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A Message From the Grand President

Dear Sisters,

Spring is here and I'm looking out for all the poppies that are supposed to be blooming. I've seen most of them in the center divider and along the side of the road along the 101 Freeway. Hopefully I'll see some on the hills as I travel along Interstate 5 (I5) soon.



By now your Parlor has received information regarding GPAM 2024, and I know that you are busy making plans to attend in-person or via Zoom. This year Grand Parlor is trying to move forward to the electronic age and all registration is online. If you do not plan on attending GPAM for the full-week, I've been telling my fellow Sisters that you are not too far away to drive and enjoy a Santa Maria Style Bar-B-que at the "Picnic at Waller Park" Luncheon. It should be a blast with everyone outside, enjoying the sun and each other's company. The GPAM 2024 Committee looks forward to welcoming you in Santa Maria.

As I move towards the end of my term as Grand President, I want to thank everyone as it has been an experience I will not forget. I've enjoyed the places I've traveled to but most importantly, I have enjoyed the Sisters I have met along the way. You are truly the backbone and glue of your Parlor and of the Native Daughters of the Golden West!

I'm looking forward to traveling to both Northern and central California as I finish my official visits. I wish all my Sisters a wonderful Spring Season and a Happy Mother's Day.

Sisterly Hugs,

Rae Rosas,
Grand President
2023-2024



Happy Anniversary



Silver Anniversary Past Grand President Debi Stalder has celebrated her 25th Anniversary since serving as our Order's Grand President in fine style! PGP Debi often celebrated with our Grand President Rae Rosas, along with her husband Bill Stalder, as they attended many Luncheons, Official Visits and events throughout our glorious, golden state. Congratulations, PGP Debi!

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Photos with names are encouraged



**Southern Counties Children's Foundation
Rocks the Boat
Aboard the R.M.S. Queen Mary, Long Beach
March 10, 2024**



Submitted by: Sherry Farley, PGP



The NDGW Childrens Foundation received a significant boost from the successful fundraising event hosted aboard the iconic RMS Queen Mary with an amazing Hawaiian-themed party! The room was decorated with paper pineapples, sunglasses centerpieces, and M&M cups with umbrellas at every place setting. Guests were greeted with leis at sign-in, and each chair was adorned with a lei as well.

The Co-Chairs and representatives of the hostess Parlors, PGP Sherry Farley Grace No. 242 Fullerton and Sue Gabel Rancho La Puente No. 331 La Puente, welcomed



everyone to the event with open arms. The event started with an invocation by Silver Anniversary PGP Debi Stalder from Laurel Parlor No. 6 Nevada City and a flag salute led by GT Sonny Graves from Amapola No. 338 Sutter Creek. Introductions were made for Grand Officers, PGP's, DGP's, Event Committee Members and the Members of the NDGW Childrens Foundation.

Commodore Everett gave a delightful talk about the history and naming of the ship, as well as its many uses including regular and military transport. He also shared his personal connection to the ship and answered questions from the audience.

The talk was followed by a delicious lunch in the Kings View Room, with Southern Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork, Roast Beef, vegetables, salad, Cobblers for dessert, and drinks.

GVP Darleen Carpenter spoke about the dire situation of The Children's Foundation.



So far, they have received \$6,600 in donations this year, but they need more individual donations by the end of this fiscal year in June to pass the IRS Public Support Test. To encourage individual donations, a drawing was held with a chance to win \$100 cash prize for each donation made from a different name and address. In all, one hundred and thirty-one individual donations were received. The donations were read by GP Rae Rosas and PGP Camila Robles.

Fantastic raffle items were donated by Southern California Parlors and Friends. With exclusive tickets to the San Diego Wild Animal Park, Disney gift cards and more. Winners had a great time while supporting a great cause.



ALL Southern Parlors up to Bakersfield were in attendance for this fantastic event! Parlors represented: Tierra de Oro No. 304 Santa Barbara, Reina del Mar No. 126 Santa Barbara El Tejon No. 239 Bakersfield, Lugonia No. 241 San Bernardino Grace No. 242, Fullerton Poppy, Trail No. 266 Montebello, Toluca No. 279 Burbank, La Tijera No. 282 Jurupa No. 296 Riverside El Segundo, and Rancho La Puente No. 331 La Puente.

