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Dear Sisters,

I'm entering my fifth month as your Grand President and what an experience I've had so far! I have really enjoyed all of the places I've been to and all of the new adventures I've had. All of the Sisters of the Order are so welcoming and I have enjoyed their company very much. I think I'm coming out of my shell. As I recently told PGP Bonnie Tabor at the Grand Officers/Past Grand Presidents' Joint Meeting last month, by the time my term is over I won't be asked to talk anymore.

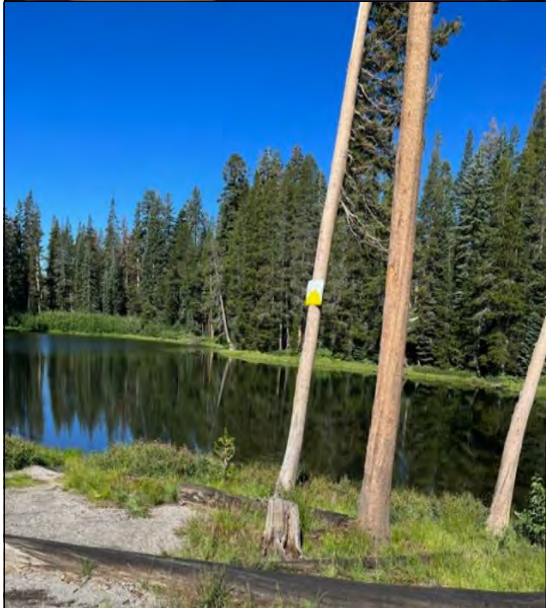
I'm looking to my Official Visit with District 21 on November 13th, District 15's Holiday Luncheon, and our beloved NDGW Home's Tree Lighting Event on December 3rd. The Home looks lovely and I encourage everyone to plan to attend – you will not be disappointed! Mostly I'm looking forward to the Holiday Season with my family. I am excited to relax and enjoy my family during this magical season.

I wish all my Sisters a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Safe travels if you are traveling to see family and friends. Hope to see you in 2024.

Happy Holiday Season!

Hugs

Rae Rosas
Grand President



*The top of Donner Pass at
the rest stop.*



*...On the road with the
Grand President!*



Mount Shasta, California

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 WONDERS OF CALIFORNIA ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

SUBMITTED BY: STEPHANIE WHITTLE, STATE CHAIRMAN

1st Place



Congratulations to NDGW Statewide first-place winner is Braden S. from Los Banos; sponsored by Lomitas Parlor No. 255. Braden attended 7th at Our Lady of Fatima school. In his essay on “California Agriculture”, Braden proudly declares, “I am a Central Valley dairy farmer and we provide milk to your local grocery store”. Braden praises his community writing, “The farming families of Central Valley are respected, smart and one of the hardest working people you will ever meet”. The State Essay Committee was impressed by this young man’s

full engagement in dairy farming and his deep love of the Central Valley’s land, people and bounty. [Click here to read Braden’s essay.](#)



2nd Place

Avery V. is second-place Statewide winner for her essay “Catalina Island”. Avery was an 8th grade student at Our Lady of Fatima school in Los Banos. She was sponsored by Lomitas Parlor No. 255. A family vacation on Catalina inspired Avery to investigate the island’s history and sights. She described how Catalina served as a location for many movie productions sometimes with quirky results. As Avery explains, “...during the filming of The Vanishing American, twelve bison were brought to Catalina and never left. Now bison can be found living all over the island.” [Click here](#)

[to read Avery’s essay.](#)



3rd Place

6th-grader Alfred C. wrote about the “Gold Rush”. Alfred was student at Upward Bound Study Center in Monterey Park, he was sponsored by Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331. Having studied the Industrial Revolution, Alfred considered California’s Gold Rush an equivalent revolution because it touched and transformed so many aspects of California history and development.

[Click here to read Alfred’s essay.](#)

Annual N.D.G.W. ESSAY CONTEST

Open to all California Students in 4th through 8th grade.
Public school, private school, religious school, youth programs, youth clubs, library programs
and home-schooled students welcome.

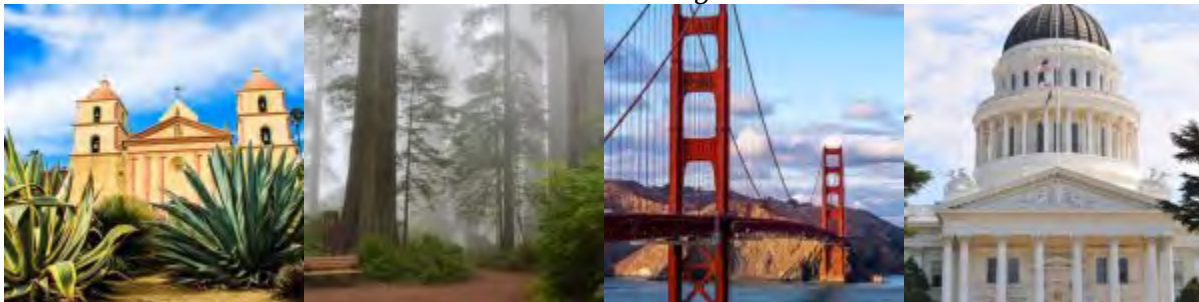
Cash prizes for best original essays. Enter the contest through local Parlors (Chapters)
throughout California. [To read essay rules click here.](#) Submissions are due to Parlors
(Chapters) by February 15th each year.

[How to submit, click here](#)

[How to find a Parlor \(Chapter\), click here](#)

Topic: WHAT MAKES CALIFORNIA WONDERFUL?

*Any subject relating to California may be used. Any aspect of California history including history
in the making.*





California Admission Day 2023 Happy 173rd Birthday, California!

SUBMITTED BY: SUZI, RILEY, PGP,
STATE CHAIRMAN, CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY

On Friday, September 8, 2023 the Native Daughters of the Golden West along with the Native Sons of the Golden West celebrated *California Admission Day in San Francisco with our wonderful annual Admission Day celebration luncheon!* This long-time tradition of both Orders joining together to honor California on Statehood Day has been very exciting since bringing back the tradition in 2018.

It was so exciting that more than 110 Native Sons and Daughters from all across our golden state gathered together to **Celebrate Admission Day – California’s 173rd Birthday at South San Francisco’s Basque Cultural Center.** Everyone enjoyed a fine meal and eagerly took part in an amazing raffle of prizes of all types. 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, **NSGW Grand President George Adams and NDGW Grand President Rae Ann Rosas** ensured the entire afternoon was a wonderful success.



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Native Daughters of the Golden West Head Table

From Left: Speaker of the Day PGP Dawn Dunlap; GM Heidi Dillon; Grand President Rae Ann Rosas; California Admission Day State Chairman, Suzi Riley, PGP enjoy the Celebration Luncheon!

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. We were also very pleased to have both **NSGW Grand Marshal Chris Adams** and **NDGW Grand Marshal Heidi Dillon** joining us to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.



The Annual Presentation of California's Birthday Cakes!

From left: NDGW Past Grand Marshal Heidi Dillon; NSGW "First Lady" Lisa Adams; NDGW Grand President Rae Ann Rosas; NSGW Grand President George Adams; NSGW Grand Marshal Chris Adams; NDGW Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Debi Stalder present the Birthday cakes for our golden state's 173rd Birthday! Many thanks to California Admission Day State Co-Chairman **NDGW Darina Parlor No. 114 Member Donna Fletcher** and **NSGW Member Golden Gate Parlor No. 29 Bob Fletcher** for coordinating and decorating the delicious cakes and helped everyone to celebrate our 173rd Statehood Day in fine style!

