that night were sent to Veterans Medical Facility in Livermore and Veterans Home of California in Yountville.



On Veterans Day, Ruby Parlor No. 46 hosted their annual Veterans Dinner for 203 attendees.

## Happy New Year 2014!!!!

ANGELA BROWN, STATE CHAIRMAN, GOLDEN ERA PARLOR NO. 99

A great way to start the new year is by bringing in a new Member. Then when you bring in this member, call her up and see if she might need a ride to the meeting. Invite her to help on a committee. Remember a happy Member is a busy Member.

Congratulations to Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336 in Coloma. They were instituted on January 24, 2014. We are so excited to

see this Parlor up and doing so well. What a great joy to see this new Parlor start its journey in Native Daughters of the Golden West. What can we do for this new Parlor? Why not send a card and welcome them to the Order. Address: Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336, PO Box 45, Coloma, CA 95613. I know they will love hearing from you.

## Using the Model By-Laws as a Guideline to Prepare or Update Your Parlor By-Laws

NDGW has Model By-Laws for Subordinate Parlors to use as a guideline to prepare new By-Laws or to update Parlor By-Laws. The Model By-Laws are available on the website and the current Model to use is the set revised November 2011. These current Model By-Laws incorporate language for Dual Membership and Members-at-Large, and the membership language regarding persons of Japanese descent born to California resident parents in internment camps.

All parlors should review their By-Laws to ascertain whether or not they are up to date. Bonnie Tabor, Chairman of Laws and Supervision, has records of all By-Laws on file for Subordinate Parlors. If you are not sure what NDGW has as your Parlor's current By-Laws, please contact Bonnie. Please also remember that it takes the Committee time to review and approve your By-Law Amendments so allow sufficient time for the process to be completed.

**Language in parentheses in the Model By-Laws provide alternative language that can be used. Customize the information to the procedures in your Parlor. Do not just fill in the blanks.** The following information and helpful hints are provided to clarify the use of language in the Model By-Laws.

When submitting changes to the Laws and Supervision Committee, please submit the By-Laws in their entirety as one complete document to allow the Committee to sign them if they are approved. Submit three duplicate originals for consideration. If only a few changes are made, please submit a separate summary sheet indicating the specific changes. Please place a page number on each page. It would also be helpful to include the Parlor Name at the bottom of each page along with the page number in case the pages become separated.

Please be consistent in using "By-Laws" or "Bylaws". Either version is correct. The title "Model By-Laws for Subordinate Parlors" is a description only. The title of the document submitted to the Committee should read "By-Laws of Veritas Parlor No. 75" for example – use your own Parlor name and number, not "Model By-Laws". The following references address specific language in the Model By-Laws that need to be customized for your Parlor.

**Article Three-Meetings-Section 1.** If your Parlor only has one meeting per month, delete the (s) and be consistent in references in other sections of your By-Laws.

**Article Four-Officers-Section 2.** Use the appropriate language for your Parlor elections. Are your elections annually or

semi-annually? Choose one or the other – do not include both. Is the election in June or December or some other month? And when is installation – July, August, January? Insert the specific month.

**Article Five-Nomination and Election of Officers-Section 2.** Again, insert the specific month for Nominations and the specific month for Election.

**Article Seven-Fees and Dues-Section 2.** Does your Parlor collect dues annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly? Insert the specific language.

**Article Eight-Fees and Dues-Section 7.** Although not specifically included in the current Model By-Laws, your Parlor may want to consider adding the following language if you are making other revisions: The Grand Parlor Per Capita Tax, the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home Assessment, the California Star Assessment, and any additional assessments levied by Grand Parlor shall be paid by the Parlor.

