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REPORT OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT
Nina Coffenberry, GP, Ursula No. 1
Grand President

It's been an incredible journey that I have achieved. The road before me was everything I expected and more. I am so grateful to everyone that had faith in me and encouraged me to keep moving forward. To my sisters in Ursula Parlor No. 1 thank you for your support it meant so much to me. To my team of GPAM committee members who worked so hard for me – co-chairs Alba Arosio, Marilyn Bustillos PGP and Chris Tripod PGP, Sheryl Harmston, Recording Secretary for the committee and to all my other sisters who gave so much of their time and support to make this year happen. And I cannot forget all the Parlors that provided man hours of support you are the best.

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors were installed at Rohnert Park on June 30, 2022. Installing the Board of Directors was Supreme Past Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler. The following officers were installed; Nina Coffenberry Grand President, Susan Collins Jr Past Grand President, Rae Rosas Grand Vice President, Darleen Carpenter Grand Marshal, Shelley Buchberger Grand Secretary, Francine Bremer Grand Trustee, Barbara Bruce Grand Trustee and Renee Rianda Grand Trustee.

The Board of Directors continued meeting during this term in person or a hybrid for all to attend. Constant communications between the Board and various committees was an important aspect of this year's term.

The Board of Directors continue to explore the sale of the Palomares Property. We have been in contact with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and have had two meetings with them. We are waiting to hear back from them.

I was so excited to be able to attend the Santa Barbara Fiesta this year. A truly wonderful event after a hiatus of 3 years due to Covid the celebration was an overwhelming success for the community. I was happy to be part of it.

One of the best part of being Grand President was the ability to visit with my Parlor sisters throughout the State. Some Parlors even offered zoom meetings so their members could attend while the rest of us attended in person. Our Parlors show resilience in their determination to project Native Daughters as a viable community organization in which one would be proud to belong. I am so proud of you, for without you there would be no Native Daughters.

Unfortunately we also lost some of our Parlors this year. Three Parlors closed their doors this year we have lost Argonaut Parlor No. , Marinita Parlor No. , and Hayward Parlor No. 122.

As Grand President an honor one has is being able to celebrate your year with a Silver Anniversary Grand President. It would have been my honor and pleasure to have had Nancy Brown PGP as my 25 year Silver Lady. One Past Grand President that was a true influence on me was Rae Rominger. Rae Rominger would have been my 50 year Golden Anniversary Grand President.

My thanks to the Grand Officers for working together during the challenges of this term. Your support and constant encouragement was so appreciated during these trying times.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Rae Rosas, GVP, Tierra de Oro No. 304
Chief Financial Officer

CFIC – The Committee held quarterly meetings via zoom, which saves on meeting expenses, and is working well under the new structure and will continue to do so. Each Committee under CFIC are once again fundraising for their current projects. Each Committee should spend what they raise this term. “Cash for Christmas” was held this term and was a success, which yielded \$705 for each Committee.

NDGW Home – The Home is still having issues with plumbing maintenance. A shower pan had to be replaced in one of the rooms. The repairs from last term’s water damage continued this term and will be completed soon. The Committee needs to be pro-active in a creating a maintenance list and prioritize the items. The Home Endowment is running out and the Committee needs to come up with new ways to raise money to cover “preventative maintenance” items and the day-to-day expenses. If that means raising the home assessment or room rates or looking for a grant.

NDGW Childrens Foundation – The Committee met every two months via zoom. The Committee this term worked on legislation and their working policies. Committee received several requests to assist with van lifts including the purchase of the vehicle. The Committee helped with hearing aids orthodontia and contact lenses implants. Unfortunately, Childrens Foundation has been reg-flagged by IRS for failing their support test for the last three years, which could leave it in jeopardy of losing their 501 (C)(3) charitable status.

Investment – Our Financial Advisor is still working hard to make sure our investments are still growing in this rollercoaster of a market. The beginning value on July 27, 2022 was \$5,536,419 and as of April 30, 2023 the value was \$5,489,830. Committees have taken their interests/dividends or principal to cover projects or expenses for this term.

Subordinate Parlors – The Grand Trustees audited all semi-annual audits that were submitted to the Grand Parlor Office. They have been in contact with Parlors who have not paid assessments. There are several Parlors that still have not sent in their assessment payments. The Grand Trustees will continue to make contact with these Parlors next Term to receive payment. Parlors are meeting again either in person, via zoom, and/or hybrid.

Grand Parlor – The Office has gone through some changes in the last few months. Our bookkeeper resigned to take another job closer to home. After weeks of interviews the Personnel Committee hired a new bookkeeper who works part time and remotely. PGP Sherry is assisting with some of the duties. The Support Assistant is very versed but only works part time. In order not to continue to take principal to cover shortages the Office would need to be covered by

Volunteers or per capita tax needs to be raised. If Grand Parlor continues to take principal from Investments yearly to cover revenue shortages in approximate amounts of up to \$100,000. **Grand Parlor's investment will be exhausted in approximately 12 years or less.**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES
Fran Bremer, sGT, Eschol No. 16
Senior Grand Trustee

This term, the Board of Grand Trustees were Barbara Bruce, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, Renee Rianda of Parlors Woodland No. 90 and Aleli No. 102 and Heidi Dillon of Parlors Joaquin No. 5 and Oakdale No. 125. It was the consensus of these ladies that I take the position of Senior Grand Trustee.

With approval from the Grand President and the Board of Directors, we completed legislation which was first drafted by the 2019-2020 Board of Grand Trustees, however, not completed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The legislation was written to define, clarify or add to the specific duties of the five members of the Board of Grand Trustees, and in several instances, some duties of the Grand Vice President as Chief Financial Officer, as written in the constitution, bylaws and standing rules of our Order. These duties relate to our four entities, namely, the Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW) Grand Parlor, NDGW Home, NDGW Childrens Foundation and NDGW Charitable Foundation. We also wrote new Working Policies because we could not locate or identify those said policies which were written a decade ago.

The Board of Grand Trustees worked diligently to perform quarterly audits of the bookkeeping office for periods ending June 30, 2022, September 30, 2022, December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023. We compared income and expense to the approved budgets for each entity and we reviewed the financial books, government submissions or returns, museum status, investment statements, payroll, trust revenues, insurance recordkeeping, taxes and raffle permits for our four entities. We examined incoming Parlor Semi-Annual Reports and contacted those Parlors that were in arrears with assessments or needed a lesson in how to fill out the three-page form. Working with the Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant, Eve, we reported the current membership numbers to the Board of Directors

When we found posting errors, we worked with the bookkeeper for corrections; we discovered NDGW Charitable Foundation (CFIC) accounts to be replete with errors that the bookkeeper found too complicated to untangle. We discussed these errors with the CFIC Committee, suggesting that a professional audit might be needed. Periodically, we asked the bookkeeper to send quarterly financial reports to all state committees. Some reports were sent, some not. The bookkeeper resigned in mid-March 2023 and the Personnel Committee has chosen a new bookkeeper who will perform remote bookkeeping, working as needed in the Grand Parlor Office.

We are grateful to the Delegates of Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2022 who elected us and to Grand President, Nina Coffenberry and the Board of Directors for their guidance and support.

REPORT OF THE GRAND PARLOR OFFICE
Eve Brockmann, NDGW Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant

Parlor Changes

- There were no new Parlors instituted during the 2022-2023 term.
- Marinita Parlor No. 198 consolidated with Cotati Parlor No. 299 on October 10, 2022.
- Argonaut Parlor No. 166 closed on February 18, 2023.
- Hayward Parlor No. 122 closed on December 7, 2022.
- Naomi Parlor No. 36 closed on May 18, 2023.

Membership Changes, 2022-2023 Term, effective May 16, 2022 through May 15, 2023

[143] Initiations; [16] Reinstatements
[159] Resignations; [59] Suspensions
[74] Deceased Sisters

Dual Memberships, Life Memberships and Transfers were not tracked.

The estimated number of Members in the Native Daughters of the Golden West as of May 19, 2023 stands at **3,288**.

IN MEMORIAM

Joaquin No. 5: Joan Ramage, Alma Huff

Laurel No. 6: Margaret Brown

Bonita No. 10: Pat Riley, Gloria Giannini, Eleanor Hjelmstad

Marguerite No. 12: Donna Sievert

Eshcol No. 16: Barbara Maxfield, Betty Ballentine, Noreen Hanna, Carol Riordan, Elizabeth Hammond, Virginia Dooley, Frances Stapleton

Santa Cruz No. 26: Jeanne Leutza, Harriet Wrye

Angelita No. 32: Patricia McDonald

Ruby No. 46: Carolyn Martell

Veritas No. 75: Mary Kay Jay, Roberta Saling, Esther Smith

San Jose No. 81: Margaret Walton

Golden Era No. 99: Paula McAbee, Denise Longeway

Vendome No. 100: Judith Rice, Consuelo Cota
San Luisita No. 108: Nadine Lewis, Marilynn Brandmeyer
Sutter No. 111: Carol Dunn, PGP Harriet Brown
Eschscholtzia No. 112: Thelma Mills
Oakdale No. 125: PGP Marilyn Rickett, Yvonne Brown
Placer No. 138: Roberta Babcock
Hiawatha No. 140: Marilyn Loucks, Colleen Copeland
Nataqua No. 152: Mary Conway, Eva Cramer, Marka Hemphill
El Pinal No. 163: Merry Ellis
San Juan Bautista No. 179: Lanetta Bishop, Elizabeth Holt, Allene Violini, Elma Burke
Fresno No. 187: Barbara Roe
Donner No. 193: Shirlene Berry, Alice Bunn
Marinita No. 198: Marcelene Alexander
Morada No. 199: Irma Peichoto, Katherine Spearman, Evelyn Schoonover, Candis Hull, Andrea Raven, Carolyn Flowers
Sonoma No. 209: Diane Lage, Marie Martini, Charlene Maydole
Fort Bragg No. 210: Lonnie Mitchell, Ruth Sparks, Mary Manley, Georgia Richardson
Liberty No. 213: Louise Dowdell, Esther Martin
Petaluma No. 222: Annie Allena
South Butte No. 226: Elizabeth Clements
Lomitas No. 255: Laree Rogers
Toluca No. 279: Rose McLennan, Bernice Wynn, Kandy Deprosse
Charter Oak No. 292: Lynn Beckers
Jurupa No. 296: Helen Hoffman, Mary Miller
Cotati No. 299: Jean Hoffman
Tierra de Oro No. 304: Maxine Bonner, Linda Gregory, Norma Place
Gilroy No. 312: Terri Aulman
Arcata No. 325: Claudia Goodman
Rancho La Puente No. 331: Frances Rhodes
Tahquitz No. 333: Lula Vadjnal

REPORT OF AMERICANISM & CIVIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
Linda Srulevitch, Rancho La Puente No. 331
State Chair

As State Chairman of the Americanism and Civic Participation Committee, it was my pleasure serving our Order this past year. The following reports will surely provide Subordinate Parlors throughout our state many ideas to initiate or continue to carry out activities that promote the ideals of Americanism and Civic Participation. This year a photo contest was presented to challenge members to find a community spot where both the US Flag and the California Flag were flying, and many learned that communities can benefit from adding the California State flag to their businesses, buildings, parks, and other civic gathering spaces. Perhaps parlors can make this a project- providing the Bear flag to local communities.

Bonita Parlor 10 has members that serve as docents at the Historical 1863 Victorian Home on the National Registry with several members serving on the Board of Directors. Our Parlor is a member of the Historical Union Cemetery in Redwood City on the National Registry with two members serving on the Board. On Memorial Day the members of the Parlor provide flowers for the children to place on the soldiers' graves. Members wear our yellow ND jackets representing our Order to the public. A Native Daughter sign is displayed on the Welcoming Post as you enter Redwood City.

Forrest Parlor 86 members, in December, put together goodie trays for the hard-working employees of Amador County's five assisted living facilities. The trays were loaded with cookies, candies, and fruit. We also delivered a goodie tray to the employees of City Hall.

Reichling Parlor 97 had one member of their parlor march in the Rodeo Parade in Fortuna. She, along with several Native Sons, helped carry a large United States flag along the parade route. In April two members of Reichling and one member of **Arcata Parlor 325** helped the Native Sons carry their banner in the Rhododendron Parade in Eureka.

Lugonia Parlor 241 is composed of a small contingency of very active members who provide many services to churches, communities, and the cities of San Bernardino, Highland, and Rialto. Some of the activities include youth counseling and helping adults, who are unable to drive, to reach their appointments and go shopping, as well as buying and sharing meals with them. Members watch children, pets, and house sit. They attend and participate in parades such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Christmas, and Veterans. In some cases, they walk the parade holding the American Flag or sit with Veterans and greet participants, and of course wear their ND shirts. Other activities include collecting pull tabs and recycling items to donate to the Ronald McDonald house located in Loma Linda and gathering clothing to donate to the needy. One member volunteers at the Historical Society, San Bernardino's Santa Fe's Railway Museum, and Retired Teachers Association. Many members have donated hours in service to the community as well as collected donations. Beneficiaries of their hard work include teachers, students, libraries, Sunday School students, infants of teen moms, unhoused people, and the needy. They have donated books and puzzles about California's Missions and State symbols to elementary schools in Rialto.

Grace Parlor 242 members are participating in the Flag-a-Flying photo contest this year as well as clipping grocery coupons and mailing them to the Support Our Troops® Troopons® program which is a program which enhances the well-being of overseas and domestic military families. Coupons sent include food, non-food, baby, and pet manufacturer coupons to make their hard-earned dollars go farther.

Jurupa Parlor 296 members are working with the American Legion, the Old Spanish Trails Foundation and the Riverside Woman's Club to help restore the historic Trujillo Adobe site in the former village area of La Placita. Our members work at the Tamale Festival each year to help raise funds for the Trujillo Adobe. We were honored to remark the plaque at the Mission Inn on the Agua Manza Bell that had been sold to the Mission Inn in years past. The bell was responsible for ringing and saving the early settlers along the Santa Ana River during flooding in the 1860's. We are also moving forward to mark the historic Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside

where many of Riverside's former leaders are buried. Members volunteer a number of hours in the community such as at the Senior Center and the DeAnza District of California Women's Clubs as Board members. Members save and donate pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. A large number of toys were donated to "Spark of Love" during the holiday season and delivered to the Fire Department in Riverside. Our members are especially involved with Veterans and active military. We collected goody bags and delivered them to the local VA Hospital as well as handing them out outside for Veteran's day.

Tierra de Oro 304 members participated in the Los Ninos de la Flores Garden Party in Santa Barbara. It was held at the historic Santa Barbara Carriage Museum this year. Los Ninos de las Flores are children, 6 to 18 years-old, who come together to help spread Fiesta cheer to local nursing home communities, visitors, first responders, and also greet people at various activities during the 4-day event. Members of the Parlor have been involved with this group since its inception and provide cookies, punch and water throughout the day.

Rancho La Puente 331 members regularly provide food and supplies to the S. El Monte Veteran's Village where approximately 40 formerly homeless veterans are housed. Members have provided lunches, dinners, and social interaction for these men (and sometimes a couple of women). At a card making activity we made Birthday cards for the Vets and took turns mailing them with a personalized message. We provide prizes for games and raffles. We collect gently used items, such as blankets, slacks, and other clothing when the need arises. This year we bought kitchen, bath, and bedroom supplies for 3 incoming Vets as the apartments are usually empty. We also collect food and toys to help the needy in our area during the holidays.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRIEVANCE
Dawn Dunlap, PGP, El Pinal No. 163
State Chair

The Board of Grievance, hereinafter "the Board", was selected at a meeting of the College of Past Grand Presidents in Madera on October 22, 2023.

Those selected for the two-year term were PGP Marie M. Otto, Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton, PGP Beth Perrin, Toluca Parlor No. 279, Burbank, PGP Margaret Mallette, Gold Of Ophir Parlor No.190, Oroville, PGP Jean E. Koehl Gilroy Parlor No. 312, Gilroy and Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico, and PGP Dawn Dunlap, El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria. The Board selected PGP Dawn as Chairman.

We held a Zoom meeting on February 7, 2023 wherein we elected PGP Marie to serve as Secretary.

During the meeting we discussed the following: the role of the Board within the Order, the current Procedures and Policies for the Board in the Books of the Order, methods for resolving conflicts at the District and Subordinate Parlor levels, the Four Policies adopted at GPAM 2021,

to wit, Conflict of Interest, Document Retention and Destruction, Harassment, and Whistleblower and their inclusion and impact on the grievance process.

No formal grievances were filed with the Board during this term.

A preliminary notice of a grievance was sent via email to Chairman PGP Dawn. However, it has not been formally filed with the Board to date.

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY COMMITTEE
Suzi Riley, PGP, Bonita No. 10
State Chair

As all dedicated Native Daughters know, sadly, *California Statehood Day* is no longer observed as a legal holiday in our glorious golden State. Therefore, it is so important that we do our best to preserve and acknowledge this important date in our State's illustrious history. Congratulations and thank you to the Sisters who celebrated California Admission Day in many unique ways in their local Parlors and in their communities!