Parlors from Northern California also sailing away were: Marguerite No. 12 Placerville, Petaluma No. 222 Petaluma, Amapola No. 338, Sutter Creek and Annie K. Bidwell No. 168 Chico.

The Benediction was offered by GP Rae Rosas, Tierra de Oro No. 304, Santa Barbara.

The afternoon was filled with unforgettable moments. Thank you to everyone who made the event a huge success! Bon voyage until next year!



The Head Table was filled with dignitaries!
From left: Chuck Gabel and Event Co-Chair Sue Gabel, Sherry Farley, PGP, Event Co-Chair; Grand President Rae Rosas; Silver Anniversary PGP Debi Stalder; William Stalder; Marion "Sonny" Graves, GT and Darleen Carpenter, GVP.



Commodore Everett and Southern Counties Childrens Foundation Committee were glad to host such a fantastic event!



Grand President Rae Rosas Visits

Encinal Parlor No. 156

Submitted by: Kathleen Valerio, President, Encinal Parlor No. 156

Photos by Shirley Sachsen [link to photo album](#)



Encinal Parlor in Alameda had a great turn out for Grand President Rae Rosa's Official Visit Monday evening February 12th. We welcomed several Past Grand Presidents, State Committee Chairs, SDDGPs and DGPs. All told we had about thirty participants including seventeen Encinal Members both on-line and in-person.

Since our visit was so close to Valentines we went with a red, pink, and white, "Love" theme. For those attending in person we hosted a nice spread of three soups and six salads with bread, butter, and assorted desserts. We held an opportunity drawing to offset the cost of hosting the event, and we raised \$83 during the coin march for Veterans Welfare per GP Rae Rosas request.

We heard a lovely recap of Encinal's Official Visit from 25 years ago based on notes from Silver Lady, Debi Stalder. She mentioned names we haven't heard in years. We were amazed to learn Encinal had a drill team back in the day who performed in parades and special events.

President, Kathleen Valerio provided an Annual Report to let Grand Parlor know things are going pretty well at Encinal, which focused [A Time of Growth, Dedication, and Scholarship](#)

It was wonderful to see so many people participating, Carroll Stephens did a commendable job escorting members and guests. Joanne McKay did a beautiful job supplying us with floral arrangements. Big thanks to Shirley Sachsen for taking pictures. To Terrie Kurrasch for coordinating rsvp's, Cynthia Mulholand for Chairing the event, to members Lynn Losande, Vicki Bell, Marilyn Dodge, Deanie Donato, Carole Maloney, Shelia Shener, Sara Hector, Barbara Rosenberg,

Shauna Vaughan, Colette Gutierrez-Watkins, Vanessa Corpus, and David Osterback for joining us in person and online. Huge thanks to everyone for contributing food, prizes, decorations, and donations to make this a special event.



Sheila Shener, hands gifts to GP Rae Rosas who is being escorted by Carroll Stephens, with SDDGP Marilyn Rodrigues and Silver Lady Debi Stalder standing by.



Drawing names for lucky prize winners!

Left to Right: Encinal Parlor Secretary Colette Gutierrez-Watkins, President, Kathleen Valerio, Past President Terrie Kurrasch, DDGP Shelley Buchberger, Treasurer, Lynn Losande.

Fresno Parlor No. 187

Participates in American Flag Retirement

Submitted by Brenda Green, Fresno Parlor No. 187

Photos by Patti Cline

American flag retirement is something that is a precious honor given to our Stars and Stripes! Just as a funeral or memorial service is focused on the person who has passed away, and the mourners humbly attend in their honor and memory; there comes a moment in time when the threads of our country's flag become too worn out and we must say 'goodbye'. The proper way to do this is by burning the flag, so that it cannot be re-sewn into an item that irresponsibly represents the United States of America. Over 4000 American Flags were retired with honor on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at a suburban home in Clovis, California. Flags from states and military branch flags, and the flags of other

countries were retired. Additionally, the flag of various groups such as Scouting were retired.

A few days before the sorting begins, many of the embroidered stars on American Flags are removed and will be successively given to Veterans with a business card size note: ***"I am a star from a retired American Flag that has flown over the USA. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgotten."*** After the flames have died down, the ashes are sifted through and grommets are removed and given to any American Citizen who holds dear the values of our Constitution and freedoms.



