

ADVANCE REPORTS 2024- 2025

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ADVANCED REPORTS & BOARD MINUTES

REPORT OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT

Darleen Carpenter, GP, El Tejon 239
Grand President

This year has been the end of a long journey and has been a bumpy ride but it is not a year that I would have missed. At 80 years of age, I would have thought that my education was complete, but I have learned much this year about life and human nature. I want to thank the many PGP's who encouraged me to complete this journey that I started several years ago and my Parlor sisters who have been so supportive and my family who thinks I am nuts, but have supported and worried about me this year and especially PGP's Sherry Farley and Joan Hall who have talked me off the ledge more than once this year and my entire GPAM 2025 Committee who have worked so hard to make GPAM 2025 a success. I also have to thank all the Parlors who on my Official Visits have been so welcoming and made me feel like royalty. You are the best part of the job.

The 2024-2025 Board of Directors were installed June 21, 2024 in Santa Maria. PGP Nina Coffenberry was the installing Grand President. The Board installed was Darleen Carpenter Grand President, Rae Rosas, Jr. PGP, Heidi Dillon Grand Vice President, Renee Rianda Grand Marshal Christine Tripod Grand Secretary, Grand Trustees Shelley Buchberger and Sonny Graves. As you can see, there were only 7 Board members installed. It is not good for the Order to have a short Board. I had to reschedule Board meetings on some occasions due to no quorum due to missing Board members. We must have a committed, qualified, full Board to ensure forward progress for the Order. The Board met almost every month in person or on Zoom. It is vital that the Board have more transparency with committees and members, let them know what is going on. The Board must work closely together and bond to achieve the goals to move the Order into the future. Community involvement is vital to our future to recruit more members to join. We need to modernize and streamline the Books of the Order as well.

The favorite part of the job for me has been my OV'S and special events. I was able to visit every Parlor by District in person. I have been honored to present so many 25,50-, and 75-year pins on my visits. I have enjoyed seeing parts of California that were new for me, some long drives, but well worth the travel. I was very impressed with Reina del Mar and Fiesta Days in Santa Barbara. I enjoyed all the events at Fiesta and Mary Louise Days was my guide and chauffeur and arranged for us to park underground and have seats on the stage. If you have not been to Fiesta, I highly recommend it. All the Parlors have welcomed me and given me a good feel for their community and their Parlor. I have been treated royally on every visit.

Meeting the members and learning about their community and Parlor was very insightful. I did not have a Silver or Gold Grand President for this term.

We have lost one Parlor this year, when Manzanita No 29 consolidated with Laurel No 6 on June 26, 2024. We have a couple of Parlors on the watch list, that we will be working with to determine how we can help.

Now, to the business of the Order. This year we have:

Sold Palomares Cemetery \$1,500,000.00
Mariana Bertola plaque in Little Italy-Public Relations opportunity
Appraisal of the Home and Office-5,600,000.00
Title Report on Deed-No restrictions
In Person Presentations of Grants-Public Relations
CPA & Bookkeeper cleaned up old balances on Books
Parlor Community Project Contest

I feel that our organization is at a cross roads and needs to make many changes to move forward. A Board that bonds and acts cohesively is a must. We need to go back to moving through the chairs and learning to work together. There should be some position changes on the Board. Parlors have a Treasurer, but not the Board. In my opinion, the Secretary and Treasurer should be positions that do not move forward and are held for 3-5 years. The Grand President should be the ambassador for the order doing OV's, public and community relations and working to expand the order through these venues. There should be a paid Administrator in the office to manage staff and the business aspects of the order. It is not easy to manage staff remotely. In order to attract more and younger members, we need to update the organization to reflect current times and less formality. I encourage all members to reflect on how we can move forward with the new Order.
I hope I made my Mom proud.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Heidi Dillon, GVP, Joaquin No. 5/Oakdale No. 125
Chief Financial Officer

Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc.:

The NDGW Charitable Foundation Committee is a very active and productive committee. The committee itself as well as the nine Public Benefit Committees under the NDGW CFIC umbrella all hold their meetings virtually, which saves them on committee expenses. The individual committees that participate in the securities pool requested their available funds and took advantage of the 5% principal allotments as well. This committee has successfully continued to annually achieve the largest fundraiser for the Order. The committee is extremely fortunate to have such motivated guidance and support from State Chairman, PGP Suzi Riley, which assists them to meet the financial needs of the communities and programs supported by the committees under the NDGW CFIC umbrella. I commend all the members who have served under all the Public Benefit Committees in a job well done! They have set a standard for others to follow.

Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation:

This committee is a hardworking and dedicated committee that has raised the bar on providing for the needs of children in California. State Chairman, PGP Camelia Robles is steadfast in guiding the committee of new programs throughout California. The NDGW Childrens Foundation "Project 800" has been a momentous success in not only providing care for California's children but has allowed an exemplary display of public relations for our Order by gaining the much-needed exposure to promote our charitable contributions.

This is a well-managed committee. To reduce committee expenses, the committee continues to meet every two months with virtual meetings and only holds one meeting per term in person. The decrease in Subordinate Parlors holding fundraisers on behalf of the NDGW Childrens Foundation has again this year put the committee in jeopardy with the IRS for failing their support test to maintain their 501C(3) charitable status.

Native Daughters of the Golden West Home Committee:

Under the watchful eye and leadership of State Chairman, PGP Debi Stalder, the committee continues to be good stewards in decreasing committee expenses as well as day-to-day expenditures on maintaining the NDGW Home, which is difficult to achieve with the costs to operate the NDGW Home. The current cost of both the room rates and the NDGW Home Assessment does not cover the costs of effectively running the home, causing the NDGW Home to continue to run in the red. The committee has addressed maintenance issues and has set priorities by need. The Home Endowment is running out of funds. It is imperative that either the room rates or the NDGW Home Assessment need to be raised to help achieve the funds needed to operate the NDGW Home.

This term the home has been plagued by maintenance needs that can no longer be ignored. Five bathtubs need to be replaced as issues with the overflow drain that has caused years of damage to the floors beneath. With safety concerns in mind, they are best replaced with walk-in showers. One shower is out of commission due to diminishing grout issues, and it too is scheduled for repair. The estimated costs of the bathroom issues are approximately sixty-five thousand dollars. The biggest concern is the homes' boiler. We have had numerous service issues this term and have been advised it needs to be replaced, at an approximate cost of one hundred thousand dollars. As the boiler is the only heating source for the home, without it operating, the home will need to be closed, should it fail.

The Board of Directors has approved Grand Parlor to assume the costs of the pest control, security and insurance that is associated with maintaining the home, as Grand Parlor is the owner of the property.

Grand Parlor:

The current cost of our Per Capita Tax, along with the receipt of our Covid reimbursement funds from the IRS, and strict adherence to the budget has allowed us to operate within our budget for the term. It also allowed us to cover the cost of twelve thousand five hundred dollars allotted for a plaque to honor Dr. Marianna Bertola at the San Francisco Little Italy Honor Walk in collaboration with Le' Donne d'Italia. We are fortunate to have an extremely competent financial advisor that continues to advise us

on the best options for our invested funds. Our new Certified Public Accountant has done an excellent job in a timely manner preparing our financial statements. Our two part-time employees continue to do a wonderful job, all reports are completed as required, and assigned duties are done in a timely manner.

Subordinate Parlors:

The Grand Trustees audited all Semi-Annual audits that were submitted to the Grand Parlor Office. They have worked diligently with Subordinate Parlors that failed to report as required as well as obtaining past due funds. Unfortunately, too much time has been wasted on tracking down items that were not submitted within the restricted timelines. It has also been an unnecessary burden on the bookkeeper. With only two dates, six months apart, required for Subordinate Parlors to submit their semi-annual audit, membership records, and financial payments, along with NDGW Home Assessments and Insurance payments, this should not have to be such a daunting task. Sadly, our membership continues to decrease, and we will need to look toward our Public Relations committee assisting the Subordinate Parlors in helping obtain new members to not have to increase the costs to maintain our budgeted goals.

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

Parlor Changes

- There were no new Parlors instituted during the 2024-2025 term.
- Manzanita Parlor No. 29 consolidated into Laurel Parlor No. 6, June 26, 2024.

Membership Changes, 2024-2025 Term, effective May 16, 2024 through May 15, 2025

[87] Initiations; **[16]** Reinstatements
[124] Resignations; **[140]** Suspensions
[55] Deceased Sisters

Dual Memberships, Life Memberships and Transfers were not tracked.

The estimated number of Members in the Native Daughters of the Golden West as of May 15, 2025 stands at 2,712.

IN MEMORIAM

Ursula No. 1: Connie Pagua
Joaquin No. 5: Genevieve Johnson

Laurel No. 6: Laura Argento, Brita Rozynski
Marguerite No. 12: Merlanne Doran, Mary Ann Harper
Eshcol No. 16: Ella Gomes, Carole Jenkins
Califia No. 22: Dorothy Folena
Santa Cruz No. 26: Peggy Mansfield
Ruby No. 46: Wanda Dambacher, Barbara Erickson
Mariposa No. 63: Joann Webb
San Jose No. 81: Mildred Levratto, Janice Ricker
Forrest No. 86: Karen Kelso, Linda Lee Morrison
Reichling No. 97: Eleanor Farley
Golden Era No. 99: Gwen Allen
Vendome No. 100: Glenda Dickey
San Luisita No. 108: Lucille Cardoza, Patricia Gummerman
Sutter No. 111: Barbara Mallette, Lois Norris, Audrey Skeen
Eschscholtzia No. 112: Rita March
Darina No. 114: Bea Borelli, Etienne Simon
Reina del Mar No. 126: Liselotte MacFarlane
Nataqua No. 152: RoseMarie Bejeck, Mary Jane Rea, Elva Weir
El Pinal No. 163: Karen Biaggini
Annie K. Bidwell No. 168: Laura Von Bargaen
Sonoma No. 209: Jean Morenzoni, Janet Wedekind
Fort Bragg No. 210: Nora Tamagno
Liberty No. 213: Gloria Stemler
Petaluma No. 222: Isabel Chicano, BetteJo Reich
South Butte No. 226: Mary Lou Byer
Grace No. 242: Marie Otto, PGP, Frances Trujillo
Lomitas No. 255: Donna Nunes-Croteau, Katherine Yribarren
Poppy Trail No. 266: Sally Acosta, Marina Martinez, Betty Summerhays
Toluca No. 279: Suzanne Eisenzimmer
Charter Oak No. 292: Catherine Lamp
Jurupa No. 296: Grace Adams, Evelyn McGaven
Cotati No. 299: Margaret Compagno
Tierra de Oro No. 304: Lisa Ramirez
Rancho La Puente No. 331: Dolores Kissinger

REPORT OF AMERICANISM & CIVIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
Carol Markel, Grace No. 242
State Chair

The following Parlors contributed to Americanism and Civic Participation projects in their communities this year...

Parlor No. 6: Parade entry for Construction Day and July 4th

Parlor No. 10 – not specific
Parlor No. 16: Memorial Day Service
Parlor No. 23: Flag Donation
Parlor No. 81: California Flag Donation
Parlor No. 97: Carried flags in a parade
Parlor No. 111: Volunteered workers
Parlor No. 112 Memorial Day – flags placed on graves of all Members
Parlor No. 125: Flag Donation
Parlor No. 153: Flag Donation and volunteers served lunch after Veteran's Day Parade
Parlor No. 210: Volunteer workers
Parlor No. 222: Flag Donation
Parlor No. 241 Flag Donation
Parlor No. 246: Volunteer workers
Parlor No. 296 Flag Donation
Parlor No. 299 Flag Donation
Parlor No. 304: Fiesta Day
Parlor No. 312: Volunteers workers
Parlor No.331: Volunteer workers

The State Committee purchased 3 large U.S. Flags and 3 large California Flags (Heavy high wind usage) were delivered to the NDGW Home by the Committee.

I wish to thank GP Darleen for my appointment.

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

The Board of Grievance, hereinafter "the Board", was reappointed to serve a successive one-year term at the meeting of the College of Past Grand Presidents during GPAM 2024 in Santa Maria.

The Board was comprised of PGP Marie M. Otto, Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton, PGP Beth Perrin, Toluca Parlor No. 279, Burbank, PGP Margaret Mallette, Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No.168, Chico, PGP Jean E. Koehl Gilroy Parlor No. 312, Gilroy and Annie K. Bidwell Parlor No. 168, Chico, and PGP Dawn Dunlap, El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Cambria. The Board affirmed PGP Dawn continuing to serve as Chairman and PGP Marie continuing to serve as Secretary.

PGP Marie M. Otto passed away in early November. Her office of Secretary to the Board of Grievance was not filled. Chairman/PGP Dawn Dunlap has been writing brief Minutes of the Board's meetings for the review and approval of the members of the Board.

The Board held six Zoom meetings this term. During these meetings we discussed the following: review of past Legislation and earlier NDGW Constitutions, review of the California non-profit Corporation Code, how does this Code apply to NDGW, handling of grievances and conflict resolution by other non-profit organizations, the disciplinary procedures outlined in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order,

NSGW's procedures for allegations of misconduct in the Subordinate Parlors, and the effects and consequences and of eliminating the Supervising District Deputy Grand President regarding conflict resolution within a District or a Subordinate Parlor.

We discussed, composed, and presented two Recommendations to be considered by the Delegates at GPAM 2025.

Potential grievance inquiries were sent via email to Chairman PGP Dawn Dunlap. They subsequently were resolved. No formal grievances were filed this term with the Board.

I thank my Sister Past Grand Presidents previously cited in this Report for their good work on the Board of Grievance.

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

As all dedicated Native Daughters sadly know, ***California Statehood Day*** is no longer observed as a legal holiday in our glorious golden State. Therefore, it is so important that we do our best to preserve and acknowledge this important date in our State's illustrious history. Congratulations California on 174 years and thank you to the Sisters who celebrated California Admission Day in many unique ways with their local Parlors and in their communities!

Petaluma Parlor No. 222 was proud to celebrate Admission Day this year with a great event.

Members Dolori Beaird 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. Posters with photos of our glorious state of California, the California State Seal, the State Bird, flower, tree and other symbols of our state were presented. The students were so attentive to the information presented to them. The teacher played "*I Love You California*". on her computer, and the children began singing along 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. 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!

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 was proud to celebrate Admission Day this year with a great event. In honor of Grand President Darleen Carpenter's great appreciation of California 174th Statehood Day, September 9, 2024, their Parlor held a luncheon and program with a greeting from the Mayor of the City. Approximately 28 were in attendance and every year a different topic of California history is presented. This year's speaker was Mr. Ken Hooper a history and archivist teacher at Bakersfield High School, the President of the Kern County Historical Society and historian of the Kern Veterans Memorial Foundation. His Power Point and talk were on the history of Kern County were informative and well-received by all. Each attendee received a magnet of California in the shape of our State made by one of our new members, Linda Chitwood. The table decorations for the event, of course, were our beautiful poppies with the California flags designed by our Chairman, Ethel White. The program was prepared by GP Darleen Carpenter. 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 Ethel White, Chairman, and GP Darleen Carpenter. It was a wonderful event and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

District 15, NDGW and District 1, NSGW's Annual Grand California Luncheon, celebrated Statehood Day with more than 130 Native Sons and Daughters from all across our golden state gathered together to Celebrate Admission Day – California's 174th Birthday at South San Francisco's Basque Cultural Center on Admission Day on Friday, September 6th! Everyone enjoyed a fine meal and eagerly took part in the raffle. Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents from both Orders attended making the event even more special. The event raised funds for the historical preservation of both Orders and we were elated to celebrate California Admission Day in San Francisco. Honorary Co-Hosts of the event, **NDGW Grand President Darleen Carpenters and NSGW Grand President Steve McLean** ensured the entire afternoon was a wonderful success. Historic displays filled the Luncheon room with the **N.D.G.W. Home's Evelyn I. Carlson Historic Collection Committee Member Vicki Allen** presenting a wonderful exhibition of our N.D.G.W. Admission Day history.

Many folks still remember when Admission Day was a holiday, with no school! It was **such a fun and successful event that we are looking forward to celebrating again next year for our glorious 175th birthday. Everyone is invited to attend!**

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

**Joaquin Parlor No. 5
Bonita Parlor No. 10
Marguerite Parlor No. 12
Eshcol Parlor No. 16
Berendes Parlor No. 23
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26
San Jose No. 81
Woodland Parlor No. 90
Aleli Parlor No. 102
Sutter Parlor No. 111
Darina Parlor No. 114
El Vespero Parlor No. 118
Oakdale Parlor No. 125
Placer Parlor No. 138
Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
Petaluma Parlor No. 222
El Tejon Parlor No. 239
Lugonia Parlor No. 241
Grace Parlor No. 242
San Bruno Parlor No. 246
Charter Oak Parlor No. 292
Jurupa Parlor No. 296**

**Cotati Parlor No. 299
Gilroy Parlor No. 312
Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331
Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336
Darleen Carpenter, GP
Steve McLean, GP, NSGW
Heidi Dillon, GVP
Renee Rianda, GM
Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP
Suzi Riley, PGP
Bonnie M. Tabor, PGP
Sherry A. Farley, PGP
Dorothy Rogers, SP, PPA
Gloria Courtney
Jobena & Paul Tipp, NSGW
Sue Gabel
Jacki Matejka
Fran Bremer
Donna & Bob Fletcher
KC & Jon Fletcher
Joseph Ursino, PGP, NSGW
Bob Teal, SDDGP, NSGW**

Thank you for your generosity, and as result of your donations, the following donations were made to support Admission Day celebrations and events across California:

El Tejon Parlor No. 239 - \$250.00
Darina Parlor No. 114 – \$250.00
Petaluma Parlor No. 222 – \$75.00

In 2024 we celebrated the 174th Anniversary of California's Statehood Day and we encourage all Native Daughters to plan to participate in 2025 for the 175th Anniversary. If you do not have a local event, please attend an Admission Day celebration in your area and support your local Parlors who host events, like [Placerville who displays California Bear Flags for miles!](#)

On behalf of my outstanding, dedicated and hardworking California Admission Day Committee: **Donna Fletcher, Darina Parlor No. 114, and Bridgett Bonnet, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, we** wish to thank Grand President Darleen Carpenter for the opportunity to serve our Order and preserve to California's History for future generations.

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

**Jenni King, Woodland No. 90
State Chair**

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

The Committee consisted of Jenni King (Woodland No 90), Chair, Marjorie McKisson (Sutter 111), Chair of Monuments & Indexes, MaryAnne Azevedo (Woodland No 90), Cynthia Mulholand (Encinal No 156), and GM Renee Rianda (Woodland No 90 and Aleli No 102).