Cotati Parlor No. 299 has celebrated Admission Day by having an information table at the Rohnert Park Public Library. They display flyers about the Native Daughters and provide coloring pages of California items for the children. A large California flag is always proudly displayed and many people stop and chat with our Cotati Members. We enjoy this annual tribute to California's Birthday.

Lugonia Parlor No. 241 celebrated California's 172nd by signing and sending *Happy Birthday California* cards to Governor Gavin Newsom, their Mayor and Representatives.. Lugonia Parlor always enjoys providing California quizzes provided by their deceased Sister, Frances Brooks. The quizzes are a fun way to show how much we know about California. They also created an Admission Day/Mission Booklet to share with fourth graders. They are also thrilled to report that some of the fourth graders attending Meyers Elementary School even learned to sing *I Love You, California!* What a fantastic celebration!

Grace Parlor No. 242 shared that ten Sisters celebrated Admission Day in on September 10th during their luncheon meeting held at Fratellino's Italian Restaurant in the city of Brea. Member Helen Leiva presented an educational talk on the Flags over California. Since PGP Sherry Farley and Member Brendamarie Curtis had been in San Francisco the day before their Parlor's Admission Day celebration, attending the Grand California Luncheon, she provided the same "Flags over California" trifold brochures to the Members of Grace Parlor to compliment the educational presentation. Additionally the Grace Parlor Sisters also made a \$31.00 contribution for Admission Day representing California being the 31st state admitted to the union. Thank you Grace Parlor!

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 was proud to celebrate Admission Day this year with a great event. On Thursday, September 15, 2022, their Parlor held a luncheon and program in honor of California's

172nd birthday at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant in Bakersfield. Approximately 28 were in attendance and every year a different topic of California history is presented at the Admission Day Luncheon. This year's speaker was Mr. Ken Hooper a history and archivist teacher at Bakersfield High School, the President of the Kern County Historical Society and historian of the Kern Veterans Memorial Foundation. His Power Point and talk were on the history of Kern County.

Each attendee at our event received a bar of homemade poppy soap wrapped in clear paper with poppies, handmade by our member, Brigitte Bonnet. The table decorations, of course, were our beautiful poppies with the California flags designed by our Chairman, Ethel White. The program was prepared by GM Darleen Carpenter, DGP, while President, Brigitte Bonnet opened the celebration with the Invocation offered by Kathy Ramos. After a delicious luncheon, El Tejon Sisters were presented with proclamations and resolutions from Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh, City Councilwoman Patty Gray, and the offices of Kevin McCarthy, Shannon Grove, Melissa Hurtado, Rudy Salas, and Vince Fong. The program concluded with the serving of our beautiful Birthday cake. Many thanks to the committee Ethel White, Chairman, Darleen Carpenter, and Brigitte Bonnet. It was a wonderful event and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

District 15 Annual Grand California Luncheon: More than 130 Native Sons and Daughters from all across our golden state gathered together to Celebrate Admission Day – California's 172nd Birthday at South San Francisco's Basque Cultural Center on Admission Day (September 9th)!. Everyone enjoyed a fine meal and eagerly took part in a silent auction and raffle of prizes of all types including a wonderful Western Raffle with items donated by PGP Dawn Dunlap and a lot of amazing SF Giants memorabilia signed by many players. Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents from both Orders attended making the event even more special. The event raised funds for the historical preservation of both Orders and we were elated to celebrate California Admission Day in San Francisco. Honorary Co-Hosts of the event, *NDGW Grand President Nina Coffenberry and NSGW Grand Second Vice President Steve McLean* ensured the entire afternoon was a wonderful success. Historic displays filled the Luncheon room with the **N.D.G.W. Home's Evelyn I. Carlson Historic Collection State Chairman Kathy Kelly-Breitler and her excellent Committee** presenting a wonderful exhibition of our N.D.G.W. Admission Day history.

Many said it was sad that California's Admission Day is no longer acknowledged. We were honored to be able to educate both young and old about Admission Day this year, as well as to be visible in the community as Native Daughters of the Golden West. It was **such a fun and successful event that we are looking forward to celebrating again next year for our glorious 173rd birthday. Everyone is invited to attend!**

Congratulations and thank you to the Sisters who celebrated California Admission Day in their local Parlors and in their communities! Thank you to also to all who donated and continue to support California Admission Day!

Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Bonita Parlor No. 10
Eshcol Parlor No. 16
Califia Parlor No. 22
Veritas Parlor No. 75
San Jose Parlor No. 81
Golden Era No. 99
Vendome Parlor No. 100
Sutter Parlor No. 111
Darina Parlor No. 114
El Vespero No. 118
Oakdale Parlor No. 125
Reina Del Mar No. 126
Nataqua Parlor No. 152
San Juan Bautista Parlor No. 179
Donner Parlor No. 193
Sonoma Parlor No. 209

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
Petaluma Parlor No. 222
El Tejon Parlor No. 239
Grace Parlor No. 242
San Bruno Parlor No. 246
Cotati Parlor No. 299
Tierra De Oro No. 304
Gilroy Parlor No. 312
Zinfandel Parlor No. 337
Rae Rosas G.V.P.
Renee Rianda, G.T.
Joan M. Hall, P.G.P.
Suzi Riley, P.G.P.
Bonnie M. Tabor, P.G.P.
Sherry A. Farley, P.G.P.
Dawn M. Dunlap, P.G.P.
Don Schafer, N.S.G.W.

In 2022 we celebrated the 172nd Anniversary of California's Statehood Day and we encourage all Native Daughters to participate. If you do not have a local event, please attend an Admission Day celebration in your area and support your local parlors who host events.

On behalf of the California Admission Day Committee, **Donna Fletcher, Darina Parlor No. 114, Sherry A. Farley, PGP, Grace Parlor No. 242** and **Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239** and I wish to thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for the opportunity to serve our Order and preserve to California's History for future generations.

**REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC
BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**
Jenni King, Woodland No. 90
State Chair

NDGW California History, Landmarks, & Historic Buildings Committee 2022-2023 Report

The Mission of our Committee shall collect and record historic data pertaining to our Order and State; assist Subordinate Parlors in marking historic buildings or sites; preserve the memory of the Pioneers; be alert to prevent destruction of buildings or sites having historical significance and to proposed changes in names of areas, towns, and streets having historical significance; shall encourage development of a California History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings Speakers Bureau in the districts; and utilize every possible means to preserve our heritage.

The Committee consisted of Jenni King, Chair, Marjorie McKisson, Chair of Monuments & Indexes, PGP Beth Perrin, Catherine Accardi, MaryAnne Azevedo, and GT Renee Rianda.

The Committee Reviewed, Attended, and/or is working on these items;

- 1 Alum Rock Log Cabin and Alba School house was lost in the CZU fire of 2020. The plaques were recovered by the local historical society. Plans are under way for reconstruction of both sites. San Jose Parlor 183 dedicated both plaques. The Alum Rock Log cabin was dedicated in 1983 and the Alba School House in 1970.
- 2 Palomares Adobe replacement Plaque. This adobe was the family home of Don Ygnacio and Concepcion Lopez de Palomares, a 13 room, one-story adobe structure built between 1850-1855, and was the family home for several decades before being utilized as an overnight stagecoach stop between Los Angeles and San Bernardino.
3. Portola Monument in Brea was not relocated. PGP Sherry Farley of Grace Parlor was involved in the Environmental Impact Report with the county Public Works Department.
4. The Eagle Tree, in Compton fell down and had to be removed. There was a NDGW plaque at the tree dedicated in 1952 by NDGW Compton parlor 258. The plaque was recovered by the Save the Eagle Tree committee and will be relocated/re-dedicated when a new tree is planted.
5. The Neel Bell, also dedicated by the NDGW Compton parlor 258, was recently “discovered”, tucked in the back of a parking lot at Neel’s Mortuary, by PGP Sherry Farley. Not much is known about the bell, but the committee will continue to research and monitor.
6. Committee plans to meet to review, organize, and file the data into the California Room Archives. Committee can purchase Plain white 2” Binders, with front page insert and spine insert, plastic matte sleeves, to finish out the 58 counties.
7. Chief Otto Madrid of the Serrano Indian tribe in Riverside contacted NDGW, seeking permission to improve the grounds of the Sherman Indian School, in Riverside CA. The committee was pleased to have some help in looking after the school grounds, and agreed that the tribe would be a welcome addition. There is a NDGW plaque, placed by Jurupa Parlor 296. Chief Madrid will keep the committee updated.
8. Requested from all Parlors information on NDGW Historic markers and if there are any new places that need to have a marker. Some parlors have responded to the request, by sending information and pictures of current markers, and ideas for new ones. This information is being organized and the master list of markers and plaques are being updated.
9. Plans to decorate a table at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, as part of the CFIC committee. The idea is to promote the local works of Parlors of history, landmarks, and buildings they have helped to preserve and maintain over the years in their area in hopes of reigniting an interest in local historical preservation.

Parlor reports received from 4.5% of the 64 parlors are summarized below.

Woodland No. 90, Woodland – The annual Woodland Stroll through History was re-instated after the pandemic. Parlor members have acted as docents for this annual event in the past. Woodland Parlor members have been helping Woodland NSGW with the startup of a new museum at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. Woodland Parlor has raised money and donated \$1000 to the new Sac Valley Railroad Museum in Woodland, the Winters Historical Society, the West Sacramento Historical Society and the Dixon Historical Society.

Reina Del Mar Parlor, No. 126, Santa Barbara - Old Spanish Days Fiesta days was once again held at the Santa Barbara Mission. The Patron Saint, Saint Barbara, is portrayed annually by a parlor member at various events at the Mission Santa Barbara and the County Courthouse.

Members of Reina Del Mar serve on various historical committees, events, and serve the local missions as docents. The Parlor houses and refurbishes historic yearbooks at the Presidio Research Center and is a member of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

Encinal Parlor, No. 156, Alameda- In the mid-1960s an Art Deco fountain was designed, built, and dedicated by the NDGW to Sallie Rutherford Thaler, a Grand Secretary of long standing. The fountain, located in Oakland's Lakeside Park, was given to the City of Oakland on the day it was dedicated. [https:// localwiki.org/oakland/Sallie_Rutherford_Thaler_Memorial_Fountain](https://localwiki.org/oakland/Sallie_Rutherford_Thaler_Memorial_Fountain) The fountain was working for many years, and then fell into disrepair and was eventually shut off. Encinal Parlor, with help from Hayward and Argonaut Parlors, worked for several years keeping the area around the fountain weed free, all the while trying to find a way to get the fountain working once again. No one involved in the work wanted the Thaler Fountain to be an eyesore. A member of Encinal Parlor was able to make a contact with the City and, after over a year of work, the fountain has been restored. New plumbing and electrical service were installed, the fountain itself has been cleaned and painted, and the area around the fountain has been kept trimmed. Encinal Parlor is proud of the work it accomplished in the past with our Sisters and Brothers from other Parlors and equally proud that the fountain is once again working. A rededication is planned for the fall.

Fort Bragg Parlor, No 204, Fort Bragg- Thanks to Fort Bragg Parlor Member Shelley Tregoning, we are on our way to uncovering the history of forgotten logging communities/towns that were just a few miles north of Fort Bragg. Dates in the 1870s, based on an early graveyard, and birth and death records, show the community of Kibesillah (K-eye- bah-sil-lah) and Newport. Thanks to Shelley's involvement in the Fort Bragg Historical Society the museum is looking to feature a display and possibly a tour this summer featuring these locations. Exploring the records in the Fort Bragg Historical Society archives is truly a learning experience and a bit of an adventure. I have only scratched the surface of what is possible, I have no doubt. There are many more knowledgeable current and past Parlor Members that are and have been very actively involved in the preservation of the local history. Betty Carr (73 years a NDGW Member) is currently a Docent and officer for the historical society.

We will be exploring the placement options for a historical plaque at one of these sites eventually. There is far more exploration to be done.

Lugonia Parlor No. 241, San Bernardino-Sisters of Lugonia Parlor are on the lookout for missing or damaged plaques. Such a plaque was reported missing from the new San Bernadino Justice center. The original plaque was dedicated in 2014 and was removed during construction of the new building. Carmen Parades is working with the city to have the plaque replaced. Two plaques needed cleaning. The Mountain View Mansion and the Van Leuven Mansion plaques were first dedicated in 1999. These plaques were cleaned. Four historic drawings from 1956, by NDGW Sister Florence Nesbitt, were donated to the San Bernardino Historical Society. The drawings were of the Perris Hill Park, the Fred Perris Home, The Arrowhead Springs Hotel, and an old #1011 locomotive train carrying water, coming down Mt. View Avenue.

Jurupa Parlor No. 296, Riverside – Parlor members participate in the Tamale Festival to help raised funds for the Trujillo Adobe historic site as part of the Old Spanish Trail Heritage Foundation. There are future plans for plaque dedication. The Parlor was able to rededicate the San Salvador bell from the Aqua Mansa Mission, now at the Mission Inn in Riverside. The original plaque was dedicated in the 1957. Plans continue with the Evergreen Historical Cemetery to mark and dedicate where the founding fathers of Riverside are buried.

Tierra de Oro Parlor #304- Santa Barbara - In recognition of our esteemed California-born architect of the NDGW Home, Julia Morgan, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 researched how to place a plaque on a building she designed in Santa Barbara. This effort was inspired initially by a walking tour of historic sites with markers in downtown Santa Barbara led by TDO members Francine Mackey and Anna Ortiz. TDO appointed a committee who submitted information to the NDGW historic buildings committee on the historical value of the site. Fortunately, Mary Louise Days is a qualified architectural historian and had documented the 1926 Gymnasium designed by Julia Morgan, as follows.

“The Morgan gymnasium represents one of the city’s distinguished versions of the Hispanic tradition, one often missed because of its nearly hidden location. Julia Morgan posthumously received the AIA Gold Medal in 2014, the first woman to receive the honor.”

Page 164. “Santa Barbara A Guide to El Pueblo Viejo,” by Rebecca Conard, Ph.D., Mary Louise Day, Christopher Nelson, Ph.D., Richard Oglesby, Ph.D.

TDO’s plaque subcommittee member Lisa Burns contacted the City of Santa Barbara which is the owner of the building as required by NDGW procedures and received approval by the City of Santa Barbara Parks Department. A cost estimate for the plaque was obtained and a request for funding was granted by the NDGW History and Landmarks Committee. The wording of the historical marker is limited due to the City Urban Historian Guidelines.

**REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC
BUILDINGS: SUB-COMMITTEE ART TALENT CONTEST
Debbie Cowan, Forrest No. 86
State Chair**

The purpose of the Art Talent Contest is to encourage the creativity of our youth and the interest in the landmarks, history and natural wonders of the State of California. For Members it is an opportunity to share their talent with our Order and to honor the Grand President by portraying her special theme for her term. President Nina Coffenberry chose the theme "ALL THINGS CALIFORNIA". Interest in the contest has come from several parlors.

Report from Forrest Parlor No. 86-Our chairman contacts our local high school Art and Photography teachers early in the school year. We tell them the theme, provide forms and encourage them to make it a part of their yearly curriculum. Our area had severe weather this winter, so our Parlor had their contest in April instead of March. The Photography teacher submitted 15 beautiful photos and we are bringing the winner to Grand Parlor. The Art teacher was unable to enter any pieces, but is planning for next year.

I want to thank Grand President Nina for entrusting me midterm with this committee. Linda Sruletivch has been very helpful.

**REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC
BUILDINGS: SUB-COMMITTEE ESSAY CONTEST**

**Stephanie Whittle, Toluca No. 179
State Chair**

Over the past 3 years, the Essay Contest Committee has worked to build a strong foundation for the future. We submitted legislation this term in order to create more clarity and guidance for our successors as well as the general membership. Participation was rather low over these three years, but there was a promising sign this year. We received submissions from Rancho La Puente, Lomas, and San Bruno parlors. The group of students submitted by Rancho La Puente Parlor was from an enrichment program called Upward Bound Study Center, a local nonprofit organization focusing on recent immigrants in their community. We were encouraged by this, as it represents a step forward beyond the regular public and private school communities we saw our first two years. Rancho La Puente also implemented a different strategy this year by offering a prize to the teacher sponsoring the winning student.

We encourage parlors to employ creative strategies like this in recruiting student and teacher participants. We would like to remind our sisters that the policies governing the Essay Contest do not specify that submissions must come from a traditional school or be submitted by a teacher. Last year, we, as the committee rewarded the parlor sponsoring the winner. Our first place winner Braden S. wrote about the agriculture found in our state. Our second place winner, Avery V., wrote about Catalina Island. These students both attend Our Lady of Fatima School in Los Banos and were sponsored by Lomas Parlor. Our third place winner, Alfred C., wrote about the Gold Rush. He attends the Upward Bound Study Center program in Monterey Park.

Last year, we also published a rather detailed article in the California Star with the essays. We plan to do this again this year. I would like to thank my dedicated committee sisters Joelle Dobrow and Sue Fitzpatrick. They have been an incredible support throughout this process.