One of the highlights of the afternoon was our fantastic keynote speaker NDGW **PGP Dawn Dunlap's** engaging talk focusing on the history of our beloved Julia Morgan-designed NDGW Home, located at 555 Baker Street. PGP Dawn's talk was informative and interesting for all in



A Brief History of the Native Daughter Home

By Past Grand President Dawn Dunlap

Our beloved Home embodies more than just a place for meetings and overnight stays. For our membership it represents a place of Refuge, Respite, and Rest.

The establishment of our four Homes was a long and arduous journey by our enlightened leaders and dedicated Members. In 1892, Native Son S.P. Rodgers, left \$600.00 in his estate to the Native Daughters with the stipulation that the funds be used for the aid and comfort of the Members of our Order, and administered by an entity separate from Grand Parlor. A Board of Relief was established and incorporated to administer the restricted bequest. A group of Past Grand Presidents carefully developed a plan for a Home and hospital ward for our Members. Their plan was enthusiastically adopted at our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in 1898.

The Board of Relief rented a residence on O'Farrell Street and dedicated our first Native Daughter Home on January 2, 1899. The ground floor of the Home included a kitchen, formal dining room, meeting rooms, and

attendance. Thank you, PGP Dawn, for your excellent presentation – Please read below to learn more about our beloved NDGW Home's fascinating history.

lodging for our Members. The second floor was fitted out with the medical furnishings and equipment of a hospital ward as well as with a staff of trained nurses and ten physicians on call. All of which was solely underwritten by one San Francisco Parlor, Buena Vista No. 68. The hospital ward and its attending staff were available free of charge to ailing Sisters recovering from operations or suffering from non-infectious diseases and in need of medical attention and care. Why did our Home include a hospital ward? At that time there were no governmental welfare agencies providing medical aid to those in need. Subordinate Parlors were responsible for the care of their Members that included paying for the medical fees and costs of Parlor Sisters.

An Applicant for membership in the Order was required to provide a physician's statement that she had been examined and was in sound health prior to the Parlor's vote accepting her as a Member. Also, each Parlor annually contributed \$3.00 to a Member Relief Fund that maintained the Home's hospital ward. This was all part of our Sisterhood.

In 1903 a larger residence on Hyde Street was purchased as our second Home and outfitted to meet our Order's growing needs. Tragically, like most residences and businesses in San Francisco, our second Home and all of its furnishings and contents were destroyed in the conflagration after the Great Earthquake of 1906. We sold the burned-out lot and Subordinate Parlors throughout the State raised funds with bazaars, rummage sales, and theatre parties to fund and establish our next Home. At this time the Board of Relief's name was changed to the Home Committee.

By June of 1913 \$6,000 had been raised, and a two-and-one-half story residence on Baker Street was purchased and refurbished as our third Home. Once again, Buena Vista Parlor No. 68 provided medical furnishings and equipment for our hospital ward. Other local

Parlors provided furnishings for the seven rooms for our Home matron and visiting Sisters. Additional funding for the Home was requested by Grand President Matlock in the form of a penny-a-week voluntary pledge from our 8,000 Members. In 1919 the voluntary pledge turned into a mandatory Annual Home Assessment of \$.50 per Member.

In November 1923, an adjacent residence on Baker Street was purchased and utilized for additional lodging. Past Grand President Dr. Mariana Bertola worked closely with her friend Miss Julia Morgan to convert both residences into one large structure by exploring a means of connecting the two buildings with a tunnel. Despite numerous plans and proposals, this desire proved impractical. In November 1927, the Home Committee decided to tear down the two residences and construct a new Home.

Miss Morgan and PGP Dr. Bertola combined their practical and creative talents and designed our beautiful fourth Home. A unique quality in all 700 structures designed by Miss Morgan was the particular importance she placed on the interaction of air and light in every room. She truly designed a structure from the inside out. The Home was formally dedicated on January 12, 1929. Fifteen hundred Members and guests toured the Home that day, and five hundred attended the formal dedication reception that evening. The ornamental iron gates at the entrance were generously donated with funds raised at the Native Sons Grand Parlor in 1929.

The flaming torch emblems adorning them symbolize our Home as a place of protection and safety. The Grand Parlor Office, a meeting room, and an auditorium were located on the first floor.

Miss Morgan had originally planned what is now known as the Bertha Briggs Auditorium to be a saltwater plunge. However, Miss Morgan changed that plan at the behest of PGP Dr. Bertola who lobbied for a large auditorium to accommodate the ritual pageantry of our meetings. The formal Parlor named in honor of Dr. Mariana Bertola, and the dining room, and kitchen were located, as they remain today, on the second floor. Subordinate Parlors, and

Members made monthly donations to the Home's larder of groceries, including fresh fruit and vegetables from their farms and orchards. The third floor and fourth floors provided lodging for our Members. One wing of the fourth floor included a fully equipped hospital ward and an attending nurse's room.

Miss Morgan's original blueprints depict a roof garden much like the one atop the Hotel Hassler in Rome. This never came to fruition, but in September 1930, the Home Committee had a pee wee golf course installed on the roof. It was purportedly much-loved, but short-lived, having been abandoned as it was too expensive to maintain. I'm certain a great many errant golf balls landed on Baker Street.

The total cost of constructing our steel frame and concrete Home was Ninety-One Thousand Dollars. A mortgage of \$45,000.00 was obtained by PGP Dr. Bertola on behalf of the Native Daughters from her friend Amadeo P. Giannini through his San Francisco-based Bank of Italy. This business arrangement took place shortly before Mr. Giannini bought a small bank in Southern California named Bank of America. He then merged the two and abandoned the bank's former name. At our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in 1929 legislation was presented for a voluntary donation called The Loyalty Pledge for a \$5.00 assessment per Member. It was adopted and received great support from our membership.

Our records indicate that in July of 1929, 24 Members were living in the new Home paying \$45.00 a month for room and board. PGP Dr. Bertola who served as the head of our Home for 47 years (from 1906 to 1953) took particular interest in encouraging young women to come and work in San Francisco. On August 14, 1932 the mortgage documents were ceremoniously burned. Our satisfying the mortgage debt in three years at the beginning of the Great Depression was a most noteworthy achievement of our leaders and Members.

In 1939 an adjacent residence on Baker Street was purchased by Grand Parlor and rented out to provide additional income for the Home.

Past Grand President Emma G. Foley served as the Home Committee Secretary for 23 years. In 1945 her estate distributed property she had bequeathed to the Native Daughters in San Anselmo. She had hoped that the property would be utilized as a Summer Retreat for our Members. Instead, the property was rented out, and the monies applied to the maintenance and repair of the Home. At our Grand Parlor in 1959 controversial legislation was proposed to sell the San Anselmo property and construct a new building on Baker Street. After much discussion, it was narrowly adopted.

In 1964 the rental residence next to the Home was demolished and a new building was constructed. At an Open House on June 17, 1964, the new building was formally dedicated as The Emma G. Foley Wing. The building included a social hall, kitchen, and garages on the first floor, as well as a Historical Relics Room to house and display the many artifacts donated to the Order by our Members, and a Recreation Room for the residents of the Home.

In June 1966 the Historical Relics Room was furnished with nineteen apply stocked display cases and opened for the viewing pleasure of our Members. The Room also housed our Roster of California Pioneers and Landmark files.

In the mid-1980s, great changes were made in the Home and the Foley Wing. In 1985 the Grand Parlor Office was moved from Market Street to the former Recreation Room in the Foley Wing.

