

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST
137TH GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING
HILTON STOCKTON
2323 GRAND CANAL BLVD, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

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FIRST DAY MINUTES – JUNE 23, 2023

Morning Session:

The 137th Grand Parlor was called to Order at 9:43 A.M. by Honorary Chairman Lynda Cook, Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson.

Honorary Chairman Lynda Cook invited the 2023 GPAM Committee to enter. The Honorary Chairman requested that the Honorary Marshal, Barbara Seaton, Forrest Parlor No. 86, Plymouth, escort the 2023 GPAM Co-Chairmen, PGP Marilyn Bustillos of Califia No. 22, Sacramento, PGP Christine Tripod of Hayward Parlor No. 122, Hayward and Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, and Alba Arosio of Ursula No. 1, Jackson to the Altar where they were introduced. The Honorary Chairman handed the gavel to the GPAM Co-Chairs PGP Marilyn Bustillos and PGP Christine Tripod.

Chairman, Marilyn Bustillos, PGP requested the Native Daughters of the Golden West delegates and visitors to assume their seats.

Chairman Marilyn Bustillos, PGP invited the Past Grand Presidents to enter the room and assume their seats.

Chairman Christine Tripod invited the Worthy Grand President and her Corps of Officers to enter and GP Nina Coffenberry was escorted to the stage by Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter and presented with the gavel.

GM Darleen Carpenter nodded to the Grand Officers to assume their stations.

GP Nina asked Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter to escort the dignitaries to the stage for introduction.

Wes Rhea, CEO of the Stockton Visitors Center was introduced. He spoke about some of the history of Stockton. It was founded in 1829 and is the largest inland sea port in the country. He was thankful that we chose his city for our convention.

Steve Mclean, Mayor of the city of Jackson, presented the Native Daughters of the Golden West a certificate of recognition on behalf of Senator Maria Alvarado-Gill. He had actually been in this same hotel years ago for a party that included Bob Hope.

Marilynn Bustillos presented a certificate of appreciation from the County of Amador Board of Supervisors. It was signed by Jeffrey Brown, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Jennifer Lewis Director of Sales for the Hilton Stockton was introduced and hoped that everyone has a wonderful time in their hotel.

GP Nina introduced the Grand Officers:

Jr. Past Grand President Susan Collins, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg
Grand Vice President Rae Rosas, Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304, Santa Barbara
Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield
Grand Secretary Shelley Buchberger, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore
Senior Grand Trustee Fran Bremer, Eshcol Parlor No. 16, Napa
Grand Trustee Barbara Bruce, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Miguel
Grand Trustee Renee Rianda, Woodland Parlor No. 90 Woodland, and Aleli Parlor No. 102,
Salinas
Grand Trustee Heidi Dillon, Joaquin No. 5 Stockton, and Oakdale No. 125, Oakdale

GP Nina spoke a moment about her 25th Anniversary Past Grand President Nancy Brown and her 50th Anniversary Past Grand President Rae Rominger.

GP Nina introduced the Past Grand Presidents in attendance:

- Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello 1985-1986
- Marilyn Bustillos, Califia Parlor No. 22, Sacramento /Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson 1988-1989
- Marie M. Otto, San Diego Parlor No. 208, San Diego 1993-1994 (By Zoom)
- Beth Perrin, Placerita Parlor No. 277, Van Nuys, 1995-1996 (By Zoom)
- Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City 1998-1999
- Christine Tripod, Hayward Parlor No. 122, Hayward 2000-2001
- Marilyn Rickett, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg/ Oakdale Parlor No. 125, Oakdale 2001-2002
- Margaret Mallette, Gold of Ophir Parlor No. 190, Oroville 2002-2003
- Joan M. Hall, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia 2004-2005 (By Zoom)
- Jean E. Koehl, Gilroy Parlor No. 312, Gilroy and Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico 2008-2009
- Marilynn Rodrigues, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, 2011-2012
- Linda Galassi, San Jose No. 81, San Jose 2012-2013 (By Zoom)
- Sharon Logan, San Jose No. 81, San Jose 2013-2014 (By Zoom)
- Suzi Riley, Bonita No. 10, Redwood City, 2014-2015
- Bonnie M. Tabor, Morada No. 199, Modesto, 2015-2016
- Sherry A Farley, Grace No. 242, Fullerton, 2016-2017
- Dawn Dunlap, El Pinal No. 163, Cambria, 2019-2020

GP Nina introduced the State Chairman for the 2022-2023 term.