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**Vickie Van Winkle, San Bruno No. 246
State Chair**

The Committee held one fundraising event. Thank you to the following donors for the term: Anne Coghill, Donna Bryant, Sandra Firpo, Ellen Grimm, Elaine Johnson, A.J. Licausi,, Patricia Phillips, Linda Stumpf,, Vicki Thayer, Kathleen Villasenor, Vickie Van Winkle, Eshcol Parlor No. 16 and Oakdale Parlor No. 125.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Dawn Dunlap, PGP, EI Pinal No. 163
State Chair

The Education and Scholarships Committee held seven four-hour meetings, and multiple telephone conferences this term.

In August we modified the scholarship application form and submitted it to the Board of Directors. Their approval was granted.

We prepared a letter and flyer for the September Mailing from the GPO listing NDGW scholarships and encouraging Subordinate Parlors to promote our scholarship program in their Parlors and communities.

An article regarding our scholarship program was submitted and printed in the Fall edition of the California Star.

At our meetings in October and November we discussed the criteria for mailing our flyer and scholarship information to counselors, ombudsmen, and administrators of accredited high schools, vocational programs, trade schools, Colleges with nursing programs, colleges offering teaching degrees, and Veterans organizations and villages in California.

A list of three hundred high schools based on enrollment, scholastic ratings, and graduation percentages, thirty community colleges offering vocational programs, fifteen colleges with nursing programs, twelve universities and colleges offering teaching degrees, and eleven Veterans organizations and villages was compiled. Flyers and NDGW scholarship information was mailed to each of them in December.

In response we received over one hundred inquiries from counselors, ombudsmen, administrators, and applicants; twenty of which were from applicants attending nursing schools.

In December District 13 sponsored a luncheon in Modesto with the theme “The Gift of Education” to raise funds for the vocational programs and trade schools within the Sue J. Irwin Scholarship. Despite the unrelenting rain it was well attended, and raised \$2,900 through donations mailed in and from Sisters and guests in attendance.

In January and February we discussed and prepared legislation expanding present application requirements by accepting a G.E.D. (Graduate Equivalency Degree or General Education Diploma) as a qualifying document, adding California-based programs and institutions that offer on-line courses and degrees. establishing Sharon M. Johnston Music Grants for children and schools, terminating the Mills College Scholarship, and modifying the Committee’s Procedures and Policies in the Books of the Order. In March we submitted our legislation for GPAM 2023 and have worked with the State of the Order Committee finalizing it.

Based on final inquiries from Recording Secretaries of Subordinate Parlors, high school and college counselors, and applicants we anticipated receiving twenty scholarship applications from applicants sponsored by twelve Parlors by the April 15th deadline.

In May we reviewed the funds available for our scholarship program, and the application packets we received to determine the scholarship award recipients. We chose the following twelve award recipients for our scholarships:

1. Cera Burns - UC Scholarship - \$1,350.00 sponsored by Donner Parlor No.193, Byron
2. Russell Olvera - CSU Scholarship - \$1,350.00 sponsored by San Jose Parlor No. 81, San Jose
3. Allison Kerth - CSU Scholarship - \$1,350.00 sponsored by Grace Parlor No.242, Fullerton
4. Andrew Rogers - UC Graduate School Scholarship - \$1,500.00 sponsored by Reichling Parlor No. 97, Fortuna
5. Bailey Tripod - Annie L. Adair Scholarship - \$1,300.00 sponsored by Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton
6. Kathryn Sarkissian - Annie L. Adair Scholarship - \$1,300.00 sponsored by Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266. Montebello
7. Isabella Pires - Sue J. Irwin Scholarship - \$1,000.00 sponsored by Joaquin Parlor No.5, Stockton
8. Jackalyn Karamanougian - Sue J. Irwin Scholarship - \$1,000.00 sponsored by Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello
9. Parker Olvera - Sue J. Irwin Scholarship - \$1,000.00 sponsored by San Jose Parlor No. 81, San Jose
10. Adriana Sanchez - Sue J. Irwin Scholarship - \$1,000.00 sponsored by San Bruno Parlor No 246, San Bruno
11. Chloe Cullen - Bertha A. Briggs Scholarship for dependents of Veterans - \$850.00 sponsored by Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Petaluma (With the concurrent approval of the Veterans Welfare Committee)
12. Drew Johnston - Nursing Scholarship - \$1,000.00 Fresno Parlor No. 187, Fresno

The names of the award recipients, the scholarships they will receive, and their sponsoring Subordinate Parlors will be announced at GPAM 2023.

An article with photographs of this year's award recipients and information regarding NDGW Scholarships will be submitted for publication in the Fall addition of the California Star.

We received Activity Reports from the following Subordinate Parlors:

Bonita No. 10, Redwood City celebrated their 51st year of awarding their Parlor's Madeline B. Wallace Scholarships to three young women graduating from Northern California high schools. The program provides scholarships to young women or men headed for college, vocational programs, or trade schools who have a familial relationship with a Member of their Parlor.

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26, Santa Cruz awarded four continuing education scholarships, and ten new scholarships this year. Their scholarship program is funded by a generous bequest from Parlor Sister Phryne Lorenz and is restricted to scholarships for students graduating from high schools or a community college in Santa Cruz County.

Forrest Parlor No. 86, Plymouth awarded a scholarship to a student graduating from a local Amador County high school.

Woodland Parlor No 90, Woodland awarded five scholarships to young women graduating from local high schools who will be attending Colleges or trade schools based in California. Their scholarship program is funded through sales of See's Candies by Parlor Sisters.

Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112, Etna awarded scholarships to two young women graduating from Etna High School.

Reichling Parlor No. 97, Fortuna awarded a scholarship to a young woman graduating from Fortuna High School. The Parlor will be expanding their scholarship program next year to include graduates from Ferndale High School.

Encinal Parlor No. 156, Alameda has voted to establish a scholarship award program_for a student seeking higher education or training at a vocational school in 2024.

El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria awarded a scholarship to a young woman graduating from Coast Union High School in Cambria who also will be initiated and welcomed as the newest Member of their Parlor. Their scholarship program is funded by an annual enchilada sale generously supported by the community.

I greatly appreciate the efforts and dedication of the members of this hard-working Committee that included Mary Louise Days, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara, Gloria Courtney, San Bruno Parlor No. 246, San Bruno, Kristi Jenkins, El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria, and Catherine Wong El Vespero Parlor No. 118, San Francisco.

REPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Shelley Buchberger, GS, Angelita No. 32
State Chair

I would like to thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for giving me this appointment. It has allowed me to again work with some amazing women.

Our Committee has been working hard this year to keep you all up to date and to help our Parlors be as visible as possible. As per the Committee Policies, Electronic Communications Committee, Number 8: "Subordinate Parlors may be granted a single web page on the NDGW website at no charge." Each Parlor page includes the meeting time and location, annual dues amount and initiation fees. Because the information is designed to provide information to prospective new Members, the Parlors are categorized by city. Parlors are encouraged to communicate with the Committee with updated information and to add pictures. Our committee and several parlors have been contacted through these pages by potential members. It is always a treat to receive these emails.

We have not heard from all of the charitable entities but we hope that their donation buttons have been used and used well. If you are hosting a fundraising luncheon for the NDGW Grand Parlor, Home, Childrens, or CFIC and any committee under their purview, remember that there are many ways to donate. Donating electronically via PayPal or electronically with a credit card through the Native Daughters website at your next fundraising event is an option for them if they'd like to donate that way instead of a check. They can still fill out the paper donation form but instead of a check, they can write that they donated online so that you have a record of it. Please have them note in the online transactions that they are for your parlors fundraising event and where they'd like the money to go.

The EVENTS tab on our website along with the Calendar have been growing in interest. Event organizers can send us event flyers which can be posted on the NDGW website and will be there for everyone to plan and sign up for future events. This year we also hoped to save some trees and posted our Recommendations and Resolutions on our website and will post any information needed at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting for our Voting Members and Delegates.

eNews: If you have not signed up to receive eNews through Constant Contact, please visit the NEWS page on the website and click the orange colored "SIGNUP" button. We send out several eNews blasts each year with important information. Don't be left out!

California Star: The California Star is the official publication for Members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. It is published quarterly and mailed to the membership. A copy is now also posted on the new Website. The Star Chairman, Anne Riley, is a member of the Electronic Communication Committee due to the nature of her office. She was also the Treasurer for the Electronic Communications Committee. Please keep your articles and pictures coming into Anne so that our Star remains a shining beacon for our Order. If you are not receiving a copy of the Star, please contact Eve in the Grand Parlor Office. She can update any address changes you might have.

Public Relations and Social Media: The Native Daughters have multiple social media forums including Facebook and Twitter. Facebook accounts are managed for Grand Parlor, the NDGW Home, and the NDGW Children's Foundation through the Electronic Communications Committee. A single Twitter account is managed for Grand Parlor. Unfortunately we lost the connection to the NDGW Home Facebook account, along with its pictures and information, and had to recreate it. The amount of interest that we have received from the new site along with the NDGW main Facebook account has been heartwarming. Two Parlors reached out to us this year to share what they have done with their Facebook Accounts. Placer Parlor Number 138, and Encinal Parlor Number 156. Please look up their Facebook sites, they are fantastic and we hope other Parlors will share with us next year. Please remember to have more than one person with your Facebook sign in. We plan on working more in the upcoming year with the Public Relations Committee and Social Media to increase the presence of our Order.

I wish to extend my Gratitude to the Members of the Electronics Communications Committee. I could not ask for better support as we work towards the future of Native Daughters. These wonderful women are, Past Grand President Sherry Farley, Web Mistress, Anne Riley, State Chairman for the California Star and ECC Treasurer, PGP Christine Tripod, State Chairman for Public Relations, Kathleen Valerio, ECC Secretary, and Sandra Firpo, Member at Large. We may not know everything there is about bringing our online presence into the Homes of as many people as we can, but everyone on the Committee has been phenomenal with research on how to do it. Our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend and learn more about what we do. We know that technology can be intimidating but with all of us working together, we pool our strengths and are able to learn so much more than individually. It has truly been my pleasure to be your Chairman this year.

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Leona Sunseri, Sutter's Mill No. 336
State Chair

I would like to Thank, Grand President, Nina Coffenberry, for allowing me to serve on the CFIC committee. As the Chair of Environmental Issues, my goal is to help our Native Daughters become aware and help in our communities. This year, I am pleased to share, some of the activities several Parlors have submitted for my report.

Lugonia Parlor No 241, is very connected to the environment! Being in the San Bernardino area where they were affected by fires and mudslides. They invested in Penny Pines with the acres program. I love this RECYCLE. Yes! They collect bottles, cans, pull tabs, newspapers, clean towels and/or rags and they donate to the Humane Society. I heard one lady takes cats in to be neutered then releases them to catch unwanted rodents in the neighborhood. Some of their members have had classes to help neighbors to convert to drought resistant plants which Encourages members and neighbors. Carmen Paredes, has donated plants, plus she shows everyone how to plant and care for them. Other members of 241 also donated, trees in honor of Arbor Day, Poppy Day & Earth Day.

Next is Jurupa Parlor No 296: They also recycle, to cut their cost for GP. Each May, they hold a “Annual Recycle day” members, family and friends bring all their pull tabs, and they take them to Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. The last donation was 27,788 pull tabs. GREAT JOD LADIES!!! So, the word is OUT! Bring your pull tabs to GP and 241 will gladly accept them. They also support Penny Pines in support of San Bernardino National Forest.

Encinal Parlor No 156 donated to the Stanislaus National Forest. Reforesting and maintaining Portions, Numerous acres have been damaged by wildfires. This is their 4th donation this year, and the forestry committed about 156 in articles with “The lands will return to healthy productive forests”. Their Parlor has returned to in person meetings. So, they are reactivating the traditional coin march for Penny Pines. I have attached the contribution they received from the Forest Supervisor, dated March 30th, 2023.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE
Susan Collins, JR PGP, Fort Bragg No. 210
State Chair

At the beginning of the 2022-2023 term, the committee put out a plea for our membership to “Save our Sisterhood”, as it has become even more apparent that our order is shrinking. Without the efforts of our membership to entice new members to join it may not be long before it becomes impossible for the Order to survive. Parlors were encouraged to get out into their communities and be visible. Each month a flyer was included in the mailing with suggestions on activities that Parlors might actively pursue.

The committee also prepared a survey for individuals to reply to help us take the pulse of the members and their feelings regarding Parlor meetings as well as how they felt about the Grand Parlor. The results of that survey were reported in the April Monthly Mailing from this committee. We received 80 replies which equate to 2% of the membership. The Survey found that of those replying 74% attend meetings regularly. Most are staying connected via electronic communication with their Parlors, 47% have sponsored a new member. We also found that very few of the respondents have attended a GPAM or have any desire to participate on the Grand Parlor Level. This is leaving a large gap in the leadership of the Order and needs to be addressed. These results and returned surveys have been shared with the ACR committee which is working on revitalizing the order.

Grand President Nina Coffenberry along with the committee created a contest that rewards the Members who have sponsored the most new members. The winner will be announced prior to the start of GPAM 2023.

Office support Eve Brockmann has helped keep track of all new members and processed the Parlor Activity Forms.

Web Mistress PGP Sherry Farley has forwarded all contacts to the “Join Us” page of the Website and the Committee Chair who has reached out to each individual to help them find a Parlor in

their area, provided contact information for the Parlors and navigated them through the process of finding applications or applying online.

Many Parlors maintain an online presence by sponsoring a Facebook Page. We encourage you to create one for your Parlor and to check out other Parlors to see what they are doing and show them support.

Marguerite Parlor No. 12

Michal Lawrence reported that they recruited 18 new members to their Parlor. They attribute their success in attracting new members to join Native Daughters of the Golden West to several of their ongoing efforts.

1. One-on-one contact and inviting friends and acquaintances to attend parlor meetings or events.
2. A News release was written about our community service events and sent with pictures to a local newspaper.
3. An ad was published in every issue of three different publications for a year.
4. They created a colorful tri-fold brochure featuring their Parlor activities and the charities run by Native Daughters. They Hand these out at their information tables at local events, and they are handed out at both of the historical museums in town.
5. Holding events to which the public is invited that support the welfare of veterans or other groups in the community raising the awareness of Native Daughters and attracting those interested in the work they do.
6. They maintain a Facebook page.
7. They keep the entire membership informed of what the Parlor is doing so that even those who are not able to attend meetings can feel a sense of pride in being a Native Daughter and speak well of the Order to prospective members.
8. They keep membership applications and purse packs available to active members to keep them equipped to encourage prospective members to visit the Parlor.

Placer Parlor No. 138

Increased their membership by 8. There were 2 transfers from other Parlors in January and 6 new members were initiated in February. They had a potluck salad luncheon to celebrate the new members.

Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331:

The Parlor brought in two new members this term. They advertised our Order at a yard sale by handing out informational pamphlets and have the application available. They sponsor the El Monte Veteran's Center with monthly visits of meals and bingo and are planning trips for them.

Charter Oaks Parlor No. 292

In November Charter Oaks donated to the Tulare Youth Service Bureau Food Drive. In December they donated to Kids for Christmas Fundraiser and donated to Tulare Youth. They have sponsored 3 acres to plant trees in Sequoia National Forest through the Pennies for Pines Fundraiser.

Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210

Fort Bragg Parlor Initiated 6 new members this term. They serve the community by donating to the food bank in November and to Hospitality House in December. They contributed cookies for the Veterans Day celebration in November. When they heard that the Hospitality House needed coffee cups members dug in and contributed 55 cups for the cause. When the Food Bank was low on pasta members once again stepped up and contributed 32 pounds in one month. They were visible in the community by creating a first prize Float for the Paul Bunyon Day Parade and by selling hot apple pie and cider during the lighted truck parade in December.

San Jose Parlor No. 81

San Jose Parlor presented a U. S. Flag and a California Bear Flag to Fire Station No. 35 in San Jose. They, along with Vendome Parlor, decorated a Christmas tree for Christmas in the Park. They also contribute to the baby layette in a monthly charitable activity.

Ruby Parlor No. 46

Ruby Parlor celebrated Earth Day by holding a fun event at their hall that included craft making, a photo scavenger hunt, and a plant exchange. They held a rummage sale in May, held a Strawberry plant fundraiser, and participated in the Irish Days Parade in Murphys. At Christmas, they held a gift-wrapping event. They raise funds by allowing parking at their hall for city events such as the Witch Walk and Spring Wine Weekend in town.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**Jacki Matejka, Eschol No. 16****State Chair**

The Finance Committee is an administrative committee that oversees the financial activity of the Native Daughters.