Our records indicate the Home Committee was paying five employees to provide care and The history of our Home is more than the tale of a series of buildings and their contents. It is the pursuit of turning a dream into a reality.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote...

*“A house is built of bricks and stone
Of sills and posts and piers;
But a Home is built of dreams and loving deeds
That stand a thousand years.”*

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The true jewel of our Order, our beautiful NDGW Home restored and looking magnificent once again. We are so grateful to the Home Committee and Member Bill Stalder for his tireless efforts to restore the Parlor floors. Thank you, Bill!

services to five full time residents who were paying only \$375 a month for food and lodging. It was evident the residence program could no longer be sustained, and it was discontinued on October 1, 1986.

The Home then was opened to our Members and their guests for short term stays with a new development... men were allowed to stay as guests of our Members. Previously, men had not been allowed to venture above the first floor of the Home.

The former Historical Relics Room became the Board of Directors' Meeting Room and was named for our Founder, The Lily O. Reichling Dyer Conference Room. The Roster of California Pioneers, Landmark files, California history books, and the Archives of our Order were moved to a room on the first floor that was renamed The California Room. In 1987 the Home was officially designated as a House Museum and the collection of artifacts was rechristened the Evelyn I. Carlson Native Daughter Historical Collection and moved from the Foley Wing and storage rooms in the basement to a room off the first-floor balcony and established as a Museum. Additional historic artifacts were displayed in cases and on walls throughout the Home



benefactors of our event were the Native Daughters and the Native Sons of the Golden West. **Thanks to the generous contributions collected, we raised \$4,323.84!** The funds have been divided between the **N.D.G.W. Home Committee and the N.S.G.W. Historical** who led the singing of “*I Love You California*” as well. **Foundation.** We are so grateful for the work of both Committees and proud to provide these funds to preserve California’s history! Once again, the Basque staff served a delicious luncheon and following lunch, we sang “*Happy Birthday to California!*” Thank you to **NSGW Halcyon- Alameda Parlor No. 47 Member GT Dennis and Kathleen Valerio, from Encinal Parlor No. 156,** who led the community signing of “*I Love You California*”

Once again, the N.S.G.W. and N.D.G.W. California Admission Day Committees sincerely thanks everyone for their attendance and support. We are grateful to all the Native Californians who attended this annual event as well as to our many donors for their contribution.

Lastly, it is the hope of myself and my amazing **Co Chairmen, Donna Fletcher, Darina Parlor No. 114 and Native Son Bob Teal, National Parlor No. 118** that we can continue this exciting **San Francisco Admission Day Celebration** into an annual event to help preserve the history of our beloved Golden State!

Congratulations to the Native Daughters and the Native Sons of the Golden West!



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

THANK YOU to all our PROUD N.D.G.W. Parlors and NDGW Sisters who supported California Admission Day with Donations!!

Ursula Parlor No.1
 Joaquin Parlor No. 5
 Bonita Parlor No. 10
 Eshcol Parlor No. 16
 Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
 Aleli Parlor No. 102
 El Vespero Parlor No. 118
 Oakdale Parlor No. 125
 Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126

Nataqua Parlor No. 152
 Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155
 San Juan Bautista Parlor No.179
 Morada Parlor No. 199
 Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
 Petaluma Parlor No. 222
 El Tejon Parlor No. 239
 San Bruno Parlor No. 246
 Grace Parlor No. 242

Charter Oak Parlor No. 292
 Cotati Parlor No. 299
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 Suzi Riley, PGP
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CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY INVOCATION

OFFERED BY:

ROBERTA L. PAUL

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARLOR NO. 179

Dear Heavenly Father, as we gather together on this beautiful summer day we pray that Thy blessings will be upon each and every one of us.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to meet again under the leadership of the Admission Day Committee and to share in the celebration of California's 173rd birthday. On Admission Day, we observe the anniversary of California's statehood and celebrate the many valuable contributions Californians have made to the prosperity and culture of the nation.

As we continue to enjoy the grand and glorious blessings of being children of this most favored State, may we be ever mindful of the divine guidance provided to us. Humbly do we ask for thy favor to protect and guide Grand President Rae and Grand President George. Surround them with peace and hope, endow them with strength and understanding as they navigate through the joys and challenges of their terms as leaders of the Fraternal Orders of the Native Sons and Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Come O Spirit of God and remind us to remain faithful to the wants and needs confronting those who mourn and despair in the wake of the horrific fires in Maui. May our thoughts and prayers

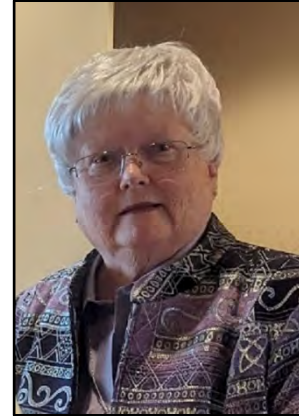
encourage those dear souls to remain steadfast as they seek recovery and relief all the while trusting in your divine mercy and your holy grace during the difficult days that lie ahead.

Great Sovereign of the Universe, we are mindful of the dear Ones who so wholeheartedly supported the work devoted to this annual event and who graced us with their presence until physically unable to do so. Asking your gracious blessings and benevolent protection of them, may their affection enrich us, and their inspiration teach us. Although gone from our midst, as they remain in our hearts forever, may they lead us to the promise of eternal life through their influence of pure example.

We are grateful for the efforts put forth once again for our comfort and enjoyment as we look forward with hope to the special privilege of gathering together in friendship many times over.

Bless, guide and keep us through the year that is to follow. Grant us a safe journey home.

We ask all of this in Thy Holy Name. **AMEN.**



Editor's note: Once again many thanks and great appreciation to Member Roberta Paul who agreed to present this year's invocation as an annual tribute to her dear friend Past Grand Present Sharon M. Johnston. PGP Sharon presented the California Admission Day Invocation for many years and the Admission Day Committee was honored to have Roberta carry on that tradition for her beloved friend and NDGW Sister.



EL TEJON PARLOR NO. 239 CELEBRATES CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY

SUBMITTED BY DARLEEN CARPENTER, G.V.P.

On Thursday, September 7, 2023, El Tejon Parlor held an Admission Day Luncheon and program in honor of California's 173rd birthday at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant. We had approximately 20 in attendance. We present a different topic of California history each year at our Admission Day Luncheon. Our 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



**Mr. Ken Hooper
Speaker of the Day**



**Parlor President Brigette Bonnet
Accepts the proclamation**

Veterans Memorial Foundation. His Power Point and talk were on the history of Kern County and the effect of the Great Depression.

Each attendee at our event received a magnet of California in the shape of our State made by one of our new members, Linda Chitwood. Our table decorations, of course,



were our beautiful poppies with the California flags designed by our Chairman, Ethel White. The program was prepared by Darleen Carpenter, GVP/CFO. Our President, Brigette Bonnet opened the celebration with the Invocation given by Ethel White, followed by the flag salute, which was led by Darleen Carpenter, GVP. After a delicious luncheon, we were presented with proclamations and resolutions from the Office of Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House and the Office of Congressman David Valado.

The program concluded with the serving of our beautiful Birthday cake. Many thanks to the committee Ethel White, Chairman, Darleen Carpenter, and Brigette Bonnet. It was a wonderful event.

FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210
CELEBRATES
CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY

SUBMITTED BY: FREIDA CLAYTON, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210

Fort Bragg Parlor 210 celebrated California Admission Day with an educational table at one of our local grocery stores on Saturday, September 9. Patrons were invited to answer trivia questions about California and receive a cupcake for participating. Everyone was enthusiastic about learning more about our Golden State. California State Flags to color were passed out to children who stopped by. Our thanks to the California Admission Day Committee for providing the funds for this successful event. **The Sisters depicted in the accompanying picture (left) are Marilyn LeRoy, Betty Carr and Judy Griffen. Also participating, are Susan Nella and Frieda Clayton.**



PETALUMA PARLOR NO. 222
CELEBRATES
CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY

SUBMITTED BY: LINDA DUSEK, PETALUMA PARLOR NO. 222



Petaluma Parlor No. 222 was proud to celebrate Admission Day this year with a great event. Six Members of the Parlor greeted community members in front of the Petaluma Historical Museum. Everyone was delighted to hear about the importance of this forgotten date in California history.

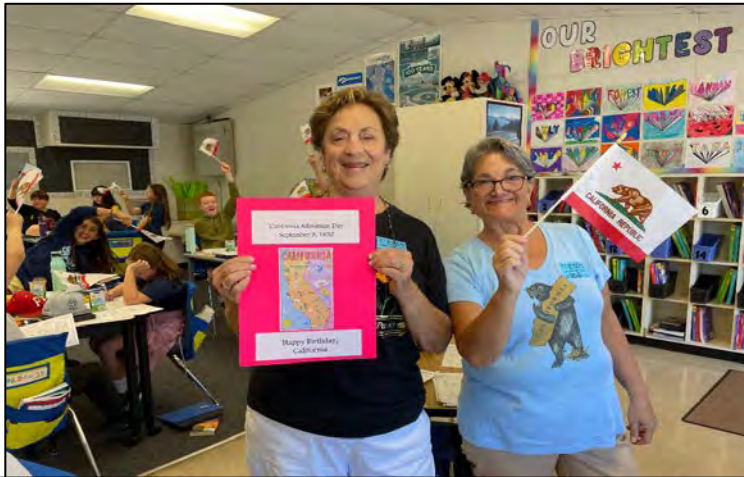
Parlor Members explained that this was California's 173rd Birthday. We shared

Petaluma Parlor celebrate California's 173rd Birthday!

From left: Laural Durkin, Sandy Soldate, Linda Dusek, Theresa Avilla; Carol Weisker, Ginny Strait.

information about the California Bear Flag and handed out small California flags to the many visitors. We also gave out California Facts and color sheets to the children that came by, as well as color pages of the California Poppy, Quail and the California Bear Flag. We had many older people reminisce about how we used to celebrate Admission Day and that it was sad that it is no longer acknowledged. Several visitors even quizzed us with questions about California's history, like where was the Bear Flag first raised (Sonoma!!).

Petaluma Parlor No. 222 Members Dolori Beard and Linda Dusek made a presentation about Admission Day to the fourth-grade classes at McNear Elementary School in Petaluma. Linda provided a bit of history about California's admission to the Union, a much-forgotten fact about our great gave a state. And we all sang Happy Birthday to California for its 173rd birthday. We shared posters with photos of our glorious state of



Classroom presentation by Linda Dusek and Dolori

California, the California State Seal, the State Bird, flower, tree and other symbols of our state. We gave each student their own California State flag and a color sheet with facts about California. Dolori even put an ink stamp of the shape of California on each of their hands. The students were so attentive to the information presented to them. They asked us if California had a song. I said yes, "I Love You California". on her computer that played the song, complete with the words printed at

the bottom. The children began singing along with Dolori and Linda and waved their California flags! It was so amazing to see and share this moment with these young students. We were so happy to educate these children about this important date in California history.



Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Debi Stalder and our very dedicated Member Bill Stalder, celebrate California's Birthday, just as they did 25 years ago!

We were honored to be able to educate both young and old about Admission Day, 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 174th birthday!

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Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155 Member LaVerne Pacheco presents the lovely California quilt she made and presented at the Admission Day Luncheon!



The Admission Day Luncheon was enjoyed by everyone!
From left: Sherry Farley, PGP, Anne Riley, Brendamarie Curtis, Monica Kraft and Claudia Fort



Native Sons and Native Daughters enjoy the Admission Day Luncheon!



**NDGW Grand President
Rae Rosas (center) enjoys
chatting with NDGW
Member Kathleen Valerio
(left) and her husband,
Dennis Valerio, NSGW
Grand Trustee.**

**Kathleen and Dennis
always lead the community
singing at Admission Day –
Many thanks to you both!**



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**More Admission
Day fun!
Thank you to
everyone for
attending this
year!
...Hope to see you
in 2024!**



A Hidden Gem of the NDGW Home: *The Voss Garden*

SUBMITTED BY; JOYCE JAMES, DGP

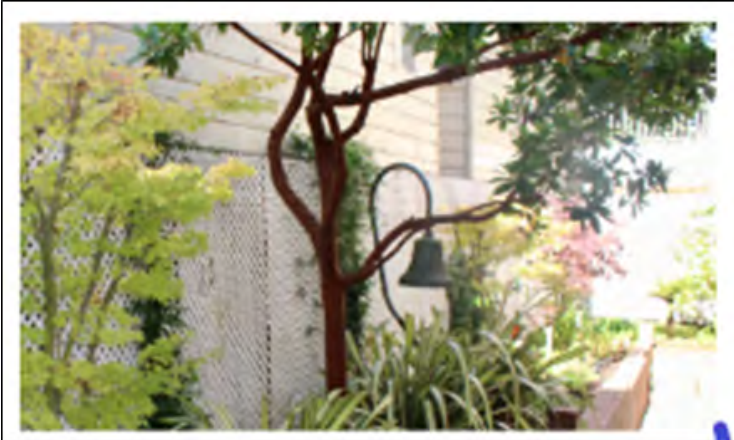
Next time you are at the Home stop by the Voss Garden, enjoy a place to retreat for relaxation or contribute 15 minutes to the days garden project...There is a VOSS GARDEN binder in the office that suggest what you can do to enhance our NDGW Home Voss Garden while you are visiting the Home. The binder contains Instructions, location of tools and general information.

Consider joining this wonderful garden group, sharing your interest in horticulture AND If there is enough interest we could invite a local interest group to speak on garden activities, such as the Rose Society or others.

Contact Joyce James for more information:

650-703-3609.

The El Camino Real Bell in the Voss Garden



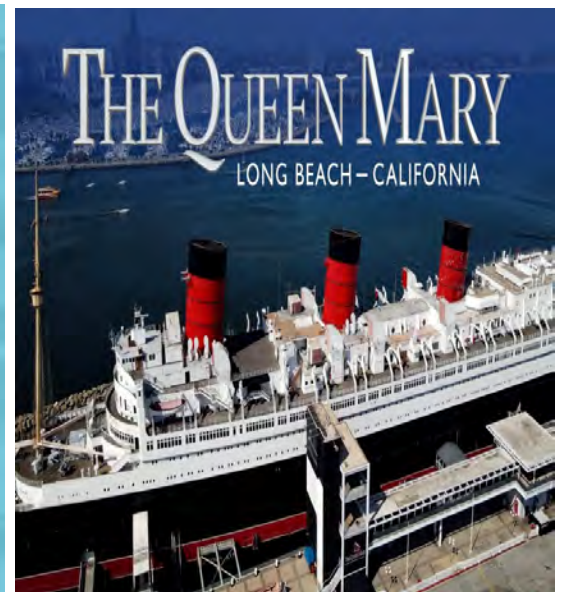
Flip Flops are the Glass Slippers of the South!