**Article Eight-Committees-Sections 2 and 3.** Standing Committees of the Parlor are committees that are appointed every year. They are usually the committees that have State counterparts (such as History and Landmarks, Education and Scholarship, etc.). You may also include other committees in your own Parlor that are appointed every year (such as Social Activities, Special Events, etc.). If your Parlor has Special Committees that may be appointed for a specific task for a short period of time, these should be listed here. Special Committees usually do not have State counterparts. Special Committees could include Parades, Official Visit, Annual Directory, etc. Refer to the Books of the Order for additional information regarding committees.

Please make sure that your proposed amended Bylaws include the appropriate certification language and signatures. The Parlor Seal must be affixed and should be clearly legible.

*Remember that the Model By-Laws (Rev. Nov. 2011) are just a guideline of the minimum required language. Your Parlor may include language that is specific to its activities and procedures so long as it does not conflict with laws and regulations adopted by Grand Parlor. Don't forget to refer to the Books of the Order for information. If you have any questions about proposed changes, feel free to contact the Laws and Supervision Committee before submitting your proposed amendments. Thank you for taking the time to review and update your Parlor By-Laws!*

## Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112, Etna

By CAROL SPENCER

At the September meeting and Official Visit of Grand President Sharon Logan, Gail Jenner was presented with her Roll of Honor Plaque. Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 nominated Gail for the Roll of Honor at the 2013 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June in Pleasanton. Gail was unable to attend the meeting in June, so the plaque was presented at the Official Visit by Grand President Sharon Logan. Gail has been a source of historic information and help to our Parlor. Congratulations and thank you Gail.



Grand President Sharon Logan presented Roll of Honor winner Gail Jenner with her plaque at the Parlor's Official Visit in September. Shown (left to right) are Melanie Fowle, Lynda Beverlin, Gail Jenner, and GP Sharon Logan.



## Education and Scholarships Committee

BY SUSAN TINKLEY, STATE CHAIRMAN, POPPY TRAIL PARLOR NO. 266

Planning to go to college next year? Do you have a child or relative who was born in California? Are you a veteran or are you planning to attend a local community college or technical school? If you have answered yes to

## No Matter Where I Roam... California Is My Home

BY CAROL MARKEL,  
GRACE PARLOR NO. 242

Poppies and sunshine, Garibaldi, Gray Whale, and Quail  
Gold, Grizzly and Sequoia, from this great State I hail.

Ocean and mountain, desert and sea,  
Sunshine and vistas, farmland and city.  
From Eureka to San Diego,  
The Sierras to the beaches...  
Every last one,  
San Francisco to Los Angeles,  
Lighthouses, bridges, places of worship,  
skyscrapers,  
And the parks that are so fun.  
Rich history, pro sports teams, the  
Missions, Napa Valley and Hollywood  
Silicon Valley, State Universities, Casinos,  
PCH...all these things and places are  
good...  
But by far the thing that I love  
and cherish the most  
Are the people, the Sons and Daughters  
of this Beautiful West Coast!!!

any of these questions then you may qualify for a Native Daughters of the Golden West scholarship. Applications have been sent to your local Native Daughter Parlor. To receive a scholarship you must have a GPA of 3.0 or better, and attend a community college, college or university in California. For questions please contact Susan Tinkley, State Chairman of Education and Scholarships at [satinkley@yahoo.com](mailto:satinkley@yahoo.com) or (323) 726-7497. Apply — you never know, you may be chosen.

## NDGW's C.F.I.C. Drawing a Great Success!

The Native Daughters of the Golden West's Charitable Foundation, Inc. would like to thank all of the generous Native Daughters and Native Sons who so kindly supported our recent *CASH for Christmas* drawing! Thanks to you, the CFIC's Undesignated Fund raised \$2,625! These funds allow the Committee to send thank you notes and acknowledgements to donors and recipients, print brochures, and to print the annual donor booklet.  
This year's BIG winners were: NDGW Grand Trustee Darleen Carpenter — \$500; Durell Ewing from Veritas Parlor — Parlor — \$100. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you again to all of the donors! We greatly appreciate your continued support of the CFIC!