If you are someone who has a background in Finance, like accounting or bookkeeping, this committee is for you. You serve for 1 year, meeting 4-7 times a year, and either in person in the Grand Parlor Office or by Zoom. Prior to each meeting, we are sent financial reports which detail the daily transactions, and provides a snapshot of the bank balances as of the prior month or months. We're also provided an estimate of upcoming outgoing bills, so we can make decisions about our cash flow and ability to meet our debts. Over the last 7 years that I have served, our end of year "loss" has grown each year. In April of each year, the committee gathers to create a budget for the upcoming term. It's a stark reality to determine the bottom line of the budget which determines a gain or loss. Have we ever had a gain? I don't think so, sadly. We all feel the pain in our pocketbooks and personal finances, prices go up, overhead costs go up, and so we declare the costs of each line knowing the bottom line will be a negative number. The Grand Parlor's expenses are static in nature, the only change is the cost itself...again, it goes up. Therefore, our loss gets bigger each year, how can we change that? There are two components

that affect the bottom line, revenue and expense. If the expenses go up, so must the revenue. If we were a 501c-3, we could bake and sell our goods, we could sew and sell our wares, we could build baskets and raffle the heck out of them. Our patrons would earn a tax break, it's a win-win. Alas, we are not a 501c-3, we're a 501c-10, our revenue is constrained. Our revenue is based on Per Capita raised from our membership, and a fee we impose on the other 501c-3 entities. Both elements were decided years ago, but they lack the escalation required to keep up with our rising costs of operation. We can no longer operate on the level of income decided by our grandmothers. If this Order expects to survive, it needs to promote an increase in its revenue, which depends on our membership, and is an urgent matter.

Wisdom from early sisters determined we need to make increases each and every year, to accommodate rising costs. After an analysis of 40 years, it's clear that a yearly increase was imposed, by both the per capita and the Admin Fee, but for unknown reasons, 1 decade ago, it became stagnate and no increases occurred; If we had, our per capita billing rate would be at least \$50.00 per member by this time, if we hoped to "break even".

The Grand Parlor is a participant in the Investment Pool, and its share is dwindling at an accelerated speed. Based on the rate of withdrawals we take each year to meet our debts, the Grand Parlor will no longer be solvent in 6-8 years. I support a raise in per capita of \$10.00, and vote to impose an automatic increase of \$1.00 each year after that. I also support an increase to the annual Admin fee.

I would like to thank Grand President Nina for the appointment, and express my gratitude for my sisters on this Committee, PGP's Sherry and Marilyn.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL JEWELRY COMMITTEE
Camelia Robles, PGP, Poppy Trail No. 266
State Chair

The Fraternal Jewelry Committee has the responsibility of ordering items requested by the Grand Parlor Office. Those items are as follows: Grand President/Past Grand President regalia; Grand Officer regalia; Supervising District Deputy Grand President regalia; Deputy Grand President regalia; Seventy-Five-year service pin; Fifty-year service pendant; Twenty-Five-year service pin; Past President pins; Membership pins. Grand Parlor Office maintains the number of pins in stock, verifies who is entitled to receive them and notifies the Fraternal Jewelry Committee when stock is low.

All but membership pins are produced by Entenmann-Rovin in the city of Los Angeles. They have been making Native Daughter of the Golden West jewelry for over 100 years, and are almost as old as the Native Daughters, as they have been in business since 1888. The main items they make are badges for police, sheriff, firefighters, and security departments. Therefore, they are able to offer customized number of items that need to be ordered each time. If we only need one item, that is all that we need to order. There is no difference in price due to the amount of items ordered.

The Membership pins are ordered through Omanda Badge Company in Brea, California, and are made overseas. They have made various other types of items for use by some of our incoming Grand Presidents, Past Grand Presidents, the Past Presidents Association, fundraisers for Grand Parlor and individual parlors or committees, and individuals. They have a minimum order of 100 pieces, and prices are adjusted depending of the amount of items ordered. We have been working with Omanda since the early 1980's.

The most important thing to report is that we will have the new Ten-year service pin available for sale during Grand Parlor. They were ordered through Omanda Badge Company.

The Finance Committee is consulted prior to any order being placed, and no order is placed without the approval of the State Chairman of Finance.

Viola Gene Dana and I make up this committee, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve the Order and thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for our appointments.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN OF THE ORDER
Mary Louise Days, Reina de Mar No. 126
State Chair

Rae L. Rominger, P.G.P., Califia Parlor No. 22, Sacramento

Grand President Nina Coffenberry has asked me to write a biography of the 50-year past grand president, Rae L. Rominger, who presided at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in 1973 at Santa Cruz. I remember her as a small but mighty Native Daughter—a very hardworking member of the Order. Rae Lucas was born to Clifton S. Lucas and Jessie Fay Lucas on November 23, 1920, in Chico, California. She had an older sister, Florence. Later her parents divorced and her mother married Fred E. Hauert.

The young Rae Lucas attended Chico State College and joined singing groups. Rae married and had two daughters, Judy and Patti Phillips. When the Rominger family moved to Sacramento she began employment with the Sacramento school district as registrar in the Sacramento Schools Skill Center.

On March 18, 1949, Rae Rominger and her mother Jessie Hauert were initiated into La Bandera Parlor No. 110, Sacramento, with a large group of candidates. She also sponsored her sister Florence Willis and her niece Suzanne Tillett Tichenor as members of the Order. In July 1953 Rae Rominger was installed president of the parlor. She served as deputy grand president and supervising district grand president. On June 16, 1964, she was elected Grand Outside Sentinel at the Grand Parlor Annual Session in Stockton. She proceeded through the Grand Parlor offices until June 1969 when she lost an election for the office of Grand Marshal. One year later she was elected to that office and was appointed state chairman of the Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee.

During the 1960s Rae Rominger was active with the committee responsible for raising funds for a statue of Father Junipero Serra in Sacramento's Capitol Park, in cooperation with the Native Sons of the Golden West. On April 8, 1967, the statue was dedicated, and Rae Rominger, G.T.,

chaired a “beautifully arranged” luncheon. At the 1968 Annual Session, writing as chair of the State of the Order Committee, Rae Rominger, G.T. urged delegates to Grand Parlor to carefully study the recommendations and reports in order to expedite the sessions. She strongly suggested that the book officers cease doing “busy work” during the initiation ceremony at regular parlor meetings, so as to show respect and attention to the candidates and officers.

On June 22, 1972, Rae L. Rominger of La Bandera Parlor No. 110 and her corps of Grand Officers were installed at the eighty-sixth annual session in Santa Maria. The predominant color for the evening was pink, with topiary trees of pink camellia blossoms and large posters of camellias as decorations. District members dressed in pink formal gowns exhibited a precision drill and escort for the new Grand President Rae Rominger. Her daughter Judy Long served as Honorary Supreme Grand Marshal. Also present were the Grand President’s mother, Jessie Hauert, her son-in-law Henry Long, her sister Florence Willis and her niece Suzanne Tillett. Her stepfather, Fred E. Hauert, had passed away in 1966.

In her address to the assembly, G.P. Rae Rominger described the Native Daughters of the Golden West as “what a vast force we have for patriotism and education as well as the other spirited efforts for our Order, State and Country.” She said every project of the Order will be held very dear to her heart, “but having spent the past 24 years in education in the City of Sacramento, our Education and Scholarship program will have extra stress.” She emphasized the benefits and necessity of scholastic preparation for young people’s life work. Our Order is keeping abreast of the times, Grand President Rae pointed out. Her “Second in stress” was Preservation of History and Landmarks in our Golden State. The new Grand President asked each member to pledge to promote all of the projects of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and to publicize them. Activities during Grand President Rae Rominger’s year included dedications of historic sites, El Camino Real Bell presentations, and interviews. The institution of Lupoyoma Parlor No. 329, Clear Lake, took place on July 22, 1972. Coin marches and donations were given to projects of the Order such as five scholarship funds, Mission Soledad restoration, the Historical Room, and the “Boiler Fund” at the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home. The Grand President’s niece Suzanne Tillett traveled with her occasionally, and has observed that they were both working full time at their professional jobs. I served as state chairman of the Junior Native Daughters that year, and Grand President Rae Rominger took part in the Junior Conference in Anaheim. The 87th Annual Session of the Order was held in Santa Cruz in June 1973. At the opening ceremony the Pink Ladies drill team performed and Suzanne Tillett also was Honorary Marshal. In the Report of Grand President Rae L. Rominger 1972-1973 she spoke eloquently of the success of her two main projects, Scholarships and Historic California, and expressed her pleasure at learning a great deal about our parlors and members. She mentioned the loss of four parlors, but she urged parlors and members to be alert to face each challenge.

In subsequent years Rae Rominger, P.G.P. remained very active in the Native Daughters of the Golden West. She served on state committees, chaired the State of the Order Committee, attended parlor events and Annual Sessions, chaired Grand Parlor Annual Meetings and took part in Admission Day activities. She served devotedly as secretary of the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation Committee for a number of years, and as a member until her health no longer permitted. Jessie F. Hauert, beloved mother of Rae Rominger, P.G.P., died on August 17, 1991,

at age 92. In that same year P.G.P. Rominger assisted with the consolidation of La Bandera Parlor No. 110 with Califia Parlor No. 22, of Sacramento.

Rae Rominger, P.G.P., passed away on February 11, 1994, in Sacramento. Memorial donations were sent to the N.D.G.W. Childrens Foundation.

My appreciation to Grand President Nina Coffenberry for my appointment, and thanks to Marilyn Bustillos, P.G.P. for sending me a reference to her 1994 eulogy for Rae L. Rominger, P.G.P., and to Dawn Dunlap, P.G.P., and Suzanne Tillett Tichenor for their generous assistance.

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE
Anna Ortiz, Reina Del Mar No. 126
State Chair

The insurance policies of the Native Daughters of the Golden West are brokered through Cohn, Reid, and O'Neill Insurance Services for many years. Cohn, Reid and O'Neill are associated with Risk Strategies, a National Insurance Company. They provided direction and insights into the best insurance markets available.

Because our Parlors are acting together to secure insurance coverage, we are able to obtain lower rates for all lines of insurance. Currently, all except three Parlors take full advantage of this program.

If your Parlor owns property and it hasn't been appraised in the past 3 years, seriously consider moving toward that goal. Only you can ensure that your property is sufficiently covered in case of catastrophic loss. This is true whether you are insured through Native Daughters or not.

Please keep in mind that, if you are underinsured, replacement of your building could literally bankrupt your Parlor because the insurance company will only pay up to the value of the policy.

Another way in which this Committee is working to save you money is seek quotes from agencies that specialize in group insurance (also referred to as pools). We actively look for brokers who can provide for our specific needs, thus ensuring the best service and coverage available.

We have had 2 large water loss claims. The first claim was on 8/18/19 at San Juan Bautista Adobe and then at the Home on 5/2/22 both have been covered by our Insurance Carrier.

I want to thank Grand President Nina for my appointment.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
Joan M. Hall, PGP, Charter Oak No. 292
State Chair

The duties of the Investment Committee as described in the Constitution Grand Parlor, Procedures, pages 33 - 34, number 17, paragraph two states: “It shall be the duty of the Investment Committee to prudently invest the funds that make up the Native Daughters of the Golden West Securities Pool with the investment manager and broker selected by the Investment Committee. In addition, by August 1 of each year, the Investment Committee will notify all State Committees participating in the Securities Pool, of the amount of the current year’s available interest and dividends, minus Broker Advisory Fees charged in the previous year, which may be disbursed in the ensuing fiscal year. The meetings of this committee shall be held quarterly in conjunction with the investment manager and broker.”

The investment Committee is charged with overseeing the investments of the Order, to track withdrawals of the various Committees who have funds in the Investment Portfolio, and to meet with our Financial Advisor regarding the vision for the market and to review our investment portfolio. The Investment Committee’s duty does not control participants in the Investment Portfolio on how each may use their funds but does have an obligation to advise them if they are going into their principal.

The 2022 – 2023 Investment Committee held their first meeting at the Grand Parlor Office and via Zoom on July 29, 2022, with the Order’s Financial Advisor Greg Alessandra of Alessandra Capital Management in attendance. Additional meetings were held on October 29, 2022, and January 13, 2023, with the final meeting of the term held on April 7, 2023. The 2021 – 2022 term for investments proved to be very volatile, and the outlook for 2022 – 2023 is proving to be the same.

The Order began the 2022 – 2023 term on July 1, 2022, with a Fair Market Value (FMV) of \$5,398,446 in its portfolio. The April 30, 2023, FMV was \$5,489,831. Distributions of Interest and Dividends during the period July 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, resulted in an increase of the portfolio to \$91,385. (A small gain in a market year that saw dramatic rises and falls.) Interest and dividends available to those with a share in the Investment Portfolio for this term was \$85,201.

I would like to thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for my appointment to the Committee and those of my fellow Committee members: Grand Vice President Rae Rosas, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Santa Barbara; Senior Grand Trustee Fran Bremer, Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa; Carmen Delgado, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento; Jenni King, Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland; Alba Arosio, Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson; Finance Representative Jacki Matejka, Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa; NDGW Childrens Foundation Representative Camelia Robles, PGP, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello; NDGW Home Representative Marjorie McKisson, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento; and NDGW C.F.I.C. Representative Dawn Dunlap, PGP, El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria. Guests attending: Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield; PGP Sherry Farley, Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton; and our Investment Advisor Greg Alessandra.

All of you are an asset to the Committee and to the Order, and I thank you for your service to this Committee.

REPORT OF THE JAMES D. PHELAN FUND
Nina Coffenberry, GP, Ursula No. 1
Grand President

There were three requests for assistance this year. Two requests were for building assistance from a Parlor. The other request was for two members, husband and wife, both who are members of the Order.

The committee met and assistance was granted for the three requests.

I would like to thank the committee members, Rae Rosas GVP, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Darleen Carpenter GM, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Jacki Matejka, Finance Chairman, Eshcol Parlor No. 16, and Fran Bremer sGT Eshcol Parlor No. 16, for their assistance on this committee.

REPORT OF THE LAWS AND SUPERVISION COMMITTEE
Darleen Carpenter, GM, El Tejon No. 239
State Chair

This committee is responsible for reviewing, processing, making recommendations and ensuring that all Parlors are using the correct model template for all by-laws and any changes requested for compliance with our Constitution and By-laws.

It has been a pleasure to work with the following Parlors on their by-law updates and changes: Oakdale Parlor No. 125, Eschol Parlor NO. 16, Placer Parlor No. 138 and El Vespero Parlor No. 118.

A special thank you to my Parlor Sisters, Kathleen Ramos, and Deborah Gregory, and to PGP Sherry Farley who did a great job in reviewing and recommending no or minor changes to the Sub-Ordinate Parlors submission of their by-laws. Their diligence and timeliness was most appreciated.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION MONITORING COMMITTEE
Joan M. Hall, PGP, Charter Oak No. 292
State Chair

The duties of the Legislation Monitoring Committee are outlined in Procedures, page 35. Item 21:

“21. LEGISLATION MONITORING COMMITTEE shall consist of a rotating Committee of three members, one to be appointed each year by the Grand President, to serve for three years. The appointed member having only one year to serve shall be State Chairman. The

Legislation Monitoring Committee shall meet annually following publication of the Summary of Legislation. The Committee shall proofread and prepare for printing updates reflecting all changes adopted in the By-Laws, Procedures, Standing Rules, and Policies of the Constitution of the Grand Parlor, Constitution Subordinate Parlors, Committee Policies, Ritual and Manual of Instruction, and ritualistic ceremonies of the Order subject to certification by the retiring Grand President and the Grand Secretary of that Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

When the Books of the Order are to be reprinted in their entirety, three additional members-at-large shall be appointed to assist with proofreading, indexing, and collating the material in preparation for the printing.”

The Legislation Monitoring Committee completed its task of adding all the changes to the Books of the Order enacted at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting held in Rohnert Park in June 2022 by the end of October 2022. These updates resulted in over 100 pages of changes needed to update the Books of the Order. In November 2022, when the replacement pages were ready for distribution to the Members, it was felt that the printing of that many replacement pages would lead to confusion when updating the Books, as well as an additional printing expense. Therefore, the Legislation Monitoring Committee recommended that the entire Books of the Order be sent to everyone electronically. This was done with the monthly mailing from the Grand Parlor Office. The 2022 Books of the Order and the Ceremonies are the official documents of the Order.

Every effort was made to keep the page numbers the same so that the Index (updated extensively in the 2021 reprint) would not need to be redone. This resulted in some partially printed pages.

I would like to thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for my appointment as Chairman, and for those of my Committee: Heidi Dillon, GT, Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, and Kathleen Valerio, Encinal Parlor No. 156. Alameda. The Committee did an outstanding job with reviewing and updating the Books of the Order.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES COMMITTEE
Debi Stalder, PGP, Laurel No. 6
State Chair

Legislative Measures Committee shall review carefully all legislation matters affecting history and landmarks, natural resources of our State, or any legislation affecting our Order, and shall report to the Subordinate Parlors on a non-partisan basis.

Sometimes Legislators in Sacramento at our State Capitol present bills that can negatively or positively affect our Order or State. NDGW Sisters need to always be alert to any plan's, news or proposals that may be presented to State Representative's that we as an Order need to support, protect or oppose.

This term very little topics for discussion before the legislative bodies of our State Representatives was presented that was not politically motivated.

The State wide issue regarding the removal of the “El Camino Real Bells” that were placed as Historical Highway markers starting in California in 1906 became controversial this last few years. NDGW along with other “Women’s Organizations” and others were involved since the inception of erecting the Bells. Parlors and Individual Sisters were concerned about the future of the Bells existence, that the NDGW has been a strong supporter since inception and to protect them from being removed.