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

1. The committee was able to award Three (3) \$350 grants to parlors who are working on new or replacing NDGW Historic Markers. Ruby Parlor No 46, Forrest No 86, and Nataqua No 152.
2. Ruby Parlor No 46 held a plaque dedication on April 12, 2025. Attended by Jenni King, representing the Historical Landmarks Committee.
3. Mariposa Parlor No 63 is getting ready to do their plaque dedication, July 11, 2025, at the Mariposa High School.
4. Forrest Parlor No 86 is working on a plaque replacement/re-dedication at Prairie City.
5. Nataqua Parlor No 152 is getting ready for their plaque dedication at the grammar school in Susanville.
6. The plaque from the now demolished Lugo Adobe, has been returned to the Native Daughters of the Golden West. We hope to place in the Voss Garden, at the NDGW Home.
7. Members of the Trails West have reached out regarding the plaques placed at Johnsville (near LaPorte). One of the plaques is missing and Trails West would like to discuss replacing the plaque and original wording of the plaque.
8. Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum is working on preserving the "Sister's Gates", as part of the 200-year celebration in 2026. Grace Parlor No 242 is willing to act as the go between with the Adobe and NDGW.
9. The Eagle Tree, in Compton fell down and had to be removed. There was a NDGW plaque at the tree dedicated in 1952 by NDGW Compton Parlor No 258. The plaque was recovered by the Save the Eagle Tree committee and will be relocated/re-dedicated when a new tree is planted. The Eagle Tree is the eastern border of the Dominguez Rancho.

10. The committee is watching the Alum Rock Log Cabin in San Jose and Alba School house site in Santa Cruz. Both sites were lost to fire. The plaques were recovered by the local historical societies. Plans are under way for reconstruction of both sites. San Jose Parlor No 183 dedicated both plaques. The Alum Rock Log cabin was dedicated in 1983 and the Alba School House in 1970.
11. The Honey Run Bridge, between Chico and Paradise, has been rebuilt and re-opened to foot traffic. The plaque placed by Annie K Bidwell Parlor No 168 was unharmed in the Paradise fire and remains at the location.
12. Committee continues to review, organize, and file the data regarding Historic Landmarks in the California Room Archives. Plain white 2" Binders were donated to the committee to store pictures and information about the NDGW plaques in all the 58 counties.

Parlor reports received are summarized below.

From the Parlor Activity reports, ten Parlors reported general plaque maintenance.

Ruby No. 46, Murphy's- Sisters of Ruby Parlor have been working on this project for 3 years, and it finally has come to fruition. The dedication of the historic market, which is actually 3 buildings, so a plaque for each, was April 12, 2025, in the historic town of Murphy's. A small ceremony attended by NDGW and NSGW, with a speech by the family members of the original owners.

Woodland No. 90, Woodland – Parlor members have acted as docents for the Historic Woodland Stroll, in downtown Woodland. The plaque for the Chicago Café was redirected for the historic train depot. The plaque has been ordered and we are hoping to have the dedication sometime in the summer of 2025. Woodland Sisters are also looking at requesting another grant for a plaque in historic Japantown in the city of Winters.

**REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC
BUILDINGS: SUB-COMMITTEE ART TALENT CONTEST
Brandi Fleischman, Charter Oak No. 292
State Chair**

What a wonderful experience it has been to be Chairman of Art Talent this year.

One of my Members of the Committee came up with a new idea of having a picture frame challenge. A few Members embraced the idea. We are looking forward to seeing what shows up.

We are looking forward to Student participation in their categories and our Members in their categories.

I would like to thank Grand President Darleen Carpenter for my appointment.

Many thanks to my Committee, Christine Lewis, Charter Oak No. 292, Brenda Green, Fresno No. 187 and No. 292.

**REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC
BUILDINGS: SUB-COMMITTEE ESSAY CONTEST**
Stephanie Whittle, Toluca No. 179
State Chair

Supplemental Report to follow

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Susan Collins. PGP, Fort Bragg No. 210
State Chair

I would like to thank GP Darleen Carpenter for my appointment to this position. This committee was off to a wobbly start when the first chair, who was appointed, was not given proper instructions. Our first meeting was in November, and from then on, there have been bi-monthly meetings. Our goals were to feature different California Lighthouses in the Monthly Mailing, to promote recognition of the committee's contribution through plaques placed at Lighthouses we have contributed to, make a procedure book for the committee, and to have a fundraising activity. We met these goals by submitting letters and pictures for the monthly mailing several times. We are working on asking lighthouses to allow plaques to be placed. A committee member has priced the plaques. PGP Christine Tripod is working on a procedure book. A raffle basket for a Central Coast Get Away has been a successful fundraising event, as well as the Table at Market Place 2025 GPAM.

Letters were sent to 16 California Lighthouses asking them to send a request form for a mini-grant.

At our May meeting, we chose to give the following Grants:

- Point Cabrillo \$6000.00 for aquarium replacement. We will be able to place a plaque indicating funded by NDGW.
- Piedras Blancas \$2000.00 for the 4th grade outreach
- Point San Luis \$1500.00 toward the restoration of the Lighthouse keepers' house and privy
- Pidgeon Point \$1000.00 towards replacing the lens into the lighthouse tower.
- Point St. George \$500.00 toward ongoing general repairs

I would like to encourage members of NDGW to visit these wonderful landmarks.

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

The Education and Scholarships Committee held eight three-hour Zoom meetings, and multiple telephone conferences this term.

At our meeting in August we discussed the outcome of the legislation our Committee submitted at GPAM 2024 in Santa Maria and our account in the NDGW Investment Pool. We discussed vocational programs, trade schools, community colleges and colleges with nursing programs, and colleges offering teachers certification programs for our NDGW Scholarships Program. We also discussed our research of Veterans organizations, recruiting centers, and residential villages for Veterans in California to solicit applicants for the Bertha A. Briggs Scholarships.

We prepared three flyers for the September Mailing from the Grand Parlor Office. The first listed information regarding the NDGW Scholarship program that offers a variety of scholarships awarding \$850.00 to \$2,000 to undergraduate and graduate students, Veterans, personnel currently serving on active military duty, and the dependents of both categories.

The second flyer listed information regarding the Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant program for students between the ages of 8 and 18 studying music. The third flyer listed information regarding Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant program for schools for printed or recorded music for instruction, musical accompanists, uniforms, or travel expenses to performance venues.

We also contacted Subordinate Parlors directly encouraging them to promote NDGW Scholarships and Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant Programs in their Parlors and communities.

For the October mailing GPOSA Eve Brockman included a document titled "Scholarship and Grant Instructions for Parlors". It was emailed to all Subordinate Parlors.

In October an article for The California Star was composed and sent to the Electronic Communications Committee.

We sent information to the Member in charge of the NDGW website updating the links regarding the Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant and NDGW Scholarships Programs on the "Members Only" page.

At our Zoom meetings in September and October the following lists were compiled: Two hundred high schools in rural or underserved areas in California, Twenty-two colleges with nursing programs, Eleven universities and colleges offering teacher certification

programs, and Twenty-five Veterans' organizations, recruiting centers, and residential villages. Flyers and informational memoranda were mailed to each of them in November and December.

In response, we received over one hundred inquiries from counselors, ombudsmen, administrators, and applicants.

Between November 20, 2024 and January 10, 2025, we received thirteen applications for grants from the Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant Program.

In April we chose the following nine recipients for Sharon M. Johnston Music Grants for the 2024-2025 term.

The students we chose for the Sharon M. Johnston Music Grants are:

Carson Breitler, Grade 4, Music instrument rental or purchase, Printed Music, Music Lessons, Total: \$500

Zoe Berry, Grade 9, Music instrument rental or purchase, Total \$500

Nayeli Wall, Grade 5, Printed Music, Music Lessons. Total \$450

Isabella Gutierrez, Grade 6, Music Lessons, Total \$350

Yoav Schultz, Grade 5, Music Lessons, Total \$350

Avriell Medina, Grade 5, Music Lessons, Total \$350

Aubrey Marquez, Grade 5, Music Lessons, Total \$350

Florelisa Morrey, Grade 5, Music Lessons, Total \$350

This term we had only one school apply for a music grant and awarded a Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant to

Petaluma High School, Travel expenses, Total \$500

I wish to acknowledge and thank Kathleen Kelly-Breitler of El Vespero Parlor No.118, State President of Past Presidents Association, for her enthusiastic support of the Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant Program.

We also thank state-wide Association Members for their generous donations to the Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant Program.

To accommodate receiving more Subordinate Parlor sponsored applications, the Committee extended the NDGW Scholarship submission deadline to April 11, 2025. Several of the Application packets or the Subordinate Parlor sponsorship letters were late in arriving, but the Committee voted by email or telephone-conferencing to accept them.

In February we held two Zoom Meetings wherein we discussed and composed legislation to present for the Delegates' consideration at GPAM 2025. With the hope of attracting more applicants we prepared recommendations modifying the Committee Policies in the C.G.P. regarding the monetary amount of scholarship awards for the Bertha A. Briggs Scholarships for Veterans, and personnel currently serving on active military duty and the dependents of both categories.

Due to the personal travel plans of three members of our Committee, we will not have the final Zoom Committee Meeting to review the Application Packets of our Scholarship applicants until the beginning of June.

Therefore, a supplemental report will be submitted for this Committee at GPAM 2025.

The NDGW Scholarships award recipients and their sponsoring Subordinate Parlors and the nine recipients of the Sharon M. Johnston Music Grants will be announced at GPAM 2025.

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

REPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Sherry Farley, PGP, Grace No. 242
State Chair

It is the responsibility of the Committee to execute Grand Parlor electronic communications, including maintaining the online presence. These communications are regularly conducted through the official website: www.NDGW.org, *California Star*, eNews, video conferencing and social media platforms.

The Committee began the term with State Chair, Kathleen Valerio, who did a wonderful job. Sadly, Kathleen stepped down in January of 2025 to focus on caring for her husband. We thank Kathleen for her dedication and outstanding leadership. The Grand President, with approval from the Board of Directors, appointed myself to the position of Committee Chair to preside starting in February 2025.

MARKETING

In collaboration with the Public Relations and Community Outreach Committee (PRACO), the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) has provided information about events by placing articles in the eNews and *California Star*. We were especially proud to help with promoting the live stream event honoring Dr. Marianna Bertola on November 7th held in the Bertha Briggs Auditorium at the NDGW Home.

In February, the Committee implemented “Coordinated Marketing” to focus efforts on using a variety of electronic platforms to communicate with the membership and the general public. We also use Canva to create special images with the NDGW logo in marketing our mission and programs.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

The Official Publication Committee submits a final copy of the *California Star* quarterly to the ECC for posting on the NEWS page of the NDGW website.

WEBSITE

The website is the electronic face of the organization to the public and a resource to the membership. Charitable organizations are rated by third party companies, such as Charity Navigator. Four-star ratings issued by Charity Navigator are generally focused on accountability to donors, program improvement, and demonstrating program

effectiveness. Most of the information collected is posted on the organization's website. Therefore, the webmistress focused on posting information on the official website to help improve the scores of the NDGW Grand Parlor, NDGW Charitable Foundation, NDGW Childrens Foundation and the NDGW Home.

Collaborating with the Grand Parlor office staff, Committees and Parlors, the webmistress conducts weekly maintenance to keep the website refreshed and impactful.

As of this report, fifty-five out of the sixty-three Parlor pages were updated this term. Links were added to all sixty-three cities on the Parlor pages directing visitors to the appropriate Parlor page. Sadly, three Parlor pages were removed due to closure or consolidation.

From the "Members Only" option on the menu bar, a link was created to the "GPAM 2025 Bakersfield" page. This page is a valuable resource to post everything related to attending GPAM, from hotel reservations, event flyers, business meeting registration, forms, and important information.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

Upon the request of Grand President Darleen, this Committee held two informational video conferences on the topics of "How to Conduct a Parlor Audit" and "Charitable Foundation Committee Programs". In addition, a webinar on "Navigating GPAM 2025 Bakersfield", webpage was posted on the NDGW YouTube channel.

This Committee is also in charge of conducting the webinar event at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting allowing for a greater number of voting Members to be present. Having obtained quotes in previous years for outside help and equipment, this year was no exception. Three quotes were solicited. Unfortunately, the cost far outweighed the audio-visual line item on the budget. Armed with equipment purchased in past terms and with the help of the Committee and volunteer Members, we plan to conduct a trail run and purchase additional equipment needed to host the GPAM ourselves.

eNEWS

The eNews is done by this Committee using a third-party platform, Constant Contact. Constant Contact offers several benefits for marketing efforts, including ease of use, a wide variety of templates, and tools for email and social media marketing. It also provides real-time tracking and reporting, helps with list segmentation, and offers automation features. Constant Contact can be a valuable tool to build an audience, send engaging emails, and track results. In addition to all of this, the monthly subscription includes creating events, which allowed the organization to save money for the electronic GPAM reservation setup.

We have 1,171 contacts and published nine monthly mailings, four social/greeting posts, one special notice for the GPAM and one survey for the GPAM 2024 attendees.

FACEBOOK

Are you following us on Facebook? Yes, our Grand Parlor has a Facebook page @NDGWGrandParlor.

We have 1,670 regular followers. Most of our posts reach between 500 and 1000 people, with about 150 regularly engaging (commenting or liking) with our posts. Most of our Facebook readers are women from central and northern California.

By “following” our page, you’ll get notified when something new is posted. You’ll find historic features, celebrations of particular days (such as California Poppy Day), and parlors in action. We always enjoy featuring community service and other events being done by our parlors around the state, so be sure to send in a photo of your parlor’s activities, along with a couple of sentences to tell us what’s going on, which parlor this is from, and share your enthusiasm for California with your sisters!

You can email your parlor-in-action photos and info to: CAStar@ndgw.org

THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY AWARD

The Members of the Electronic Communications Committee created a new recognition: The Social Butterfly award. The award acknowledges Parlors who are adept at creating social media campaigns that foster membership, community service and promoting a positive social media presence for their Parlor and the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Points were awarded based on the number and type of postings. Congratulations to the first recorded winners: Ruby Parlor No.46, Santa Cruz No. 26 and San Jose No. 81.

On behalf of the Committee Members, PGP Debi Stalder (Laurel No. 6), Denise Barney (Bonita No. 10), Sandra Firpo (San Bruno No. 246) and Anne Riley (Bonita No. 10), I wish to thank Grand President Darleen Carpenter and the Board of Directors for our appointments. It has been a pleasure to serve the Order.

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE Brenda Green, Fresno No. 187 and Charter Oak No. 292 State Chair

When the Environmental Issues Committee came into inception from the efforts of member Ethel Kelley, “ecology” was the byword that sought to emphasize how our lives impact the environment. However, Environmental Issues are not always associated with being outdoors, in nature. Recycling of plastic bottles, aluminum cans and the pull tabs from various food cans is more of an indoor activity that helps the environment. One of the newest efforts of recycling many cities are promoting to residents is: putting food waste into the same can as trimmings from trees and bushes in your garden. While Native Daughters has been required to perform this waste disposal habit at our Home in San Francisco for a few years, it has only recently reached many smaller cities. Sometimes Environmental Issues move slow and sometimes changes that significantly affect our environment, move rapidly. Where do you fit in?

Reports from the members on the Environmental Issues Committee include a community garden project being named for El Vespero No. 118 Parlor Anniversary. Many parlors report the collection of pull-tabs, for recycling. Thank you to the nineteen Parlors that reported participating in environmental activities: Laurel No. 6,

Bonita No. 10, San Jose No.81, Woodland No. 90, Reichling No. 97, Sutter No. 111, Darina No. 114, Oakdale No. 125, Nataqua No. 152, Encinal No. 156, Fort Bragg No. 210, Petaluma No. 222, Lugonia No. 241, Grace No. 242, San Bruno No. 246, Jurupa No. 296, Gilroy No. 312, Rancho La Puente No. 331, Sutter's Mill No. 336, Amapola No. 336. Califa Parlor No. 22 saved pulltabs for a specific local Ronald McDonald House; and planted Poppy Seeds in some open areas with permission from property owner. Of these twenty Parlors named, four gave donations to support environmental efforts, fifteen had recycling programs and two participated in local clean-up activities. We are grateful for their contributions.

As the Committee Chairman of Environmental Issues, I am supplying new pull-tab collection cups to any Delegate or Deputy that wants to take them home to your local parlor(s). And, I am encouraging all members of Native Daughters of the Golden West to find recycling centers in their local communities and perform this as a parlor fundraiser; or simply do it on your own.

As for larger-scale, outdoors oriented projects, highway cleanup and wildflower plantings are something that each parlor can work on by using designated zones from Cal Trans. A member of the Environmental Issues Committee is employed by Cal Trans as a Landscape Architect. Michelle Maggi has given us the trail of information on Cal Trans website for finding who to contact in local areas and thus obtain roadside sign recognition. I have included this in the June 2025 official mailing. Cal Trans will hire contractors to perform the cleanup or planting, for a nominal fee. The persons who fulfill these jobs are:

1. College Students seeking resume experience and extra money
2. Marginally housed persons seeking a much-needed recent work reference
3. Persons performing court-ordered Community Service
4. Scouting Troops (we are not cheating Scouts out of a badge earning opportunity).

The nominal fee a subordinate parlor pays to Cal Trans will be administratively distributed to those that do the physical work our bodies can no longer do.

I sincerely wish to thank the members of the Environmental Issues Committee for their leadership efforts among their parlors and districts to positively impact California's indoor and outdoor environment: Betty Gross, Califa Parlor No 22; Terri Muscat, Darina Parlor No. 114; Elaine Johnson, El Vespero Parlor No. 118; Julie Patino, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Michelle Maggi, Fresno Parlor No. 187.

Respectfully Submitted by Brenda Green, Chairman, Environmental Issues Committee; dual member of Fresno Parlor No. 187 and Charter Oak No. 292.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP, Angelita No. 32
State Chair

The Finance Committee is one of the five Administrative Committees of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. This committee is charged with investigating and approving all expenditures of the Grand Parlor. The committee meets quarterly to review the financial statements provided by the Bookkeeper of the Order.

The biggest challenge is trying to prepare our fiscal budget to present to the Members at our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. With the rising costs of just about everything, it is difficult to guess how much to put into our expense categories. And with our declining Membership it is even more difficult to guess our revenue for the year. This term, our Worthy Grand President Darleen was able to get a refund of employee taxes paid during the Pandemic of 2020. This was a one-time refund that has helped our bottom line immensely.

We have some increases in several categories due to the Grand Parlor taking on some of the expenses of the NDGW Home. The Home Chairman and the Board of Directors met several times during the term and determined that these additional expenses should be the responsibility of the Grand Parlor as the deeded owner of the Home. The expenses now in the Grand Parlor Budget include Insurance, Security, and some maintenance expenses.

I wish to thank PGP Nina Coffenberry for my original appointment in her term, and Jr. PGP Rae Rosas for reappointing me in her term. A very special Thank You goes to Grand President Darleen Carpenter for having the faith in me that I could do this job. I would also like to thank Jacki Matejka and Antoinette Lindeleaf for serving with me.

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

This committee is responsible for ordering service emblems, Grand President Regalias, and regalias for other positions of Grand Officers and other positions using regalias, when necessary.