Pictures taken by Patti Cline show Fresno Parlor Members Charlotte Tilkes, Judy Bufkin and a former member Sally Tripp doing the sorting and rolling duties, preparing the flags for retirement.

Beginning at 8AM on Saturday morning, the work of Flag Retirement began by sorting the flags according to their size and representation; folding and rolling the flags into groups of 10 so the total number of flags could easily be counted.

The flags were collected by Clovis Veterans Memorial District, Scouting, and many citizens across the

Fresno Parlor No. 187 Donates to Veterans Baby Shower

Submitted by: Brenda Green, Fresno Parlor No. 187

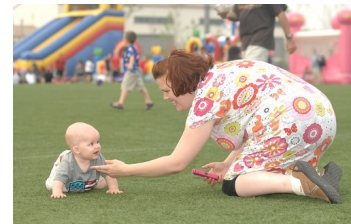
**With contributions from Fresno Parlor Veterans Committee Members:
Claudia Zonsius and Patti Cline**

The Fresno Parlor has a highly acclaimed Veterans Hospital in our city: the VA Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS). The Fresno Parlor Veterans Committee (Patti Cline, Claudia Zonsius and Brenda Green) has become aware of an annual event that directly supports Women Veterans with a Baby Shower. The event also has many corporate contributors, many other service clubs, churches and local non-profit groups that specifically support Women Veterans and their new-born children. Fresno Parlor No. 187 is proud to contribute to this event with a monetary donation to the Center for Development and Civic Engagement in the amount of \$200.00. The center's director, Mary Golden, explains money is a wise gift because while many corporate manufacturers are able to contribute products, a donation of money can be used to purchase items not already in the gift pool, that the new mothers need and are not supplied by the manufacturing donors. Furthermore, the VACCHCS has the opportunity to purchase high quality items at a lower cost than what consumers can purchase, and subsequently donate. At the CDCE, Mary keeps track of which items have been popular in previous years, and she screens the applications from the new moms with consideration to their stated wants and needs; making purchases from

the funds that have been donated. Thus, the donated dollar goes further from a small non-profit, than if the group collected various items.

In years past, a range of 150—350 new mothers who are veterans, and their infant children have benefitted from the annual Baby Shower. The event is set up in a drive-thru format, on the campus of the VACCHCS. Women Veterans simply indicate which items from booths or tables they can use, and the items are put directly into their car. Mary Golden also says many of the new mothers have resumed working, so this is something they can participate in, yet it is very time conserving for them. It is always held in the spring, before Mother's Day. In fact, some of the gifts available at the event are oriented towards the personal needs of the new mother.

Fresno Parlor No. 187 appreciates the opportunity to give back to those who have served our country. The Fresno Parlor's Veterans Committee feels this is a very unique opportunity to give to young families whose children will be raised in a household that will know about such important contributions and sacrifices for our country.



Proudly Presenting the Donation Check

Left to right: Brenda Green, Mary Golden, Claudia Zonsius



Photo by: Fresno VACCHCS Staff—Public Affairs Office Kristopher J. Morrow



Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 Celebrates 125th Anniversary
Submitted by Melanie Fowle-Nelson

On February 24th, Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 celebrated their 125th Anniversary with a Tea served by the Etna FFA to over one hundred ladies. Proceeds from the Tea and Vonita Bishop's quilt went to the local NDGW Scholarship Fund.

President Mary Burton welcomed those in attendance and thanked the Sisters who had set twenty-eight card tables for the occasion. Sister Darci Chesnick took the reservations and provided the map for each of the tables.

Fruit skewers were prepared the day preceding and Saturday morning Sisters gathered under the direction of Nancy Barnes, Mary Burton, and Jan Boehle to make the tea size sandwiches which were combined with dozens of homemade cookies.

In addition to the Charter, nine historical posters created by Sister Peggy Whipple and friend Altha Lindsay were made available on the back tables. A dress from the 1800's and a Bill Smith horse/mule snowshoe with a few pictures provided by Sister Sherry Glendenning rounded out the display.