The State Committee will continue to monitor any changes that may be proposed to the future of the Bells presence.

Members of NDGW need to be “Watch Dogs” to protect our State’s History and protection. Sister’s sometimes our letter writing or contact with our State and Local Legislators can make an impact with decision’s made to protect our beautiful Historical State of California.

Thank You Grand President Nina Coffenberry for your support to this Committee on behalf of the few issues that the Order has had to clarify our involvement or interest in certain Historical significant people, places or things.

REPORT OF THE MISSION RESTORATION COMMITTEE
Jana Jack, Eschol No. 16
State Chair

The Mission Restoration Committee had a change of Chairman in February 2023. Grand President Nina Coffenberry appointed Jana Jack, a Member of the State Committee, as interim Chairman. Thank you, Grand President Nina for the appointment. Thank you to the remaining Members of this committee, Mary Ann Harper, Annette Cruz Padilla, Marlene Salha, Kristina Foss, and Marina Martinez. We were saddened to learn Nadine Lewis passed away during her term.

The Mission Restoration Committee has supported our historic California Missions for many years. Over the past six to ten years, Mini Grants were given to many of our Missions to help with refurbishing bells, flag poles, painting, interior and exterior needs. Several Parlors hold fundraising to support the mini grants. This past year, three Parlors; Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa, Jurupa Parlor No. 296, Riverside, and Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara, provided support to the California Missions during the 2022-2023 term.

The following are reports received from various Parlors.

Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa –

In October, 2022, Eshcol Parlor held their sixteenth annual fundraiser. This year we held a delicious Salad Luncheon. Over \$1600.00 was raised for the Mission Restoration Committee. Every year, on the first Saturday of October, Eshcol Parlor has vowed to hold a fundraiser for our historic California Missions. Join us on October 7, 2023 in Napa!

Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara-

Mission fundraiser Organized by Dr. Monica Orozco

Many members of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 of the NDGW have been involved in the past year in the work to preserve and restore the California Missions and support their interpretation and educational programs.

Marisol Cabrera and her family have been working hard as the only volunteers allowed on site at Mission Santa Barbara for the duration of Covid. They are solely responsible for the survival of the beloved early California heritage plants of the Mission era garden. They spent many hours of gardening and cleanup to preserve this historic plant collection and mother bed for other Mission historic gardens. This work is part of the National Park Service' efforts to preserve the cultural landscape of National Landmarks such as the Missions.

Parlor 126 member Dr. Monica Orozco is the Executive Director of Old Mission Santa Barbara and has worked tirelessly to create fundraising opportunities

Jurupa Parlor No. 296, Riverside –

The California flag at the Riverside Woman's Club was donated for usage by Jurupa Parlor many years ago and we view at each meeting when we meet in person at our regular meeting location the Riverside Woman's Club as it is displayed on the right side of the stage with the US Flag on the left. We continue to meet in person in conjunction with Zoom this term. Our thanks to our President, Nancy Melendez for her laptop and Zoom connection that allows members to attend meetings outside of our area. One of our Past Presidents, Laurel Weiler in West Virginia, is usually able to join us for a short time as we are currently meeting in the afternoon and it is 3 hours later in West Virginia. Our California Flag reminds us of our heritage that is so intertwined with our California Missions.

At our Tea Party Fundraising event on February 25, 2023 we raised funds specifically for our N.D.G.W. Charities with the silent auction. At our last meeting on March 8, 2023, it was decided to give \$50 to the Mission Restoration Committee from these funds. A check will be written and will be taken to GPAM 2023 for presentation by our Delegate, Marti Noyes.

We were pleased to be able to have GP Nina Coffenberry stay at the Mission Inn for one night with help from Grace Parlor. We were also able to tour the Mission Inn after the Official Visit of District 27 on April 15, 2023 and enjoyed the famous Chapel of St. Francis at the Mission Inn which is similar in many regards to the chapels in the many missions of California.

We wish we could do more and hopefully there will be future Mission Restoration Committee events where we can gather in person.

Thank you again for my appointment. I look forward to working on this Committee in the future.
Jana Jack, Eshcol Parlor 16, Napa

REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. CHAIRTABLE FOUNDATION INC. COMMITTEE
Suzi Riley, PGP, Bonita No. 10
State Chair

At the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting legislation was passed by the membership allowing the N.D.G.W. Charitable Foundation, all of the nine public benefit committees under the CFIC and the State Chairmen of those Committees to make-up of the Charitable Foundation Committee.

In an effort to involve all of State Chairmen under the CFIC's umbrella: Americanism & Civic Participation, California Admission Day, California History, Landmarks, and Historic Building and its two sub-committees of the Art Talent Contest and the Essay Contest, California Lighthouse Preservation, Education & Scholarships, Environmental Issues, Mission Restoration, Veterans Welfare and Welfare made up the NDGW CFIC State Committee. This new approach has continued to work well and allows no meeting expenditures as we have continued to meet virtually and therefore eliminate travel and other costly expenses. The communication between Committees helped to serve as a sounding board for new ideas and especially has helped new Committee Chairmen by offering ideas and procedures to assist them as well. While all State Committees are different, and there are things that are implemented and not successful, but this plan has proven to be a huge benefit to our Order. It is our hope that next year's CFIC Committee will expand and grow on the work done this year.

Our annual "Cash for Christmas" drawing was held again this year and we were able to sell more tickets than ever before. The Committee was unanimous in raising funds for our CFIC State Committees and we sold an amazing 1,160 tickets and raised \$8,855 to directly benefit our CFIC State Committees. Each Committee received \$705 to use towards their fundraising efforts and to meet their program goals for the year. Thank you again to everyone for supporting our project. Special thanks to the Official Publications for allowing us to advertise and for the many Sisters who supported our effort; we are grateful to you!

Many thanks also to **Senior Grand Trustee Fran Bremer, Interim Bookkeeper Sherry Farley, PGP and Finance Chairman Jacki Matejka** for their many hours of support to ensure that the Charitable Committees each received their funds to support their charitable work. We appreciate you all and look forward to using the funds raised to support our giving goals!

The *Cash for Christmas* opportunity drawing was held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 and this year's lucky winners received the following monetary prizes: **FIRST PRIZE: \$500.00** to Joann Sangiacomo, Bonita Parlor No. 10; **SECOND PRIZE: \$300.00** to Barbara Johnson, Morada Parlor No. 199; and **THIRD PRIZE: \$100.00** to Phyllis Spooner Richardson, San Bruno Parlor No. 246. The Charitable Foundation wishes to thank everyone for participating and **HUGE** thank you to our Native Sons of the Golden West Brothers for their continued support of the C.F.I.C. Committee. We also wish to thank Grand Trustee Renee Rianda for her dedication and hard work in organizing the ticket sales for our annual Cash for Christmas drawing! We could not do it without you!

Worthy Grand President, Nina Coffenberry, it has been our pleasure and to serve on this important State Committee and we thank you for the opportunity. I urge each Member to reach out and find out what you can do to preserve our glorious, golden California and provide for the future of our State. We need your support of our Order and these Committees to be relevant in the future.

REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. CHILDRENS FOUNDATION COMMITTEE
Camelia Robles, PGP, Poppy Trail No. 266
State Chair

Due to issues involving our annual budget, our Interest and Dividends from the Investment Account, our obligations on meeting the IRS as a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity, our future fundraising, as well as other issues, the formal report of this committee will be presented as a supplement report during the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

At of this writing, to meet the deadline of when State Committee Reports must be submitted, I am submitting this brief report.

I have been in contact with our Certified Public Accountant personally. He mentioned that the Grand Officers and the State of the Order Committee have also met with him, some in person and some via Zoom.

The information I received from him will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Childrens Foundation State Committee on May 15th. Based on that meeting and decisions made by the committee, I will prepare the report to be presented to those in attendance in person or via Zoom during the 2023 GPAM.

Twenty applications have been received for camperships. They also will be discussed at the meeting on May 15th. The camps are all geared to help children with special needs. They are varied and unique in the services they offer children. Hundreds of California's children are helped though the camperships which are awarded to camps throughout California.

Our fundraising luncheon theme during GPAM is "Camping with Others Like Me" in honor of the many children helped by the camperships that are awarded each year. Those that attend the fundraising luncheon at GPAM will be "Camping with Others Like Me" – others born in California, just like some of camps the NDGW Childrens Foundation help that are made up of children with cancer; have heart problems; are developmentally disabled; are blind or have problems with sight; are deaf or have hearing problems; foster children; or on the Autism Spectrum. This is just a small example of the children attending the camps we help, are made up of children that are experiencing the same type of disability or issues as they have.

The Children of California can only be helped through the NDGW Childrens Foundation, with the support of the members of the Order, their friends and family. Every individual donation is very important, no matter the amount.

Members of the Childrens Foundation Committee are as follows: Grand President Nina Coffenberry, Grand Vice President Rae Rosas, Grant Trustee Barbara Bruce, Linda Dusek, Sonny Graves, Sandra Firpo, Dr. Katherine Foster, Dolori Beaird, Chris Silva and Past Grand President Camelia Robles.

It has been a true pleasure to serve the Order and help the Children of California, and we all appreciate the appointment to this wonderful committee from our Grand President Nina Coffenberry.

REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. HOME COMMITTEE
Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP, Angelia No. 32
Interim State Chairman

Believe it or not, our beautiful Julia Morgan built home is celebrating her 95th birthday this year. We are very proud and blessed to have this amazing building serving as the Jewel of our Order. As we all know, when one ages, sometimes things start to crop up that were unexpected in nature. This has been the case with our Home for the last year or so. We have had a multitude of issues plaguing her, especially the plumbing. The pipes that were installed in the Home when it was built are also 95 years old.

Besides the leak in 2022, that severely damaged the Home, piping in the walls has also been an issue in several areas of the home, including the Bertha Biggs Auditorium. When that happens, the walls must be opened up to find the bad pipe. That can be a huge issue because there are times that the water isn't exactly where the wall is opened, so you have to "look" for it. That means other walls, possibly on different floors, need to be accessed to ensure that the correct pipe is found and repaired.

The repair work on the major leak damage is moving along. The repairs to the rooms on the third and fourth floors, where leak started, have been completed and are now available use by our Members. The Parlor repairs are almost done. We hope the floors, carpet, and return of the furniture to its proper place are completed soon after the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting is over. We are hoping to hold a Grand Re-Opening sometime later this year. We are also making plans for a return of the Christmas Open House if everything is put back in its place.

There has also been a lot of activity going on in the Voss Garden, there are a couple of trees that need to be removed, and we will be looking into what can be put in their place.

The Brick Buy Brick program is still in place. There is a minimum of ten bricks that have to be ordered at a time, and we will have an order going in soon. Parlors and individuals can still place an order. Order blanks will be available at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

The Home Committee held two Bunco fundraising events this year that were very successful, and we will be hosting the "Travel the Golden State" Luncheon at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Stockton. We would like to thank the Parlors of District 15, District 21, Donner

Parlor No. 193, and most of all, you, the Members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, for your continued support of our Home.

The Home Committee will continue to work diligently to keep the Home in pristine condition for your use.

**REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. HOME: SUB-COMMITTEE EVELYN I. CARLSON
HISTORICAL COLLECTION**

**Kathy Kelly-Breitler, El Vespero No. 118
State Chair**

The Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection committee was formed at Grand Parlor in 1960 as the Committee on Relics Museum. At the June 1962 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, action was taken to change the name from Committee on Relics Museum to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Historical Room. Past Grand President Evelyn I. Carlson was chairman of this committee for many years and was instrumental in the increased acquisition of articles for the museum. In her honor, the Historical Room was renamed as the Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection in acknowledgement of Past Grand President Evelyn's many years of fundraising, acquisition, dedication and leadership. The committee is frequently referred to as the EIC Committee.

For community education, the Evelyn I. Carlson Committee has created several small traveling displays which can be brought to various events so that members and guests may view items in our collection. During the Marketplace event at Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June, a binder of Grand Parlor Annual Meeting programs from the 1920s until 2019 was available for members and guests to review. Several Past Grand Presidents were particularly interested in photos from past Grand Parlor Annual Meetings and they were able to help us identify many unnamed Sisters who were featured in the photos. For the annual NDGW/ NSGW Admission Day luncheon in South San Francisco in September, shadow boxes with Admission Day badges from the early 1900's, a binder with Admission Day programs from 1890 to 2019, and black and white photos of Native Daughters marching in Admission Day parades were displayed. Shadow boxes of badges from several Past President Association Assemblies were displayed during the annual Past Presidents Assembly in April.

The Evelyn I. Carlson Committee curates a small museum on the main floor of the Native Daughter Home in San Francisco. As of May 1st, during this term over 1,500 members and guests were able to visit the museum which is open to the public twenty-four hours a day with no admission cost. Nine Past Grand President Installation dresses along with John C. Fremont's personal typewriter, early California artifacts and various Native Daughter items fill the showcases.

During our meetings this year, the Evelyn I. Carlson Committee members reviewed, sorted and stored items from over fifty boxes received from closed parlors. Twenty two additional boxes contained records that were given to the Pioneer Roster for their archives. A review of all United

States and California flags in the EIC collection was completed. Flags that were faded or unusable were taken to a fire station for disposal. Our member Catherine Wong created acid free muslin bags to store the remaining flags. Charters in the collection were cleaned and documented, creating an accurate list of charters in the EIC collection. Additional shelves were added to the storage closets. All file folders in the EIC file cabinet were reviewed and file labels were created.

The collection continues to be photographed and uploaded into CatalogIt. CatalogIt is a secure website that allows us to organize photographs of items in our collection and information for each item in order to document the inventory of EIC.

2022-2023 Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection Committee members include Chairman Kathy Kelly-Breitler, El Vespero No. 118; Barbara Pettit, Bonita No. 10; Joyce James, Bonita No. 10; Vicki Allen, El Vespero No. 118; Recording Secretary Catherine Wong, El Vespero No. 118; Gloria Courtney, San Bruno No. 246; Emerita member Etienne Simon, Darina No. 114. These sisters have been a great pleasure to work with and the giving of their generous time and efforts in helping preserve the history and artifacts of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and the State of California are to be admired and much appreciated.

I would like to thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for my appointment to this committee. It has been an honor and a pleasure to continue the work of the Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collections Committee with my dedicated committee members.

REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. HOME: SUB-COMMITTEE PIONEER ROSTER
Dianna Geyer, Angelita No. 32
State Chair

This year has been quite a challenge. With the water damage at the home, all the showcases were moved into the basement, blocking our lockers. As we receive books from consolidating or closing Parlors, we have met a few at a time to put them in the archival bags for protection, but they are still being stored in the California Room.

We have had 18 people sending in information to add to the Pioneer Roster. Also, with the pandemic, people have been stuck at home and many work on their genealogy files. Twenty three people asked for copies of their ancestors.

We are selling third order of the Pioneer Stories, they have been a great success. We do still have some copies, \$25 each or \$29.95 if they need to be shipped. You can send a check to NDGW Grand Parlor attn. Pioneer Stories.

We expect the last portion of the work on the Home to be completed soon, then we will return and add those many files to our basement lockers.

Thank you to Grand President Nina for my appointment and thank you to our committee for the work organizing the closed books, and filing of Herald and Star copies.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE
Anne Riley, Bonita No. 10
State Chair

It has been an honor to serve Grand President Nina Coffenberry as the State Chairman of the Official Publication – *the California Star* – for the 2022-2023 term. It was a pleasure to receive the articles, pictures, and newsletters from Members and State Chairmen throughout the state, telling of the many Parlor and State Committee happenings. These contributions made the *Star* an informative tool for the Order. There were several highlights featured in the *Star* this term:

- Every issue of the *Star* featured a letter from Grand President Nina Coffenberry telling of her travels and many events throughout the State during her term. It also included pictures and ads for happenings from Parlors and State Committees.
- The *Star* celebrated our new Members and mourned our deceased Sisters in every issue.
- Zoom and in person Parlor activities throughout the State were featured, including creative fundraisers and activities honoring our Grand President. The various smaller Committees such as Admission Day, Education and Scholarship and Mission Restoration also utilized the *Star* to help advertise events and fundraisers including the CFIC drawing, Cash for Christmas.
- The Summer issue had the 2023 GPAM section that featured the Candidates for Grand Parlor Office for the 2023-2024 term and information on the events for the week of Grand Parlor.
- Our beautiful NDGW Home was unfortunately damaged due to a water leak and the *California Star* helped to keep the membership informed as to what was happening regarding the renovation of the damaged areas.
- There were articles celebrating Members receiving their 50 and 75-year pins and also honoring the oldest woman in the United States.

Leonard Sullivan continues to help and provides guidance for the layout of every issue of the *Star*. Every issue of the *Star* is published on our NDGW website. Also, Fricke-Park continues to print and mail each issue for us.

To all of you who submitted articles and pictures – thank you! Our Order has some very talented and creative Members who have come up with amazing fundraisers and projects for their Parlors that were held live and electronically. These were also covered in the *Star*.

I would also like to thank my Reporter – Suzi Riley, PGP, Bonita Parlor No. 10 for her help in editing articles and encouraging Parlors to submit articles.