Membership emblems are available for the following: 10 year, 25 year, 50 year, and 75 year. Some of the emblems are made in Los Angeles and some are made overseas.

From time to time, this committee assists Grand Vice Presidents in designing and ordering their Grand President pin/pendants. At times, items of jewelry relating to the Order are designed and ordered to be used for fundraising efforts.

The company making the items in Los Angeles is Entenmann-Rovin, and we have been doing business with them for over 100 years! The unique aspect of this company is that

they will take an order for only one item if that is all we need, and the price does not increase. This year we ordered 6 Grand President regalia. Their main business is making badges for fire departments, police and sheriff departments, security companies - any type of business that needs a metal type of badge. Often when departments only need one badge, that's all that's ordered, and we fit into that category with our "badge" - our regalia!

Our overseas company office is in the City of Walnut, California. Omanda Badgemaker has provided low priced, quality goods for the Order since 1984. They give great service, their items are perfect when we need to order over 100 items. Besides pins, they have also made jewelry items such as earrings and pendants. When working with Omanda, we have to make sure we have camera ready artwork. As much as they try to help us, they are not familiar with many of the things we take for granted.

Our Grand Parlor assistant, Eve, keeps me up to date when we need anything, and is always ready to help with inventory numbers when needed. If you need a service emblem, please contact Eve, and she can help guide you through the ordering process and determine if you are able to Order, or if your Parlor must order for you,

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of this unique committee, and I appreciate the appointment of Grand President Darleen Carpenter.

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

Grand President Darleen Carpenter has requested that I write brief biographies of the 50-year anniversary Past Grand President Betty Read Curilich, Ursula Parlor No. 1, and the 25-year anniversary Past Grand President Estella Moreno, Poinsettia Parlor No. 318.

50-YEAR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT BETTY READ CURILICH

In 1999 Grand President Estella Moreno gave me an assignment to write Historian of the Order articles in the *California Star* about her 25-year Past Grand President, Betty Read Curilich of Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson. In her acceptance speech on June 18, 1999, Grand President Estella had said "My silver anniversary Past Grand President...was the editor of the local newspaper in Jackson. Therefore, all issues of our Official Publication will be published in her memory this term." Mrs. Curilich had died on October 7, 1989.

Elizabeth Lucille Read was born on July 12, 1906 to Maude and Warren Read. She had two sisters. Betty Read worked as a legal secretary in Sacramento, and moved to Jackson where her father, Warren Read, published the *Amador Dispatch* newspaper. She joined him in the office and became associate editor in 1930. Betty became a member of Ursula Parlor No. 1 on July 28, 1927. In the ensuing years she

served as a parlor officer, a delegate to Grand Parlor session, and as a Deputy Grand President. Betty Read became editor of the *Dispatch* when her father died in 1948. In October 1950 Elizabeth (Betty) Read married Lazo Curilich, a California native who was descended from Serbian immigrants. Betty was a member of numerous community organizations, including the St. Sava Circle of Serbian Sisters and the local Methodist Church. The charming St. Sava church of the Serbian Orthodox faith had been built in 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Curilich owned and operated the newspaper together until they sold it in 1963. Betty Curilich was a skilled linotype operator and was named Woman of the Year by the Amador County Business and Professional Woman's Club. The October 21, 1961, event was covered by the 103 year old newspaper, and featured a photograph of Betty at the linotype machine. Lazo Curilich died in May 1964 at the young age of 56. As Grand President Betty Curilich was often heard to lament at special events "If only Lazo were here."

By 1945 Elizabeth Read had been elected Grand Trustee of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. She won re-election in 1947. After an interval she was elected Grand Trustee again at the 1966 annual session. She continued to be elected a Grand Trustee and Director until she ran for Grand Marshal at the 1971 session and was defeated by Marie C. Landini, later a Grand President. At the 1972 Grand Parlor session in Santa Maria, Betty Read Curilich was elected Grand Marshal. In June 1974 she was installed as Grand President at the eighty-eighth annual session in San Jose. Margaret Read Podesta, sister of the new Grand President, was president of Ursula Parlor No. 1 and served as honorary marshal at the opening of the 1975 Grand Parlor session in Los Banos.

The new Grand President's theme was "Make a Wish – Dream a Dream." Her colors were violet and green. At the formal Sunday evening reception held in her honor in Los Banos the setting was a beautiful garden and depicted amusing occurrences in G.P. Betty's life. It was called "My Life In Retrospect." During her year she made 90 official visits. She endorsed all the projects of the Order, particularly Tournament of Roses, Mission Restoration, Childrens Foundation, Scholarships, and History and Landmarks. In support of her project "Pennies for Poppies" an acre of poppies at the California Poppy Reserve was set aside in her name. Grand President Betty Read Curilich attended many dedications and ceremonies. She emphasized the importance of the ritualistic work and following the Order of Business at meetings. One of her circulars read "Please urge officers to memorize the work, and IF this is not done, see that it is read properly."

At her Official Visit to Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126 in Santa Barbara the Grand President was greeted by Miss Pearl Chase, a N.D.G.W. Roll of Honor member, who gave her a gift about local history. Members of Junior Unit Princesa del Mar No. 40 escorted Grand President Betty to the altar.

Grand President Betty Read Curilich was a statuesque woman with a charming smile. She was proud of her membership in Ursula Parlor No. 1 in the Mother Lode country. She was forthright in her opinions and did not hesitate to make them known. She loved flowers and gardens, and blossoms figured prominently at her June 1975 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. This was referred to in the eulogy read by Past Grand President Hazel Mallette at the June 1990 Annual Meeting.

25-YEAR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT ESTELLA MORENO

Past Grand President Estella Moreno was born in Los Angeles on October 28, 1928, to Rafael and Maria Moreno. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Immaculate Heart College, an important women's college operated in Los Angeles for many years by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Estella then received a Master of Arts degree from the University of San Francisco, a Jesuit Catholic university founded in 1855. She had four brothers, all of whom pre-deceased her.

After deciding to commit her life's service to the Roman Catholic Church, Estella Moreno became a teaching nun and an administrator. She was a teacher and principal for 25 years. After retiring from her order she continued to teach English to Spanish-speaking students and to help them assimilate into the U.S.A. as an adjunct professor at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California. Estella was multi-lingual.

Estella Moreno joined Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 on May 6, 1987. She progressed through parlor offices and the parlor nominated her to be Grand Inside Sentinel in 1993. She then became a Grand Trustee and was elected Grand Marshal at the 1997 GPAM. Estella was installed as Grand President in June 1999 in Sacramento. Her colors were red, white and blue. She was known for her compassion for others and she led by example. Grand President Estella was passionate about her love for California and its children. She championed the NDGW Childrens Foundation and our Education and Scholarships program. PGP Estella never lost her love of teaching and helping others grow. She requested that I write a Historian of the Order report on the Native Daughters support of education and the women involved with it. This report in the 2000 Proceedings included the origins of scholarships.

A theme of her Grand Parlor was an ocean cruise with a "Welcome Aboard" sign. The Grand President had never been on a cruise, so several of us joined her on a short cruise from Southern California to Baja Mexico to raise funds for the 2000 GPAM.

Subsequently, PGP Estella Moreno served as Parliamentarian at GPAM and as State Chairman of Extension of the Order. She helped create "purse packets" for members to always carry membership application forms. Past Grand President Estella Moreno passed away on March 23, 2019. Her funeral was at her church in Ventura. The service was attended by her sisters of Poinsettia Parlor No. 318 and sisters of parlors including nine members of Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126. Estella's good friend Past Grand President Debi Stalder represented the college of Past Grand Presidents.

On August 12, 2024, I joined a Zoom meeting with Junipero Parlor No. 141, Monterey. At the members' invitation I spoke about the history and projects of our Order. A grand officer has requested information about architect Julia Morgan's plan archives, which I provided. At recent conferences I have informed friends about historical markers placed by Native Daughters and Native Sons.

My thanks to Grand President Darleen Carpenter for my appointment. I am grateful to PGPs Debi Stalder, Christine Tripod, Suzi Riley, and Dawn Dunlap and to Office Support Assistant Eve Brockmann for research help with this report.

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE
Anna Ortiz, Tierra de Oro No. 304
State Chair

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

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

If your Parlor owns property, and it hasn't been appraised this term, seriously consider moving toward that goal. Only you can ensure that your property is sufficiently covered in case of catastrophic loss. This is true whether you are insured through Native Daughters or not. Please keep in mind that, if you are underinsured, replacement of your building could literally bankrupt your Parlor because the insurance company will only pay up to the value of the policy.

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

I want to thank Grand President Darleen for my appointment.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
Jean Koehl, PGP, Charter Oak No. 312
State Chair

The Investment Committee of the Native Daughters of the Golden West met quarterly on ZOOM. The committee worked diligently with the Order's Financial Advisor, Greg Alessandra, Alessandra Capitol Management LLC.

This committee is charged with overseeing the investments of the Order, to track withdrawals of the various committees in the investment pool, and to meet with our Financial Advisor regarding the market predictions; to review our stocks and bonds, sales and purchases on our behalf each quarter.

The NDGW portfolio consists of 4.96% Cash, 45.67% Equities, 35.38% Fixed Income, 13.99% Other and Undefined. As of 4/30/2025, our pool was at \$5,567,313.52. In June 2024, our pool stood at 6,543,189.34.

At GPAM 2024, legislation passed allowed all committees to withdraw 5% from their part of the pool. Withdrawals were requested by the NDGW Home, the NDGW

Childrens Foundation and NDGW Charitable Foundation Inc. committees of Education and Scholarship, Admission Days, History and Landmarks, and Mission Restoration.

Additional legislation granted the NDGW Childrens Foundation to withdraw \$800,000.00 to enable larger grants to hospitals.

Further legislation defined the Investment Committee to consist of the Grand President, Grand Vice President, a representative of the NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee, a representative of the NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee, a representative of the NDGW Home Committee, a representative of the Finance Committee, A Member-At-Large and the Senior Grand Trustee, both non-voting. As a result, our committee consisted of Grand President Darleen Carpenter; Grand Vice President Heidi Dillon; Sr. Grand Trustee Shelley Buchberger, non-voting; Chair Jean E. Koehl, PGP; Vice-Chair Joan M. Hall, PGP; Recording Secretary Marilyn Rodriguez, PGP, Finance Chairman Rep; Member-At-Large Jacki Matejka, non-voting; Childrens Foundation Rep. Camelia Robles, PGP; NDGW Home Rep. Bill Stalder; NDGW CFIC Rep. Dawn Dunlap, PGP.

At the beginning of the term Jacki Matejka informed each committee of their funds in the security pool, the fees, the dividends and interest, and the 5% available should the committees want the monies. Without Jacki's help and expertise, this committee would be at a loss. We would also like to thank our Bookkeeper of the Order who transferred our requests for withdrawals to our Financial Advisor and deposited the funds for the committees' use. Lastly, our thanks go to PGP Marilyn Rodriguez for her comprehensive minutes.

I would like to thank Grand President Darleen for my appointment and my Vice-Chair PGP Joan Hall for her help and experience. This year has been extremely educational with the changes in the Market.

REPORT OF THE JAMES D. PHELAN FUND
Darleen Carpenter, GP, El Tejon No.
Grand President

There were no requests for assistance from the Phelan Fund this year.

REPORT OF THE LAWS AND SUPERVISION COMMITTEE
Renee Rianda, GM, Woodland No. 90/Aleli No. 102
State Chair

The following Subordinate Parlors submitted By-Laws were reviewed and approved by the Laws and Supervision Committee: Joaquin Parlor No. 5, San Jose No. 81, Placer No. 138, Tierra De Oro No. 304, Rancho La Puente No. 331, and Amapola Parlor No. 338.

Committee updates and increased dues were the two most common updates by the

above Parlors.

As State Chairman, I thank the members of this Committee for their dedication and hard work: Jenni King, Woodland No. 90. Maryann Azevedo, Woodland No. 90, and Lori McGrath Woodland Parlor No. 90.

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

The purpose of the Legislation Monitoring Committee is to make sure that all of the legislation passed at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting each June is added to the Books of the Order. Since the Committee's inception, this responsibility has been the duty of the Committee.

Legislation passed at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting held in June 2024 in Santa Maria, changed the responsibility of updating the Books to the Grand Parlor Office Assistant, with the Legislation Monitoring Committee acting in an oversight capacity – proofreading, correcting, etc. Please see Constitution Grand Parlor, Procedure, Native Daughters of the Golden West Committees, Page 38, Number 20, Legislation Monitoring Committee, for the wording of the legislation.

Updating of the Books of the Order begins with the release of the Summary of Legislation by the State of the Order Committee by July 31 of each year. With the approval of Grand President Darleen Carpenter this year's legislation Monitoring Committee members undertook the task to assist the Grand Parlor Support Assistant in her new duties, which also includes preparing the Proceedings. The legislation enacted at GPAM 2024 was updated in the Books of the Order in the appropriate locations by August 31, 2024, with the page numbering corrected.

Grand President Darleen requested that the Index to the Books be included as it was omitted in the revision of the Books in 2023 due to time constraints. This proved to be a very time-consuming task as the Index is quite lengthy. That task was completed by the Committee on November 21, 2024 and sent to the Grand Parlor Office for distribution on November 23rd.

I would like to thank Grand President Darleen for my appointment to this Committee, and for the outstanding assistance of Grand Marshal Renee Rianda in reconstructing the Index. It has been an honor to serve the Order.

REPORT OF THE MISSION RESTORATION COMMITTEE
Kristina Foss, Reina del Mar, No. 126
State Chair

This year the Mission Restoration Committee distributed a majority of the funds in the NDGW account for Missions. Several Missions had long standing donations that had not yet been distributed and needed to find a preservation/restoration project. The committee divided up the Missions and made contacts to discuss needs. After four zoom meetings each season (September, November, January and March) and multiple email communications, we collected feedback and determined the amounts and Missions that would receive funds this year. We gave to 10 of the 21 missions, clearing the outstanding accounts. In addition, NDGW funded several large projects at missions that did not have individual accounts. Two Missions needed matching funds for Save America's Treasures Grant awarded by the National Park Service. See the accompanying list of gifts outlined in the report to the bookkeeper. These checks have been distributed and we continue to receive thanks from the various recipients. These activities were shared and reported to the Charitable Foundation during regular zoom meetings.

In addition to the direct committee work, the missions benefitted from the kind efforts of many Parlors within the Order. Various Parlor members served on the State committee and members served as staff or on Boards supporting Missions, such as Mary Louise Days of #126, who serves on the Santa Barbara Mission Archive Library Board which houses the records of all the Missions. Many individual members have volunteered at Missions during this past year.

This year a full 25% of Parlors reporting contributed with either donations to the committee or individual missions, hosted fundraisers (such as Eschol Parlor's yearly Mission Restoration luncheon) or volunteered their time to local missions. These active Parlors include the following:

Marguerite Parlor #12, Eschol Parlor # 16, San Jose Parlor 81, Aleli Salinas Parlor #102, Darina Parlor #114, Oakdale Parlor #125, Petaluma Parlor #222, Grace Parlor #242, Cotati Parlor #299, Rancho La Puente Parlor # 331, and Reina del Mar Parlor #126.

This and the following Grants list constitute the activities in Mission Restoration for the past year.

NDGW Mission Restoration Funding Awards Spring 2025

1. **Soledad Mission \$7,415.00**
2. **Mission Dolores (San Francisco) \$1,500.00** These funds are for the altar move to expose the original Ohlone wall paintings.
3. **San Gabriel Mission \$3,224.21** These funds are for a preservation fund to cover work on historic structures and/or artifacts.
4. **San Juan Capistrano Mission \$1,000.00** These funds are for the pillar restoration fund.

5. **San Juan Bautista Mission \$5,000.00** This is for the match for the Save America's Treasures grant from NPS.
 6. **Santa Ines Mission \$5,000.00** These funds are for the convento repairs/retrofit
 7. **San Fernando Mission \$200.00** This is for historic preservation of artifacts, records or historic buildings of the mission era.
 8. **Santa Barbara Mission \$4,000.00** These funds are for the restoration of the La Huerta Historic Garden at OMSB.
 9. **San Luis Obispo \$300.00** These funds are for historic preservation and interpretation of mission era buildings and artifacts.
 10. **San Jose Mission \$1,400.00** These funds are for historic preservation of mission era convento, artifacts or Ohlone interpretive displays,
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REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. CHAIRTABLE FOUNDATION INC. COMMITTEE
Suzi Riley, PGP, Bonita No. 10
State Chair

Since the passing of impactful legislation at the 2019 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, allowing, all of the nine public benefit committees of the N.D.G.W. Charitable Foundation under the CFIC and the State Chairmen of each those dedicated and hardworking Committees to comprise the Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee has truly grown and flourished.

In an effort to involve all of State Chairmen under the CFIC's umbrella: Americanism & Civic Participation, California Admission Day, California History, Landmarks, and Historic Building and its two sub-committees of the Art Talent Contest and the Essay Contest, California Lighthouse Preservation, Education & Scholarships, Environmental Issues, Mission Restoration, Veterans Welfare and Welfare made up the NDGW CFIC State Committee. This approach has worked extremely well and allows for no meeting expenditures as we have continued to meet virtually and therefore eliminate all travel and other costly expenses (with the only expenses being to disperse funds when making charitable donations in the name of the CFIC). The communication between CFIC Committees has helped to serve as a sounding board for gathering new ideas and has especially helpful to new Committee State Chairmen by offering suggestions and procedures to assist them as well. While all State Committees are different, and over the years there have been changes implemented which were not always successful, but this change has proven to be a huge benefit to our Order. It is our hope that next year's CFIC Committee will expand and grow on the work done this year. The State Chairs play a vital role in the success and stability of the important work of the N.D.G.W. Charitable Foundation.

Our annual **"Cash for Christmas"** drawing was held again this year and while tickets sales decreased a bit, the Committee still believes in the viability of this fundraiser and

we are determined to come back stronger than ever in 2025! The Committee was unanimous in raising funds for our CFIC State Committees and raised \$3,996. (after expenses) to directly benefit our CFIC State Committees. Each Committee received \$333.00 to use towards their fundraising efforts and to meet their program goals for the year. Thank you again to everyone for supporting our project. Special thanks to the Official Publications for allowing us to advertise and for the many Sisters who supported our effort; we are grateful to you!

Many thanks also to **NDGW Bookkeeper Emily Wolf** for her hours spent ensuring that the CFIC Committees each received their dedicated funds to support their charitable programs for the term. We appreciate you all and look forward to using the funds raised to support our charitable-giving goals! This outstanding Committee continues to operate in the black and we are proud of the State Chairmen and their Committee who find new and innovative ways to utilize the funds raised in the best ways possible.