Melanie Fowle-Nelson shared some of the early history of the Parlor, which was accepted into membership on July 12, 1899, 3 years after the Native Daughters of the Golden West was founded. Of note, the first Grand President was Tina L. Kane, the

mother of Wilhelmina K. Horn, known as Minna to the Scott Valley folks. Minna moved to Etna in 1913 where she taught Latin, Greek, German, and Commercial Arithmetic at Etna High. She also taught vocal music to the entire



student body and was instrumental in securing the first phonograph for a music

appreciation program. In 1916 she married Frank J. Horn and resided the rest of her life on the ranch. In 1924 Minna joined this Parlor, and in 1931 attended the Grand Parlor in Merced where she was elected Grand Trustee. In 1933 she began a double term as Grand Organist.

The featured program was a video entitled "Pioneer Trails from Aetna Mills to Rough and Ready," written and produced by an Etna High

student Annie Travis back in 1986. Annie placed 3rd at the California State History Day Competition.

Throughout our 125 years, Eschscholtzia Parlor has continued to focus on love of home, devotion to the flag, and veneration of the pioneers. ***Congratulations on a tremendous legacy in Native Daughters with many years of service still to come!***



Vonita Bishop's lovely quilt created for the wonderful 125th Anniversary celebration was proudly displayed for all of the guests to enjoy!





Have you ever wondered about an aspect of Native Daughters?

Why not, "Ask Minerva"

Submitted By Assessment and Renewal Committee (ARC) & Electronic Communications Committee (ECC)

**Dear Minerva,
What is "Grand Parlor" and can I go?
From,
Just Wondering**

Hello Just Wondering,
You ask an excellent question! I know it can be easily confusing.

"Grand Parlor" is the mother-ship of our Order – the Native Daughters of the Golden West. It is our business office and the place where your Parlor sends official forms (such as the quarterly audits) and it handles all official business for our Order. Our Grand Parlor Office is located in San Francisco next door to our lovely NDGW Home. Yes, of course, you can visit the Home, and if the Grand Parlor Office is open, you might ask if there's something you can help with. [Here are the details on how members can make reservations to stay the night at the Home.](#)

Or, if you know you'll be in the area – just contact the Grand Parlor Office ahead of time

Do YOU have a question for Ask Minerva? Whether it be about our Order, or California, drop a line to [Ask Minerva](mailto:CAStar@ndgw.org) at: CAStar@ndgw.org. Remember to include your name and Parlor – along with how you'd like to be addressed in the response.

to see if they need any assistance with a project.

"Grand Parlor" is also often used to refer to our Annual Meeting – the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, or GPAM. Native Daughters of the Golden West is a California corporation, and as such must hold an official annual meeting with voting members as part of our legal obligations. This is why we host the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM).

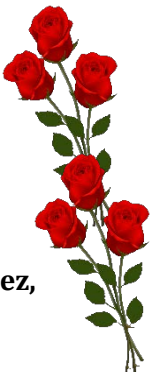
Each Parlor sends their required Delegates and Alternate Delegates to GPAM (aka Grand Parlor). If you are not elected as your Parlor's Delegate, you can still attend!! You just can't vote on items of legislation. You can opt to attend for just a day, or the full GPAM week. [Here is the link to this year's Grand Parlor and all the event details.](#) Attending GPAM is a great way to meet fellow NDGW members from all over California, learn more about our Order, and find out more about projects and committees that interest you, so you can contribute to our future success! Hope to see you there!

*Yours truly,
Minerva*

Members We Have Sadly Lost...

Bonita No. 10: Helen Cocco, Carol O'Loughlin
Marguerite No 12: Karen DeBerry
Eshcol No 16: Janet Cannizzaro, Anne Thompson
Veritas No 75: Catherine Taylor
Reichling No 97: Glenda Miller
Vendome No 100: Linda Murtha
San Luisita No 108: Frances Chaves
Darina No 114: Marilyn Starkey
Reina del Mar No 126: Charlene Hovey, Sue Ziliotto
Placer No 138: Aileen Gage, Linda Aidnik

Encinal No 156: Margaret Florance
El Pinal No 163: Lorraine Gomes
Gold of Ophir No 190: Linda Thompson
Morada No 199: Barbara Nelson
Fort Bragg No 210: Roen Mallory
Lomitas No 255: Judy Yriarte, Delores Jorge
Tierra de Oro No 304: Eileen Gray, Connie Morales,
Marie Mackey
Tahquitz No 333: Ruth Mathews



District 15 Welcomes Grand President Rae Rosas! Submitted by: Sandra Firpo San Bruno Parlor No. 246

The Parlors of District 15 ~ Bonita No. 10, El Vespero No. 118, Vista Del Mar No. 155, and San Bruno No. 246 joined Darina Parlor No. 114 to celebrate their 125th Anniversary and to welcome our Grand President Rae Rosas to our Official Visit Luncheon: **Surf's Up Parlor No. 2024!** The event was a lovely afternoon for all in attendance.