Lastly, I would like to thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for my appointment as State Chairman of the Official Publication, the *California Star*.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Nina Coffenberry, GP, Ursula No. 1
State Chair

The Personnel Committee meetings were conducted this year were a hybrid with some members in person and some via zoom. Utilizing zoom meetings was a great benefit for the committee.

Grand Parlor Office Assistant, Eve Brockman, remains as an asset to Grand Parlor Office.

Many challenges occurred this year. We held many interviews in order to replace our bookkeeper. We were finally able to find a candidate, Emily Wolf, that provides us with the experience that we need. She will be working remotely and as we move forward we are learning to adapt to this new concept for us.

Our Home Hostess resigned this term and the committee decided to hire two new house keeping employees for the Native Daughter Home. After some extensive interviews we were lucky to find someone to hire.

The Personnel Committee members are Rae Rosas GVP, Tierra de Oro No. 304, Darleen Carpenter GM, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Jacki Matejka, Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Sherry Farley PGP, Grace Parlor No. 242 and Marilynn Rodriguez PGP, Angelita Parlor No. 32. I owe these committee members a big thank you for their hard work and due diligence for a very complicated year.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE
Susan Collins, Jr. PGP, Fort Bragg No. 210
Chair

The Proceedings for the term 2021-2022 are complete. The history of our order during my term as your Grand President is preserved. This could not have been accomplished if not for the dedication and help of PGP Suzi Riley who stepped in with the skills I did not possess and devoted hours of her time to get this task completed. PGP Joan M. Hall was a lifesaver with her advice on what was needed and how to get started. Office Assistant Eve Brockmann was ever at the ready to search and compile all the documents needed. Renee Rianda was a great help in proofreading. Marjorie McKesson helped me to learn new computer skills. Without the help of these individuals, the Proceedings would not have made it to print on time. Many, many thanks go out to these people for their work on these Proceedings. I will be forever indebted to them.

The committee used the services of Minuteman Press of Santa Clara to print and they did an outstanding job promptly at an economical rate.

My advice to future Jr. Past Grand Presidents is to not put off completing this task as it is more complicated than you might believe. Ask for help from Past Grand Presidents who have completed this task before you and start gathering documents from the Office Assistant early so that they are not so hard for her to locate.

REPORT OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Nina Coffenberry, GP, Ursula No. 1
State Chair

The Real Property Committee shall have the power to prescribe all rules and methods of procedure for Subordinate Parlors in connection with the investment in real property.

Naomi Parlor No. 36, Downieville has surrendered their charter. In accordance with their original deed deed they have deeded over their property in Downieville to another non profit organization. They have also turned over their 50% share of the Downieville Museum to the other shareholder, Native Sons of the Golden West. This action was approved by the Real Property.

The Real Property Committee consists of Rae Rosas GVP, Tierra deOro Parlor No. 304, Darleen Carpenter GM, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Suzanne Renee Chandler PGP, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Jacki Matejka, Eshcol Parlor No. 16 and Susan Collins JrPGP, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210.

REPORT OF THE RITUAL AND MANUAL OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
Renee Rianda, GT, Woodland No. 90/Aleli No. 102
State Chair

At the GPAM 2022 it was moved by PGP Christine Tripod, Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, to freeze any changes of the Ritual and Manual of Instruction for a term of three years. It was seconded by PGP Joan Hall, Charter Oak Parlor No. 242, Visalia. Motion carried. 06/30/2022 effective for 3 years.

Year 1 Freeze 2022-2023

Year 2 Freeze 2023-2024

Year 3 Freeze 2024-2025

In Year 4 2025-2026 Legislation may be brought before GPAM in June 2026 in regards to Ritual and Manual of Instruction.

REPORT ON THE ROLL OF HONOR COMMITTEE
Debi Stalder, PGP, Laurel No. 6
State Chair

The Committee received three names for consideration of a Women that is not eligible for membership in the Native Daughters of the Golden West, who has performed some significant and/or noteworthy service for the Native Daughters of the Golden West or for the State of California.

This term's honored woman chosen as a recipient will be added to the distinguished Plaque amongst over 75 honored women, prominently displayed in the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Home which houses the Evelyn I Carlson and Pioneer Roster Archives and Museum display on the first floor of the Home.

Anne Constantin Birge for the Roll of Honor Anne published a book honoring a member of Placer Parlor No. 138, Lincoln, Betty Brown, researching data for our 395 members, and spearheading the Titan I Missile Site Environmental Contamination Remediation Committee in

Lincoln. Anne Constantin Birge published Betty's Coat of Many Colors, a 137-page book about Betty Brown. The book includes valuable research into the 115 military shoulder patches given to Nurse Betty while she attended military personnel during WW II. Anne presented the book to family, Placer Parlor, and the Lincoln Area Archives Museum to sell as a fundraiser. Anne spent over 200 hours assisting Recording Secretary Fran Neves research data pertaining to the 395 members of Placer Parlor since March 23, 1903 when Placer Parlor was instituted. The original Charter is water damaged and hard to read. It was difficult determining the names, and a list of original members could not be found. Grand Parlor also did not have a list. Anne found dates of birth, places of birth, and obituaries. Shirley Russell had started the project before the COVID pandemic. Fran had continued the research, but it is Anne who found the needed data. We learned a great deal about our past members during the process. Since completing this task, eight more women have joined Placer Parlor.

At the September 21, 2022 Lincoln City Council meeting, Anne asked the City why it was planning development on a contaminated site. There have been four task force meetings since. The last meeting had almost 600 participants. Representatives from Congress, the County, the City, the developer, and various other dignitaries attended including a specialist on government contaminated sites. This is documented in the Lincoln News Messenger. The contamination is spreading underground towards the Del Webb Lincoln Hills Community. The missiles were removed in 1965. A gun club left lead contamination in addition to the trichloroethylene (TCE) left by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Army and the County couldn't agree on who would clean it up, so it wasn't done. Consequently, many residents are writing and attending various meetings to speed up the process thanks to Anne's leadership. Anne has helped our Parlor and now, she is helping the many residents of the City of Lincoln. Although she was born in Oklahoma, she loves California. We are grateful for her dedication.

Anne Constantin Birge Anne, her twin brother and two older siblings were reared on an 88-acre farm in Norman, Oklahoma. In 1977, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Special Education and moved to California. After a stint as a stay-at-home Mother to three, Anne opted for the much-easier career as a Deputy Sheriff with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. In 2000, she retired as a District Attorney Investigator with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. In 1992, the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce selected Anne as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. In 1992, she was a graduate of the California Peace Officers and Standards Master Instructor Course. While a peace officer, Anne received her California Lifetime Teaching Credential and taught Interview and Interrogation, Hostage / Crisis Negotiations and Child Abuse Investigations. For years, Anne's written on a multitude of topics including World War II crews and aircraft. She also researched Jules Joseph Constantin, Jr, her paternal uncle who was the pilot of a North American Aviation B-25 Mitchell bomber during WWII. She wrote a story about Jules and the 13 other brave men listed as Missing in Action / Killed In Action aboard four aircraft on one mission on 30 December 1942, over Kiska Island, the Aleutian Islands, Territory of Alaska. In January 2022, the Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Trail Chapter honored Anne with their Women in History Project for her story about the military Veterans buried at Manzanita Cemetery located in the rural area of Lincoln. She has irons in the fire for articles about Veterans buried at other small Placer County cemeteries and many other topics. Also in 2022, Anne wrote a book for the Lincoln Area Archives Museum about Lincoln resident and World War II US Army Nurse Corps 2nd

Lieutenant Betty Elouise Catlett Brown, a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Placer Parlor No.138 and the Lincoln Woman's Club. More recently, Anne spent the last six months investigating Beale Air Force Base's abandoned Cold War Era Titan 1-A nuclear armed InterContinental Ballistic Missile Base in Lincoln, off Highway 193 and Oak Tree Lane. She discovered that since 1991, local, county and federal agencies have known the site and land adjacent to Sun City Lincoln Hills to be contaminated with lead, toxic clay pigeons, asbestos, degreasers, rocket fuel, 'forever chemicals 'in firefighting foam. The city of Lincoln wanted to make the missile site a park and build houses adjacent to land atop a 16-acre groundwater plume contaminated with trichloroethylene, a carcinogenic and neurodegenerative chemical and other chemicals. To date, nothing has been done to clean up the deadly contamination. Ray, her husband of 31+ years, and she lived in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties until 2015, when they returned 'home 'to their beloved Northern California to live in Lincoln. Anne Constantin Birge is a very dedicated woman and she continues to make California a better place to live and to preserve our beautiful State history. Native Daughters of the Golden West is honored to recognize her efforts.

The Roll of Honor Committee would like to thank
Laurel Parlor No. 6
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
for the efforts with submitting candidates for consideration also.

Roll of Honor State Committee and Judges were: Debi Stalder, PGP, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Jeanne Allgeier, Laurel Parlor No. 6, and Joanne Davis, Manzanita Parlor No. 29

REPORT ON THE VETERANS WELFARE COMMITTEE
Viola Gene Dana, Rancho La Puente No. 331
State Chair

Many veterans are homeless. Many of them are physically or mentally ill. Some suffer from PTSD and self-medicate themselves into deadly addictions. These few sentences paint a painful picture of the realities faced every day by a group of individuals who once took an oath to defend their country with their lives.

There are public and private sources to offer shelter and medical and psychiatric care. Help is available if one can focus on leaving the cycle of hopelessness and depression. This is where, very often, the Native Daughters of the Golden West have an opportunity to bring the "human touch" into the life of a Veteran.

Parlors throughout our Golden State are supplying the bare necessities of housekeeping to residents in low-income housing units specifically built to house previously homeless Veterans. I have experienced firsthand the sense of accomplishment when a previously withdrawn, quiet individual joins in a group conversation or game. We do not patronize, we listen. We do not judge, we learn. What often starts as a duty becomes a joy.

This Committee is prepared to support any Parlor with monetary assistance if required. Often, unsung and unnoticed, our Parlors forego involvement because financial support is difficult. Please consider a regular program in support of your local veteran's facility.

The following synopses of Parlor Veteran Welfare reports are, I am sure, only a fraction of the actual hours, miles and dollars spent in support of our Veterans. I present them proudly hoping that the activities spark your interest and involvement.

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 continued their "Holiday Donations for our Veterans Fund Raiser" which was so successful last year. Starting in August a mailing goes out to each member. Monthly reminders in Parlor meetings and the monthly newsletter continue until December. Proceeds are donated to two local veterans' organizations.

Forrest Parlor No. 86 members wrote messages and signed 78 greeting cards for their local veterans on Valentine's Day and Veteran's Day. They also placed USA Flags on veteran's graves at the Shenandoah Valley Cemetery.

Woodland No. 90 participated in purchasing and placing wreaths at the Sacramento Valley Veterans Cemetery in Dixon, at the Wreaths Across America event. Parlor sisters also made and sent Valentines and Veteran's Days. They also stock the Veterans House at Travis AFB with household supplies and donating to Gold Star Mom's care packages for deployed military members.

Encinal Parlor No. 156, Argonaut No. 166 and Donner 193 combined their resources and efforts to fill 40 goodie bags for the residents of the Operation Dignity facility. The bags were filled with toiletries, hand sanitizer, calendars, candles, pens and a handwritten card thanking them for their service. They also presented a cash donation to Operation Dignity. Please visit <https://operationdignity.org> for more information.

Lugonia Parlor No. 241 reports that they unfailingly greet Veterans with a warm smile and a "Welcome Home." Many of the members have friends, neighbors and family members in VA Hospitals or in rehabilitation centers, and they assist them whenever possible.

Grace Parlor No. 242 celebrated Veterans from their community at their November meeting. They supported the Paralyzed Veterans of American with a generous cash donation.

La Tijera Parlor No. 282 joined the local VFW Post's event to provide Thanksgiving Dinners with a generous cash donation.

Jurupa Parlor No. 296 focuses their support at the Loma Linda Veterans Healthcare Center. During the months of October and November, members bring in donations of snack items, sugar-free candy, tissues, a pen and small notebook and word search games. 100 goodie bags were filled. Due to Covid protocols still in place during the "Veterans Week" celebration in November, members could not deliver the bags to in-patients in the local VA Hospital. The Volunteer Services Department assisted members in setting up an awning and table in the

parking lot and members delivered 100 goodie bags to veterans arriving for out-patient care and services.

Cotati Parlor No. 299 has established a relationship with The Benton Veterans Village in Santa Rosa. The Village provides homes and management support to previously unhoused veterans in a centrally located neighborhood with easy access to downtown. For several years sisters of our Parlor have remembered veterans with individual treats and group meals periodically throughout the year. For this Veterans Day, Cotati members collaborated to provide homemade soups, hot breads, salad and desserts.

Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331 supports The Veterans Village in El Monte. Working closely with the Village Resident Director, the Parlor provides all manner of household furnishings – sheets, comforters, blankets, towels, plates, cups, and cooking utensils. Each new resident is welcomed with a basket of basic cleaning and sanitary supplies. Activities have included Game Day Luncheons, Carol Singing at Christmas, New Year Dinner, and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Bingo, LCR, and wreath-making. Reportedly, the membership provides the funds for these gifts and events. A request for funds to purchase an EZ-Up for more outdoor activities was forwarded to the Veterans Welfare Committee and approved.

I sincerely thank Grand President Nina Coffenberry for the opportunity to serve The Order as State Chairman of this committee and the members who volunteered to serve with me. I have learned much from this experience.

I applaud each and every one of you, the members, who do so much to support the men and women who served us so well.

REPORT ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE: ASSESSMENT AND RENEWAL
Darleen Carpenter, GM, El Tejon No. 239 and
Renee Rianda, GT, Woodland No. 90/Aleli No. 102
Co-Chairs

During the 2022 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM), a motion was made that a two-year Special Committee be appointed by the Grand President to restructure and streamline the Native Daughters of the Golden West to be more relevant to prospective new members of California. The name of this Committee is the *Assessment and Renewal Committee* (ARC).

We began meeting monthly and soon found we needed help to provide a compass to lead us in the correct direction.

Here is a summary of our work for the 2022-2023 term:

- The board gave permission to hire Zoot Velasco based on his experience, his professorship at CSU Fullerton and California Polytechnic University (Cal Poly), and authorship of noted books on subjects crucial to the success of non-profit organizations such as NDGW.

-The mission statement of the Order was reviewed to streamline. It is important to have a concise mission statement that can be used in a pitch to prospective new members.

- We evaluated the current Membership process and explored ideas for future change.
- A survey of our membership netted a spectacular rate of response which helped us determine the priorities as we move forward to keep NDGW thriving and relevant for another 100 years. We had over 23% of you respond!! Most surveys are lucky to get a 2 to 5 % response rate. It was so invigorating to see such a response and to go through your comments and thoughts to help us develop the priorities for the future of Native Daughters.
- A SWOT (Strength Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) analysis was done.
A copy of this analysis can be found in the Vision Report.
- A leadership meeting was held with the Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents to discuss the survey results and future needs of the Order. Their collaboration helped to create the Vision Report.
- The current revenue stream (how much money the Order takes in) will not sustain us. There has to be a consistent and growing amount of money coming in to keep up with rising costs (ie: cost of living, maintenance, administrative, etc.). Based on research, and working with an expert in non-profit organizations, it is estimated that if we stay on the course we're on, the Native Daughters of the Golden West will be no more in less than 10 years.
- Priorities determined are: the **Financial Health of our Order**, the care and function of our **Home**, and **better development for our Leadership** (ie: providing training and education on the function and responsibilities of a Board of Directors charged with running a non-profit).

What's next? Your ARC is charged with working on this for two years. However, the expert's advice is to develop a three-year strategic plan for Native Daughters of the Golden West. That Strategic Plan will be unveiled soon and then implemented by the next three Grand Presidents and Grand Officers. Therefore, ARC has submitted legislation for your consideration to continue our work for a total of four years.

Imagine the influence of 3,000 Native Daughters if we all set our minds to something!

Let's set our minds to making our Order more relevant to the Members, new and current, ...so that NDGW can grow, thrive, and help California continue to be golden.

Your enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, input, and action are VITAL to the success of this process. Remember, the Vision Report that will be available at GPAM is only the beginning. We need you to be an active part of the future of NDGW.

This is an exciting time to be a Native Daughter! We are empowered to make an impact that will be felt for many years to come!

If you have a constructive comment, suggestion, proposal, idea, that you'd like to share with the Assessment and Renewal Committee (ARC), we would love to hear from you. We will have a suggestion box at GPAM.

The Co-Chairs of ARC are GM Darleen Carpenter (El Tejon No. 239) and GT Renee Rianda (Woodland No.90/Aleli No. 102). Committee Members are PGP Debi Stalder, (Laurel No. 6); PGP Sherry Farley (Grace No. 242); Joelle Dobrow (Toluca No. 279); Maria Elena Serna (Zinfandel No. 337), R.S. Fran Neves (Placer No. 138); R.S. Sandra Firpo (San Bruno No. 246) and Frances Levy (El Pinal No. 163).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES 2022-2023

FINAL

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2022
Double Tree Inn

The Meeting was called to Order at 9:07 A.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry.
The Opening Prayer was offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins.