The NDGW CFIC's **Cash for Christmas** opportunity drawing was held on Sunday, December 1, 2024 and this year's lucky winners received the following monetary prizes: FIRST PRIZE: \$500.00 to **NSGW Grand Secretary Tom Perazzo, PGP**; SECOND PRIZE: \$300.00 to **NDGW Encinal Parlor No. 156, Alameda** and THIRD PRIZE: \$100.00 to **NDGW Member Anna Nastari, San Bruno Parlor No. 246**. The Charitable Foundation

wishes to thank everyone for participating and also a HUGE thank you to our Native Sons of the Golden West Brothers for their continued support of the C.F.I.C. Committee. Thanks to your generosity, the CFIC continues to raise funds to support many worthy projects throughout our Order.

- Americanism and Civic Participation ~ Carol Markel, State Chairman
- California Admission Day ~ PGP Suzi Riley, State Chairman
- California History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings ~ Jenni King, State Chairman
- CA History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings – Subcommittee: Art Talent Contest ~ Brandi Fleischmann, State Chairman
 - CA History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings – Subcommittee: Essay Contest ~ Stephanie Whittle, State Chairman
- California Lighthouse Preservation ~ PGP Susan Collins, State Chairman
- Education and Scholarships ~ PGP Dawn Dunlap, State Chairman
- Environmental Issues ~ Brenda Green, State Chairman
- Mission Restoration ~ Kristina Foss
- Veterans Welfare ~ Leona Sunseri
- Welfare ~ Marti Noyes, State Chairman

A special thanks to **all of the CFIC State Chairmen** and our **Cash for Christmas Co-Chairs**, Grand Marshal Renee Rianda and CFIC State Chairman Jenni King. Your hard work and fundraising efforts are exemplary and greatly appreciated!! Thank you! We could not do it without you!

We appreciate the generosity of all of the Subordinate Parlors who participated in our annual ***Cash for Christmas Drawing*** ~ Thank you!!

Laurel Parlor No. 6	Oakdale Parlor No. 125
Bonita Parlor No. 10	Nataqua Parlor No. 152
Eshcol Parlor No. 16	Donner Parlor No. 193
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26	Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210
San Jose No. 81	El Tejon Parlor No. 239
Forrest Parlor No. 86	San Bruno Parlor No. 246
Woodland Parlor No. 90	Cotati Parlor No. 299
Aleli Parlor No. 102	Rancho La Puente Parlor No. 331
San Luisita Parlor No. 108	Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336

This year the Charitable Foundation also took their allowable 5% from their securities pool holdings. These included Mission Restoration -- \$11,345.88; California Admission Day -- \$1,123.21 and History & Landmarks -- \$2, 297.83 in addition to the funds taken to support the work of the Education and Scholarships Committee and the Veterans Welfare Committee. These remarkable ladies have all moved the NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. forward in the exact way it was established in 2010 and their commitment and dedication are noteworthy and exemplary. Congratulations ladies. I am proud of your fine work!

Lastly, in February the NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. presented a well-attended and extremely informative presentation showcasing the excellent work of the CFIC. This positive-presentation resulted in many Sisters' renewed interest in the CFIC. I urge each Member to reach out and find out what you can do to preserve our glorious, golden California and provide for the future of our State. We need your support of our Order and these Committees to be relevant in the future.

Worthy Grand President, Darleen Carpenter it has been our pleasure and to serve this important State Committee and we thank you for the opportunity.

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

The Childrens Foundation Committee was very happy to receive reports from the following Parlors:

Laurel No.6; Bonita No. 10; Marguerite No. 12; Sutter No. 111; Oakdale No. 125; Nataqua No. 152; Donner No. 193; Sonoma No. 209; Lugonia No. 241; Grace No. 242; San Bruno No. 246; Jurupa No. 296; Cotati No. 299; Gilroy No. 312; Rancho La Puente No. 331; and Amapola No. 338.

Some Parlors host fundraisers for the Childrens Foundation, and some include the financial support in their budget. Parlors or a group of Parlors have longstanding annual lunches to support the Children Foundation and include raffles as well. A few of the lunches benefitted both the Childrens Foundation and the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home. This was beneficial to those who attended, as they were able to hear two speakers discussing two of our most important committees within the Order. Many members of Parlors throughout the state support Childrens Foundation by making donations in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. The committee appreciates the support of everyone who offers their support either monetary or in good thoughts. We could not help the hundreds of children we assist throughout the term without the support of Parlors and individual members. Every child that is helped through the Childrens Foundation is done on behalf of every member of the Order. The committee works very hard to make sure we help children all over the state, reflecting the fact that our Parlors as well, are throughout our beloved California.

REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. HOME COMMITTEE
Debi Stalder, PGP, Laurel No. 6
State Chairman

The NDGW Home Committee evaluated the goals and finances for the NDGW Home in July with guidance from the Grand President and Bookkeeper of the Order. The Board of Directors were actively involved with support financially to the Home after many years of reminding the Grand Officers that the Home is a very valuable asset owned by the Order and as ownership a more active partner in the Maintenance and Operation of the Home is crucial. I am glad to report that the Grand Parlor has taken on the financial responsibility for the Security, General Liability and Property Insurance and Pest Control.

The Kitchen electrical was updated, oven was repaired and interior maintenance had on going attention.

The NDGW Home aging Boiler of approximately 50 years old was a continued concern and preparing for the day that replacement would be crucial and become a priority we were diligent to keep our boiler system in the best possible care and we faithfully had JE Brown retained for the required safety reports, permits and inspection's. We all should be proud that the past NDGW Home Committees have been very responsible with the boiler care that has lasted this long. The pressurized rusted pipes needed repaired and the pilot lite became temperamental when the temperature changed in the basement. Continual service calls were needed during the term in the amount of over \$4,200.00. The reality became obvious that we are on borrowed time before replacement will be inevitable. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$100,000.00 depending on the extent of installation obstacles.

The Board of Directors are diligently discussing a solution to finance this large expenditure.

The next concern that was realized when a leak from the bathtub while being used in Room 406 leaked down to 306 ceiling, then leaks in the Dr. Mariana Bertola, PGP Parlor below was discovered. Immediate action was taken and the NDGW Home Committee had a Plumber out to evaluate our 6 bathtubs in the Home. It was discovered that the drain stop was worn out and new stops were installed. The recommendation was to remove all of the Bathtubs and replace with pre-fabricated walk-in showers. This undertaking is currently being contracted to replace the tub in room 406 first and fix the ceiling in room 306 before continuing as funds are available. The estimated cost per bathtub will be approximately \$10,000.00 each. The NDGW Home Financial Reports have indicated we can fund at least the first tub. Currently all the bathtubs in the Home are out of order and those bedrooms require use of the showers in the hall way communal bathrooms.

The above projected expenses for the integrity of the Home and loss of revenue due to Out of Order Tub rooms and inconsistent heating in the Home, we are presenting a budget to the GPAM 2025 Delegation to help offset this \$160,000.00 expense. We respectfully request your support and approval of the increase of the Annual Home Assessment of \$20.00 per member due in two payments for the 2024-2025 term and the approval of the Proposed NDGW Home Budget.

We truly appreciate all of the donations of replacing old Ironing Board cover and Iron, Kleenex, Keriug Coffee pods, kitchen appliances, and kitchen utensils. The ice maker needed to be replaced and we would like to Thank Eshcol Parlor No.16 and Petaluma Parlor No. 222 for a new ice maker.

A Special Thank you to the Sponsored NDGW Home Luncheons proceeds and donations this term hosted by Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, District 13, Admission Day Luncheon Celebration So. San Francisco, District 15 Holiday Luncheon, Grace Parlor No. 242, District 14, and District 17 and the numerous individual donations and raffles. The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony was held and a Subordinate Parlor Ornaments Tree was displayed beautifully in the Bertha Briggs Auditorium. Some of the ornaments seem a little tattered and Parlors are welcome to send new ones if they desire. We appreciate the Parlor Activity Report's listing financial support from Parlors in Honor, Memoriam and Coin March proceeds for the General Funds account for the Home.

Room Stays have been good but we would be thrilled to have a "full house" every day! Unfortunately, we are still honoring the 2 for 1 Gift certificates that were over sold for 2 years during Covid that has realized no income now since those funds were used during the closure of the Home during Covid. We were grateful that Grand President Darleen Carpenter's efforts to apply for relief funds for the Home retaining our employee instead of lay off. We were pleased to receive approximately \$23,000.00 reimbursement relief during that time.

Reorganizing the Cleaning Service and Employer Relationship was successfully implemented and we contracted House Cleaning San Francisco Service, which I must say is the best thing we have accomplished this term. We do not have the responsibility of Employee's and the Employer relationship that has been a great relief to the NDGW Home Committee with not having the Management and Operation duties of Employees. Rewriting the NDGW Home Working Policies were approved by the Board of Directors. A few new Home Rules were needed and updated and are posted in each Bedroom of the Home. Please share with the membership these few new important reminders that will be enforced.

NO Bicycles of any kind are allowed in the Home or on the Property of the NDGW located at 543-555 Baker St., SF.

All Home Rules are strictly enforced and if violations occur a Member, Guest or Visitor will have consequences including admonishment and possible privileges to access the NDGW Home may be revoked. The NDGW Home Committee will refer and report all matters regarding the Home Rules and or Conduct in the NDGW Home to the Board of Directors for their decision regarding a Violator within the Home.

The NDGW Home has new options to pay for your Room Stays at the Home. We now have a QR Code to pay with on line Card services and we offer payment for Room stays, donations and even Home Assessment through Zelle. Contact the NDGW Bookkeeper for guidance or more information

We were Proud and Honored to be a part of an event co-sponsored by the NDGW Grand Parlor and La Donne d'Italia Women's Italian Club of San Francisco Reception to Honor Dr. Mariana Bertola, PGP, the NDGW Home Resident Doctor when we had resident members living at the Home. It was indeed a proud moment to have our beautiful Julia Morgan Lady in all of her finery and beauty on display at this impressive Public Relations Event. It was a very memorable and historical event that was a highlight of the term.

A new King and Queen Bed was purchased and the King Bed has become the most popular Room in the house. Larger beds have been appreciated by the Home guests. We hope to replace more twin beds as we can afford. The TV Room has been sponsored and moved from the front of the Home on the third floor next to Room 303 to the far isolated Room 409 on the 4th floor for a better space with less disturbance to adjoining Rooms. We had a digital antenna donated for local non cable channels for the television. Remember we do not have internet for the TV and minimal internet service in the Home. Maybe someday we will have funds to install cable until then we can only offer local free channels. Room 403a has been sponsored and has become a small library with a desk and lounging chairs and quiet space. Remember it is a fire exit room and the door must be left open at all times.

A Review with our Insurance Broker, John O'Neil met with the Committee and the Board of Directors and he reported that the Home and Grand Parlor Office is insured for \$6,730,145.00 which is 352.60 per square feet. We have mitigated our fire exposure. We have cameras, additional fire extinguishers, operable fire escapes and the fire house is close proximity to the home for quick response. An appraisal was pursued by the Board of Directors and we are adequately covered with our insurance policies. The Board of Directors also purchased a Volunteer Accident Policy for protection of the Volunteers for the Order including our Home Hosts.

Since we have had several requests from members to stay at the NDGW Home during medical stays requests, the Board of Directors was consulted and requested by the Committee to make a decision for any and all medical stays at the Home. The Board of Directors determined that Members and Guests are not allowed to convalescent, recover, plan rehabilitation of any kind or have any medical procedure while stay at the Home for any reason.

An Emergency Power Outage on the entire block of Baker St. created a problem that we were not aware that we did not have a back-up battery on the front door. The House locked down and no one was in the house to open the door for the guests that were out for the evening or the Host to enter the Home. GVP Heidi and Marco Dillon and PGP Debi and Bill Stalder responded immediately from our home which was 2-3 hours away. Long story but we had to find a way into the House and in the dark we had to open the front door and evacuate the guests that were staying in the Home. We now have a back-up battery installed and working keys to open the front door procedure in place.

More than a Thank you is deserving of the Committee and Volunteers willing to support the Home Committee and be responsible and committed to being dedicated to protecting our Lovely Lady. Appreciation to the Members and the Board of Directors in having the confidence and trust in our Leadership directives. We had several very difficult issues to respond to in a timely manner and we had a complete united front. We always dealt with problems immediately and our priority was always the Integrity and Safety of our Members and Proud Julia Morgan Jewel of our Order.

So many people gave so much of their time, commitment and devotion to the Home that we must recognize and are greatly appreciated for the obvious Love of the Home.

NDGW Home State Committee: State Chairmen Debi Stalder, PGP, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Darleen Carpenter, GP, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Heidi Dillon, GVP, Joaquin Parlor No. 5/Oakdale Parlor No. 125, Rae Rosas, Jr PGP, Tierra de Oro No. 304, Marilyn Rodrigues, PGP, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Nancy Phipps, Joaquin Parlor No 5, Bill Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Donna Fletcher, Darina Parlor No. 114 and Kerneen Wright, Gilroy Parlor No. 312

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

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

The Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection contains artifacts of importance to the Native Daughters of the Golden West and the State of California. Artifacts include historical documents from throughout NDGW history, regalia, charters and parlor ephemera from closed parlors, installation dresses from Past Grand Presidents, etc.

All of the museum display cases located at the Home were moved this year to the Bertha Briggs auditorium, creating a cohesive museum space adjacent to the first floor museum. Display cases have rotating displays throughout the year, including historic quilts, silver serving pieces, and personal items of historic interest donated by members over the past sixty years. A Silver Lady 25th anniversary showcase in the auditorium is changed each year to honor the current Silver Lady.

In order to bring our history to light, several traveling exhibits have been created. EIC brings old photographs, programs and parade badges to the Admission Day lunches in San Francisco. Another display is taken to the annual Past Presidents Assembly. During Marketplace, EIC has a table to display programs, badges and photographs from past Grand Parlor Annual Meetings for members to enjoy.

Native Daughter members contact us frequently throughout the year to inquire if we would be interested in receiving items from members of their family, such as Native Daughter pins, jewelry, yearbooks, and photographs. This past year we were fortunate to have been contacted by several members of the general public who have come across a Native Daughter item and inquire if we would like to have it for our collection.

A reminder that EIC is responsible for collecting and storing initiation banners, bibles, altar cloths, gavels, regalia, parlor seals, flags, and charters from closed parlors. Please contact the Evelyn I. Carlson Historical Collection Chairman listed in the Native Daughter directory to return these items to the Order.

I would like to thank my hardworking committee for the many hours spent polishing, moving, dusting, cleaning, storing, washing, documenting, etc. the items in our care: Vicki Allen, Gloria Courtney, Mary Kerrigan, Catherine Wong, Donna Fletcher

I would like to thank Grand President Darleen for my appointment as it has been an honor to serve on this committee.

REPORT OF THE N.D.G.W. HOME: SUB-COMMITTEE PIONEER ROSTER
Marjorie McKisson, Sutter No. 111
State Chair

At the first meeting of the Pioneer Roster and Archives Subcommittee (PR&A) the Home Committee Chairman announced the Home Committee would take the lead and write legislation to refresh the Subcommittee's duties and focus, and to possibly sell the Roster of Pioneers to an interested third party. The Home Committee idea is to reduce the number of Committees and Subcommittees by combining the two Home Subcommittees of the Pioneer Roster and Archives and the Evelyn I. Carlson Subcommittee. Delegates to GPAM 2025 will have the opportunity to review and vote on the proposed legislation.

The Subcommittee scheduled its calendar of dates to open the California Room Research Library to members and guests and continues to make additional visits by appointment. The Subcommittee work this year continued to focus on registering pioneers, receiving and archiving Parlor meeting records, and maintaining a set of bound annual proceedings books.

The Pioneer Roster reached a milestone this year by having received enough pioneer registrations to complete roster volume number 69. Volume 69 was started in 2006. This year the Pioneer Roster received 15 requests for information on specific pioneers (look ups) and 23 pioneer registrations. We have begun entering pioneers into roster volume 70. We continue to encourage Pioneer submissions as our way in which to honor our pioneers.

As more Parlors are consolidating and closing, the PR&A anticipates more Parlor records to be submitted for storage at the NDGW Home. To accommodate the records the PR&A purchased three locking cabinets which are to be installed over the summer months. Please consider submitting closing Parlor records to the Home as soon as possible.

The Subcommittee was able to find a bookbinder who will be binding Annual Proceedings from 2017 to 2022. We look forward to having these books bound for safekeeping.

Thank you Grand President Darlene Carpenter for my appointment, and I thank the Subcommittee members for their time, expertise, and talents over this past term, they are: Dianna Geyer of Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore; Jenni King of Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland; Aida Cuevas of Poppy Trail Parlor, No. 266, Montebello; Past Grand President Suzanne Renee Chandler of Poppy Trail Parlor, No. 266; Montebello, and Sigrid Wakefield of Annie K Bidwell Parlor, No. 168, Chico.

Marjorie McKisson, Chair
Pioneer Roster and NDGW Archives Subcommittee

REPORT OF THE OFFICAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

AnneMarie Riley, Bonita No. 10

State Chair

It has been an honor to serve as the State Chairman of the Official Publication – *the California Star* – for the **2024-2025 term**. It was a pleasure to receive the articles, pictures, and newsletters from Members and State Chairmen throughout the state, telling of the many Parlor and State Committee happenings. These contributions made the *Star* an informative tool for the Order. There were several highlights featured in the *Star* this term:

- Every issue of the online version of the *Star* featured a letter from Grand President Darleen Carpenter telling of her travels and events throughout the State during her term.
- The *Star* celebrated our new Members and mourned our deceased Sisters in every issue.
- Zoom and in person Parlor activities throughout the State were featured, including creative fundraisers and activities honoring our Grand President's Special Project to raise funds for our 3 charities, the Home, Childrens Foundation and CFIC by providing special events in the individual Parlor's and having them report with pictures and articles in the *Star* and submitting to Grand Parlor for the \$500 prize!
- The Summer issue had the 2024 GPAM section that featured the newly elected Grand President's Speech and pictures from the events for the week of Grand Parlor
- There were articles celebrating Members receiving their 50 and 75-year pins.
- Our *Ask Minerva* Column continued to answer questions from Members across the State in conjunction with the ARC Committee.
- Parlors submitted articles about the fun Official Visits and other events throughout the year.

Our Order has some very talented and creative Members who have come up with amazing fundraisers and projects for their Parlors held such as luncheons, handmade quilts and tours of historical sites. These were also covered in the *Star*. To all of you who submitted articles and pictures, thank you and keep them coming!

Our ability to go digital was a decision that was made at the 2023 GPAM and now thanks to our web mistress Sherry Farley we send out more timely events through e-blasts so members are able to sign up for luncheons and events.

We continue to use Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Acrobat Pro to publish the *Star* and Constant Contact to post the news flash every other month.

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

She is a whiz with pdfs! Also, my fellow Members on the Electronics Communication Committee for all their help and support.

Lastly, I would like to thank Grand President Darleen Carpenter for my appointment as State Chairman of the Official Publication. This is my last hurrah as State Chairman and I hope that the new chairman appreciates the articles and pictures they receive as much as I have. I definitely have made friends with Members throughout the State from meeting them through the California Star, our Order's Official Publication in its electronic format.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Darleen Carpenter, GP, El Tejon No. 239
State Chair

The Personnel Committee meetings were conducted by in person and electronic via Zoom, which is efficient and cost effective.