Ana Nastari welcomes Grand President Rae to Surf's Up Parlor at the Sharp Park Golf Course on the Coast in Pacifica, California!



President of Bonita Parlor, Anne Riley stands to welcome everyone to Surf's Up Parlor No. 2024



75 year Member, LaVerne Pacheco of Vista Del Mar Parlor proudly receives her membership emblem from Grand President Rae accompanied by Member Carol Tirua and Deputy Grand President Joyce James. Congratulations La Verne!

Right: LaVerne presents GP Rae with a handmade quilt - Made by LaVerne!!





Grand President Rae Rosas honors Mary Lee (center in red) on her 25 years of membership in our Order. Mary is congratulated by all of her El Vespero Parlor Sisters!



Congratulations



The Sisters of Darina Parlor gather together with Grand President Rae Rosas to celebrate 125 years of service to our Order! Congratulations Darina No. 114!

Welcome New Sisters!

Eshcol No. 16: **Mary Ann Formosa**

Ruby No. 46: **Melissa Walraven**

Aleli No. 102: **Barbara Gularte, Mary Hoagland, Barbara Perry**

Reina del Mar No. 126: **Denise Schims**

Hiawatha No. 140: **Constance Strohmayer**

Junipero No. 141: **Kathy Coldiron, Jan Covell, Barbara McKinder, Diana Miller, Michael Houston, Wendy Ograin, Judith Ryan**

El Pinal No. 163: **Catherine Silva, Janine Spano**

Sonoma No. 209: **Eileen Gilman**

Fort Bragg No. 210: **Karen Horne, Nicole Nella, Anna-Kristina Rosenquist**

Petaluma No. 222: **Kimberly Pels, Cheryl Suit, Cathy Matteri, Charleen Champion**

El Tejon No. 239: **Sylvia Miller**

Lomitas No. 255: **Christine Dahlgren, Sandra Pope**

Jurupa No. 296: **Pamela Miller**

Cotati No. 299: **Judith McNeil, Denise Pellizzer, Leslie McLean**

Sutter's Mill No. 336: **Bonnie Castro, Sean Conley-Widing, Veronica Gigante, Hope Linder**

Itinerary of Grand President Rae Rosas 2024



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



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

GRAND PRESIDENT DARLEEN CARPENTER EL TEJON PARLOR NO. 239

El Tejon Parlor No. 239
Native Daughters of the Golden West
Bakersfield, California

April 1, 2024

GRAND OFFICERS, PAST GRAND PRESIDENTS,
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE PARLORS,
NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST



Dear Sisters:

El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, Native Daughters of the Golden West, is pleased and honored to present their member, Darleen Carpenter, as a candidate for the office of Grand President.

Darleen is a 59-year Member of the Order having joined El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, April 25, 1965, and has served the Order as Grand Vice President, Grand Marshal, Grand Trustee, Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Outside Sentinel, Chairman of Public Relations Committee and Roll of Honor, Member of the Official Publication Committee, Home Committee, Children's Foundation, Legislation, California Admission Day, Welfare, Chairman of Finance, Special ARC Committee, and President of Past Presidents Assn. 30. She has held many offices and chaired many committees within the Parlor including 2 terms as President and is currently serving as Parlor Secretary, and Deputy Grand President and Supervising District Deputy Grand President.

Darleen spent over 50 years as a financial professional in the Homebuilding industry in Southern and Northern California and served two years as President of the Orange County Chapter and on the National Executive Board of the Construction Financial Managers Association. Darleen currently works seasonally for H&R Block as a tax preparer and is also active in her community as a member of the Woman's Club of Bakersfield having served on the Executive Board for 10 years and 2 years as President.

Darleen looks forward to working with all her Native Daughter Sisters to promote and preserve the heritage of California and by ensuring our younger generations participation in our order while honoring our predecessors and their legacy while working to guide our Order into the future.