- **Americanism and Civic Participation:** Linda Srulevitch, Rancho La Puente No. 331, Rancho La Puente
- **Assessment and Renewal Committee:** GM Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon No. 239, and GT Renee Rianda, Woodland No. 90 and Aleli No.102, Salinas.
- **California Admission Day:** PGP Suzy Riley, Bonita Parlor No.10, Redwood City
- **Board of Grievance:** PGP Dawn Dunlap, El Pinal No. 163, Cambria
- **California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings:** Jenni King, Woodland No. 90, Woodland

- **California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings Subcommittee Art Talent Contest:** Debbie Cowan, Forrest No. 86, Plymouth
- **California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings Subcommittee Essay Contest:** Stephanie Wittle, Toluca No. 279, Burbank
- **California Lighthouse Preservation:** Vickie Van Winkle, San Bruno No. 246, San Bruno
- **Education and Scholarships:** PGP Dawn Dunlap, El Pinal No. 163, Cambria
- **Electronic Communications:** Shelley Buchberger, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore
- **Environmental Issues:** Leona Sunseri, Sutter's Mill No. 336, Coloma
- **Extension of the Order:** Jr. PGP Susan Collins, Ft. Bragg No. 210, Ft. Bragg
- **Finance:** Jackie Matejka, Eschol No. 16, Napa
- **Fraternal Jewelry:** PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello
- **Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Co-Chairmen:** PGP Marilyn Bustillos, Califia Parlor No. 22 Sacramento and Ursula Parlor No.1, Jackson; PGP Christine Tripod, Joaquin No. 5, Stockton; and Alba Arosio, Ursula No. 1, Jackson
- **Historian of the Order:** Mary Louise Days, Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara
- **Insurance:** Anna Ortiz, Tierra De Oro No. 203, Santa Barbara
- **Investment:** PGP Joan Hall, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia
- **James D. Phelan Fund:** GP Nina Coffenberry, Ursula No. 1, Jackson
- **Laws and Supervision:** GM Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon No. 239, Bakersfield
- **Legislation:** PGP Marilynn Rodrigues, Angelita No. 32, Livermore
- **Legislative Measures:** PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel No. 6, Placer
- **Legislation Monitoring:** PGP Joan Hall, Charter Oak No. 292, Visalia
- **Mission Restoration:** Jana Jack, Eshcol No. 16, Napa
- **NDGW Charitable Foundation Inc.:** PGP Suzi Riley, Bonita No. 10, Redwood City
- **NDGW Childrens Foundation:** PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail No. 266, Montebello
- **NDGW Home:** PGP Marilynn Rodrigues, Interim Chairman, Angelita No. 32, Livermore
- **NDGW Home Subcommittee: Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection:** Kathy Kelly-Breitler, El Vespero No. 118, San Francisco
- **NDGW Home Subcommittee: Pioneer Roster and NDGW Archives:** Dianna Geyer, Angelita No. 32, Livermore
- **Official Publication:** Anne Riley, Bonita No. 10, Redwood City
- **Personnel:** GP Nina Coffenberry, Ursula No. 1, Jackson
- **Proceedings:** Jr. PGP Susan Collins, Ft. Bragg No. 210, Ft. Bragg
- **Public Relations:** PGP Christine Tripod, Joaquin No. 5, Stockton
- **Real Property:** GP Nina Coffenberry, Ursula No. 1, Jackson
- **Ritual and Manual of Instruction:** GT Renee Rianda, Woodland No. 90, Woodland, and Aleli No. 102, Salinas
- **Roll of Honor:** PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel No. 6, Placer
- **State of the Order:** PGP Sherry Farley, Grace No. 242, Fullerton
- **Veterans Welfare:** Viola Gene Dana, Rancho La Puente No. 331, Rancho La Puente
- **Welfare:** Betty Gross, Califia No. 22, Sacramento
- **Yearbooks:** Lynda Cook, Ursula No. 1, Jackson

Grand Parlor 2023 Sub-Committees:

- **Transportation:** Marion "Sonny" Graves, Amapola No. 338, Sutter Creek, and Joaquin 5, Stockton
- **Credentials:** PGP Suzy Riley, Bonita No. 10, Redwood City

- **Printing and Supplies:** Entire GPAM 2023 Planning Committee

GP Nina thanked all the Committee Chairmen for their commitment to the Order.

GP Nina introduced and thanked the Honorary Chairman, Lynda Cook.