Grand Parlor Office Assistant, Eve Brockmann remains in the office.

We were very fortunate last year to engage Emily Wolf as our bookkeeper. She is extremely capable and looks for ways to reduce cost and operate more efficiently. She continues to work remotely, with two days per month in the office.

Our Home Hostess position has been filled by volunteers.

The Housekeeper did not work out and had to be replaced. The decision was made to not have an employee in this position as managing remotely is not effective. We hired a cleaning company which has been extremely successful. We have the same person, the company owner has very high standards, and he manages his employee. The cost is less than an employee salary and payroll taxes. This has been a very successful move for the Home operations.

The Personnel committee members are Heidi Dillon, GVP, Joaquin no. 5 and Oakdale No. 125, Renee Rianda, Woodland No. 90 and Aleli No. 102, Marilyn Rodriguez PGP, Angelita No. 32, Sherry Farley, PGP, Grace No. 242, Debi Stalder PGP, Laurel No.6 (for Home employees only)

I thank the committee members for their participation and sage advice for some difficult situations.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE
Rae Rosas, Jr. PGP, Tierra de Oro No. 304
Chair

The Proceedings are complete for my Grand President term of 2023 – 2024 term. While writing my Official Visit Report, I remembered each one with fond memories.

Again, I want to thank the Parlors and Districts for hosting me at your Visits. I'll always be grateful for your kindness and friendship.

A request was sent out twice in the monthly mailings asking Parlors, Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and State Chairmen if you were interested in receiving a copy of the Proceedings. Out of the possible 103 requests only 22 responded for a hard copy, 9 responded for a flash drive copy, and only 5 responded for none. I think the Order needs to rethink the printing of the Proceedings. If members of the Order are not interested in receiving a copy maybe only print a few copies and make sure one copy is for historical reference.

I want to thank Past Grand President Joan Hall, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, for her advice and supplying the history of the Order to include in the Proceedings. Thank you to Grand Parlor Office Assistant Eve Brockmann for the countless hours of compiling all the necessary documents. Without these two ladies I would have sunk. THANK YOU just doesn't seem to be enough for all your wonderful efforts.

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE**
Debi Stalder, PGP, Laurel No. 6
State Chair

The Delegates at the GPAM 2024 approved a one-year trial period for a newly formed committee referred to as Public Relations and Community Outreach Committee PRACO. They therefore combined Public Relations, Roll of Honor, Legislative Measures and Extension of the Order committees. PRACO met monthly and consisted of four members referred to as Program Managers, including a State Chairman appointed by the Grand President. The Committee were assigned with reviewing, judging and presenting the annual Roll of Honor and NDGW California Image Awards at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting GPAM. The Committee also were involved with any special public relations projects, community outreach or monetary contributions on behalf of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as approved by the Board of Directors, and was supported through the Grand Parlor Budget, Fundraising efforts and donations received for use of the programs.

November 7-8, 2024, The Committee was involved with the Board of Directors Dr. Mariana Bertola, PGP public recognition by the San Francisco Honor Walk SFHW' Le Donne d' Italia of San Francisco and Native Daughters of the Golden West. A Reception on November 7, 2024 was held at the NDGW Home Bertha Briggs Auditorium, hosted by Le Donne d' Italia which included three major speakers about Dr. Bertola in the San Francisco, Little Italy Community and her impact as the Resident Dr. for the NDGW Home. On November 8, 2024, Grand President Darleen Carpenter, and Speaker Dawn Dunlap, PGP was present at the Plaque placement in the sidewalk in

Little Italy, Washington Square Park with dignitaries present along with many Native Daughters and public viewing.

The Committee collaborated and notified the membership of events that would be beneficial for Native Daughter public relations and marketing such as, Parlor Volunteer's to be a General Election Poll worker in your community, PBS Phone answering volunteer's during monetary pledge drive, Blood Drive volunteer's, Community public location plan on September 9th California Birthday Cake and promote the Order, and Volunteer at public libraries and as always wear your Native Daughters of the Golden West T-Shirts, carry membership applications and offer brochures or share our website ndgw.org. The Committee is planning a Workshop being held at the NDGW Home on May 3 for San Francisco local High School Junior's and Seniors to help with writing a resume, job interview tips and guidance with first impressions for Job interviewing. The Committee also will offer other tips that Parlors can do in their community to promote our Order in simple ways that the Committee will help with.

The Committee explored different professional Marketing and Public Relations firms regarding the Order to hire for services to promote the Order in a media, on line presence and public advertising in all aspects. The companies have different packages at different levels of cost. The Board of Directors will be sent the names of a few companies contacted and one that is used by the Native Sons of the Golden West for review and consideration. In my opinion having professional services to promote our Order for continued membership is crucial and must be considered for our future success.

We hope the Delegates will strongly support this committee becoming a permanent State Committee and move forward with this very important part of the success of our Order.

Thank you to the Committee: Gayle Gleim, San Jose Parlor No. 81 Denise Delmatier, Sutter Parlor No. 111, Carol Bone, Morada Parlor No. 199, and Sandra Firpo, San Bruno Parlor No. 246. These ladies were open minded and eager to think outside the box regarding marketing and public relations for the good of the Order. I personally thank them for the wonderful brainstorming and collaboration efforts.

REPORT OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Darleen Carpenter, GP, El Tejon No. 239
State Chair

The Real Property Committee and the Board have been working very hard to sell the Palomares Cemetery in Pomona. We have been dealing with several buyers and had one in escrow that cancelled. This is not an easy property to sell. Our Real Estate agent has worked very hard to find buyers. We recently opened escrow with a new buyer and have hopes that this will close this year.

I am tickled, delighted and happy to confirm that the Palomares Cemetery has closed escrow on May 30, 2025, for \$1,500,000.00

The Real Property Committee consists of Heidi Dillon GVP, Renee Rianda GM, Marilynn Rodrigues, PGP Finance Chairman, Sherry Farley, PGP State of the Order Chairman, and Renee Chandler, PGP.

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

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

Year 1 Freeze 2022-2023

Year 2 Freeze 2023-2024

Year 3 Freeze 2024-2025

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

REPORT ON THE VETERANS WELFARE COMMITTEE
Leona Sunseri, Sutter's Mill No. 336
State Chair

I would like to Thank Grand President, Darleen Carpenter for trusting me as the Chair over Veterans Committee for 2024-25.

Below is the list of Parlors who supported this committee:

Laurel No. 6, Bonita No. 10, Marguerite No. 12, Eshcol No. 16, Berendes No. 23, Santa Cruz No. 26, Angelita No. 32, San Jose No. 81, Woodland No. 90, Aleli No. 102, Sutter No. 111, Oakdale No. 125, Nataqua No. 152, Encinal No. 156, Fort Bragg No. 210, Petaluma No. 222, El Tejon No. 239, Lugonia No. 241, Grace No. 242, San Bruno No. 246, Lomitas No. 255, Jurupa No. 296, Gilroy No. 312, Rancho La Puente No. 331 and Sutter's Mill No. 336.

9 Parlors participated in their local Veterans Auxiliary with clothing supplies.

21 Parlors gave monetary support this year.

6 Parlors supported Wreaths across America during the Christmas Holiday and held New Years Luncheon and celebrations.

7 Parlors also Support local events in their Community with Food and Party supplies.

The Grants this year were Amazing. Our NDGW, ladies are so connected to and support many Auxiliaries, in California.

Below are the Parlor and our Auxiliary's who also support our California Veteran's Wounded Heros Foundation, Bakersfield \$5000
VFW Post 2075, San Pedro \$4592.71
McFall Grisham Post 249 Manteca \$4473.
Operation Dignity, Alameda \$3000.
Angelina Parlor No. 32, Livermore \$1083.86

**REPORT OF THE WELFARE COMMITTEE
Marti Noyes, Jurupa No. 296
State Chair**

Thank you to the following seventeen Parlors for reporting Welfare projects this term...

Joaquin No. 5
Laurel No. 6
Bonita No. 10
Marguerite No. 12
San Jose No. 81
Sutter No. 111
Eschscholtzia No. 112
Oakdale No. 125
Encinal No. 156
Fort Bragg No. 210
El Tejon No. 239
Lugonia No. 241
Grace No. 242
Lomitas No. 255
Jurupa No. 296
Gilroy No. 312
Rancho La Puente No. 331

**REPORT ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE: ASSESSMENT AND RENEWAL
Renee Rianda, GM, Woodland No. 90/Aleli No. 102
Chair**

The Assessment and Renewal Committee (ARC) is a short-term Committee tasked with developing strategies and changes to keep our organization relevant. Now in its third year (of four), the Committee continues to meet monthly and plans to move from assessment to implementation in this upcoming fourth stage.

Survey of Our Members

Everything we do has to be with our Members needs and opinions clearly understood. Last term, in consultation with nationally renowned non-profit expert Zoot Velasco, a survey of our Members was conducted (2022-2023). The results compiled through a series of in-person, online, emailed, and mailed surveys of our Membership. Over 400 results were collected. The results were compiled into two reports titled “*Evaluation Report 2023*” and “*Vision Report 2026*”. Both reports served as a template to conduct the goals for this term. At the 2023 GPAM over 91 responses from Members to the two reports listed and presentations were received. The *Vision Report 2026* is listed on the www.ndgw.org website under *GPAM 2025 Bakersfield*, if you would like to further review it.

Survey Results and Follow-Up Actions

Based on input from our surveys, we finalized an updated Mission Statement and Vision Statement that were presented at the 2023 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM).

- **Mission Statement and Vision Statement**

Most businesses and non-profit organizations have a Mission Statement and a Vision Statement. The best practices of successful organizations are for these to be brief and catchy. The *Mission Statement* should be something that a Member can use as a quick answer to anyone who asks, “*What is Native Daughters’ purpose?*” Our NDGW Mission Statement now is simple and quick: “*To actively preserve California’s history and quality of life through education and community service.*”

The *Vision Statement* should answer the question, “*What do we want NDGW to be?*” Our NDGW Vision Statement now: “*NDGW would be a recognized leader in California with a Membership that includes every California-born individual.*”

These were presented and voted on by the delegates at the 2023 GPAM.

- **What needs improving?**

The 2022-2023 survey question number four asked Members: What things in the organization need improvement?

The top three items included: **Better Marketing** (55%), **Membership** (46%) and the **Grand Parlor Annual Meeting**, especially the presentation of legislation (42%). As identified in the *Vision Report 2026*, three focus areas to support this mission include: **Infrastructure**, **Increase Membership**, and **Leadership**

- **Need for Steady and Reliable Income for the Organization to Grow**

ARC research finds that most successful non-profit organizations charge much higher dues than our parlors do and pay a higher per-capita tax.

Raising the per-capita tax went a long way to helping the infrastructure of Grand Parlor. We understand the difficulty of implementing such an increase and thank YOU for your dedication to this action. It should still be higher BUT other options still need to be further explored.

- **Increase our Membership.**

A goal that is always on our mind is the increase of Membership. One idea was to implement a new WELCOME page on the official website. We are pleased to report the ARC collaborated with the Electronic Communications Committee and our Grand Parlor Office Assistant to complete this project. The page went live the first week of January 2024 allowing new Members to acquaint themselves with the organization and utilizing technology.

Also, a new column in the electronic communication tool of the *California Star* was established called “Ask Minerva.” This offers Members a place where they can anonymously ask questions about the organization on a multitude of topics. We also entertained ideas for Membership incentives.

More must, and will, be done in this area.

Leadership

Feedback from notes in the ARC GPAM 2023 “*Suggestion Box*” found requests to reduce the number of Leadership positions within the organization, especially the Supervising District Deputy Grand President (SDDGP). Additionally, feedback from an additional 2023-2024 survey was 55% in favor of eliminating this position. Thus, prompting this Committee to propose a recommendation at this Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to eliminate the SDDGP position. This was completed in 2024.

Suggestion Box notes also revealed numerous requests to decrease the number of Committees and to streamline the Grand Parlor Annual Meetings. A large number of positive feedback notes mentioned the favorable change to eliminate the GPAM password and continue to include an electronic video option for attendance (such as Zoom). In 2025 several pieces of legislation address combination of like Committees into one to better collaborate and rebalance the voting Membership, so the Parlors have the most privileges.

ARC took this information to conduct a 2023-2024 survey to investigate the overall support of the Membership to implement these suggestions.

- *Survey question: “Would you be willing to sign up online for the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM) registration and/or events?”*

54% replied, “Yes”, 25% replied, “Maybe” and 21% replied “No”.

Action: ARC gained approval from the Board of Directors and worked with Electronic Communications Committee, Credentials Chair and the GPAM 2024 Sessions Committee to implement the first online registration for a Grand Parlor Annual Meeting with a recommendation presented for future electronic registration options.

- *Survey question: “Would you be willing to pay an additional 3-5% transaction fee to register for GPAM online?”*

27% answered, “Yes” with 29% answering, “No” and 32% “Maybe.”

Action: Keeping these responses in mind, no additional transaction fees were asked of the GPAM registrants. Instead, Grand Parlor will offset the cost with an expected decrease in printing costs.

- *Survey question: “Would you support eliminating the use of a password and using electronic scanning when entering the GPAM meeting room?”*

An overwhelming 60% of those taking the survey support electronic scanning as the permanent way to enter GPAM and eliminate the password. The majority of those answering the survey were also in support of an electronic video conferencing option, such as Zoom, for attendance at GPAM.

Action: Based on these preferences, recommendations (legislation) were written and presented at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

Regarding the suggestions to combine or eliminate Committees, ARC did an in-depth review of Committees, keeping in mind current restricted program funds, how and who would manage those funds and what Committees could be eliminated or combined. This ended up eliminating the Yearbook Committee in 2024. Work to combine other Committees will be presented in 2025.

- *Survey question: “Can the Yearbooks Committee be eliminated?”*

63% answered, “Yes”, prompting the recommendation to eliminate this Committee.

ARC also produced the idea for Committees to be made up of “*Program Managers*,” who would ensure fundraising and charitable work within the restricted funds of those programs. A place on the survey for other comments raised concerns about the use of “Program Managers.” Therefore, it was decided to implement one such Committee change on a trial basis and evaluate its effectiveness.

It was decided to present combining Public Relations, Roll of Honor, Legislative Measures and Extension of the Order into one new Committee known as the Public Relations and Community Outreach Committee ,(PRACO), for a one-year trial basis.

Top Response: Marketing of NDGW

Survey question: “*What needs improving?*” 55% want better Marketing.

Greater efforts in our social media (i.e.: Facebook) as well as our official website are being accomplished. As well as the addition of the “*Ask Minerva*” column in the *California Star*. These are just starting points.

Important discussions regarding the culture of our organization take place continuously, with future goals to be implemented in the next term.

The ARC Members feel deeply that our Order is one of great history, and more importantly, exciting potential. We accept that our task is a challenging one and will require sacrifice and effort on the part of our Members and leaders. Each of us is committed to this effort and are appreciative of the trust put upon us in this endeavor.

One improvement that was made to help the Committee Chairs compile their Annual Reports was implemented by the State of the Order a new Parlor Activity Report form. It was successful as 37 out of the 63 Parlors submitted this form

Still to be Addressed

- One item that needs to be addressed is our struggling parlors. **Deputies should identify when they notice a Parlor is struggling.** There should be a way to reach out to those Parlors and offer concrete and positive support. Do they need more funds? Do they need to re-engage and invigorate their Members? Deputies need to report to the Grand President and BOD these issues before it is too late. A Parlor can be reinvigorated if those Parlors can be identified early, perhaps some support is all that is needed to turn them around rather than simply allow them to flounder and accept their closure.
- Our **Membership is dwindling**, and fewer Members are stepping up to cover the Leadership and Membership of the Committees. Look at how few of our Members are seeking Leadership positions. By combining Committees, we can get the work done, honor our goals, benefit from collaboration, develop better leaders, and do it with fewer positions.
- It was one of the main points from our Membership Survey that our Order has too many Committees. Our efforts are too different, varied, and inconsistent. By being more focused in our efforts, our Members will see more impactful results from our actions. ARC legislation includes combining the Historical Landmarks, Missions, Lighthouses into one Committee to increase collaboration. A 2nd Committee combined has Veterans, Welfare and Community Service together.
- Our Membership Survey also made clear that our Members want to see a more **vibrant and efficient GPAM**. Yes, get the business done efficiently, while allowing time for networking, personal growth, and fun! Many of our Members cannot afford to be away from work and family for a week – so the desire for GPAM is to be shorter, efficient, include workshops, guest speakers, and opportunities for our Members to learn skills they can use in their personal lives while at the same time enhancing our Order. This membership desire will require more research to better understand the minimum legal required items a non-profit organization must adhere to for its Annual Meeting.
- The guidance of our Order should come from the Members. Therefore, the Members **should have more input** than the few leaders at the top. Currently, there is an imbalance – the leaders have more votes and influence than the Membership. We are suggesting a method to return more influence on our Members. The surveys conducted at past GPAMS and online have given ARC a plethora of items to work on. ARC is doing what the majority Membership has requested. One such idea is to increase the number of votes and/or delegates a Parlor can have to balance out the loss of State Chairmen votes. May organizations do not have their Committee Chairs vote, it is all on the Delegates.

- Yes, there is concern that by removing some voting privileges we are taking away one of the few benefits of Leadership within our Order. We agree. There should be more benefits to both Membership AND Leadership within NDGW. What ideas do **YOU** have to provide more benefits or incentives to our Members? Members, please reach out and let us (ARC) know your ideas by emailing Co-Chair Renee at: rianda@aol.com

Since our creation, we have been straight-forward **knowing** these proposed changes requested by OUR MEMBERSHIP may be painful. Sacrifice will be needed if we are to save our Order. Keep in mind, while making these changes does not guarantee that our Order will thrive for another 100 years, it is a move in the right direction to be relevant to OUR MEMBERS and POTENTIAL MEMBERS.

ARC feels these next steps need to be more visible and impactful toward our Members – such as the early identification and positive intervention when a Parlor is struggling to help them continue.

ARC is excited to see the implementation of the **Interim Voting “Year-Round” format. With its launch GPAM may truly become a dynamic Leadership Conference. Freed from the heavy agenda once-a-year meetings, Interim Voting can immediately accomplish more throughout the year. This is a major opportunity to refresh and reimagine GPAM and our ORDER.**

Your input is crucial to the work of ARC, and most importantly to the continued work and existence of Native Daughters of the Golden West.

We thank you for your dedication, passion, and love you show for California and NDGW. We know that through your energy and enthusiasm we will find the right mix to take NDGW into a golden future.

This Committee consists of Co-Chairs, Renee Rianda, GM, Nina Coffenberry, PGP, Debi Stalder PGP, Sherry Farley, PGP, Maria Elena Serna, Fran Neves, Francine Levy, Joelle Dobrow, and Sandra Firpo. We are all listed in the NDGW Directory, please feel free to reach out to any of us.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES 2024-2025

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2024
FINAL

Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria, California

Before the meeting was called to Order, the Grand Officers had breakfast provided by Grand President Darleen Carpenter. Grand President Darleen also provided binders with her itinerary for 2024-2025 and a partial directory.