Save the Date

Saturday, January 20, 2024:
Home Benefit Lunch at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel

Sunday, March 10, 2024:
Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Lunch at the Queen Mary, Long Beach

For more information contact PGP Sherry Farley
sfarley@spritewater.com



NDGW Childrens Foundation is Hitting Home Runs!

Submitted by Sandra Firpo, Childrens Foundation Committee

The crack of the bat, the roar of the crowd, the umpire yelling, "Safe!" after a close play at the plate, as the unmistakable scent of hotdogs and popcorn wafts through the air.

Yes, it's another day at the ballpark, but not just any ballpark. This was Opening Day for the **Miracle League of the North Bay**. A special ballpark and league making it possible for children of all abilities to participate on a team as their families cheer them on!



Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation was on hand to share information with families about the grants available to help children throughout California, as well as to hand out California flags and free popcorn.

Recently, our Childrens Foundation has awarded grants to children for a specialized helmet so their skull would grow and fuse properly, hearing

aids, orthodontia, specialized software and an iPad for speech development, a customized bed to monitor breathing and seizures, and more.

Thank you to all our Native Daughters who are so generous to our Childrens Foundation so we can continue closing the gap for California children who can't access needed devices, services or medications, because insurance won't cover them, and a family's income is already stretched thin.

You can also support our work by referring a child with a particular need to one of the sisters on the Committee.

The Grant Applications are on our website at: www.NDGW.org/childrens-foundation.

Follow us on Facebook [@NDGWChildrensFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/NDGWChildrensFoundation).



SALLIE RUTHERFORD THALER MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN **REDEDICATION**



SUBMITTED BY: OFFICERS OF ENCINAL PARLOR NO. 156, ALAMEDA

There can be much Parlor excitement for a new project; pre-planning; hours of research that then seem to go nowhere. Then something magical happened: a connection was made, conversations went through and things fell into place. On a warm sunny day, October 16, 2023,

Sarah “Sallie” Rutherford Thaler’s Memorial Fountain in Lakeside Park in Oakland, California, was restored to its original glory and rededicated.

Newly painted. Overgrown vegetation gone. The lovely sound of water wafting over three levels of the Art Deco fountain. Members from the Native Daughters and Native Sons of the Golden West gathered, along with City of Oakland workers and others to join Encinal #156 Officers conduct the rededication ceremony. When speeches were completed, Encinal Parlor No. 156 Third Vice President, John Potter, was given the honor of unveiling the rededication plaque as it mentions contributions made by his late wife, Past President, and Deputy Grand President, Susan Potter. She was key in getting this project rolling again as a District wide effort. Over the years members of Encinal No. 156, Argonaut No. 166, Hayward No. 122, and Angelita No. 32 gathered and put in hours of pruning and weeding, while Oakland City workers helped by hauling away debris, and managing the painting and re-plumbing of the fountain.

An article published in the California Star in August 2018, titled “A New Project is Waiting for a Kick Start” speaks of Past Grand Dawn Dunlap efforts to get various professionals to assess the needs to get the fountain running again. So it was fitting that Dawn was on hand to recap Ms. Thaler’s contributions to our organization: Thaler joined Aloha Parlor No. 106, Oakland in 1912, at the age of 24. She served as President in 1919 and 1958. In 1920 she served as the Parlor Recording Secretary at their bi-weekly meetings at Wigwam Hall before being appointed as Deputy Grand President to Richmond Parlor No. 147. She later served as the District Supervisor to many of the eighteen Parlors in Alameda County. By 1925 she was elected Grand Trustee, then in 1927 Sallie was elected Grand Secretary. She continued to serve, as she ran unopposed for the next 31 years. Sallie was efficient, kind, and well regarded. This is a real testament to her dedication to and love for the Native Daughters of the Golden West. We owe Dawn a debt of gratitude for all her efforts in helping us get to know Sallie.

The process of renovating the fountain began under Past President, Cynthia Mulholand’s watch, and continued under now Past President Terrie Kurrasch’s. The big break occurred through Terrie’s connections with the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club. One of their members served as a former Director of Public Works, and that connection lead us to the Assistant Director of Public Works, Richard Battersby, and to staff in Oakland’s Park, Recreation and Youth Development Department who were able to help us do what needed to be done to organize the rededication.

The rededication ceremony team consisted of Officers from Encinal Parlor No. 156: President Kathleen Valerio, Trustee Cynthia Mulholand as Past President, Past President Terrie Kurrasch, as Marshal, and Second Vice President Vicki Bell, as Vice President. Other speakers at the event included Grand President Rae Rosea, (Tierra de Oro No. 304); Past Grand President Dawn Dunlap, (El Pinal No. 163); Past Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President Marilynn Rodrigues (Angelita No. 32) and Richard Battersby, Assistant Director of Public Works who shared a few words on behalf of the City of Oakland. He thanked us for inviting him and said he got a real appreciation for what the Native Daughters organization stands for and our love of Sallie and her fountain. Our gratitude goes out to all who made this lovely day such a Blessing and success.

We are grateful to the staff from the Department of Public Works and Oakland Park, Recreation and Youth Development Department for their support and commitment to maintain the refurbished spot for all to enjoy, and members of the NDGW California History, Landmarks and Historical Buildings Committee who were instrumental in granting money toward the cost of the new plaque that has been placed on the fountain, adjacent to the original one.



Sarah "Sallie" Thaler



Ceremony Speakers (from left:)

Vicki Bell; Terrie Kurrasch; GS Shelley Buchberger; PGP Debi Stadler, PGP Dawn Dunlap, PGP; holding a portrait of Sallie Thaler, Kathleen Valerio, Grand President Rae Rosas; PGP Marilynn Rodrigues, and Cynthia Mulholand.



Third Vice President of Encinal Parlor No. 156, John Potter displays a photo of Sallie Thaler above the original and new dedication plaques.

Enjoying Lunch Following the Re-dedication Ceremony

(From left:) Former Deputy Grand President Sheryl Stanger; Deputy Grand President, GS Shelley Buchberger; Past Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President to District 17, Marilynn Rodrigues; Silver Anniversary Past Grand President, Debi Stalder; Grand President Rae Rosas; Grand Trustee Heidi Dillon; Encinal Parlor Second Vice President Vicki Bell; Encinal Parlor Past Presidents Terrie Kurrasch and Cynthia Mulholand; Encinal Parlor President Kathleen Valerio; Past Grand President Dawn Dunlap; Marco Dillon; Bill Stalder; Gloria Courtney; and Vicki Allen.



Grand President Rae Rosas assists President Kathleen Valerio with the unveiling the plaques.



NSGW GT Tim Tullius, PGP brought along Roberta Evans, Argonaut No. 166, daughter of Claudia Evans (75 yr. member) who was close friends with Sallie Thaler. (Above, from left:) Tim Tullius, Roberta Evans, Kathleen Valerio, Vicki Bell



Other notable NSGW Dignitaries in attendance included: (from left:) SDDGP Bob Teal, (National Parlor No. 118, District 7); GT Tim Tullius, PGP, (Golden Gate Parlor No29); Bill Stalder; GT Dennis Valerio, (Halcyon-Alameda No. 47), Edward McLean (Halcyon-Alameda No. 47)

PAST PRESIDENTS CELEBRATE

NSGW Past Presidents General Assembly was held in Burlingame, California on October 21-22. Governor General Bill Flores welcomed NDGW Past Presidents State President Dorothy Rogers (Right) while newly Installed Governor General Tom Tullius welcomed NDGW State Vice President Kathy Kelly-Breitler (below).

All Subordinate Parlor Past Presidents are invited to join State President Dorothy and her Corps of Officers in April at the NDGW General Assembly in April.