## La Junta Parlor No. 203 Celebrates 100 years

BY PAM PAGENDARM

On August 10, 2013 La Junta Parlor No. 203 celebrated its 100th Birthday. It was a great afternoon of visiting with old friends and making new ones. Our luncheon was catered by Monticello Deli in Napa, California and had an assortment of very delicious foods. Wine and punch were served through the entire afternoon. La Junta chose to make this Birthday party both a celebration of 100 years and a fund raiser for Pathway Home at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California. Business owners and individuals donated a great assortment of gifts to use as raffle prizes. Topping the list of raffle prizes was a quilt showing the history of La Junta Parlor. This quilt was hand made by our own Carolyn Cardoza. The lucky winner of the quilt was Dolores Pina. A large basket was done by La Junta Parlor and also raffled off. The wines that were donated were top quality wines from some of the most well known wineries in the Napa Valley. Those who won gifts were truly excited and very pleased. We are happy to announce that a rather large sum of money was raised and given to the Pathway Home.



La Junta Parlor No. 203 celebrated its 100th Birthday on August 10, 2013 with a luncheon and fund raiser for the Pathway Home at the Veterans Home in Yountville.

La Junta would like to thank those that worked so hard to make this celebration a success. We also would like to thank all our sisters from other Parlors who made the trip to St. Helena to take part in our festivities and all those that sent their good wishes. We had almost 100 people who traveled from all over the state in attendance. We are extremely proud that many of our Grand Officers were able to attend.

Thank you to all!  
La Junta Parlor No. 203

## 300 Gift Bags for Our Veterans

BY ANN HESTAND, SANTA CRUZ PARLOR NO. 26

Barbara Miller did it again! Eleven of Santa Cruz Parlor Sisters gathered in her garage on December 11th to make a jolly assembly line of bag stuffers. All of the wonderful items our Members collected during the year were parceled out into colorful and festive gift bags. Organization was the order of the day! Much was accomplished. The fun was a bonus. The participants were: Barbara Miller, Annita Silbert, Audrey Strayer, Diane Milczarek, Nancy O'Berg, Jeanne Leutza, Ann Hestand, Denise McMillan, Connie Burnett, Jeanne Thompson and Pam Howell.  
Several of our Sisters deserve special mention for their outstanding contributions to the success of this project: Bonnie Breda and Marlene Waite for their generous donations, Ann Perkins, Nancy O'Berg, Jeanne Thompson, Denise McMillan, and Barbara Miller for the pre-sort job of counting and preparing for the stuffing day. Mary Vickers made lovely handmade quilts and Virginia Kirby stamped all of the cards that went into the bags. Debbie Mandella swooped in at the end to gather all the bags and deliver them to the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto and to local veterans organizations.  
Our reward for following directions and getting the job done was a delicious lunch of soups and salads around Barbara's table inside. Amazing cookies rounded out the meal. We were having such a good time there that Barbara probably thought we would never leave!



Santa Cruz Parlor Members gathered on December 11th to pack 300 gift bags for veterans.



Carolyn Cardoza, left, made the quilt showing the history of La Junta Parlor. The quilt was won by Dolores Pina (right) at the Parlor's 100th Birthday celebration and fund raiser for the Pathway Home at the Veterans Home in Yountville.

## Joaquin Parlor No. 5

## Calistoga Parlor No. 145

BY KATHY MCCLOSKEY

On Monday, November 11th, three Native Daughters of the Golden West from Calistoga Parlor No. 145 paid a visit to their "Adopted Woman Vet," June Shiner. Sisters from the Parlor regularly visit to share conversation with June. She loves our visits and is so appreciative of the goodies we bring her. This past Veterans Day we brought her a handmade quilt that depicted many butterflies — June's favorite. Carolyn Cardoza lovingly put the project all together and the Parlor happily paid for all the materials. It was well worth it just to see the smile on June's face and the light in her eyes.