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Grand President Darleen.

Opening prayer was offered by Jr. Past Grand President Rae Rosas.

Roll call found the following present:

Grand President Darleen Carpenter

Jr. Past Grand President Rae Rosas

Grand Vice President Heidi Dillon

Grand Marshal Renee Rianda

Grand Secretary Christine Tripod

Grand Trustee Marion "Sonny" Graves

Grand Trustee Shelley Buchberger was excused

Each of the Grand Officers introduced themselves.

Jr. Past Grand President passed on the fobs, codes, combination to the safe to Grand President Darleen.

GVP Heidi Dillon offered to order a badge for Grand Secretary Christine Tripod.

The old bookkeeper's office will be turned into the Grand President's office.

Grand President Darleen announced that the dress code for Official Visits and Board Meetings is no jeans. Saturday night meals will be held together.

Rooms at the Native Daughter Home for Board Meetings:

Grand President Darleen	303
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Jr PGP Rae Rosas	301
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GVP Heidi Dillon	401
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GM Renee Rianda	412
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GS Christine Tripod	310
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GT Shelley Buchberger	411
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GT Marion "Sonny" Graves	407
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Data Base in the Grand Parlor Office needs updates.

Grand President Darleen reminded the Grand Officers to track the hours serving the NDGW.

Instead of having Secret Sisters, it was decided to bring gifts for everyone to our November Board Meeting.

It was moved by GVP Heidi Dillon and seconded by GM Renee Rianda that we retain the Attorney of the Order, the law firm of Stein and Law, for the 2024-2025 term. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by GM Renee Rianda and seconded by GT Marion Graves that we retain Greg Alessandra of Alessandra Capitol Management for the 2024-2025 term. Motion carried and so ordered.

Discussion was held on the availability of Michael T. Savasta to complete our audit for this term. Grand President Darleen proposed we use Douglas E Williams, CPA for the new term. It was moved by Jr PGP Rae Rosas and seconded by GT Marion Graves that we retain Douglas E Williams as the CPA for the Order for the term 2024-2025. Motion carried and so ordered.

Grand President Darleen stated she had made an appointment with the Santa Maria Bank of America to sign new cards for 2024-2025. The appointment is at 1 PM. today. The Minutes of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting are to be reviewed and corrected by email. Every Grand Officer has a copy.

A special committee on how and where the proceeds of the Palomares Property could be used is needed. Grand President Darleen would like suggestions.

Birthdays of the Grand Officers

Darleen Carpenter	7/4
Rae Rosas	5/4
Heidi Dillon	6/3
Renee Rianda	4/9
Christine Tripod	11/16
Shelley Buchberger	11/22
Marion Graves	11/28

Jr. PGP Rae Rosas offered a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
GS Christine Tripod, PGP

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2024
ZOOM Meeting
FINAL

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Grand President Darleen Carpenter.

Grand Officers in attendance:

GP Darleen Carpenter	GS Christine Tripod
GVP Heidi Dillon	sGT Shelley Buchberger
GM Renee Rianda	GT Marion Graves
Jr PGP Rae Rosas	

Discussion was held and questions asked regarding the appointments made by Grand President Darleen Carpenter. It was moved by sGT Shelley Buchberger and seconded by GT Marion Graves that appointments be approved. Motion carried and so ordered. The Grand Parlor Support Assistant Eve will be on vacation Aug 8-20, 2024. Coverage is needed for the office during this time. PGP Debi Stalder has offered to cover some of the days and train whoever will be in the office. GT Marion Graves will check and get

back to the Grand President on her availability. GM Renee Rianda offered to cover August 16. sGT Shelley Buchberger offered to cover August 9. GVP Heidi Dillon will be out of the state during that period. GS Christine Tripod is not available due to work commitments and JrPGP Rae Rosas also has work commitments.

Grand President Darleen asked all the Grand Officers to email her their hours of service and their personal schedule to time unavailable for Board or other meetings during the term, so that she can keep a record for reporting purposes and ensuring we have a quorum to conduct the business of the Order.

Meal planning was discussed for the Board of Directors' meeting in August. Breakfast will be covered by GT Marion Graves; lunch is being covered by GVP Heidi Dillon and GM Renee Rianda and GS Christine Tripod. Dinner will be ordered in with GP Darleen Carpenter bringing dessert and snacks.

GP Darleen Carpenter announced that the NDGW Home housekeeper was terminated when she did not return to work after her time off. PGP Debi Stalder is looking for a cleaning service to provide someone to clean the NDGW Home. Using a service reduces the obligations required of the Native Daughters for employees' benefits and supervision.

NDGW Childrens' Foundation has asked GP Darleen Carpenter to contact the Attorney of the Order regarding Institutional Grants. Darleen stated that she had an appointment to speak to him on Friday July 19, 2024. We need to make sure that the funds we grant are used properly and that there is accountability for the funds.

Grand President Darleen Carpenter brought to the Board's attention an opportunity for a Public Relations event for the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Jennifer Consalvi Hodges of Le Donne d'Italia, an Italian women's organization in San Francisco approached the Order regarding a plaque honoring Dr. Mariana Bertola, who was Grand President in 1896. The plaque will be placed in the Little Italy section of San Francisco in October. Discussion was held as to the cost required, in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the plaque sponsorship from the Native Daughters and what the group is offering the Native Daughters in return. GP Darleen Carpenter will share with the Board of Directors the information she has from Jennifer, so that the Board can decide on our commitment. The August Board of Directors meeting is the deadline for deciding.

GS Christine Tripod reminded the Grand Officers that they need to make all corrections to the GPAM 2024 Minutes by July 25, 2024.

GP Darleen Carpenter stated the sale is on track of the Palomares Cemetery to close July 31, 2024.

There being no more business to come before the Board of Directors the meeting was closed at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tripod, PGP
Grand Secretary

**Minutes of Emergency Board Meeting Held Via Zoom
August 6, 2024 – FINAL**

Board Attendees and Guest:

Grand President Darleen Carpenter

Grand Vice President Heidi Dillon

Grand Marshal Renee Rianda sGrand Trustee Shelley Buchberger
Trustee Sonny Graves PGP Renee Chandler - Guest
Excused -Jr. PGP Rae Rosas and GS Chris Tripod
Grand President Darleen Carpenter called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM to discuss the sale of the Palomares Cemetery.
She stated we need to engage an attorney to prepare the PSA for the new buyer, to protect us from any issues that might arise from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, due to the cancellation of the escrow.
The need for a set aside motion was discussed, and since the attorney, Chris Lekawe had previously been engaged by the Order to prepare documents for a sale to a developer on this property, no set aside is required. He will not be the Attorney of the Order. The attorney of the order recused himself as his firm handles legal work for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. A motion was made by Shelley Buchberger and seconded by Renee Rianda to authorize the Grand President to sign the engagement letter and pay the retainer fee of \$10,000.00 to Grant, Genovese, and Barrata to prepare the PSA for the new buyer. Motion carried. The buyer is quite anxious to open escrow with a non-refundable deposit of \$100,000.00 and a 10- day close for a purchase price of 2,150,000.00.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM
Grand President Darleen Carpenter

FINAL
**Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors Meeting August 16, 2024**

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Grand President Darleen Carpenter at 6:51 PM.

The opening prayer was delivered by Jr PGP Rae Rosas.

Roll call of officers found the following present: GP Darleen Carpenter, Jr PGP Rae Rosas, GVP Heidi Dillon, GM Renee Rianda, GS Christine Tripod, GT Marion Graves. sGT Shelley Buchberger was excused.

Guest PGP Debi Stalder was also present.

Discussion was held on the sale of the Palomares Cemetery. The sale is currently on hold.

The Board of Directors approved all draft minutes previously submitted. Also approved were the ratification of the motion made to allow Grand President Darleen Carpenter to use room 303 at the NDGW Home with private bath; to allow Ruby Parlor No. 46 to use the logo of the Order on a tumbler as a fundraiser; to allow Woodland Parlor No. 90 president to have a third term.

Update was given on badges that need to be ordered, forms required to be submitted by the members of the Board and the need for everyone to do the Harassment training.

The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the Emergency Zoom meeting on August 6, 2024 as corrected.

GP Darleen reported on the document retention needed by the Trustees. The information is in the Grand President's Office.

A presentation was made by Jennifer Hodges and Gina Von regarding the SFHW Little Italy Honor Walk. The public relations opportunity for the Native Daughters of the Golden West was presented to the Board of Directors. Questions were asked by the Board of Directors as to what we would receive if we were to agree to participate in the project. Jennifer Hodges announced that the tile for Marianna Bertola had already been purchased and would be placed in November near Filbert and Stockton Streets.

The Board of Directors' November meeting at the NDGW Home in San Francisco will be our Christmas party.

GVP Heidi Dillon brought up the possibility of renting our Board room to the Native Sons for their Board meetings. She will explore the with the Native Sons and report back to the Board.

The joint meeting with the Past Grand Presidents will be on October 26, 2024. It will be a Zoom meeting from 9 am to Noon.

Discussion of the Itinerary updates, appointment changes and the final directory was postponed until our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tripod, PGP
Grand Secretary

FINAL
NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST
Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2024

The Board Meeting was called to order by Grand President Darleen Carpenter at 9:19 am via Zoom and In-Person.

Roll Call

Darleen Carpenter, Grand President – Present (In-Person)
Rae Rosas, Jr. Past Grand President – Present (In-Person)
Heidi Dillon, Grand Vice President – Present (In-Person)
Renee Rianda, Grand Marshal – Present (In-Person)
Christine Tripod, Past Grand President, Grand Secretary – Excused
Shelley Buchberger, Senior Grand Trustee – Present (via Zoom)
Marion “Sonny” Graves, Grand Trustee – Present (In-Person)

Guest

Debi Stalder, PGP, Home Committee Chair – In Person
Kathleen Valerio, Electronic Communication Committee Chair – via Zoom

Home Committee

GP Darleen stated that a Member owes \$940 for a stay while her mother was passing. A discussion ensued on the recourse of the Member not paying. It was suggested to

file a UCC-1, which is a form for Small Claim Court, recoup what she owes. GP Darleen stated that the Member has been contacted via email and phone calls but no reply to either. A letter has been written and sent to the Sub-Ordinate Parlor to serve her with the letter when she attends a Parlor Meeting. It was also suggested to write off the amount. The Board decided that payment needs to be made in full at time of registration. There were 3 stays that the Home Committee had trouble collecting last term. Need to be concise on the policy. GP Darleen will let the Home Committee know the following:

1. Update registration form
2. Payment in full at time of registration

Computers

GVP Heidi stated that the laptop in the Board Room is outdated and the speaker no longer works. GVP Heidi also suggested to buy a laptop for the Bookkeeper's/Grand President Office. We need to purchase at the best value and get tech support for any issues. GVP Heidi moved to buy 2 laptops with Geek Squad support. Seconded by GT Marion. Motion carried and so ordered.

Google Docu Presentation

ECC Chair Kathleen made a presentation on google docu for non-profits. Chair Kathleen showed several videos on how google docu works. There are 5 advantages to google docu:

1. Links in Cards
2. Google Ad (grant)
3. Branded Email
4. YouTube Giving
5. Storage (100TB – shared)

Chair Kathleen is just asking permission to set-up account and get enough emails to test. Chair Kathleen stated that we could have shared calendars, District Folders, State Committee (house policy & procedures), Leadership Team would be the only ones with Access, access can be changed year to year, have overlap before cutting off and eliminate Rackspace, volunteer test subjects, would have consistent format, simple to communicate, guidelines (ECC monitor), no cost at this point, will create a video to train people, and get account and work w/PGP Sherry Farley.

GT Marion moved that we give permission to ECC Chair Kathleen to get account at no cost for Google Docu. Seconded by GM Renee. Motion carried and so ordered.

Recess: 10:43 am

Reconvened: 10:52 am

PGP Debi, Home Chair, gave an overview of what is happening at the home. Chair Debi stated it's a new term and wants transparency on what the Home Committee is doing. Chair Debi stated she believes that the Home is being double billed for insurance.

The Board and Chair Debi discussed the Home's monthly bills (i.e. ADT, Blink, Terminix, etc.) and who owned the building. After a lengthy discussion, GVP Heidi made a motion that Grand Parlor would pay ADT, Blink, Terminix starting in September. Seconded by Sonny. Motion carried and so ordered. GP Darleen stated that she would let the bookkeeper know to pay these bills out of Grand Parlor budget now.

Chair Debi gave updates on Home items:

1. \$1,680 Wet Pressurized pipe - replaced
2. Electrical panel (fuse box) in the alleyway – updated
3. Fire Station (around corner) will be out to repair the rope on the flag pole.
4. Boiler System has been operating for 50 years and our Contract has stated that we need to start thinking about replacing it. A new boiler would cost around \$50,000.
5. Room Stays – going very well, PGP Marilyn Rodrigues takes care of reservations
6. House Cleaning Service Contract – Molly Maids were \$150 per hour, House Cleaning SF

\$50 per hour – one employee, gets everything done in 5 hours (Mon – Fri, 9a – 2p), Noe Silva (owner) takes extreme pride in his business name

7. Cleaning GP Office
8. Blink installed at the front door and basement
9. Garbage – we being charged for overage \$200/\$300 per month, our neighbors are using ours
10. Autopay for eligible accounts
11. Home Guest List is no longer in the elevator. GP Darleen requested that the guest list be emailed to her
12. Room 406 Tub Pan – going to schedule repair to remove tub pan and replace with a shower only. Going to see how much one tub will cost at the moment. Room 306 will be a more extensive and expensive repair.
13. Countertop Ice Maker quit working and Eschol Parlor No.16 sent a donation to buy a new one
14. Freezer – is now leaking, will be looking for a non-commercial one
15. Stove/Oven & Ansul – will be getting rid, PG &E Serviceman stated we are using a lot of gas with that size of a unit for hardly any use.

Chair Debi wanted to know what the status is of the delinquent Parlor's Home Assessment payment. Grand Trustees stated that they called the Parlors and will make every effort to get

Parlors to pay. GP Darleen stated she would send a letter to the Parlors with outstanding amounts.

GM Renee moved that we give permission to the Home Committee to investigate selling assets to cover Home expenses. Seconded by GT Marion. Motion carried and so ordered.

SFWH Little Italy

GP Darleen stated she heard from them and could not reduce sponsorship. Little Italy will cover the catering cost and wanted to know how many people the auditorium held. A discussion ensued on where the money was coming from and funds for the newly form Public Relations & Community Outreach Committee. GP Darleen stated the money for the plaque could be coming from Historical Landmarks Committee funds. Jr. PGP Rae asked if the Committee has agreed to this. GP Darleen stated the Committee was not asked yet. GP Darleen then stated it could be coming from Grand Parlor's Administrative Fee revenue not taken. Jr. PGP Rae stated it could not come from that line item. She also said Grand Parlor needs to pay for the entire amount and even if Grand Parlor needs to take the amount from their investments. GVP Heide asked to see the contract before it is signed to see what we are getting for our sponsorship.

GM Renee moved to sponsor a plaque in the amount of \$12,500 with SFHW Little Italy and funds are to be used from Grand Parlor budget. Seconded by GVP Heidi. Vote was 3 – Yes and 2 – No. Motion carried and so ordered.

GM Renee moved to fund the Public Relations and Community Outreach Committee in the amount of \$2,500. Seconded by GT Marion. Motion carried and so ordered.

Committees

GP Darleen stated that a few Committees have responded to take 5% of their investments for this term, most have not.

Recessed: 11:56 am
Reconvened: 1:10 pm

Annie K. Bidwell Parlor #168

It was stated that Linda Ogwin called and said Annie K. Bidwell was selling their building and will be writing the Board and Real Property. Linda said that it is costing them a lot of money to make the repairs necessary. This building is in a Hall Association.

ARC

GM Renee reported the ARC meeting that was held on July 17th via Zoom. GM Renee stated that ARC discussed the following items:

1. Selling the Foley Wing and rent space in Central Valley then convert to a parking garage.
2. Hold Joint Meetings at the Home/Office
3. Articles of Corporation – amend articles of corporation, change name, open like corporation, seek legal advice
4. Ways & Means Committee – to look for outside money, BofA sponsor GPAM
5. Finalizing combining State Committees
6. Appraisal on Home & Foley Wing
7. Redistrict into Regions
8. Open GPAM permanently for IT, figure out Zoom, hire someone to run it

(professional IT personnel), not having Members run Zoom for GPAM, "Watch Party" did not pay, need camera/microphone converter box, scanner machine, and iPads. GP Darleen stated that her GPAM Committee will be hiring IT staff to setup and run zoom

9. Working on Zoot's 3rd year of the NDGW Plan
10. New way to present legislation by State of the Order

Priority List

1. Legislation Committee – equalize Board Member, change as same as State Chair living on bordering States
2. Books of the Order Special Committee – clean up Books of the Order, clean up Ritual & Manual, Past President Association
3. Office – redo, paint, and repair walls

Printify

GM Renee stated that Jenni King purchased items, company charged her credit card and hasn't received her merchandise as of yet. GM Renee stated that she will be contacting the company and see what is going on with Jenni's order.

Trustee's Quarterly Audit

The Board discussed the quarterly audit and Parlor's semi-annual reports. Grand Trustees will contact Parlors that are missing paperwork. Several Parlors are missing their mandatory Directory Sheet to update new directory. GP Darleen stated that she's going to setup a Zoom Meeting to train the Parlors how to do an audit.

Next Meeting

Board Meeting via Zoom Saturday, September 21, 2024 10:00am to 12:00pm. GP Darleen stated she would try and get our Insurance Broker June Tong to attend and explain our insurance.

Adjourned: 2:48pm

Respectfully

submitted,



Rae Rosas
Jr. Past Grand
President Pro-tem
Grand Secretary

FINAL
**Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2024
Zoom Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Grand President Darleen Carpenter.

The opening prayer was delivered by Jr. PGP Rae Rosas.

Roll call of officers found all present.

The Minutes of August 16 and 17 were held over to the next Board meeting so that GP Darleen could review the corrections.

There was a problem with the new computers in the Grand Parlor office. The problem was with the WiFi. It has been resolved.

Ratifications were discussed. The Directory needs to be printed. The Grand Trustees were directed to call Parlors that have not turned in their rosters and directory information sheet. The deadline is September 30, 2024.

Palomares Cemetery Sale – Chris has a meeting with the new buyer on Monday Sept 23. A new interested party has contacted GP Darleen to buy the property. He is a developer.

Volunteers Accident Insurance – Discussion was held on our need to cover the Orders volunteers in case of injury. The cost is \$2.91 per volunteer annually. The insurance is through Philadelphia Insurance Company. It was moved by GVP Heidi and seconded by GT Marion “Sonny” to purchase this insurance. Motion was carried and so ordered. The Zoom meeting is being recorded for clarity.