Congratulations to all!



HAPPENINGS WITH EL PINAL PARLO NO. 163

SUBMITTED BY: CONSUELO MACHEDO



El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria, Native Daughters of the Golden West, celebrated the 115th Anniversary of their founding on Saturday, May 6. The group met at the historic Halter Ranch Estate in Adelaide for a ritual meeting and catered Mexican luncheon, as they have been noteworthy for a hundred years for their Enchilada Banquets featuring the Soto family recipe since Cambria's early days. More recently the group has held the annual "We Make, You Bake" Enchilada Sales, which benefit El Pinal's local outreach, including scholarships for local high school graduates as well as continuing adult education students.

A special feature at that time was the Official Visit by the Grand President Nina Coffenberry. Other state level officials and fifty members attended the function, which was also cohosted by Native Daughters Parlors San Miguel No. 94 and San Luisita No. 108. When El Pinal was founded in 1908, members traditionally met at home in each other's parlors, hence the name. Since the covid pandemic they had been meeting via Zoom but have resumed meeting on alternating months as before at Santa Rosa Catholic Church parish hall on the second Tuesday of each month. Member Lorraine Gomes was awarded her 75-year pin!



In keeping with another tradition, the ladies partnered with the Cambria Historical Society as they served their famous Root Beer Floats at the 25th Annual Heritage Day. They also have a popular booth at the CHS Harvest Festival in October. The Parlor serves the community and Beautify Cambria as they maintain the sidewalk and parking strip in front of the town's original grammar school on Main Street, which now houses the Cambria Center for the Arts. This year's plentiful rain provided bountiful blooms, but also voluminous weeds!

Following election of new officers in November, the group will collect food items for the needy in areas extending from San Simeon to Morro Bay; last year 20 cartons were collected. Our toy collection is via



the local Toys for Tots distribution by the American Legion Auxiliary., We look forward to a warm social gathering at our annual Holiday Celebration in December.



EL TEJON PARLOR NO. 239 WINS SECOND AND FOURTH PLACE AT THE KERN COUNTY FAIR

SUBMITTED BY: DARLEEN CARLENTER, GVP

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, NDGW, sponsored an exhibit in the Community building at the Kern County Fair running from September 20 through October 1, 2023. This is the Thirteenth entry for the Parlor, having previously won five first and two third place and six second place awards. Our award for Second place in community this year is \$100.00 to support GPAM 2025 in Bakersfield. It is great exposure for our Parlor and we have had 2 persons so far, inquire about membership.

The theme of the Fair is "Treat Yourself". Our exhibit highlights what NDGW is all about and our history in Kern County. It shows the Fun we have and all that we support. We displayed all our activities along with a lighthouse and mission that light up. Our Parlor banner was displayed behind the exhibit. There was a supply of brochures for CFIC and Children's Foundation, applications, and our business cards on the table. Many thanks to our Fair Committee and President Brigitte Bonnet, her husband, daughter and cousin for the community display.

This year again, we entered the table settings category and won 4th place to add to our third place from last year. GVP/CFO, Darleen had July 4th dishes (her birthday) that made a beautiful table setting display with all the red white and blue. Our fair participation brings a few dollars along with publicity and name recognition for Native Daughters and hopefully a few new members.

CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN COLLINS, P.G.P., STATE CHAIRMAN

The California Lighthouse Preservation Committee consists of Valerie Eller Baxter, Sutter No. 111, Terri Kurrasch, Encinal No. 156, Lori McGrath, Woodland No. 90, Donna Bryant, Oakdale No. 125, Vickie Van Winkle, San Bruno No. 246, and Chairman Susan Collins, PGP, Fort Bragg 210. The Committee has met twice this term. We are encouraging Members of our Order to visit a California Lighthouse. Each month the mailing will suggest a lighthouse with research by a committee member.

There will be a contest at GPAM 2024 judging Lighthouse photos that are brought to the Art Talent Room at GPAM. We would like to see many entries into this contest. So get out there a start snapping those photos. In addition, if you send a picture that includes yourself visiting a lighthouse to Susan Collins PGP (scollinsndgw@gmail.com) your name will be entered in a drawing to win valuable prizes.

Each year, the California Lighthouse Preservation Committee chooses lighthouses to support with donation funds designated for a special project that the

lighthouse needs help with. In recent years we have helped with replacing the lens in the tower at Pigeon Point Lighthouse and donated to East Brothers Lighthouse, Point San Luis Lighthouse, and Fort Point Lighthouse. The Committee helped at Point Cabrillo Lighthouse to repair the safety rail on the lens room, paint the roof, and create an interpretive display on Pomo Indians. We will be reaching out to lighthouses next spring to see where Native Daughters of the Golden West can contribute.

Along the over 800 miles of California coastline, more than 35 lighthouses still stand proudly above the shore. The lighthouse era of California of nearly 300 years is over, but, many of these lighthouses are automated and still in use today. From the first lighthouse on Alcatraz Island was first lit in 1854, to the oldest lighthouse in continuous operation on the West Coast, Point Pinos, in Pacific Grove there are many opportunities for you to view California's Lighthouses. Remember to check out the suggestions given by Committee members in the monthly mailing, snap a photo, and enter the contests.



Point San Luis Lighthouse



Point Cabrillo Lighthouse

Busy Hands Warm Hearts: Native Daughters Making a Difference!

SUBMITTED BY; JOYCE JAMES, DGP

Busy Hands Warm Hearts is a fantastic group of Knitting Volunteers that began last spring by the dedicated Sisters of Vista Del Mar Parlor No. 155 in Half Moon Bay. Thanks to all our NDGW Sisters that have contributed beautiful knitted and crocheted lap blankets for our Members in senior homes.

Special thanks to **Catherine Wong, El Vespero Parlor No. 118** for the yarn contributions that started this wonderful project. GREAT THANKS also to **LaVerne Pacheco** and her amazing knitting Sisters, family members and friends that got this project started.

A total of 15 lap blanket have been passed out to Native Daughters, Veterans Hospital and local Senior Homes.

Call Joyce James 650-703-3609 if you have a request for a lap blanket for a local senior home or have extra unused yarn you no long need and would like to donate it to support this project. Call Joyce and our "Knitting Sisters" will be sure it is put to good use! Thank you all! **This SMALL Parlor is making a BIG difference for others...What can your Parlor do???**



Vista Del Mar Knitting Volunteers



Native Daughters of the Golden West Home

555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

Room Reservations

To make a Room Reservation call 415-861-9611

or E-mail reserve@ndgw.org

or mail the Reservation Form available from

Your Parlor Secretary, GP Office or NDGW Home Office

THE BUSY SISTERS OF FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210

SUBMITTED BY: SUSAN COLLINS, PGP, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210



Once again Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 participated in Paul Bunyan Days! Paul Bunyan Days is a fun-filled event that has been held on Labor Day weekend since 1939. Fort Bragg Parlor has been a part of the parade since the very beginning. Member Betty Carr (Stoecker) was the Bell of the



Fort Bragg Member Betty Carr (Stoecker) was the Bell of the Redwoods in the parade in 1950.

Redwoods in 1950. In 1959, Member Pat McAdo (Irwin) was featured on the NDGW Float which took second place. Each year we participated in the parade and for several years

members of the Parlor were honored as Grand Marshals.



Fort Bragg Member Pat McAdo (Irwin) was featured on the NDGW parade float in 1959.