Calistoga Parlor No. 145 presented June Shiner, their "Adopted Woman Vet" with a quilt on Veterans Day. June Shiner (seated) is shown with her new quilt. Standing (left to right) are Carolyn Cardoza, Wendy Johnson, and Kathy McCloskey



Alma Huff, Past President of Joaquin Parlor No. 5 and current 3rd Vice President, is pictured in her usual pose at events. She was given the Grand President's Shining Star Certificate Award by the Parlor in recognition for all of her time and beautiful photos she has taken over the years at Parlor activities. She is a valued member of Joaquin Parlor and is very deserving of the award.



Linda Spaulding Christmas: Joaquin Parlor No. 5 celebrated Christmas at their December 10th meeting in grand form. Financial Secretary Linda Spaulding and other Members enjoy the wonderful selection of foods that Members brought for the pot luck dinner.

# El Tejon Parlor No. 239’s Thanksgiving Display at Beale Library

By Darleen Carpenter, GT

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, had their annual display at the Beale Main Library. Our Member, Kathy Puryear arranged the display for the month of November. The display honored Thanksgiving and informed the community of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and our community activities. Thousands passed by our display throughout the month of November.



We provided information on Admission Day and displayed the Proclamations that were presented to the Parlor. We also displayed the NDGW brochures, our First Place Ribbon for our booth at the Kern County Fair, and the American and Bear flags. The display featured many Thanksgiving items and lots of poppies. Many thanks to Kathy for her beautiful display.



# Morada Parlor No. 199 on the MOVE...

By Carolyn Flowers

Morada Parlor No. 199 of Modesto, California has been busy! We recently celebrated our annual Christmas Dinner with 70 Members and family in attendance. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner, festive decorations, great company, and all the trimmings! This year Members voted to bring new socks for local Veterans instead of a Christmas gift exchange. The response was approximately 565 pairs of socks! When Chairman Carolyn Flowers delivered the car load of socks to the Veterans office, they were ecstatic. They mentioned they had never had a sock donation of this magnitude before, and they were quite pleased with all our efforts! Along with the socks, we also held a canned food drive from October to December helping the Veterans make up 50 Thanksgiving and 100 Christmas baskets for those in need of Holiday assistance! Our Parlor has many more events planned throughout the year for our local Veterans - stay tuned.

Wags and Whiskers Open House Event in November 2013

## Tea for Three...What fun we had...

Morada Parlor No. 199 of Modesto is always willing to support our local Parlors, and here enjoying Joaquin Parlor’s November Tea Fundraiser in November 2013 are (left to right) Karen Stiles, Morada’s Golden Poppy Editor; Candis Hull, Morada’s Third Vice President; and Carolyn Flowers, Morada’s Veterans Welfare Chairman, having a great time. The day was filled with laughter, visiting, and the food was scrumptious! Thank you for a wonderful day.



## Morada’s Shining Stars...

Congratulations to Karen Stiles (right), Morada Parlor No. 199 Editor of the Golden Poppy, pictured here with our very own Bonnie Tabor, GM, (center) and Joann Mac Donald, Pioneer Roster State Chairman, receiving their Shining Star Certificates from GM Bonnie for their outstanding work, time and effort they give to the Native Daughters of the Golden West and our Parlor!

Karen stays busy keeping us all up to date on events and news in our monthly Newsletter, not only for our Parlor, but for all the Parlors, and Joann stays very active with the Pioneer Roster, making monthly trips to the Home in San Francisco, and also is a wonderful baker, who enters our Parlor in every event in the area she possibly can!

Thank you Karen & Joann, we couldn’t do it without Members like you! *Keep on Shining*



## Helping Furry Friends

Let’s admit it! Our little furry friends are precious, and mean so much to us. In October 2013 our Member Patsy Oliver presented an idea to our Parlor asking if we would be interested in donating to the local, and new, dog and cat rescue shelter called Wags and Whiskers... Well needless to say, our Parlor was delighted to be involved, and Patsy Oliver asked Carolyn Flowers to help her proceed with the donation process.



