

## eNews - December 2025



### Preserving the History of California!

*Wishing you peace, joy, and warmth this Christmas season.  
May your holidays sparkle with love and laughter”*



### Native Daughters of the Golden West

#### *Board of Directors*



Dear Members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West,

As we are fast approaching the end of the year, let us take this time to reflect on all the wonderful projects we as an Order have achieved for the betterment of our communities in the State of California and all of her people, especially the children and Veterans of this fine land we are privileged to call home.

Please remember if you are looking to make a few year-end donations, look no further than one of our many charities. **Our three 501c(3) charities** are always

appreciative of donations to further their cause and cheerfully are tax deductible.

May the joy of Christmas fill every corner of your heart and home, and bring you peace, hope and love.

On behalf of the Order and the Board of Directors, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Heidi Dillon  
Grand President



## ***NDGW Home Luncheon & Tree Lighting***

*Submitted by GVP Renee Rianda, ECC Reporter*

We are pleased to report on the recent Italian Pasta lunch event, which was enjoyed by a small but enthusiastic crowd of our Sisters, friends and honored guests N.S.G.W. Grand President Gary Padgett, Grand Vice President Kris Nelson, Grand Trustee Richard Cortez and N.S.G.W. Administrative Assistant Lexi Pacheco.

The delicious lunch was catered by Original Joe's, a well-known San Francisco staple. This gathering was hosted by the N.D.G.W. Home Committee, and the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.

Following lunch, the group moved downstairs to the Betha Briggs Auditorium for our annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The tree was beautifully decorated with an assortment of Parlor ornaments, accompanied by the singing of our favorite Christmas Carols, which were led by N.S.G.W. V.P. Kris. The event concluded with everyone enjoying cookies and beverages.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this a festive occasion

**District 15 Luncheon & Christmas Cash – Sunday, December  
7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*GVP Renee Rianda, ECC Reporter*



**FIRST PRIZE:** \$500.00 - Joan Hall, Past Grand President

**SECOND PRIZE:** \$300.00 - Vickie Van Winkle, San Bruno Parlor No. 246

**THIRD PRIZE:** \$100.00 - NSGW Richard Cortez, Grand Trustee

Congratulations Winners and Thank you to all who supported the NDGW Charitable Foundation!

The Annual District 15 luncheon held at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco had a lovely, engaged crowd as the Charitable Foundation, Inc. was the recipient of the fundraising Luncheon. In conjunction with the Raffle for Christmas Cash, the CFIC, Inc. Committee presented 2 checks of over \$2000 to the Eschol No. 16 Parlor to help them along with a subcommittee of CFIC, Inc. of American Patriotism, Veterans Services & Community Assistance Committee to give seed money to startup once again the Summer Picnic at the Yountville Veterans Home. Christmas cash also raised over \$5000 to be divided amongst all the CFIC programs. Overall, it was a very successful day. Also noted on this day was good wishes and photos sent to our PGP Camelia Robles as it was her birthday!!!!

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR PARLORS



### Think Outside the Box

*Submitted by Cathie Petithomme, Ruby No. 46*

Fundraising thrives when creativity takes the lead. Thinking outside the box means looking beyond traditional sales or events and instead imagining experiences that spark curiosity, joy, and community connection. Today's supporters want more than a simple transaction—they want to feel part of something fun, memorable, and purposeful. When clubs lean into innovation, even small ideas can transform into powerful fundraising opportunities that bring people together while strengthening visibility and impact.

A perfect example of this imaginative approach comes from NDGW Ruby Parlor No. 46, whose fundraiser at the Murphys, CA Christmas Parade became an instant hit. Rather than relying on conventional holiday sales, the members crafted a festive, immersive experience by serving hot apple pie cocktails—complete with glowing, flashing coasters that lit up each cup and drew crowds in with their cheerful, whimsical glow. Alongside the adult beverages, they offered rich, comforting hot cocoa, creating an inclusive treat that delighted families, parade-goers, and visitors of all ages. The combination of warmth, novelty, and holiday magic turned their booth into a must-visit stop along the parade route.

This creative fundraiser not only generated impressive financial support but also showcased what can happen when a club dares to be bold and innovative. Ruby Parlor No. 46 proved that fundraising can be both profitable and fun—an opportunity to showcase personality, embrace the season, and engage the community in new ways.



Their success is a reminder that the best fundraisers are those that bring people together through experiences that feel special, unexpected, and joyfully out of the box.

# AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

Matching the national surveys, Pumpkin pie is the most popular Thanksgiving pie among our NDGW Sisters, followed by pecan pie.  
Thanks to all our Sisters who voted!

Wishing All Our Sisters of the  
**Native Daughters  
of the Golden West**  
A Blessed & Merry  
**Christmas**

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