This year the theme for the weekend was "In the Garden With Paul and Babe". For our float, we recreated the Coast Botanical Gardens complete with living, moving blossoms (*see photo above, left*). We had the help of a new member, Matt Griffen, who drove his dad's truck and pulled the float. As

we did last year, we again took First Place in our category. Parlor members had such a good time creating the float and riding in the parade. Members also were busy doing other events, Some helped with the Trike races, dressed up for the "Dress Review", sold tickets at the gate of the Logging show, and gathered the recycles.



On September 23, Fort Bragg Parlor took part in "Beach Clean Up Day". A group of members chose to clean up the beach at Noyo Harbor. 66 bottles and cans, 125 cigarette butts, 23 pieces of clothing, and 200 pieces of trash such as plastic and styrofoam was collected. Fort Bragg strives to be of help and be visible in our community. In this way, we continue to add new Mmembers and stay active.



Chocolate Dessert Tea Event

Native Daughters of the Golden West El Tejon Parlor No 239

Invites you to come and join us for a fun event celebrating all things chocolate! To benefit GPAM 2025

Sunday, January 21, 2024 2-4:30 PM

American Legion Post

2020 H Street

Bakersfield, California

We will have many treats to tempt you, from chocolate tea to scones, cheesecake, cookies, and even chocolate martinis! There will be gluten-free and diabetic options. We will also be selling opportunity tickets for basket drawings. Cost is \$40.00 per person or a full table of 8 can be purchased for \$320.00. Tickets need to be purchased in advance at (661) 706-1752 or by e-mailing

brigitte2260@hotmail.com



NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST
THE PARLORS OF DISTRICT 15
BONITA PARLOR No. 10; DARINA PARLOR No. 114;
EL VESPERO PARLOR No. 118; VISTA DEL MAR PARLOR No. 155;
AND SAN BRUNO PARLOR No. 246
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

**A HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BENEFITTING OUR
HISTORIC N.D.G.W. HOME**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

THE BASQUE CULTURAL CENTER

599 RAILROAD AVE

SO. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94080

SOCIAL HOUR 11:30 AM ~~~ LUNCHEON 12 NOON

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

LEG OF LAMB WITH SCALLOPED POTATOES
BREAST OF CHICKEN CHASSEUR WITH RICE
VEGETARIAN PASTA

\$45.00 INCLUSIVE

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY NOVEMBER 25, 2023

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DONNA FLETCHER

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF ENTRÉE ON YOUR CHECK.

GROUP RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE NAMES AND ENTRÉE CHOICES

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO DONNA FLETCHER, DGP

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Approved By Grand President:



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



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

2023 Annual "Cash for Christmas" Opportunity Drawing



& START OUR 2023 FUNDRAISER

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

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

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

The opportunity drawing to be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023. You need not be present to win.

Winners will receive:

****FIRST PRIZE: \$500.00 **SECOND PRIZE: \$300.00 **THIRD PRIZE: \$100.00** Tickets are \$10.00 each; three for \$25.00; ten for \$75.00*** or 13 tickets for \$100*****

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

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

Americanism and Civic Participation

California Admission Day

California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings

Art Talent and Essay Contest

California Lighthouse Preservation

Education and Scholarships

Environmental Issues

Mission Restoration

Veterans Welfare

Welfare

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

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

Contact phone is 530-304-7065 or mail your request to P O Box 535, Soledad, CA 93960. Get your tickets now- Deadline is December 2nd!!!!

Email:

rrianda@aol.com

Thank you in advance for your support!!

Approved by Grand President: *Rae Rosas, GP*

CRUSIN' NATIVE DAUGHTERS STYLE!
SUBMITTED BY: ANNEMARIE RILEY, PRESIDENT
BONITA PARLOR NO. 10



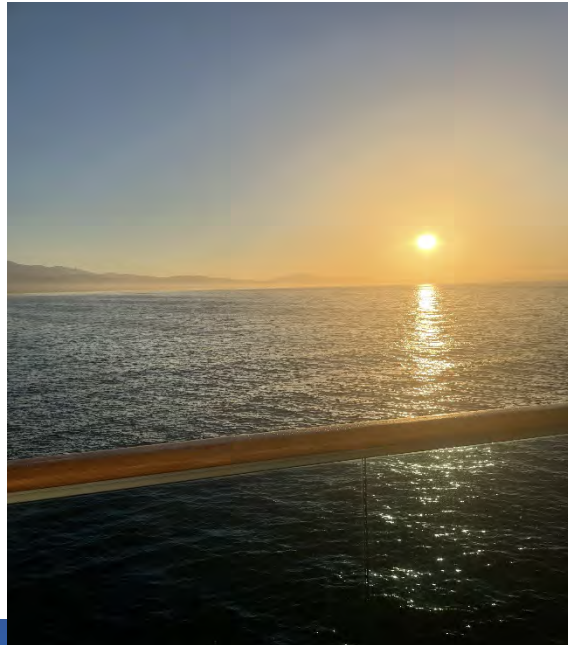
On October 22nd a group of 52 Native Daughters and Native Sons boarded the Crown Princess Ship in San Francisco for a week of fun sailing along the California Coast. With stops in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Ensenada and San Diego, we all enjoyed a wonderful trip! **Silver Anniversary PGP Debi Stalder** (seated center) joined all of her Native Daughter Sisters and friends for a formal photo to celebrate our fantastic voyage!

Many thanks to our **State Chairman of Mission Restoration, Tina Foss** (right) for coordinating a tour of the beautiful Old Santa Barbara Mission. Sharing amazing history and facts, docent Tina, along with our **Historian of**

the Order Mary Louise Days, (left) both Members of Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126 in Santa Barbara. Thank you, Sisters, for a lovely day!



Past Grand President Susan Collins, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 (right) joins Bonita Parlor No. 10 President Annemarie Riley for on-board fun!





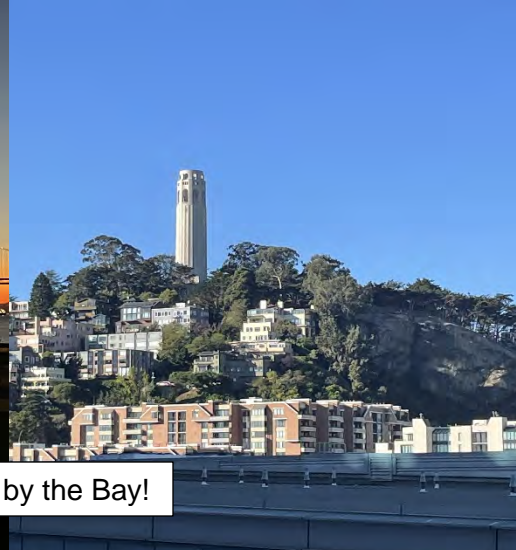
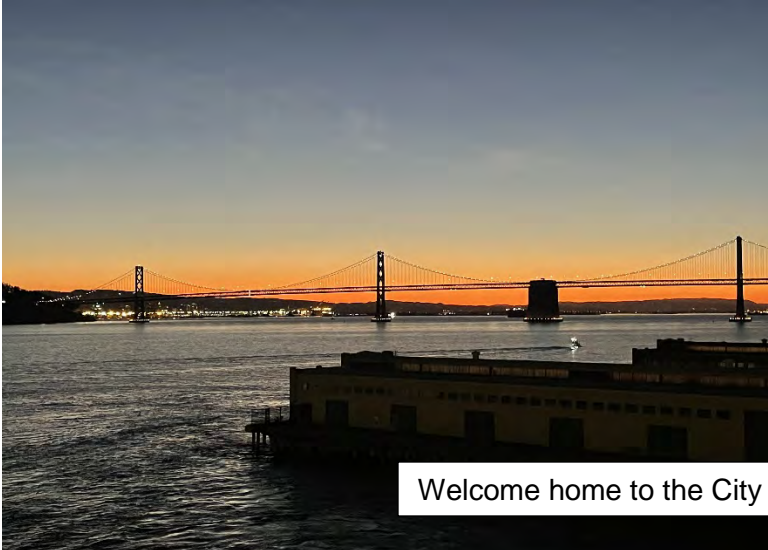
Silver Anniversary PGP Debi Stalder (right) and her husband Bill Stalder, both from Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City enjoy a delicious dessert at the end of our formal night for all Native Sons and Daughters -- It was truly a wonderful evening!