The joint meeting is on Zoom October 26, 2024, from 9 am – 12pm. The March joint meeting will be at the Hampton Inn Madera March 28-29, 2025.

Trustees update – Shelley reported that they are working on helping Zinfandel and Donner Parlors. In total we still have 8 Parlors not in compliance.

PGP Sherry Farley will conduct a Zoom meeting on how to conduct a book audit.

At the October Board of Directors meeting, the requirements will be reviewed as to which books need to be presented for the Grand Parlor audit.

It was moved by GVP Heidi and seconded by GT Marion “Sonny” to approve Childrens Foundations request to use the logo of the Order on Grant Agreements. Motion was carried and so ordered.

NDGW Home guest payments were discussed. A deposit is required for a one-night stay. Zelle and Venmo were discussed. We will have Emily check on the use of Zelle. The Board of Directors would like the Home Committee to institute a Day Use Fee. Heidi will bring it to the Committee.

Discussion was held on the Charitable Gift Acknowledgement Agreement received from the San Francisco Little Italy Honor Walk. Changes are needed in the name of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, a second signature line for the Chief Financial Officer to sign the contract and we questioned why Renee Bocci would be sponsored by the Native Daughters as she wasn’t a member of the Order.

Appraisal of Art/Books – An appraisal done in May 2019 valued the art and books at \$272,750.00. We also have Jewelry that needs to be appraised. GS was asked to provide the reference in the By-Laws where assets can only be sold after approval of

the Membership. CGP, By-Laws, page 3 Section 7, B. Grand President Darleen to contact an appraisal company about the jewelry.

It was moved by GVP Heidi and seconded by JrPGP Rae that Laura Barton be allowed to stay at the Home from Oct 11-17, 2024. Motion carried and so ordered.

PGP Sherry Farley joined the meeting at 11:35 am. PGP Sherry proposed that the QuickBooks software be used as a data base. There are separate permissions to be used and it would be in the "Cloud" for future use. PGP Sherry suggested we use one Parlor as a trial. After discussion, it was moved by GVP Heidi and seconded by sGT Shelley to move forward with data on Quick Books. Motion was carried and so ordered. There was a discussion on the use of a QR code to direct Members to be able to pay online.

GVP Heidi asked that the ECC Committee give the bookkeeper access to one of the Adobe platforms that we purchased.

Also mentioned was access for PGP Debi to get access to the Facebook page of the NDGW. Sandra Firpo will be contacted.

There being no future business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was closed at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tripod, GS/PGP

**Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors Meeting
October 18, 2024
Held via Zoom
FINAL**

In Attendance:

GP Darleen Carpenter
GVP Heidi Dillon
GM Renee Rianda
sGT Shelley Buchberger
GT Marion "Sonny" Graves

Guest:

John O'Neill of Risk Strategies

Excused:

Jr. PGP Rae Rosas
GS Christine Tripod, PGP

Worthy Grand President Darleen Carpenter opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Insurance Presentation:

John O'Neill of Risk Strategies gave a presentation of the Orders' Insurance Summary.

GP Darleen Carpenter and all in attendance thanked John O'Neill for his presentation and John O'Neill left the Zoom meeting.

A discussion was held on increasing the coverage of the NDGW Home insurance policy. GP Darleen Carpenter noted this will be added to the November board meeting, after reviewing our options.

GP Darleen Carpenter noted the Volunteer Policy as noted in the presentation is now in effect.

GP Darleen Carpenter stated she would like to get the property in San Francisco appraised. It was moved by GVP Heidi Dillon and seconded by GT Marion "Sonny" Graves to have the Grand President get an appraisal on the property in San Francisco.

Motion carried.

Official Visits:

GP Darleen Carpenter requested more participation from the Grand Officers in attending Official Visits.

NDGW Home:

GP Darleen Carpenter reported the NDGW Home had a power outage last weekend. She noted GVP Heidi Dillon and her son, Marco Dillon, as well as PGP Debi Stalder and Bill Stalder all drove to the NDGW Home to follow emergency procedures as are required. One issue that arose from the outage was the NDGW Home was not accessible through the front door or garages, as it was determined no one had the master keys to the NDGW Home. It was reported that GVP Heidi Dillon contacted Metro Locksmith for an afterhours call out to make keys for the front door. A ladder was obtained from a neighbor and Marco Dillon used it via the neighbor's back yard to enter the NDGW Home's backyard and climb the emergency escape ladder to gain access to the third floor. Once inside the building, Marco Dillon and Bill Stalder helped the four guests retrieve their belongings so they could leave. Bill Stalder reestablished the gas lines once the electricity had been restored. GP Darleen Carpenter noted guests were able to return to the NDGW Home the next day. GVP Heidi Dillon also noted the firebox code had been changed in 2022-2023 and not been updated as needed. She also noted other areas of the NDGW Home had been changed by committees without the Board of Directors knowledge, but keys have been turned into the Grand President as requested.

NDGW Home, Continued:

GP Darleen Carpenter reported ADT had called the NDGW Home telephone to report an issue with the system, but the reservation line was not answered nor was ADT called back. ADT sent a police officer to the NDGW Home to check the safety of the NDGW Home and PGP Debi Stalder answered the door and managed the situation. GP Darleen Carpenter noted she requested that GVP Heidi Dillon and PGP Debi Stalder be the contacts for the ADT account to notify first instead of the reservation line used for the NDGW Home.

GP Darleen Carpenter noted the NDGW Home is moving to Zelle for credit card payments to cover reservations and donations. She noted that Emily already has documents in place on how to use the service.

Membership Records:

GP Darleen Carpenter reported the membership rosters will be collected and merged into Quick Books and be accessible via Excel. Once the project is completed the old system of storing membership data shall no longer be used. She noted she will ask PGP Beth Perrin to come to San Francisco to lead the project. It was noted the NDGW Home Committee will comp PGP Beth Perrin's stay, as it is a benefit to them to have her presence in the NDGW Home and allow the volunteer hosts a break.

GP Darleen Carpenter advised that the Personnel Committee approved hiring a temporary employee to assist PGP Beth Perrin in implementing the transition. sGT Shelley Buchberger suggested verifying the storage data plan used on the Cloud, to make sure we have enough data required. A discussion was noted on current practices of backing up Grand Parlor's data. GP Darleen Carpenter stated she shall speak to Eve Brockmann the Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant on what her current practices are for securing the Order's data. GVP Heidi Dillon suggested when the new system is completed on the membership data if the old style "membership cards" would still need to be included in the new member packets, as the system is old, outdated and not properly implemented within the Grand Parlor Office.

Joint Meeting:

GP Darleen Carpenter reminded everyone the Joint Meeting shall be held via Zoom this term on October 26, 2024. She requested if anyone has anything to be included on the agenda to let her know.

GPAM 2025:

GVP Heidi Dillon asked GP Darleen Carpenter if all required documents for the 2025 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting were going to be sent electronically. GP Darleen Carpenter confirmed it shall. A discussion about Zoom at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting was discussed. GP Darleen Carpenter confirmed she had professionals coming into setup the system for the meeting. GM Renee Rianda noted the ARC Committee is writing proposed legislation to allow IT staff and hotel staff to enter the meeting to oversee issues that arise.

GVP Heidi Dillon asked if the Board of Directors meeting noted to be held on Sunday could be moved to Monday. GP Darleen Carpenter noted she did not think so as she had other details to deal with on Monday, but as she did not have her calendar in front of her, she would investigate it and report back at the next meeting.

Palomares Cemetery:

GP Darleen Carpenter gave an update on the property. She noted she had been in contact with the potential buyer, Ed, and had discussed the counteroffer. GP Darleen Carpenter noted the buyer would sign the indemnification clause and is offering 1.5 million dollars to purchase the property. GP Darleen Carpenter would like to request the buyer pay the closing costs and commission costs. A discussion was held concerning the last Real Property meeting that the Board of Directors held with the Real Property committee, and motions made but no minutes were taken.

Palomares Cemetery, Continued:

GP Darleen Carpenter advised she will call a meeting with the Board of Directors in the coming week to update everyone about the offer, and any new information that arises, as she is still waiting to hear from the realtor if there was a sunset date on the reverter clause. She noted she will send the information in an email. GP Darleen Carpenter reported PGP Renee Chandler did not return the documents at the Official Visit a few weeks ago, but she noted she will obtain the documents from PGP Renee Chandler to return them to the Grand Parlor Office.

GVP Heidi Dillon requested GP Darleen Carpenter update the membership with a letter via the monthly mailing, so the Order knows how the sale of the cemetery is progressing, allowing total transparency.

Grand Trustees Report:

GP Darleen Carpenter requested a copy be emailed to all the Board of Directors of the last audit performed by the Grand Trustees. GM Renee Rianda stated the report was furnished at the last in person board meeting, but she would again forward the report as requested.

A discussion was held concerning the Parlors that have still failed to turn in their Parlor Directory Information Sheet and membership roster. GT Marion "Sonny" Graves reported she had emailed the Parlors and that sGT Shelley Buchberger had called the Parlors, and noted many Parlors never replied nor sent in the requested information. GVP Heidi Dillon noted her concerns on Arcata Parlor as they have outstanding balances from September of 2023 term. She advised that she emailed the Parlor and left a voice mail message requesting payments, and she too did not have a return call nor email from the Parlor.

GP Darleen Carpenter advised the Grand Trustees to again contact the Parlors with outstanding balances as well as Parlors that still need to send in required membership rosters and directory sheets and let them know they must be received before the end of the month. GM Renee Rianda stated she personally emailed her Parlor information to Grand Parlor and does not understand how it was not received. GP Darleen Carpenter reported that Grand Parlor had issues with their email system and suggested resending the documents. She noted if the Grand Trustees need her to assist in obtaining the information, she will assist with contacting the Parlors. GP Darleen Carpenter advised she is collecting the past due amounts owed to Grand Parlor and the NDGW Home when she visits the Parlors during her Official Visits, as the bookkeeper has been sending her updated reports with the current balance dues amounts. GVP Heidi Dillon noted late fees for failing to provide the semi-annual audit had not yet been invoiced to the Parlors. GP Darleen Carpenter stated she will speak with the bookkeeper.

Bank Accounts:

GP Darleen Carpenter noted as she previously mentioned the NDGW Home is now set up to accept credit card payments for reservations and donations through Zelle. She asked the board to consider using Venmo to allow Parlors and members to make payments and purchases through Grand Parlor, as she noted Zelle can only be used

once on the bank account. It was moved by GVP Heidi Dillon and seconded by GM Renee Rianda to allow Venmo to be set up to receive credit card payments and purchases from Parlors and Members through Grand Parlor bank accounts. **Motion carried.**

GP Darleen Carpenter reported she went to the bank recently to obtain two debit cards for the Order. One card was issued in PGP Debi Stalder's name and is associated with the NDGW Home bank account, the other is in GP Darleen Carpenter's name and is associated with Grand Parlor's bank account. She stated the previous credit cards in PGP Susan Collins and PGP Nina Coffenberry's name have been cancelled. GP Darleen Carpenter noted this will save time for the bookkeeper. GVP Heidi Dillon stated we are now also saving approximately \$1.20 per transaction on using direct deposit for reimbursements for committee members and the board of directors.

Supply Order Form:

GP Darleen Carpenter reported it had come to her attention on the excessive printing and shipping of documents that are provided electronically. As the Order moves to be better stewards environmentally, GP Darleen Carpenter noted the Supply Order Form needs to be reviewed. She stated GVP Heidi Dillon will review the form and report back at the November 2024 board meeting. GVP Heidi Dillon stated Grand Parlor should not have to cover the cost of mailing the items ordered. A discussion was held concerning the amount of money being spent on shipping costs. GVP Heidi Dillon advised invoices can be issued through Quick Books.

San Francisco Little Italy Honor Walk – Dr. Mariana Bertola, PGP Dedication:

GP Darleen Carpenter requested all Grand Officers to attend the November 7 and 8, 2024, dedication ceremony honoring Dr. Marian Bertola, PGP. She noted Le Donne d'Italia ladies are having the event catered on November 7, 2024, that is being held at the NDGW Home, and they will also assist in serving the appetizers. GP Darleen Carpenter also announced there will be three speakers that evening, one from Standiford University who shall speak about Dr. Mariana Bertola, PGP early years, one from the University of Berkley on the works she did in San Francisco, and PGP Dawn Dunlap shall speak on all of her accomplishments and association through the Native Daughters of the Golden West. There will also be an actor portraying Dr. Mariana Bertola that shall give a presentation. The room will seat ninety-three attendees. The Evelyn I. Carlson Committee is updating the display cases to highlight the items of Dr. Mariana Bertola, PGP.

GP Darleen Carpenter announced she had sent out invitations for Thursdays event.

On Friday, November 8, 2024, the plaque will be unveiled and dedicated in North Beaches Little Italy. The plaque dedication is open to the public.

Unfinished Business:

GP Darleen Carpenter noted she would like to postpone getting appraisals on assets of the Order. The board agreed.

GVP Heidi Dillon asked that we add to the November 2024 board meeting agenda on ratifying the Grand President's appointments. GP Darleen Carpenter said she will reach out to GS Christine Tripod, PGP.

GVP Heidi Dillon reported at the NDGW Home Committee this month after the Grand President had to leave the meeting, the State Chairman voiced her concern on opening the California Room to members without it being staffed by the Pioneer Roster and Archive Committee members present. Safety concerns were reported on members obtaining records unsafely.

Training Sessions:

GP Darleen Carpenter noted she has a few upcoming training sessions upcoming via Zoom.

A training session on how to complete a Parlor Audit is scheduled for November 16, 2024, via Zoom. She noted this is during our November 2024 board meeting and we will break to watch the training. GVP Heidi Dillon requested the training to be added to the Members only page of the Orders' website.

The next training session will be presented to State Chairman on how to conduct a Zoom meeting. GM Renee Rianda will host this training session. The date of this event has not been determined yet.

GP Darleen Carpenter noted how we currently manage Zoom meetings and scheduling will be addressed.

The last training session discussed was concerning State Committees. It is currently scheduled for January 25, 2025, and will have the State Chairman present what their committee is about. The Zoom meeting will be available to all members of the Order. A discussion was held on the need of Grand Officers. Other issues concerning being a Grand Officer were discussed. Suggestions for having a Secretary to the Board of Directors and a Treasurer to the Board of Directors were discussed.

GVP Heidi Dillon reported the membership that did not return a transfer form for Veritas Parlor and Westwind Parlor have been suspended from the Order. Both Parlors had October deadlines and Eve Brockmann, Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant, had advised that both Parlors memberships had been updated. GVP Heidi Dillon noted she never had anyone reply from Westwind Parlor, and she does not know if they have active bank accounts. GM Renee Rianda reported she has been in contact with a Parlor member from West Wind Parlor to obtain the Order's paraphernalia, but kept getting the run around from the Member when she suggested dates to come retrieve the items. GM Renee Rianda stated she will again contact the Member, and she will also contact the facility where the items are being stored to set up a time that she can go personally retrieve the items. The Member of West Wind Parlor did note the Parlor is still paying for rent at the facility, even though they know the Parlor has been suspended.

GVP Heidi Dillon advised the bank accounts of West Wind Parlor need to be notified. She noted she will research past audits to obtain the bank information.

GVP Heidi Dillon announced that it was noted Darina Parlor is planning on consolidating and/or surrendering their Charter. GP Darleen Carpenter advised she had been notified and she will be assigning someone to assist the Parlor with this matter.

Having no further business the meeting was closed in due form.

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

GVP Heidi Dillon

APPROVED
Joint Meeting Minutes
Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents
October 26, 2024
Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Darleen Carpenter at 10:00 am.

Roll Call

Grand Officers present:

Grand President Darleen Carpenter

Jr. Past Grand President Rae Rosas

Grand Vice President Heidi Dillon

Grand Marshal Renee Rianda

Grand Secretary Christine Tripod, PGP

sR. Grand Trustee Shelley Buchberger

Grand Trustee Marion "Sonny" Graves

Past Grand Presidents present:

Marie Otto

Beth Perrin

Debi Stalder

Margaret Mallette

Joan Hall

Marilynn Rodrigues

Suzi Riley

Bonnie Tabor

Sherry Farley

Dawn Dunlap

Suzanne Renee Chandler

Grand President Darleen announced that we are in escrow as of 10/25/24 for the sale of Palomares Cemetery. The sale price was \$1.5 million. Our cost will be \$75,000 plus closing costs. Questions were asked and discussion was held regarding the sale of the property.

The Board of Directors agreed to purchase Volunteer Insurance to cover all volunteers for the Home and the Grand Parlor office. They are now covered. GP Darleen expressed a thank you to Debi Stalder, PGP, Bill Stalder, Heidi Dillon, GVP and Marco Dillon for all their assistance during the power outage at the Home recently.

A reminder to all committees that there should be confidentiality of individuals employees' names in any of our minutes. The minutes have been corrected. They no longer include names.

Discussion was held on opening the Order to non-California born individuals. Questions were asked as to how the Native Sons are handling opening their Order. There have been a few new Members but no real influx.

PGP Debi spoke about Home Hostess Volunteers. We no longer have employees at the Home. Since we have a cleaning service, the "work" needed from the volunteers is less. She asked anyone interested to contact her.

PGP Sherry stated that the State of the Order Committee is working on a "Report Form" to help the audit process at Official Visits and the semi-annual audits.

GP Darleen asked if anyone knew if there were Sisters who would like to serve on the Board of Directors next year. Should we change the qualifications to interest more individuals? If we want to change the qualifications, then there needs to be legislation written. What do we need to change?

Leadership Education Series via Zoom (recorded) will start with How to conduct a book audit. PGP Sherry will conduct this Zoom meeting for DGP's, Parlor Presidents and Parlor Book Officers in November. The next Zoom meeting will be conducted by GM Renee Rianda. The title is How to manage a Zoom Meeting. It will be in November also. The third one will be for All Chairmen and Members regarding the NDGW Committees. It will take place on January 25, 2025.

PGP Joan Hall announced that she and GM Renee Rianda are still working on the Index for the Books of the Order.

Membership records are being moved to Quick Books. PGP Beth Perrin, PGP Suzi Riley and PGP Sherry Farley will work together to facilitate the transfer of information. This will finally give us a correct number of Members for billing purposes and for planning for the future.

SFWW Little Italy Honor Walk was discussed. The reception will be held at the NDGW Home on Nov 7, 2024, from 5:30-8:00 pm. There will be speakers. Reservations are required. The plaque unveiling is Nov. 8 at 11 am at Filbert and Stockton Streets in San Francisco. It is open to the public.

GP Darleen reported that the Childrens Foundation grant presentation at the University of California Davis Hospital was very nice.

The joint meeting in March 2025 will be held by Zoom.

The meeting was closed at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Tripod, GS/PGP

Native Daughters of the Golden West

Board of Director's Meeting
November 16, 2024
In Person and Zoom
FINAL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9 am by Grand President Darleen Carpenter.