GP Nina introduced and thanked Arlie Alford, Angelita No. 32, Livermore, the organist for the 137th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

GP Nina introduced Dorothy Rogers, Cotati Parlor No. 299, Cotati, State President of the Past Presidents' Association. As Dorothy was being escorted to her seat, GP Nina introduced her husband, Bob Rogers, a Past President of Native Sons of the Golden West.

GP Nina introduced Emily Wolf, our newly-hired Grand Parlor Office Bookkeeper.

GP Nina introduced Joan Stafko, Joaquin No. 5, Stockton, Grand Parlor Stenographer for the 2023 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

GP Nina announced the following appointments for this 137th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting:

Assistant to the Grand Marshal: Barbara Seaton, Forrest No. 86; Plymouth, and Tim Green, Fresno No. 187, Fresno.

GP Nina directed GM Darleen and her assistants to examine all present to determine their qualifications to be present during Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, and then report to the Grand President on their findings.

GM Darleen found all in attendance to be qualified to attend.

GP Nina instructed the Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter to perform her duty at the Altar.

GP Nina instructed Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter to lead us in in the Pledge of Allegiance and in the singing of the National Anthem.

GP Nina called the meeting to a 10-minute recess at 10:55 A.M.

GP Nina announced the Memorial Service for our departed Sisters and asked the Past Grand Presidents to retire to prepare.

Memorial to our departed Sisters:

PGP Marilyn Bustillos, PGP Debi Stalder, PGP Donna Fletcher, PGP Chris Tripod and PGP Marilynn Rodrigues and Grand President Nina Coffenberry all read a beautiful tribute to our departed Sisters.

The eulogy for PGP Harriet Brown, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Sacramento who passed on February 13, 2023 was read by PGP Debi Stalder.

The eulogy for PGP Marilyn Rickett, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg and Oakdale Parlor No. 125 Oakdale who passed on April 18, 2023, was read by PGP Christine Tripod.

GP Nina Dismissed the session at 11:58 A.M. for the C.F.I.C. luncheon, returning at 1:30 P.M.

Afternoon Session:

GP Nina opened the Grand Parlor by directing the Grand Marshal to attend to her duty at the Altar.

GP Nina addressed the assembly with her opening statement:

Worthy Officers, Worthy Past Grand Presidents, Delegates, and Members of this 137th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, the end of another year is at hand. Another chapter in the history of our Order has been completed. Much still remains to be done. We have assembled here as the representatives of our entire sisterhood, to examine the condition of our Order, to legislate for its improvement, and to take counsel of one another that it may prosper and accomplish its mission of uniting in bonds of affection the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Let me admonish you to be worthy of the confidence reposed in you by your respective Parlors. Sacrificing personal ambition, use your utmost powers of intelligence for the promotion of the interest of our Order, so as to secure its permanence. Thus will we perpetuate the beautiful memories clustering around our childhood, sanctify the fame of our parentage, and light the pathway of the coming generations to an honorable and glorious womanhood.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins invoked the Divine Blessing.

The Members sang the Opening Ode.

GM Darleen proclaimed the 137th Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West to be duly open and prepared for the transaction of all such business as may be legally brought before it.

GP Nina announced further appointments for GPAM 2023:

Parliamentarian: Marilyn Bustillos, PGP, Califia No. 22, Sacramento, and Ursula No. 1, Jackson.

Official Time Keeper: Margaret Mallett, PGP, Gold of Ophir No. 190, Oroville.

Stenographer: Joan Stafko, Joaquin No. 5, Stockton

Board of Election: Judge: Susan Tinkley, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello
Tellers: Linda Dusek, Petaluma Parlor No. 222, Petaluma
Clerks: Arlene Hoover, San Miguel Parlor No. 94, San Miguel

Pages: Grand President Page: Sarah Wilson, Amapola No. 338, Sutter Creek
Jr. Past Grand President Page: Jenni King, Woodland No. 90, Woodland
Grand Vice President Page: Anna Ortiz, Tierra de Oro No.304, Santa

Barbara

Grand Marshal Page: To Be Announced
Grand Secretary Page: Sheryl Stanger, Ruby No.46, Murphys and Angelita
No.32, Livermore
Grand Trustees Page: Karen May, Eschol No. 16, Napa

Grand Parlor Printing and Supplies: Barbara Custer, Morada No. 199, Modesto

GP Nina requested that Lost and Found items be taken to the Grand Secretary's desk.

GP Nina gave instructions concerning seating, presenting committee awards, entering and leaving the sessions, minutes (posting & submitting corrections) and the silencing of cell phones.