We were happy to donate a \$100.00 gift card to Home Depot for items the shelter was in need of while they were remodeling the old, unoccupied, county pound facility. Plus our Members stepped up to the plate with Bonnie Tabor, GM, donating a LARGE dog kennel, and Carolyn Flowers’ husband Mike getting a donation of a pallet of dog and cat food. Other items included new toys, paper towels, baby pet blankets (both sewn and knitted), and several other items listed on the shelter’s wish list.

Here is a picture of our Member Patsy Oliver (on the left) while attending the



# Update on the Mission Restoration Committee

By Donna Fletcher, State Chairman, Darina Parlor No. 114

The Mission Restoration Committee has been very busy contacting all the Missions to determine their needs. Each committee member has been assigned a Mission and is working closely with them to determine their highest priorities. As we have a limited budget and so many worthy requests, we will need to spread our resources over these requests.

A few requests received to date are:

Mission San Luis Rey de Francia requests help restoring a wooden Statue of Christ dedicated in 1933. The statue has major insect damage and will cost close to \$7500.00 to repair. We will be able to donate a portion of their request.

Mission San Diego de Acala has a request for a \$2000.00 donation to photo reproduce on canvas and suitably frame a picture of Our Lady of Light for display at the Mission. This former Mission Painting is now owned by the San Diego Historical Society.

Soledad Mission has a request for interpretative signs in front of parts of the Mission to show what the space represents. Each sign will cost about \$700.00.

Mission San Miguel has a request for funds to complete their restoration project.

In October, I had the honor of visiting Mission San Gabriel Archangel, which was founded in 1771. She is considered the “Pride of the Missions” and is the 4<sup>th</sup> Mission established. The mission and grounds have been beautifully restored with many interesting features. I was able to ring the Mission Bell, which was quite a treat.

In December 2011, a 70 foot tall tree fell in a wind storm and damaged a large crucifix and statue of Saint John in the Mission Courtyard. The Native Daughters were instrumental in the repair and restoration of the Cross and Statue. The Crucifix and Statue were rededicated on Good Friday in 2012, which was 77 years after the original dedication. There is a plaque recognizing the Native Daughters of the Golden West for our donation.

All our Sisters have been very generous in making donations to the Mission Restoration Committee. Special thanks to 2013 GPAM Committee, Eschol Parlor No. 16, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179, and Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 for their annual fundraisers and donations.

# NDGW Lighthouse Tour Brightens Three Lights on the Bay

By Betti Clark, Sutter Parlor No. 111

If you did not experience the Three Days on the Bay Lighthouse Tour, you missed a really nice experience. We travelled here and there, to and fro, all without leaving the San Francisco area. Plus the weather was perfect, just enough sun and wind to let you know you were on our rugged north coast.

We gathered on a Friday at the NDGW Home and were assigned to our steeds of steel and admirable drivers. I was assigned to the car with the Grand President, Junior Past Grand President, a Past Grand President, and one other lucky Sister. What were they thinking? Now, I had to be on my best behavior and what if they ask me a question – yikes! The nice thing, of course, our driver Jr. PGP Linda Galassi is a native San Franciscan and I felt safe as a passenger. Well, all of you who don’t drive in SF or LA know what I am talking about.

Our first stop was Fort Point, one of my most favorite spots in San Francisco. We met up with about ten more Sisters who were joining us for this part of the tour. We went in and checked out one of the videos behind the gift shop before meeting with our lovely tour docent, Laura. Laura gave us a great personal tour of Fort Point with many interesting facts that I have never read about in the publications about it or its lighthouse. The Lighthouse Preservation Committee Chairman Adair Paul and Grand President Sharon Logan gave a monetary gift to Laura for Fort Point.

At the top of Fort Point, you can see two other lighthouses, Lime Point Lighthouse and Mile Rock Lighthouse (or what is left of it). Just be careful getting down, it is tricky and as one of our Sisters found out, damaging to your face and body.