Roll Call was taken with all attending in person:

GP Nina Coffenberry	Sr. GT Francine Bremer
Jr. PGP Susan Collins	GT Barbara Bruce
GVP Rae Rosas	GT Renee Rianda
GM Darleen Carpenter	GT Heidi Dillon
GS Shelley Buchberger	

GP Nina Coffenberry welcomed and thanked the Grand Officers for attending. She provided a breakfast for everyone in attendance.

Communications: GS Shelley Buchberger read a letter from PGP Camelia Robles. She sent congratulations and thanks and she updated us on the 10-year pins and membership pins.

GT Renee Rianda moved and GM Darleen Carpenter seconded that we approve the restock purchase of 500 membership pins. Motion carried and so ordered.

New Business:

Jr. PGP Susan Collins moved and GT Renee Rianda seconded that GP Nina Coffenberry's appointments be ratified. Motion carried and so ordered.

The Board of Trustees have voted for the Senior Grand Trustee and have set their order. The Grand Trustees will take turns acting as clerk when each will report on the audit results.

The Grand Trustees will work with the NDGW Bookkeeper to ensure she has documents for the CPA of the Order to generate his review for the previous term, 2021-2022. The target date for closing the books will be August 11, 2022.

With agreement among the Grand Trustees, and due to a work conflict, GP Nina Coffenberry appointed GT Heidi Dillon to be the Grand Parlor Board Representative to the NDGW Home

Committee. GT Barbara Bruce moved and GVP Rae Rosas seconded that we approve this appointment. Motion carried and so ordered.

Sr. GT Fran Bremer moved and Jr. PGP Susan Collins seconded that GT Renee Rianda now be appointed as a non-voting member of the NDGW Legislation Committee. Motion carried and so ordered.

Sr. GT Fran Bremer requested that the Board of Grand Trustees arrive at the Grand Parlor Office on the Thursday preceding the quarterly Board of Director's meetings so they can be ready on Friday morning to conduct the quarterly audit of the financial records and budgets of the Order.

GM Darleen Carpenter moved and Jr. PGP Susan Collins seconded that we retain Michael T. Savasta of Ineich and Company, San Mateo, California, as CPA of the Order for the 2022-2023 term. Motion carried and so ordered.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins moved and GM Darleen Carpenter seconded that we sign a new retainer for the 2022-2023 term with Greg Alessandra, our investment advisor. Motion carried and so ordered.

GT Renee Rianda moved and Jr. PGP Susan Collins seconded that we retain the Attorney of the Order, the law firm of Stein and Law, for the 2022-2023 term. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was discussed that the family of PGP Harriet Brown respectfully requested that no correspondence of any kind be sent to her.

BREAK

The "Golden Bear" was discussed.

The new and old signatories will meet at Bank of America on the Friday before our next board meeting. GP Nina Coffenberry will contact the Grand Parlor Bookkeeper to set up an appointment there at 2 P.M. to change the signatories. GVP Rae Rosas moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded that the change on the signatories on the NDGW checking accounts, namely, NDGW Grand Parlor, NDGW Home Fund, NDGW Childrens Foundation and NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. will be GP Nina Coffenberry, GVP Rae Rosas, GM Darleen Carpenter and Sr. GT Francine Bremer. Jr. PGP Susan Collins will be removed. Motion carried and so ordered.

GP Nina Coffenberry discussed the attire to be worn at Official Visits and board meetings. She would like business attire with no jeans worn.

Asbestos abatement will be starting at the NDGW Home this week. Two small spots are being done and work will start on Tuesday, July 5th.

GP Nina Coffenberry requested that we select our room preferences for our stay at the NDGW Home when we attend in person for the Board of Directors meetings. Our choices will be forwarded to the Home Hostess, Julia Hull.

It was voted on at the 2022 GPAM to send out all Profit and Loss statements and Balance Sheets in the Monthly Mailings starting in October. GP Nina Coffenberry will send out instructions in her Monthly Letter that all financial pages are to be shredded after reading and not to be shared with anyone not in Native Daughters.

Special Committee on Membership. GP Nina would like to have a mixture of Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents and Members to help on this Committee. She will share her recommendations when they are completed.

GT Renee Rianda suggested that we look at legislation for the start dates and times of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. It should be up to the discretion of the Grand President.

GVP Rae Rosas moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded that the minutes of day 4 of GPAM be approved as corrected. Motion carried and so ordered.

GP Nina Coffenberry went over her Itinerary for the 2022-2023 term.

Jr PGP Susan Collins offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

GS Shelley Buchberger

Final
Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2022
Grand Parlor Board Room

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:49 P.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry.
The Opening Prayer was offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins.

Roll Call was taken with all attending in person:

GP Nina Coffenberry	Sr. GT Francine Bremer
Jr. PGP Susan Collins	GT Barbara Bruce
GVP Rae Rosas	GT Renee Rianda
GM Darleen Carpenter	GT Heidi Dillon
GS Shelley Buchberger	

Minutes:

Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as final.

Day 1, 6/28, Sr. GT Fran Bremer moved and GT Rae Rosas seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

Day 2, 6/29, GVP Susan Collins moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

Day 3, 6/30, GT Renee Rianda moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

GVP Susan Collins moved to approve the July 1st 2022 GP Board Meeting minutes, GT Heidi Dillon seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

(The Day 4 GPAM minutes were approved at the July 1st GP Board Meeting.)

Unfinished Business:

GT Renee Rianda requested that updates to Ritual and Manual be made to streamline and update Parlor Rituals. This is on hold for three years but will give Ritual and Manual time to create the changes.

The NDGW Home was discussed. There is a new leak in the dining room from the 3rd floor and the Wifi has been removed from the Home.

Jr PGP Susan Collins offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

GS Shelley Buchberger

FINAL
Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2022
Grand Parlor Board Room

The Meeting was called to Order at 9:00 A.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry.
The Opening Prayer was offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins.

Roll Call was taken with all attending in person:

GP Nina Coffenberry	Sr. GT Francine Bremer
Jr. PGP Susan Collins	GT Barbara Bruce
GVP Rae Rosas	GT Renee Rianda
GM Darleen Carpenter	GT Heidi Dillon
GS Shelley Buchberger	

GP Nina Coffenberry opened the meeting by reviewing her upcoming itinerary.

GS Shelley Buchberger requested that the November 18th and 19th board meeting be moved up a week due to a family conflict. GM Darleen Carpenter also had a conflict. The itinerary was clear so the November Board Meeting will now be on November 11th and 12th. The Home Manager Julia Hull was informed of the move so the rooms in the NDGW Home can be changed to the new date.

New Business:

Sr. GT Fran Bremer reviewed the Grand Trustee Audits. Parlors in arrears were discussed. They will be contacted by the Grand Trustees to make arrangements for payments. Hayward Parlor was discussed.

Break

PGP Dawn Dunlap sent a request to use the Social Room to package and mail her proceedings. GT Heidi Dillon moved and GM Darleen Carpenter seconded to allow PGP Dawn to use the Social room from Sept. 6, to Sept. 14, 2022. Motion carried and so ordered.

PGP Dawn Dunlap, Chairman of Education and Scholarship, requested set aside to the C.G.P. to allow people with G.E.D.'s to apply for Scholarships. Jr. PGP Susan Collins moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded to allow this. Motion failed to pass. Per C.G.P., Page 9, section 8, items 3 & 4, C.G.P. cannot be set aside unless it is for an emergency.

The financial information to be sent out to Parlors as requested by a motion at GPAM was discussed. The bulk of the reports will come from the NDGW Bookkeeper. Jackie Matejka, State Chairman of Finance, will need to provide the investment ownership information to

complete the request. The GP Board decided that it will all be shared at the Joint Meeting with the Past Grand Presidents in October to review before sending out.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins presented her Extension of the Order report. She discussed GP Nina Coffenberry's project. She also requested from the Electronic Communications Committee that we place a button on the first page of the new website that links to a fillable form. This will be a request for more information about the Native Daughters and she would like a board member to monitor this and reply to any questions by the interested person. GS Shelley Buchberger, Chairman of the ECC, said she would bring it up with her Committee to see if they can implement it.

The Board discussed Parlors that have not met in 6 months. The Extension of the Order Committee will contact them to assist them in returning to meetings.

Argonaut Parlor's possible consolidation with Encinal was discussed.

Sr. GT Fran Bremer said that Marinita Parlor will be sending out a survey or plan a meeting to discuss approval of a consolidation with Cotati.

Lunch

GP Nina Coffenberry and GVP Rae Rosas signed contracts for this year with the NDGW Investment Advisor Greg Allesandra and the CPA of the Order, Ineich & Comp. LLP.

GM Darleen Carpenter presented Committee Directives, guidelines for work to be performed on Native Daughters properties. GT Heidi Dillon moved and GT Barbara Bruce seconded that these Directives be used and sent out to the Home State Chairman. Motion carried and so ordered.

The NDGW Board would like current updates on state projects in the Order. The Home Committee and CFIC Chairmen will be contacted and requested to attend the next board meeting in November.

GM Darleen Carpenter will start working on new Policies and Procedures for operational and financial duties for all four major entities of the NDGW.

GT Heidi Dillon moved and GT Renee Rianda seconded that GP Nina Coffenberry's Committee and Deputy Grand President appointments be ratified. Motion carried and so ordered.

GT Barbara Bruce moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded to approve the new pricing of the 10 year pin (\$5) and the 25 year pin (\$40) as requested by the Finance Committee. Motion carried and so ordered.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins moved that we approve the use of Chris Lakawa as the Attorney for the Palomares Property and retain Chris Melendres as the real estate professional. GT Renee Rianda seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

GPAM yearly dates were discussed.

GP Nina Coffenberry requested discussion on the voting for Recommendation #8, the proposal to allow non California born members into the Order.

GP Nina Coffenberry went over her proposed appointments for the new Assessment and Renewal Committee. She will contact them and finalize the new Committee this month.

GM Darleen Carpenter moved and GT Renee Rianda seconded to purchase a portable laser printer for the board to use at our meetings and at GPAM. This will save the Grand Parlor money on reduced printing costs. Motion carried and so ordered.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins moved that we needed to include the Legislation Reports of Laws and Supervision, Ritual and Manual, Legislation and State of the Order Committees in the GPAM minutes. GT Heidi Dillon seconded. Motion carried and so ordered. GS Shelley Buchberger will add them to the final minutes.

A phone call received from PGP Christine Tripod was discussed regarding voting at GPAM and credentials of Zoom Attendees. GP Nina will contact her.

PGP Dawn Dunlap's library was discussed. GT Heidi Dillon will reach out to her to discuss her plans for it.

Jr PGP Susan Collins offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

GS Shelley Buchberger

Final
Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2022
Meeting by Zoom

The Meeting was called to Order at 3:40 P.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry.
The Opening Prayer was offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins.

Roll Call was taken with those in attendance on Zoom:

GP Nina Coffenberry	Sr. GT Francine Bremer
Jr. PGP Susan Collins	GT Barbara Bruce - Excused
GVP Rae Rosas	GT Renee Rianda
GM Darleen Carpenter	GT Heidi Dillon
GS Shelley Buchberger	

GP Nina Coffenberry requested that the Board of Directors send flowers to GT Barbara Bruce in sympathy for the loss of her father. The Board agreed and GP Nina will send them out.

New Business:

The NDGW Investment Advisor, Greg Alessandra, sent a Non Corporate Resolution form and would like it filled out with the appropriate authorized persons. Those authorized are: GP Nina Coffenberry, GVP Rae Rosas, GM Darleen Carpenter, and Sr. GT Francine Bremer.

The Bank of America sent a form that requests the authorization to borrow on behalf of the Corporation. This is in reference to the corporate credit card. GVP Rae Rosas and Sr. GT Francine Bremer will be added as signers on this account.

October 21 and 22, 2022 are the dates of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Past Grand Presidents to be held in Madera, California. Friday night will be an informal pizza dinner and Saturday shall include a lunch provided in house, with all going out for dinner.

GM Darleen Carpenter has compiled financial package information and will take it to the joint meeting in October. There will be an email set up for questions and GM Darleen and Sr. GT Fran Bremer will monitor it.

GP Nina Coffenberry shared information on the NDGW Home:

Members have requested to bring their pets to the NDGW Home when they stay.
NDGW Home Hostess Julia Hull has been approached by an event planner who would like to use the NDGW Home for events.

Members of Santa Cruz Parlor, who are bike enthusiasts, would like to return to the NDGW Home and bring their bikes.

The NDGW Home has been named in a will. The conservatorship will be meeting in February 2023.

McFadden Construction, the company doing the water damage remodel, needs to supply an Insurance Certificate.

These items were discussed and GP Nina Coffenberry will set up a Zoom link so the Board can attend the Home Committee meeting this weekend to ask questions.

Real Property. GP Nina Coffenberry updated the Board on the ongoing sale of the Palomares Cemetery. The Catholic Church will be contacted soon to make sure that they have no stake in the sale of the property.

Jr PGP Susan Collins offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

GS Shelley Buchberger

Final

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2022

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:44 P.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry.
The Opening Prayer was offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins.

Roll Call was taken with all those in attendance:

GP Nina Coffenberry	Sr. GT Francine Bremer
Jr. PGP Susan Collins	GT Barbara Bruce
GVP Rae Rosas	GT Renee Rianda
GM Darleen Carpenter	GT Heidi Dillon
GS Shelley Buchberger	

Minutes:

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of August 12th and 13th were reviewed. GT Barbara Bruce moved and GT Renee Rianda seconded that the minutes for August 12-13, 2022 be approved. The motion was carried and so ordered.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of August 30th was reviewed. GT Heidi Dillon moved and Sr. GT Fran Bremer seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion was carried and so ordered.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of October 22nd Joint Meeting, was reviewed. GT Renee Rianda moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was carried and so ordered.

New Business:

The NDGW Home and the NDGW Home Hostess were discussed.

Jr. PGP Susan is waiting on estimates for the Foley Wing door from the GP Office to the Voss Garden. She has one coming and needs two more. She also suggested that the NDGW Home schedule volunteers that are working at the NDGW Home time to meet with contractors.

GP Nina recommended that we attend Committee Meetings to learn what is going on in other parts of our Order. Jr. PGP Susan said that it is to our benefit to learn about the various committees.

Palomares Cemetery, the realtor for the cemetery has been able to reach out to a contact at the Catholic Church regarding the sale. Hopefully we will hear back soon.

Jr PGP Susan Collins offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

GS Shelley Buchberger

Final

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2022

The Meeting was called to Order at 9:05 A.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry.
The Opening Prayer was offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins.

Roll Call was taken with most in attendance:

GP Nina Coffenberry	Sr. GT Francine Bremer
Jr. PGP Susan Collins	GT Barbara Bruce
GVP Rae Rosas - excused	GT Renee Rianda
GM Darleen Carpenter	GT Heidi Dillon
GS Shelley Buchberger	

Unfinished Business:

GP Nina Coffenberry notified the Board that the attorney fees for the Palomares Cemetery have been paid.

Sr. GT Fran Bremer discussed the current tax filing. The NDGW Bookkeeper has not yet sent the files to the CPA of the Order. GP Nina requested that Sr. GT Fran send her a list of what needs to be sent along with the timeline so GP Nina can monitor the process for this with the NDGW Bookkeeper. GM Darleen Carpenter suggested a call to the CPA when all of the files have been received by him to request that we get our tax report by February 1st.

The workload of the Grand Parlor Office was discussed and the possible need to bring in a part time person to help.

Tahquitz Parlor #333 currently has only 4 members. They cannot have a quorum or conduct business with only 4. GP Nina will reach out to them to discuss a closure of the Parlor.

GT Heidi Dillon called many of the members of Hayward Parlor #122. The majority would be happy to move over to another Parlor and continue their membership. The Parlor's paraphernalia is still stored at the Veteran's Association Hall.

Sr. GT Fran said that Naomi Parlor #36 had contacted the GP Office Support Assistant saying that they would like to either consolidate or close. Jr. PGP Susan will reach out to them as Chairman of Extension of the Order.

GT Rene Rianda reported on Santa Cruz Parlor's #26 views on the Mission Bells. The NDGW Board had responded previously and their view has not changed. Their concerns were noted.

New Business:

State Chairman of Finance, Jacki Matejka, entered the Board meeting at the request of GP Nina. Chairman Jacki informed the Board that our Charitable Entities have been running over budget every year. Discussion ensued as to what we can do to keep us on budget.

GP Nina requested that the Board look into having consistent budget reporting forms for all of the nonprofit entities so they are cohesive at GPAM. GM Darleen moved the templates for the budgets all be the same and they be sent out by January for this year's budgets. GT Heidi seconded. Motion carried and so ordered. GM Darleen will work on this and will coordinate with PGP Sherry to get them created. She will also contact the Chairs of the entities to advise them of this change.

GP Nina, as State Chairman of Personnel, requested that the Board approve a time keeping link on Quick Books. GT Heidi moved that we purchase a time card system through Quick Books for use by all employees. GM Darleen seconded. Motion carried and so ordered. GS Shelley said that she will work with PGP Sherry Farley to get it implemented.