GVP Rae Rosas moved, and it was seconded by PGP Sherry Farley, to assist in keeping GPAM running smoothly, without interruptions, I move that we allow hotel and IT staff to access GPAM, as needed. Motion carried and so ordered.

PGP Jean Kohl, Gilroy Parlor No. 312, Gilroy and Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico, moved, and it was seconded by PGP Marilyn Rodrigues to send greetings to the PGP's who were unable to attend. Motion carried and so ordered.

PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City, moved, and it was seconded by GVP Rae Rosas, that the two- and three-year Committee appointments be set aside for two years, with the exception of the Finance Committee. Motion carried and so ordered.

GP Nina asked GS Shelley if there were any emergency recommendations or previous notices. GS Shelley responded, not at this time.

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PGP Sherry Farley, Grace No. 242, Fullerton, moved that for the 2023 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, we use the bar code system in place of the Sentinels and the Password. PGP Donna Fletcher seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

State of the Order Chairman PGP Sherry Farley made corrections to the Recommendations and Resolutions.

Report of Credentials Committee: Chairman Suzi Riley,

Grand Officers 7	Acting as Delegates 2
Past Grand Presidents 16	Acting as Delegates 0
State Chairmen 13	
Delegates in person 40	Delegate on Zoom 24
Total Voting Members 102	
Total Number in Attendance 131	
One Day Visitors 3	
Non-Voting Members 26	
Non-represented Parlors: Annie K. Bidwell No. 168, Chico (was present but left due to family emergency) La Tijera No. 282, El Segundo, Liberty No. 213, Elk Grove, Eshscholtzia No. 112, Etna, West Wind No. 328, Fairfield, Vista Del Mar No. 155, Half Moon Bay, Lomitas No. 255, Los Banos, Mariposa No. 63, Mariposa, Veritas No. 75, Merced, Hiawatha No. 140, Redding, And South Butte No. 226, Sutter.	

State of the Order Chairman PGP Sherry Farley gave her report on items channeled through the State of the Order Committee. Items number 1 through 7 were ratified.

Grand President's Report: GP Nina read her report. She also read a supplement. For the past nine years, Grand Parlor has been taking out of the invested funds to balance the budget. If we keep doing this, we will be broke in 12 years. We must raise the assessment or entice more members to join to survive. This is a partial report.

GP Nina read the James D. Phelan Fund report. This is a final report.

GP Nina read the report of the Committee on Personnel. This is a final report.

GP Nina read the report of the Real Property Committee. This is a partial report.

GP Nina requested a report on Finance. Chairman Jacki Matejka gave a partial budget report.

GP Nina requested a report on the Charitable Foundation. Chairman, PGP, Suzi Riley reported on the budget. She also reported that the C.F.I.C. luncheon made \$810 on raffles and \$2290 in donations for a total of \$3100. This is a partial report.

GP Nina requested a report on the Children's Foundation. GVP Rae reported on the budget. This is a partial report.

GP Nina requested a report on the NDGW Home. Interim Chairman, PGP Marilynn Rodrigues reported on the budget. This is a partial report.

GP Nina requested a report from the State Chairman for the California Admission Day. PGP Suzi Riley reported that the NDGW Admission Day celebration will be on Friday Sept. 8th at the Basque Cultural Center. This is a final report.

GP Nina requested a report from the Legislation Committee. Legislation Chairman PGP Marilynn Rodrigues read her report on item #8 of the proposed recommendations and resolutions. It was returned to committee for corrections.

GS Shelley Buchberger moved and GT Renee Rianda seconded that all reports in the advance reports, and during this Grand Parlor Session, be included in the proceedings. Motion carried and so ordered.

GP Nina asked GM Darleen to attend to her duties at the Altar. Break was called at 3:50 P.M. Reconvened at 4:10 P.M.

PGP Marilyn Bustillos moved that the minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings, which appear in the Advance Reports, be accepted as printed. PGP Suzi Riley seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

GS Shelley gave a report on the Grand Parlor Office. This is a final report.

GP Nina requested a report from the Grand Parlor Proceedings. Jr. PGP Susan reported that her proceedings are in print and will be able to be passed out soon. This is a final report.

GP Nina read that per the Constitution of Grand Parlor, as the Corporation Annual Report and the permanent record of the Order, upon receipt of the 2021-2022 Proceedings, we shall proceed to approve them.

Jr. PGP Susan invoked the Divine Blessing.

GP Nina declared the meeting in recess in memory of all our departed Sisters.

Meeting recessed 4:47 P.M. and will reconvene at 8:30 A.M. Saturday, June 24, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Buchberger
Grand Secretary