After Fort Point, we went our separate ways for lunch. Our group chose to eat at Pier 39 at my favorite restaurant, The Pier Restaurant. I have been eating there for 30 years and the food and service are always very good.

Being well nourished, we travelled to meet the rest of the group at the Maritime Mu-

seum at Aquatic Park Boathouse. The truth is, we ran late and they left to maintain their schedule. But we did cruise the museum and then check out the old ships along the Pier. We had a very nice stroll through history and enjoyed the well preserved ships and vehicles along the way.

The rest of the group either went to check out Mile Rock Light or the optional Alcatraz Island Tour. Reports from those who went to Alcatraz was that it was great! But, you know, I was in the rebel car and we decided to check out Ghirardelli Square. I had never



Adair Paul (center), Lighthouse Preservation Committee Chairman, is joined by tour members as she presented a donation to docent Sarah Loenen (center right) for Point Bonita Lighthouse.

been there, so they helped me experience it in a grand way. I mean, really, who could complain about a chocolate sundae for dinner?

Saturday took us inland to that very large inlet in the East Bay. The tour took us to the Oakland Harbor Light which is now Quinn’s Lighthouse Restaurant and Pub. Our arrival was prior to the opening, so we enjoyed the beauty of the light from the outside.

The next lighthouse has moved the most miles of any lighthouse on the West Coast. The WLV605 Lightship RELIEF was built on the East Coast, travelled around the horn and settled in Mendocino at Blunt’s Reef. After a spell, WLV605 served as a “relief” when other lightships needed to go in for repair or renovation along the West Coast shores. Can you figure out how it got its final name? The tour docents were great as they know this ship inside and out. Our docent was on the crew that brought her from south San Francisco to Oakland. They traveled about 10 miles an hour and on a song and a prayer along the way. Volunteers are still in the process of continued restoration. These

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

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

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

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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.”*

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

Submitted by:PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Facebook Manager [www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor](http://www.facebook.com/NDGWGrandParlor)



## Itinerary of Grand President Sharon Logan 2014

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Official Visit — Aleli Parlor No. 102, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Junipero Parlor No. 141 & San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179 — Salinas
- 2 Home Luncheon — Donner Parlor No. 193 — Byron
- 3 Official Visit — Angelita Parlor No. 32 — Livermore
- 8 Official Visit — Hayward Parlor No. 122 — Hayward
- 8 Mission Restoration Luncheon — Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 — Ventura
- 8 Home Committee Meeting & Walk-through — 9:00 AM
- 9 Home Luncheon — District No. 6 — Chico
- 10 Official Visit — Encinal Parlor No. 156 — Alameda
- 12 Official Visit — El Vespero Parlor No. 118 — San Francisco
- 13 Official Visit — Cotati Parlor No. 299, Marinita Parlor No. 198, Sonoma Parlor No. 209 & Petaluma Parlor No. 222 — Cotati
- 15 Official Visit — Woodland Parlor No. 90 & Westwind Parlor No. 328 — Woodland
- 22 Childrens Foundation Luncheon — District No. 14 — Jackson
- 23 Institution of Zinfandel Parlor No. 337 – 1:00 PM — Lodi

### MARCH

- 1 District Luncheon — District 17 — Alameda County
- 1,2 History Expo, Old Mint Building — San Francisco
- 4 Official Visit — Fresno Parlor No. 187 & Charter Oak Parlor No. 292 — Fresno
- 8 Home Committee Meeting & Walk-through — 9:00 AM
- 8 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting — 1:00 PM
- 8 Official Visit — San Diego Parlor No. 208 — San Diego
- 9 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon — District 28
- 11 Official Visit — Poinsettia Parlor No. 318, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 & Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 — Ventura