Break

Jr. PGP Susan asked if there has been a second notice sent out for unpaid per capita bills. Sr. GT Fran said that the list of unpaid Parlors is on the financial reports we received and there are not very many. She will instruct the NDGW Bookkeeper to send out notices.

The Board of Grievance was discussed. PGP Dawn Dunlap will be the new chairman of this committee.

Trustee's report. Currently we have 3411 members. Sr. GT Fran went over the audit findings. She requested that the legislation be finalized for the duties of the CFO and the Grand Trustees. The Grand Trustees and the Grand Vice President will meet by Zoom and update the Board by the next board meeting.

Before the next board meeting, GP Nina will request that the Chairmen of the Children's Foundation, Home Committee and CFIC, attend the meeting to update us on their respective Committees.

Appointment Ratifications: August, remove Billie McArthur from the Extension of the Order Committee, add Viola Gene Dana to the Fraternal Jewelry Committee, GP Nina to the Finance Committee, Alicia Steward to the Investment Committee, GT Heidi Dillon to the State of the Order Committee as a non-voting member (GT #4), PGP Suzi Riley to the State of the Order Committee, and remove Mary Jungi from the Roll of Honor Committee. September, add Kathleen Valerio to the Electronic Communications Committee, remove Ann Valero from the Public Relations Committee and add Shirley Svindal. November, GT Heidi Dillion was made the interim NDGW Home Committee Chairman, add Sonny Graves to the Extension of the Order Committee, PGP Dawn Dunlap is the new Chairman of Grievance, removed Dolori Beard and add PGP Camilia Robles to the Investment Committee, PGP Bonnie Tabor, SDDGP for District

#19, is the new DGP of Joaquin, and add Francis Rhodes to the Veteran's Committee. Jr. PGP Susan moved and GT Heidi seconded to ratify the appointments. Motion approved and so ordered.

Jr. PGP Susan will rewrite legislation for Proceedings and will add a new order form to it.

GT Heidi requested that the wording in the Committee Policies, Real Property be changed to have the Grand Vice President added. GT Barbara moved and Jr. PGP Susan seconded. Motion carried and so ordered. GS Shelley will send a note to PGP Joan Hall to include this change.

Lunch

GT Heidi informed us that the NDGW Home cell phone was with Verizon and they have a promotion to provide internet at a greatly reduced price. GS Shelley said that this might just be for residential use. GT Renee and GS Shelley will work together to investigate this.

Parlors not in attendance at GPAM: Nataqua Parlor #152, sent a request that they not be required to pay the fee for nonattendance at GPAM. All of the Parlors were offered alternate ways to attend. GT Heidi moved and GM Darleen seconded to have GS Shelley send them a note that we are sorry for their inconvenience but they were sent information about alternate ways to attend. Motion carried and so ordered.

Grand Secretary and Stenographer rooms and stipends were discussed. Budgeted this year is \$2,400 for the rooms and \$1,000 compensation for the Stenographer. C.G.P. states that the Grand Parlor pays for two rooms.

Open meeting at GPAM: It was discussed that we need to allow hotel and IT staff access to the room during GPAM. PGP Sherry informed the Board of Directors that an open meeting can be allowed by having a member make a motion at the start of the meetings. This discussion was tabled to the next board meeting.

GT Renee read possible legislation to open up the dates of GPAM to allow for flexible dates to help with getting better room rates and amenities at the sponsoring hotel venues. GT Heidi said that this is already allowed per C.G.P. as long as the membership is notified ahead of time. Jr. PGP Susan said it would be better for clarification to take out the dates listed in C.G.P. GT Renee will write the legislation for this and present it.

GT Heidi discussed items purchased by the NDGW Home Committee. One such item is blankets. There are many extra blankets that are unused and could be donated. She has a list to go over with the Committee.

Renting out the NDGW Home for outside events was discussed. To be able to have caterers work in the kitchen, it would have to be inspected by the San Francisco County Health Department. It was the Board's opinion that it would take a lot of money to get the kitchen up to code to pass the inspection.

Gift certificates for the NDGW Home: There is a question on how many gift certificates have been sold, what has been redeemed, and what is left outstanding. GT Heidi did find a list of 2022 gift card purchases and will investigate the prior years.

Transportation Legislation. Sr. GT Fran moved that we increase the mileage reimbursement from .15 cents to .25 cents. Jr. PGP Susan seconded. Motion carried and so ordered. Jr. PGP Susan will write the legislation for this.

Grand President's room at the NDGW Home. In previous years, Grand Parlor had paid a "rent" to the NDGW Home. This was set up to help the Home pay bills when it was struggling. When the Grand Parlor was struggling, it was stopped. The Board discussed this and with Grand Parlor still struggling to pay bills, it was decided not to start the rent again.

The t-shirts and sweatshirts sold by the GP Board were discussed. Jr. PGP Susan Collins will contact Nikki Acevedo who has the information on how to order more of them. GS Shelley recommended that a shop be set up on the NDGW website to sell the items. GT Barbara moved and St. GT Fran seconded to have GT Renee look into costs to purchase swag items to sell. Motion carried and so ordered.

The Grand Parlor Bookkeeper, Jeanette, sent a request for use of a cell phone in her office. She needs it for second verification software. Currently it is done on her personal cell phone and that is not ideal. GS Shelley recommended that she set up the two step authorization through email. GT Renee moved and Jr. PGP Susan seconded that we instruct Jeanette to do the authorization by email. Motion carried and so ordered.

Grand President's stipend: Jr. PGP Susan said that during her tenure as Grand President, she spent \$10,000 more than the stipend she received. Jr. PGP Susan moved that the stipend should be increased to \$1,000. GT Fran seconded. Motion carried and so ordered. Jr. PGP Susan will write the legislation to increase the stipend.

Jr. PGP Susan suggested that we change the qualifications to be on the Board of Directors to one year as a book officer. Jr. PGP Susan and GT Heidi will work on the legislation.

Sr. GT Fran recommended that we need to draw new district lines due to the Parlor closures. GT Renee offered to make up a map of the current districts and offer suggestions.

Jr. PGP Susan is entertaining bids for contracts on the Foley Wing. She received one from Coit to clean the floor in the social room for \$750.00. She so far has one estimate to paint the rooms in the Foley Wing. GT Heidi moved to allow the contract with Coit to clean the floors. GM Darleen seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

Jr. PGP Susan has received three estimates for electronics for the GP Board Room for a laptop, television, and television mount. Best Buy had the best estimate and they will also deliver and mount it for free. GT Heidi recommended adding Geek Squad to the purchase in case of any issues. GT Heidi moved and GT Barbara seconded to purchase the big screen television, laptop, and mounting shelf with installation from Best Buy. Motion carried and so ordered. Jr. PGP

Susan said that the money being used to purchase these items are coming from the PGP's Road Kill Café fundraiser. Jr. PGP Susan will have a sign made up commemorating this generous donation.

Next Board Meeting: February 17, 2023.

Jr PGP Susan Collins offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

GS Shelley Buchberger

Final

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023
Meeting by Zoom

The Meeting was called to Order at 6:35 P.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry.
The Opening Prayer was offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins.

Roll Call was taken with all those in attendance:

GP Nina Coffenberry
Jr. PGP Susan Collins
GVP Rae Rosas
GM Darleen Carpenter
GS Shelley Buchberger

Sr. GT Francine Bremer
GT Barbara Bruce
GT Renee Rianda
GT Heidi Dillon

Minutes:

GT Barbara Bruce moved and GT Heidi Dillon seconded to move the approval of the November minutes to the February meeting. Motion carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

An attorney letter was received.

A document was received from Ingrid Larsen, attorney for Naomi Parlor No. 36 regarding the deed transfer to the Sierra County Arts Council. Rae noted that item number 6 listed the committee name incorrect and needs to be rewritten to read “the Real Property Committee”. Jr. PGP Susan Collins moved and Sr. GT Fran Bremer seconded that we approved the deed transfer when the liability contract has been approved by the attorney. Motion carried and so ordered.

The ARC Committee is requesting \$5,000 to hire a consultant, Zoot Velasco, to help define and refine our Order. GVP Rae moved to fund the request from ARC and to take the money from the cushion of unused insurance on the Grand Parlor budget. GT Heidi seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

Old Business:

GP Nina Coffenberry and GVP Rae Rosas will meet with the Catholic Archdiocese on January 20th, 2023 regarding the Palomares Cemetery.

Sr. GT Fran requested that the Grand President’s itinerary be updated and a copy sent to the Board.

Jr. PGP Susan updated the NDGW Board on her project. The Board Room and Activity room have been painted. The floors in the activity room were cleaned. The television and laptop have been installed in the Board Room.

New Business:

GP Nina requested a declaration of intent from all Board Members to run for office or 2023-2024 fiscal year. The list of Officers is:

Nina Coffenberry	Jr. PGP	Heidi Dillon	GM
Rae Roses	GP	Shelley Buchberger	GS
Darleen Carpenter	GVP	Renee Rianda	GT

Fran Bremer and Barbara Bruce will be leaving the Board of Directors at the end of the term.

GP Nina asked GVP Rae to inform us of her colors and outfit for the Grand Officers to wear at Installation at the 2023 GPAM. The dress color will be purple and tea length with black shoes and gold jewelry. She will provide wrist corsages.

Raffles are not able to be held currently because the application for registration for the Non-Profit Raffle Program had been returned by the State of California Department of Justice for reviews and corrections. The NDGW Bookkeeper has now sent them in and is waiting on approval from the State.

Jr PGP Susan Collins offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

GS Shelley Buchberger

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Native Daughters of the Golden West
Joint Past Grand Presidents and Grand Officers Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2023
Hampton Inn, Madera, California

Meeting called to Order at 9:04 A.M. by GP Nina Coffenberry
Invocation offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins

Roll Call of Board Members:

Nina Coffenberry, GP - Present	Fran Bremer, sGT – Present via Zoom
Susan Collins, Jr. PGP - Present	Heidi Dillon, GT – Present
Rae Rosas, GVP - Present	Renee Rianda, GT – Present
Darleen Carpenter, GM - Present	Barbara Bruce, GT – Present
Shelley Buchberger, GS - Present	

Roll Call of Past Grand Presidents:

Dolores Ferenz, sPGP - Absent	Lorraine, Robinson, PGP – Absent
Jackie L Thomas, PGP - Absent	Jean E. Koehl, PGP – Present
Camelia Robles, PGP – Joined via Zoom	Barbara Rowland Edwards, PGP – Absent
Marilyn Bustillos, PGP - Absent	Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP – Present
Marie M. Otto, PGP - Present via Zoom	Linda Galassi, PGP – Absent
Beth Perrin, PGP – Present via Zoom	Sharon Logan, PGP – Absent
Debi Stalder, PGP – Present	Suzi Riley, PGP – Present
Christine Tripod, PGP - Present	Bonnie M. Tabor, PGP – Present

Margaret Mallette, PGP – Absent
Sylvia Lowrie, PGP – Absent
Joan M. Hall, PGP – Present via Zoom

Sherry Farley, PGP – Present
Cynthia Connelly, PGP – Absent
Dawn Dunlap, PGP – Present
Suzanne Renee Chandler, PGP - Absent

President Nina Coffenberry welcomed everyone and called for the Roll.

GP Nina informed the attendees of the passing of Past Grand President Marilyn Rickett. We will send her family our heartfelt condolences. Her family will notify us of the memorial service.

GP Nina discussed a list of updates requested by the Past Grand Presidents:

- Rose Mockel Workman's Compensation claim – the last mail received was dated February 2022. Jr. PGP Susan Collins said that she had seen a recent letter at the Grand Parlor Office. The claim will continue until the final medical bill is paid.
- Palomares Cemetery – Grand President Nina had a phone conversation with the Catholic Church and they requested to postpone their decision on the property another two weeks.
- Claim – The Native Daughter's Insurance Attorneys will be filing a response to the claim soon. They have a few more interviews and discoveries to complete.
- Extension of the Order – a request was received for Jr. PGP Susan, chairman of the Extension of the Order committee to send the percentage amounts received from the answers of the poll sent out.

The Personnel Committee has hired a new bookkeeper. Her name is Emily and she will be working 15 hours per week from home. She is certified in QuickBooks and is a financial analyst. Several people were interviewed but most requested to work from home.

PGP Debi Stalder reported that the closure of Naomi Parlor #36, Downieville, has been a slow process. They have gifted their building to the Sierra Arts Council and turned over the museum to the Native Sons. There are several items that are Native Daughter's related left in the museum. Their treasurer lives out of the area so it has been difficult to get her books. They have a substantial amount in their accounts. It will take a few more months to get all of the account information and finish closing the Parlor.

GP Nina finalized the closing of Hayward Parlor #122, Hayward. GT Heidi Dillon collected all of the paraphernalia from their meeting hall. Their bank accounts are with the Bank of the West and they require a signed letter from a signatory to close them. PGP Christine Tripod will contact the signers on the account to see if one of them will take care of this. Hayward Parlor might also own Lockheed stock. PGP Joan Hall recommended that we contact our Investment Advisor to see if he can track it down and transfer it to the Grand Parlor investment accounts.

GP Nina gave a quick report on her District 27 Official Visit. Tahquitz Parlor #333 did not attend and is ready to start the closure process. Westwind Parlor #328 is in a holding pattern.

Grand Parlor Annual Meeting chairman PGP Christine has sent out the registration and food signups. Marketplace will be very exciting. Zoom will be used at the GPAM meeting and the Official Publication chairman, Ann Riley, will be taking care of it. There will also be a continually updated link to the NDGW website with the Resolutions and Minutes and any official updates from the Grand President. This will help us save on printing and shipping costs.

GVP Rae Rosas gave her updated for Installation. Her color is purple and she requests that PGPs wear long dresses and the Grand Officers wear tea length. Gloves are not needed but she requires black shoes and a silver chain for her pendant.

GM Darleen Carpenter requested feedback on the Zoot Velasco presentation. PGP Dawn Dunlap was surprised that he did not know that our dues were so low. She liked that he recommended that we put all of the assessment into one payment. PGP Christine thought that it was unrealistic to expect the A.R.C. committee to get his requests finished in one year. A.R.C. is a two year trial committee and Mr. Velasco thought it would take at least three years to implement everything. The A.R.C. committee will give a presentation at GPAM.

GP Nina discussed the Home Committee. They have disregarded instructions concerning spending, approvals for purchases and contracts add the Insurance Chairman to a permanent post on the committee. The attendees of the Joint Meeting recommended that the Home Committee be replaced. Several members were recommended as replacements on the Committee. The new committee will present the legislation and budget and plan the Home luncheon at GPAM.

PGP Dawn asked if the new carpet for the front parlor could be used in the Grand Parlor Board Room since it doesn't match the furniture in the parlor. It would be a possible sealant for the asbestos leakage in there. The Board of Directors will take it under advisement.

(Lunch)

PGP Sherry, the State Chairman of the State of the Order, took the attendees through a review of the proposed Recommendations and Resolutions with a review of the grammar and channeling. Any legislation with a grammar or punctuation change should be sent to PGP Sherry by May 1st. Jr. PGP Susan moved and GM Darleen seconded to remove the receipt addendum. Motion approved and so ordered. The results of the rest of the review was: item 9, returned to committee, Item 10, returned to committee, Item 11, returned to committee, Item 22, returned to committee with a recommendation to withdraw.

PGP Debi Stalder recommended that the Electronic Communications committee be put in charge of handling any hardware or technology needs in the Grand Parlor Office. The Electronic Communications Committee will discuss it at their next meeting and if approved, will include it in legislation at the 2024 GPAM.

GP Nina started discussion on Parlors not in attendance at GPAM. It was the consensus that the fee for not attending was too low. This was referred to the Legislation Committee to write up a previous notice.

PGP Marilyn Rodrigues requested that we have someone design a computer printed version of the dues receipt for members. The current receipts are too thin and difficult to use. GS Shelley Buchberger offered to help her design a new computer printed card.

GM Darleen reported that the Board of Directors had reviewed the year end financials with the CPA of the Order. The previous bookkeeper was late getting the books to the CPA and she recommended that the Board of Directors do what they can to help to get the books to the CPA on time.

PGP Debi asked if PGP Sherry could explain how the Internal Revenue Service looks at investments vs. individual donations. PGP Sherry said that the IRS does a public support test on the 990 form that we submit every year. It compares individual donations vs. invested funds used. For example: Children's Foundation received a large individual donation. This appraised about 2% of the total donations but still counted as one individual. Since there were only a certain amount of individual donations, there is only a certain percentage that can be taken out of the invested funds or the Children's Foundation will fail the Public Support Test. Because the NDGW Home gets assessment money, this more than covers their individual donations. Speaking with a tax attorney might help mitigate the situation or adding a donation assessment to the dues for the Children's Foundation would help. This was directed to the Board of Directors for further discussion.

Benediction offered by Jr. PGP Susan Collins

GP Nina adjourned the meeting at 4:32 P.M. in memory of Marilyn Rickett.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Buchberger
Grand Secretary