Fun in the Santa Barbara Sun! PGP Susan Collins (right) and Member Linda Thornquist Stumpf from Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210 enjoy an outdoor lunch after the tour of the **Old Mission Santa Barbara (right)**.



Welcome to LA! **PGP Suzi Riley** (*top right*) and joined by Friends of Native Daughters **Claudia Fort** (*top left*) and Member **Annemarie Riley** and 2017 NDGW Roll of Honor recipient, **Moncia Kraft** (*right*) prepare to disembark for fantastic a day in LA!



Welcome home to the City by the Bay!



Welcome new Members!

- Ursula No 1: Cathy McGowan
- Marguerite No 12: Sheryl Hagen, Lois Osborn
- San Jose No 81: Julie Dunn
- Eschscholtzia No 112: Carol Harper, Shirley Illian
- Hiawatha No 140: Barbara Dunn, Angela McLean
- Encinal No 156: John Freeman
- Fresno No 187: Michelle Maggi
- Morada No 199: Monique Louvigny
- El Tejon No 239: Linda Chitwood, Katherine Sladich
- Cotati No 299: Carolyn Greene
- Amapola No 338: Rachael Miller, Noelle Stroppini



Deceased Members:

- ❖ Marguerite No 12: Carolyn Collins
- ❖ Eschscholtzia No 112: Jean Taylor
- ❖ El Vespero No 118: Edith Epps
- ❖ El Pinal No 163: Donna Baker, Judith "Sally" Bryant Friend, Eleanor Benito Garcia, Lorraine Victorino Gomes
- ❖ Fort Bragg No 210: Jeanne Duncan
- ❖ Petaluma No 222: Stella Corda
- ❖ Grace No 242: Harriet McIlmoil



Itinerary of Grand President Rae Rosas 2023 - 2024

November

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

December

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

January 2024

- 1 Happy New Year
- 12 Finance Committee Meeting – 1:00 PM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 12 Personnel Committee Meeting – 4:00 PM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 13 CFIC Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, Zoom
- 15 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM, Zoom
- 17 Assessment & Renewal Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 19 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 20 Grace Parlor No. 242 Home Luncheon
- 21 Chocolate Tea, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield
- 23 Board of Directors Meeting – 7:00 PM, Zoom
- 26 Investment Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 27 **Official Visit** – Sutter's Mill No. 336 – **10th Anniversary**, Coloma
- 27 **Official Visit** District #14 - Ursula No. 1, Forrest No. 86, Amapola No. 338 (H) - Sutter Creek

February

- 3 **Official Visit** – District 15 – Bonita No. 10, Darina No. 114, El Vespero No. 118, Vista del Mar No. 155, San Bruno No. 246 – Pacifica
- 10 **Official Visit** – District 27 – Lugonia No. 241, Grace No. 242 (H), Jurupa No. 296, Tahquitz No. 333 - North Orange County Area
- 12 **Official Visit** – Encinal No. 156 – Alameda
- 14 **Official Visit** – San Juan Bautista No. 179 – San Juan Bautista
- 14 **Happy Valentine's Day**
- 16, 17, 18 Board of Directors Meeting – San Francisco

- 21 **Official Visit** – District 3 – Berendos No. 23, Hiawatha No. 140 (H) – Redding
- 21 Assessment & Renewal Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 23 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 25 Home Luncheon – Donner Parlor No. 193, Brentwood



March

- 2 Eagle Viewing Tour – Fresno No. 187 – Fresno *(moved from 2/25)*
- 4 **Official Visit** – Eshcol No. 16, Napa
- 9 **Official Visit** – District 26 – Poppy Trail No. 266, Toluca No. 279, La Tijera No. 282, Rancho la Puente No. 331 (H) – San Gabriel Valley Area
- 10 Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 10 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting – Southern California
- 15 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 16 **Official Visit** – District 22 – Fresno No. 187, Charter Oak No. 292 (H) – Visalia
- 23 **Official Visit** – District 11 – Sonoma No. 209, Petaluma No. 222 (H), Cotati No. 299 – Petaluma
- 31 **Happy Easter**



April

- 1 **Official Visit** – Angelita No. 32 – Livermore
- 6 **Official Visit** – District 20 – San Jose No. 81, Vendome No. 100, Gilroy No. 312 (H) – Gilroy
- 6 **Poppy Day**
- 9 **Official Visit** – Joaquin No. 5 -Stockton
- 10 **Official Visit** – Morada No. 199 – Modesto
- 12 Finance Committee Meeting – 1:00 PM, San Francisco
- 12 Personnel Committee Meeting – 4:00 PM, San Francisco
- 13 CFIC Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, Zoom
- 14, 15, 16 N.D.G.W. Past Presidents General Assembly – Rancho Cordova Marriott Hotel
- 16 **Official Visit** – Veritas No. 75 – Merced
- 17 **Official Visit** – Lomas No. 255 – Los Banos
- 18 **Official Visit** – District 18 – Ruby No. 46, Golden Era No. 99 (H) – Columbia/Sonora
- 19, 20, 21 Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents Retreat – Hampton Inn & Suites – Madera
- 22 **Official Visit** – El Tejon No. 239 – Bakersfield
- 25 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 26 Investment Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 27 **Official Visit** – Marguerite No. 12 – Placerville Area
- 28 **Arbor Day**



May

- 6 **Official Visit** – Oakdale No. 125 -Oakdale
- 7 **Official Visit** – Mariposa No. 63 – Mariposa
- 9 **Official Visit** – Fort Bragg No. 210 – Fort Bragg
- 12 **Happy Mother's Day**
- 17 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 18 **Official Visit** – Donner No. 193 – Bryon
- 18 Tea – El Tejon No. 239 – Bakersfield
- 20 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM, Zoom
- 22 **Official Visit** – District 1 – Reichling No. 97, Arcata No. 325 (H) – Eureka
- 27 Veteran's Fundraising Luncheon – Fresno No. 187 – Fresno
- 27 **Memorial Day – Fly Your Flag**



June

- 1** Homecoming & Official Visit – District 25 – Reina del Mar No. 126, Tierra de Oro No. 304 – Santa Barbara
- 14** Flag Day – Fly Your Flag
- 16** Happy Father’s Day
- 16** Grand Officers Meeting – Santa Maria Radisson, Santa Maria
- 16** Grand Officers Dinner
- 17-21** Grand Parlor Annual Meeting – Santa Maria Radisson, Santa Maria
- 17** Marketplace & Opening Reception
- 18** Opening Session – Memorial Service – CFIC Luncheon
- 19** Business Session – Childrens Foundation Luncheon
- 20** Business Session – Native Sons Visitation – Hicks from the Sticks Luncheon – Banquet
- 21** Business Session – NDGW Home Luncheon
- 21** Installation of Grand Officers
- 22** Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting

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

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

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

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

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



Native Daughters of the Golden West – Mission Statement:

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