The Members of El Tejon Parlor No. 239 respectfully request your support and favorable consideration of our Member, Darleen Carpenter, for election to the office of Grand President at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Santa Maria.

Sincerely and fraternally,

El Tejon Parlor No. 239

Brigette Bonnet, President

Vicki Simpson, Secretary Pro Tem

Seal of the Parlor



JR. PAST GRAND PRESIDENT
RAE ANN ROSAS
TIERRA DE ORO PARLOR NO. 304



April 8, 2024

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304
Native Daughters of the Golden West
P. O. Box 3326
Santa Barbara, CA 93130

Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents,
Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors
Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 is proud to present our esteemed Sister, Rae Rosas, as a candidate for election to the office of Jr. Past Grand President at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Rae has been serving on the Board of Directors as the Grand President. In prior terms she has served as Grand Vice President, Grand Marshal, Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Trustee, and as senior Grand Trustee. This term she is either Chair or serving on several Committees including the Finance Committee, the Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee, Home Committee, and Investment Committee.

Rae has served as the Supervising District Deputy Grand President and Deputy Grand President to District 25 and has been on Laws & Supervision, State of the Order, and Ritual and Manual as a Committee Member.

Rae has the support of her daughter, Amy and her Parlor Sisters in her desire to continue to serve our Order. Tierra de Oro Parlor No. 304 respectfully requests your favorable consideration of Rae Rosas as she seeks the office of Jr. Past Grand President at this 138th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in P.D.F.A.,

Kathy Wilcox

Kathy Wilcox
Parlor President

Amy Rosas

Amy Rosas
Recording Secretary

Seal of the Parlor



GRAND VICE PRESIDENT
HEIDI DILLON
JOAQUIN PARLOR NO. 5



Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Native Daughters of the Golden West

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Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, Native Daughters of the Golden West, proudly presents esteemed Member, Heidi Dillon, as a candidate for election to the office of Grand Vice President at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in the City of Santa Maria. Heidi has been an active Member of our Parlor for 33 years. She has served as President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal, and Past President. She has served as chairman of many Parlor events through the years, including chairing our Grand President Official Visits, Parlor's NDGW Home Luncheon Committees, Apron Luncheons, Parlor Delegate fundraisers, just to name a few. Heidi is also a Dual Member of Oakdale Parlor No. 125 where she is currently serving as their Recording Secretary.

Heidi has served District 19 as Supervising District Deputy Grand President as well as Deputy Grand President. On the State level she served as a Member of State of the Order, Finance, Laws and Supervision, Legislation, Legislation Monitoring, Legislative Measures, NDGW Charitable Foundation, NDGW Home, James D. Phelan Fund, Personnel, Real Property, Official Publication, Electronic Communications and Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Born in Tracy and raised in Vernalis, Heidi loves the country life and participated in 4-H and FFA as a student. She and her husband, Travis, are owners of JMH Livestock and she attends to the daily operations and is the bookkeeper for the business. She retired from L.W. Miller Livestock in Logan, Utah where she served as a dispatcher at the corporate headquarters, as well as managed their Greeley, Colorado division. Prior to L.W. Miller Livestock, she was employed as a dispatcher and safety officer for Beef Packers, Inc., in Fresno and Ore-Cal Livestock in Merrill, Oregon. Both jobs required immense pressure and dedication to detail, which Heidi thrived at and feels will assist her in doing a respectable job as a Grand Officer.

She and Travis have three children, Josh, Marco, and Hannah Rose. Heidi has the full support of her family, as well as her Sisters of Joaquin Parlor No. 5. Heidi enjoys traveling and experiencing new cultures. Over the years she has visited many Parlors up and down our State. Her heart is deep rooted in California, and her passion for the preservation of our gorgeous State derives from her family history that began here before California was the thirty-first State of the Union.

Striving to keep the Order alive by helping grow the membership and to continue to advance the Order into the digital world to be more cost productive as an organization is Heidi Dillon's goal and focus.

Heidi Dillon accepts the nomination for Grand Vice President for the upcoming term of 2024-2025 and looks forward to doing what needs to be done to preserve our Order for future generations while protecting our State's most valued assets.