Roll Call found the following in attendance.

Grand President Darleen Carpenter

Jr PGP Rae Rosas

Grand Marshal Renee Rianda

sGT Shelley Buchburger

On Zoom: GVP Heidi Dillon, GS Christine Tripod, GT Sonny Graves

The following minutes were approved as corrected. August 6, 2024, August 16, 2024, August 17, 2024, September 18 (Joint Real Property and Board of Directors) 2024, October 18, 2024, and October 26, 2024 (Joint meeting with the Past Grand Presidents and the Board of Directors).

The Board of Directors ratified the vote taken on the Palomares Cemetery sale by email.

GP Darleen indicated that the sale of the Palomares Cemetery is on hold as the buyer is concerned about a note stating that the cemetery was condemned by the State of California in 1932. GP Darleen has asked the Title Company to research the document. The attorney is also looking into it.

GP Darleen discussed the attendance of Grand Officers at Official Visits. She encouraged the Board to try to attend if possible.

The membership will be transferred to QuickBooks starting in December or January.

PGP Beth Perrin will work with the Grand Parlor Office Assistant Eve to accomplish this task.

The Grand Trustees gave an update on the AR Trustees report and the Status of Directories that are missing.

At 9:30 am Emily Wolf, NDGW Bookkeeper, made a presentation by Zoom. The focus was the cost savings for the Order if we moved to Quick Books ACH instead of checks. Discussion was held. GM Renee moved that we move forward to electronic payments by Parlors starting with 20 Parlors. Motion seconded and carried. GVP Heidi moved to set aside CSP, page 95, Section 5, 4th paragraph and Manual of Instruction, page 52, Funds, paragraph 9 that state Parlor's pay by check. Motion seconded and carried.

At 9:58am Finance Chairman PGP Marilynn Rodrigues came online to discuss the status of the Order at this time. The Order is doing well but she was concerned about collection of insurance payments still outstanding from Parlors. Some are over 90 days in arrears. PGP Marilynn left the meeting at 10:25 am.

The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes.

The meeting resumed with GS Christine reading a letter from PGP Debi Stalder regarding Deceased member letter. In the past a letter came from the Grand Parlor office if a Parlor member died. A discussion was held regarding the condolence letter. It was moved by JrPGP Rae that we don't resume this practice at this time. Motion carried and so ordered.

The Marianna Bertola Event held Nov 7 and 8th in conjunction with the Le Donna d'Italia was discussed. A letter to the Board of Directors from PGP Debi Stalder, NDGW Home

Chairman was read by GS Christine. Debi recapped the event that was held at the Home. There were some communication difficulties between the groups, but the event was a good public relations event. The Home was festive, and the guest speakers were wonderful. It was a learning experience for the future.

At 10:47 am PGP Camelia Robles, State Chairman of the Childrens' Foundation entered the meeting to discuss the Childrens' Foundation. Camelia spoke on the donation given to the UC Davis Children's Eye Clinic. We provided a year of Disney movies for the waiting room. The dedication was attended by GP Darleen and GT Sonny. A tour of the facilities was provided. Childrens' Foundation has taken the 5% of the Investment Funds as well as the Robert Morris Fund. Our attorney has prepared a grant form for the Project 800 program that allows for no administrative costs be paid from the grants of the NDGW Childrens' Foundation. December 15, 2024, is the deadline for proposals. The Childrens' Foundation Committee will vote in January on the applications. The Childrens Foundation would like to change the deadline for camperships. The funds often arrive after the start of the camps. Discussion was held on having our name on plaques placed by the committee. PGP Camelia left the Zoom meeting at 11:03 am.

An appraisal of the NDGW Home was discussed. We need to make sure that the replacement costs for the Home and the office are correct. sGT Shelley moved that the Grand President hire an appraiser to provide an appraisal of the Home and the Office Bldg. Motion seconded and carried. It was also moved to have an inspection done on both properties. Grand President Darleen is getting the quote.

Grand President's Office – We will have a work party in February to organize the contents of the safe.

The new NDGW Parlor Activity Report Form created by PGP Sherry Farley was discussed. When the Parlor's submit the form to the Grand Parlor Office, Eve will collect them and give them to the Bookkeeper. It was moved by GM Renee to send the form to the Parlor's after the corrections are made. Motion seconded and so ordered. Electronic Communications Committee – The Board of Directors asked the committee to order Adobe that could be used by 9 people. They only purchased one copy, and it is being used by the chairman of the Official Publication. Heidi asked the Grand President to have Eve purchase the Adobe for 9 people and cancel the single use that she is using.

NDGW Price List & Supply Order Form – changes were made to the current form. Heidi will work with Eve and the updated form is to be sent to the Board of Directors for approval.

Lunch break is 12:30 to 1:30 PM.

Zoom meeting training on How to conduct a Parlor audit was presented by PGP Sherry Farley. From 1:30 -3 PM. PGP Sherry went over the differences between non-profit and for-profit organizations. The training meeting will be posted on the NDGW website.

Meeting resumed at 3 PM. The next training course on Zoom will be on how to use Zoom and manage a meeting. GM Renee will lead this training. The date is TBA. Renee is also going to check the process to host a meeting with Zoom.

An informational presentation will be held January 25, 2025. All State Chairmen and all general members will be invited to attend.

The official visit checklist form was discussed. Check to see if the Semi-Annual audit form is in the minute books and that it is signed.

GP Darleen will pick up the folder on Palomares Cemetery from PGP Renee Chandler. Discussion was held on the need for Grand Parlor to have the bank account numbers, location, and list of signers on each Parlor's accounts. This includes CD's and Investments to ensure that if a Parlor closes, the Grand Parlor can access the funds or assets that are to be given to the Grand Parlor. sGT Shelley requested that a letter be sent in the December mailing.

Update on the Hayward Parlor Boeing Stock. The Grand Parlor has not pursued the issue.

GP Darleen has requested the GPAM 2026 contract from GVP Heidi. GM Renee also would like a copy as she looks for a location for the GPAM2027.

GM Renee gave a list of the recommendations that the ARC Committee are working on for this year. They are: Combining committees, year-round voting, open GPAM, combining State of the Order and the Legislation Committee, having 2-year positions, requirements for Members to run for Grand Parlor office.

The meeting was closed at 4:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
GS Christine Tripod, PGP

Tasks:

GP Darleen: Hire appraiser for the NDGW Home and Grand Parlor office

Get a quote on the cost of inspection of the NDGW Home and Grand Parlor office

Work with Eve on getting the Adobe software ordered

Explain to Eve regarding the new NDGW Parlor Activity form.

Pick up for NDGW folder with the paperwork on Palomares Cemetery

GVP Heidi: Work with Eve on the new Supply Form

GM Renee: Check on the process to host a Zoom meeting

Native Daughters of the Golden West

Board of Director's Meeting

January 25, 2025

Zoom Meeting

FINAL

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Grand President Darleen Carpenter.

Roll Call found the following present:

Grand President Darleen Carpenter

Jr PGP Rae Rosas

Grand Vice President Heidi Dillon

Grand Marshal Renee Rianda

Grand Secretary Christine Tripod, PGP

sGT Shelley Buchburger

Grand Trustee Marion Graves

It was moved by GVP Heidi Dillon and seconded by sGT Shelley Buchburger that the minutes of November 16, 2024, be approved. Motion carried and so ordered.

The following officers declare their desire to run for grand office.

Grand President: Heidi Dillon

Jr. PGP: Darleen Carpenter

Grand Vice President: Renee Rianda

Grand Marshal

Grand Secretary

Trustees:

Shelley Buchburger

It was moved by GM Renee Rianda and seconded by Shelley Buchburger that the Board of Directors ratified the appointment of PGP Sherry Farley as Electronic Communications Chairman for the balance of the term. Motion carried.

The Home Committee working policies that were submitted were discussed. GP Darleen asked to have an addition to the policies. The phrase "under the auspices of the Board of Directors" would be added. Since this would be a change to the Constitution, the Home Committee would need to write legislation.

The following forms were discussed:

Supply Order Form, Audit of Parlor Books, Semi-Annual Report and Parlor Activity report. It was suggested that there be a place to put Dual Members on the Semi-Annual form. It was moved by GM Renee and seconded by sGT Shelley that we accept the revised forms. Motion carried.

It was moved to ratify the approval of the Financials submitted by the CPA. Motion carried.

It was moved that we ratify the Board action of presenting our employees with a Christmas bonus and reimburse GP Darleen the \$200. Funds are to come from Grand Parlor. It was moved by GVP Heidi and seconded by GM Renee to ratify the action. Motion carried.

The transfer of the Membership to Quick Books will start in February. PGP Sherry Farley, PGP Beth Perrin and the Office Assistant will be working on the transfer. There are three Parlors that have not sent in the Per Capita yet. They are Zinfandel, San Miguel and La Tijera.

Inspection of the NDGW Home and office would cost \$2675.00. No date set.

Palomares Cemetery Sale was discussed. GP Darleen reported that we have a new buyer interested in the property. The offer was \$1.5 million. The Board of Directors suggested that we counter-offer at \$1.8 million and no brokers fee, \$25,000 non-refundable deposit. A motion was made by GM Renee and seconded by sGT Shelley to approve the counteroffer. Motion carried.

NDGW Home appraisal update. GP Darleen got 2 quotes for the appraisal. It was moved by GM Renee and seconded by sGT Shelley to proceed with Ronald Blum & Associates located in San Francisco. The cost will be \$6000.00.

The Board of Director discussed the two Zoom presentations that recently were presented. Everyone was pleased by the presentations and the response by the membership.

GP Darleen wants to set up a special committee for the Books of the Order. GP Darleen was reminded that her appointments end once her year is over.

Discussion was held on the New Member folders that were donated by PGP Sherry Farley.

The NDGW Home Committee needs to define the criteria for stays at the Home after surgery. It was moved by GM Renee and seconded by JPGP Rae to approve the stays already set up at the Home. Motion carried.

GVP Heidi asked permission from the Board of Directors to use the Order's logo on two items during the 2025-2026 term. It was moved by GM Renee and seconded by sGT Shelley to allow the use. Motion carried.

GP Darleen has not yet gotten the Palomares folder from PGP Renee Chandler. She will get it the next time she sees her.

There is a Mechanics lien for plumbing on the NDGW Home.

It was moved by GM Renee and seconded by sGT Shelley that we set aside Committee Policies, California History and Landmarks, Sub-Committee Art Talent Contest, page 8, Member Division – Creative Arts Exhibit, Rules Number 5 for this year. This will allow the committee not to charge the entry fee. Motion carried.

Parlors on the watch list are Darina, Liberty, Angelita, Fresno and San Miguel.

Reservations can be made for GPAM2025 in Bakersfield.

Next Board Meeting March 15 at 10 AM on Zoom.

The Joint meeting on Zoom March 29 with the Board of Directors and the Past Grand Presidents will review the recommendations that have been submitted to the State of the Order Committee. Printed copies will be sent to all participants prior to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tripod, GS/PGP

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2025
FINAL

At 9:45 am there was a presentation by our insurance broker John O'Neill regarding the recent requests to convalesce at the NDGW Home in San Francisco. John explained that there are zoning issues with the City of San Francisco, insurance company issues regarding medical rehab that we are not covered for and what it could mean to the NDGW. John left the call at 9:53 am.

The opening prayer was given by Jr. PGP Rae Rosas at 10 am to open the meeting.

It was moved by GM Renee Rianda to deny the request and have the Home Committee add that to their working policies. Motion carried and so ordered. GVP Heidi Dillon will write the addition to the Home Working Policies for their meeting Tuesday.

Roll call of officers found all officers in attendance.

The minutes of Jan 25, 2025 were approved with one correction.

Discussion on the new Order form and the GP Audit form was held. Grand President Darleen Carpenter will put a reminder in her letter for the April mailing.

Palomares Cemetery Sale was discussed. The latest buyer has backed out of the sale. The Catholic Church declines to reconsider purchasing the property. Grand President

Darleen is going to ask the church to release the restrictions on the deed. Darleen will ask the voting members at GPAM what they want to do now with the property. We got a status update on moving the membership to Quick Books. The process should start in April.

Trustees report was presented by sGT Shelley Buchberger. There are two (2) Parlors that still need to send in their semi-annual report. They are Donner Parlor No. 193 and Arcata Parlor No. 325, Arcata Parlor owes Per Capita, Insurance and Home Assessments. They will be fined. The Recording Secretary and the President are not responding to the calls from the Trustees. A trustee is the only one that will respond. Zinfandel No. 337 is up to date but needs help.

Home guests can make payments with ZELLE and Grand Parlor is accepting ACH payments.

GVP Heidi Dillon moved that we hire Metro Lock for \$3000 to place a back-up battery for the front door so that we don't get locked out of the building again if there is another power outage. Seconded by GM Renee Rianda. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by GVP Heidi that we engage Magic Plumbing, Heating and Air to investigate the heat situation in the Board Room. The cost for the call out fee is \$89.00. Metro Lock will also investigate unlocking the safe in the Bertha Briggs unit. Motion was carried.

The plans for the Home seem to be missing. It was suggested that we contact Cal Poly for a copy of the plans. They have Julia Morgan's plans.

It was moved by GVP Heidi and seconded by GM Renee Rianda that Grand Parlor take over the Liability Insurance for the Home. Motion carried and so ordered.

Heidi will make sure that the home bills Grand Parlor for the Board of Directors and no longer charge for the Grand President's room.

Discussion was held on the requirements for the Grand President's reimbursement of expenses.

Our investments are holding steady.

Past Presidents Association was discussed. GP Darleen will speak with Kathy Kelly-Breitler regarding the insurance coverage that the association is carrying. Also, Darleen will remind them that no mail should be coming for them to the Grand Parlor Office.

Judging the Community entries by the Grand Officers must be finished by May 1, 2025.

The Board needs to assign #1,2, or 3 to their choice.

The joint meeting with the Past Grand Presidents will be March 29, 2025 at 9:30am.

Parlor Consolidations – GM Renee is working with Liberty Parlor. We still need to complete West Wind Parlor's closing. We need to know if there is still an active bank account and find out where the Parlor property is stored.

Grand Parlor 2025 in Bakersfield. The Board of Director's meeting will be Sunday June 15 at 1 pm. There will be a dinner for Jr. PGP Rae that evening.

GP Darleen announced the Order has received \$24,737.20 in IRS Pandemic funds.

Both the Grand President and the Grand Marshal requested authorization to use the logo of the Order. Permission was granted.

GM Renee announced that there will be a test on April 14 at the Home of the equipment to be used at Grand Parlor for the Zoom portion of the meeting. GM Renee has a quote of \$7000 from an outside vendor to supply the equipment needed. If they supply an employee to run the equipment it would be an additional \$2500.

An open discussion on the needs of the Order for the future ensued.
The meeting was closed at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tripod, PGP
Grand Secretary

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Joint Meeting
Board of Directors and Past Grand Presidents
March 29, 2025
Zoom Meeting
FINAL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Darleen Carpenter at 9:06 am.
Roll Call – Grand Officers – Grand President Darleen Carpenter, Jr. PGP Rae Rosas, Grand Vice President Heidi Dillon, Grand Marshal, Renee Rianda, Grand Secretary Christine Tripod, PGP, srGT Shelley Buchberger and Grand Trustee Marion “Sonny” Graves.

Past Grand Presidents – Camelia Robles, Marilyn Bustillos, Beth Perrin, Debi Stalder, Margaret Mallette, Joan Hall, Jean Koehl, Marilynn Rodrigues, Suzi Riley, Bonnie Tabor, Sherry Farley, Susan Collins and Nina Coffenberry.

Guests: State Chairman of Legislation, Karen May, and committee member Vicki Allen.
Opening Prayer was given by PGP Sherry Farley.

Discussion of proposed legislation was presented by PGP Sherry Farley. Each piece of legislation was read and discussed by the Members in attendance. Some were withdrawn and some were returned to the submitters for changes.

GPAM discussion items were clarified for those in attendance. Table discussion captains are to be facilitators with set topic items for each table. White dresses for the Memorial service. Topic ideas for breakout sessions were asked for by the attendees. GP Darleen reported on the COVID recovery funds that the Order has received to date. NDGW Home has been appraised for \$5.6 million. A Title search is being done on the deed to the NDGW Home.

The City of Pomona is sending a certified letter to the NDGW claiming that we have abandoned the cemetery.

The Catholic Church will no longer maintain the cemetery property because new locks were put on the fence, and we did not give the church a key. Locks are regularly broken or stolen.

The missing Board of Grievance legislation was found by the State of the Order Committee, and it will be included in the new package of recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tripod, GS/PGP

Native Daughters of the Golden West
Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2025
Zoom Meeting

DRAFT

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Darleen Carpenter at 5:01 pm.

Opening Prayer was given by Jr. PGP Rae Rosas

Roll Call found all officers present.

The Board of Directors meeting minutes for March 15, 2025, were approved as corrected also the minutes for the joint meeting held March 29, 2025, were approved. GP Darleen Carpenter reported on the status of the Palomares Property. The City of Pomona has sent a letter informing the Native Daughters of violations in the Municipal Codes. We must register what they call abandoned, vacant or distressed property. The cost is \$472.15 per year. We also must always maintain the property. Failure to correct the violations by April 25, 2025, may result in the issuance of the Administrative Citation and the imposition of an administrative fine up to \$500.00 per day. GP Darlene emailed the City of Pomona and is awaiting an answer. GP Darleen is also having our attorney investigate this action by the City of Pomona.

After researching the Deed/Title report, there are no liens in place. GP Darleen is also having our attorney investigate the Home deed.

Membership in Quick Books was discussed. Our bookkeeper is going to work on inputting the names into Quick Books. Emily agreed to work 5 more hours to do this data entry.

Trustees Report and AR Update by srGT Shelley – Arcata Parlor is the only Parlor in arrears.

GP Darleen said she would be having her official visit at Arcata Parlor and would get a check to cover the past due balances.

srGT Shelley also reports that the CFIC does not have a current Corporate Status Report on file. All entities of the Native Daughters of the Golden West are in the black on their financials through March 31, 2025.

GP Darleen has asked GVP Heidi to send the complete Home Working Policies so that the Board can approve them.

GP Darleen reminded the Grand Officers to read and vote on the Community entries and send her our lists by May 1.

Grand Parlor 2025 in Bakersfield was discussed. The Opening reception on Monday night has a Boots and Jeans theme.

GVP Heidi requests that the Board of Directors wear Black for Installation.

GM Renee Rianda reported on the consolidation of Liberty Parlor and Califia Parlor.

They are waiting for the funds to be released, and Renee will pick up the Parlor's books and misc. items.

There have been requests for two parties to stay at the NDGW Home while it is closed in June. On party is coming June 15 and needs 7 rooms and the second party needs 1 room for June 19-23. After discussion it was moved by Jr.PGP Rae Rosas and seconded by GT Shelley Buchberger to allow the Members to stay. Motion carried and so ordered.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Tripod, GS/PGP