- 15 125th Anniversary and Official Visit — Chispa Parlor No. 40 with Ursula Parlor No. 1 & Forrest Parlor No. 86 — Ione
- 18 Official Visit — Darina Parlor No. 114 — San Francisco
- 21 Personnel Committee Meeting — 3:00
- 21, 22, 23 Board of Directors Meeting
- 24 Official Visit — San Bruno Parlor No. 246 — San Bruno
- 29 Official Visit — El Pinal Parlor No. 163, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Luisita Parlor No. 108 & El Paso de Robles Parlor No. 335 — Cambria

### APRIL 2014

- 2 Official Visit — Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168 & Berryessa Parlor No. 192 — Oroville
- 5 Official Visit — Lugonia Parlor No. 241, Grace Parlor No. 242, Jurupa Parlor No. 296 & Tahquitz Parlor No. 333 — Fullerton
- 6 Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast — Native Daughters & Native Sons — TBA
- 9 Official Visit — Morada Parlor No. 199 — Modesto
- 11 Investment Committee Meeting - 9:00 AM
- 11 Finance Committee Meeting - 1:00 PM
- 12 Home Committee Meeting & Walk-through — 9:00 AM
- 12 CFIC Committee Meeting - 1:00 PM
- 11,12,13 Past Presidents Assembly — Sacramento
- 14 Official Visit — El Tejon Parlor No. 239 — Bakersfield
- 15 Official Visit — Mariposa Parlor No. 63 & Veritas Parlor No. 75 — Mariposa
- 17 Official Visit — Lomitas Parlor No. 255 — Los Banos
- 25,26,27 Board of Directors — Past Grand President’s Joint Meeting — NDGW Home — San Francisco
- 27 Fremont Peaks Day — San Juan Bautista

## Lighthouses

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With all that sea air, we were ready for lunch and gathered at the Black Bear Restaurant in Emeryville. It was fun to have such a large group sharing lunch at the same time. Many stories were shared and made here.

Our last stop of the day was in Vallejo at

the Carquinez Strait Lighthouse. This is a beautiful building that currently houses a real estate office. The bay and the marina were such a nice view. (Did I tell you that I love marinas? And bays? And the ocean? Just saying.)

Our last day on the tour took us across the bay to the Marin side. Today I am driving with my new friend, Billie McArthur. I don’t have my GPS with me today. Yikes! Using the GPS of another person, we were on track until almost the very end. It is not my fault that the GPS took us to the beach where those

young men were surfing. *Really.* But, alas, we tore ourselves away and found the rest of the group at Point Bonita. We were only a little late.

Now, what you want to know that if you arrange the tour with the docents, your group gets to go in early and only your group. Others had to stay back and then we were locked in. Yup, great big iron door gate at the beginning of the tunnel. It was not half as bad as you think as far as walking goes. But once you get out of the hand-dug tunnel, the wind announces itself. Now you are truly out on the point – and we are not even across the bridge yet! A great big iron door gate at the beginning of the tunnel was locked after we entered. It was not half as bad as walking goes. But once you get out of the hand-dug tunnel, the wind announces itself. Now you are truly out on the point — and we are not



Grand President Sharon Logan (right) and Lighthouse Preservation Committee Chairman Adair Paul (left) present RELIEF docents with a donation.

even across the bridge yet!

At this stop, Adair Paul also gave a donation from the Lighthouse Committee.

I would like to say that Adair Paul and Christine Tripod, PGP, put together a great adventure. Over thirty people participated. Finally, I would like to sign off with “Oh, Captain. My Captain.” You know who you are.

### A Note from the State Chairman of the Official Publication.

The Sisters shown in the picture on page 7 in the article *Mighty, Mighty, Look Who’s Ninety*, were inadvertently mis-identified. The Members of San Jose Parlor No. 81 celebrating their 90th birthdays are (left) Barbara Puckett, whose 90th birthday was June 10th, and (right) Milli Levratto, who celebrated her 90th birthday on August 30th.

My apologies to Barbara and Milli and to the Sisters of San Jose Parlor No. 81 in San Jose.



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