The Members of Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, respectfully request your consideration and support of our Sister, Heidi Dillon, for election of Grand Vice President at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. We believe her most worthy of this office and know that she will represent her Parlors and serve our State well in this capacity.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in P.D.F.A.,

Lorentina Carroll
Lorentina Carroll
President

Christine Tripod
PGP Christine Tripod
Recording Secretary

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GRAND MARSHAL
RENEE RIANDA
WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90



Woodland Parlor No. 90
Native Daughters of the Golden West

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Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland, is honored to present our member Renee Rianda as a candidate for the Office of Grand Marshall for the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Santa Maria.

Renee has been a Member of the Woodland Parlor since February 2014 and a dual Member to Aleli No. 102, Salinas since 2016. She has served In the Woodland Parlor as Treasurer and is a Past-Chair of the Mission Restoration Committee. In the Aleli Parlor she has served as President for three terms and is a Past-Chair of the California History, Landmarks and Building Committee, and Past-Secretary of the CFIC Committee. She is currently the DGP to Aleli (Salinas) Parlor No. 102, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 and Junipero (Monterey) Parlor No. 141. She is currently the Recording Secretary for Aleli (Salinas) Parlor No. 102.

Renee was born and raised in the Soledad Mission District area in the heart of the Salinas Valley. Active in 4-H she showed steers and horses and competed in a variety of projects, including baking, which she continues to do today at various County and State competitions. She attended Hartnell Jr. College in Salinas prior to transferring to Fresno State and graduated with a BS Degree in Ag Business in 1989 and completed an MBA from the University of Phoenix – Sacramento campus in 2004.

Renee came to Woodland in 1990 to work for Contadina Foods managing their Pesticide Use Program. Subsequently Del Monte Foods purchased Contadina and additional responsibilities followed, eventually landing at The Morning Star Packing Company in the early 2000's adding on Product Traceability, Food Safety and Sustainability programs. Renee collaborates with customers and growers to meet the increasing requests for Sustainable Agriculture conformance. She also holds a Pest Control Advisers License, Qualified Applicator License, and a Certified Crop Adviser Certificate with a specialty in Sustainability. Additionally, during tomato harvest she is responsible for the weekly financial calculations & payments to the company's tomato farmers.

Renee has been active in the local Woodland Chapter and State organization of CAPCA, (California Association of Pest Control Advisers) holding various offices including Chair position in 2009-2010 of the 4,000 Member organization, Board member of the FFA Foundation Board, Past Committee Chair of the Ag Production Committee of the California League of Food Producers for 5 years and various other Agricultural oriented associations. She is a frequent speaker at the CAPCA meetings discussing sustainability progress and challenges with her Growers and PCA's. She is also involved in her local community as Secretary of the Monterey County Swiss American Club and is the current President of the Soledad – Mission Fiesta Committee that is responsible for the daily operations of the Soledad Mission and its Olive Grove.

She and her husband Thad enjoy travelling across the continental USA to visit friends and family from Coast to Coast and enjoy stopping at every monument, plaque, and historical location throughout the USA.

Renee is excited to be a candidate for the office of Grand Marshal and both Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland and Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas proudly support our Sister for election.

Sincerely and fraternally in P.D.F.A.,

Christine Thomas
Christine Thomas, President

Jenni King
Jenni King, Recording Secretary



GRAND TRUSTEE
SHELLEY BUCHBERGER
ANGELITA PARLOR NO. 32



Native Daughters of the Golden West
Angelita Parlor No.32

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of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

Angelita Parlor No. 32 is pleased to present their esteemed member Shelley Buchberger, for election to the office of Grand Trustee.

Shelley has served our Parlor as Trustee, Vice President, President, Past President and now Recording Secretary. She has also chaired numerous Parlor committees over the years. Shelley has volunteered for anything our Parlor has needed. She has fulfilled the duties of Deputy Grand President and is currently DGP to the Encinal Parlor in Alameda. Shelley has served on several State Committees, the NDGW Home Committee, the NDGW Children's Foundation, Mission Restoration and is currently Chairman to the Electronic Communication Committee. She has been a Grand Trustee and is currently the Grand Secretary.

Shelley was born in the Central Valley and went to school in Fresno. She started college in Fresno then moved to DeVry University in Phoenix for Electrical Engineering where she met her husband Doug. Her early background of bookkeeping for her family and other businesses has served her well. She has been on the board of several charities and helped many non-profits over the years with their bookkeeping, H/R and administrative issues including Tracy Interfaith Ministries, Salvation Army, the local chapter of NAMI, Soroptimists, Inner Wheel, and the Livermore Lithophiles. Due to her husband's job, Shelley has had many careers and moves over the years. She has been a Controller, Bookkeeper, Administrative Assistant, Payroll Specialist, Physical and Occupational Therapy Assistant and Instructor. Shelley worked for the Tracy School District assisting the Red Ribbon Week Programs, Technology Support for the District, and teaching Special Needs Children before she retired.

Shelley has been a member of Angelita Parlor No. 32 for over 10 years and has served the Order with dedication and enthusiasm. She has the support of her husband and her two Children, Douglas and Alaina as well as her mother Mary (Kitty) Lancaster, her sister Alison Emler and all of her Parlor Sisters in seeking the office of Grand Trustee. Her parent's love of California and exploring our State has led her to explore some very out of the way spots in California including the Mohave Desert, tent camping in the snow, and unique old mining claims. It has only increased her drive to support the history of our State and our Order.

The Members of Angelita Parlor No. 32 respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of their Member, Shelley Buchberger, for election as Grand Secretary at the 2023 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Karen Feraldo

Karen Feraldo, President

Dianna Geyer

Dianna Geyer, Recording Secretary, Pro-Tem



GRAND TRUSTEE
MARION "SONNY" GRAVES
AMAPOLA PARLOR NO. 338



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Dear Sisters,

Amapola Parlor No.338 is proud to nominate our member Marion "Sonny" Graves, as a candidate for the office of Grand Trustee at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Sonny has been a member of Amapola Parlor for 6 years, having served as Trustee, Vice President, President and currently serving as Past President. She has also served as District Grand President. Sonny has served the Order on the Veterans Welfare, Legislation and Extension of the Order Committees. She has also served two terms as State Chair of Transportation and has been the Recording Secretary for the Childrens Foundation for three years. In addition, she has served on the Board of Directors as Grand Trustee this past year.

Education has been an important part of Sonny's life, and she was honored to serve as an elementary school teacher in Amador County. After teaching in two other districts she came to Sutter Creek Elementary School and retired after eight years.

Sonny has the support of her family and our Parlor Sisters in her desire to serve our Order. Amapola Parlor No. 338 respectfully request your favorable consideration of Marion "Sonny" Graves as she seeks the office of Grand Trustee at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Sincerely and fraternally in P.D.F.A.,

Sheryl Harmston
Sheryl Harmston,
President

Mary Fowler
Mary Fowler,
Recording Secretary Pro-Tem



Itinerary of Grand President Darleen Carpenter 2024 - 2025



June

- 21 Installation of Grand Officers – 7:00 PM, Santa Maria.
- 22 Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 AM, Santa Maria
- 22 DGP's, State Chair Meeting – 8:00 AM, Santa Maria
- PGP's Meeting –8:45 AM Santa Maria
- 29 **Official Visit-District 26** –Poppy Trail No. 266, Toluca No. 279, La Tijera No. 282, Rancho La Puente No. 331



July

- 4 **Independence Day – Fly Your Flag!**
- 4 **Happy Birthday Grand President, Darleen!**
- 12 Investment Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 12 Finance Committee Meeting – 1:00 PM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 12 Personnel Committee Meeting –3:00 PM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 13 **Official Visit -District 15** - Bonita No. 10, Darina No. 114, El Vespero No. 118 (Hostess) Vista del Mar No. 155, San Bruno No. 246- Pacifica
- 13 Childrens Foundation Committee Meeting - ZOOM 10 AM
- 14 Board of Directors and Real Property-ZOOM 10 AM
- 16 Home Committee Meeting - 10AM, San Francico/Zoom
- 17 Assessment & Renewal Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM/Zoom
- 20 CFIC Committee Meeting - 10 AM - Zoom



August

- 1,2,3,4 Fiesta – Santa Barbara
- 10 Home Luncheon – Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia
- 12 **Official Visit -District 4** - Nataqua No. 152 Susanville Luncheon
- 21 Assessment & Renewal Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 16-18 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom/In Person
- 20 Home Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM, San Francisco/Zoom
- 20 Official Visit District 19 - Joaquin No. 5, Mariposa No. 63, Veritas No. 75, Oakdale No. 125, Morada No. 199 – Modesto 11 AM
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