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## DeAnza Trek Planned Gold Country Hosting 49er Days for February 5-7

The Annual De Anza Trek will be held February 5-7 in El Centro, Holtville and Imperial.

Highlights of the weekend will include carrying the Bear Flag in the February 6 Holtville Carrot Parade, dedication of Imperial High School and initiation of new members followed by dinner at the McConnell Ranch in El Centro.

Accommodations are available at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 503 E. Danenberg Drive, El Centro, for \$99 per night plus tax. Call 760-353-2600 for reservations, mentioning the group code "NSGW".

Saturday dinner is \$15 per person; send checks to Gail Parish, 2117 Willow Drive, El Centro 92243, telephone 760-352-2529, e-mail [tdssw@aol.com](mailto:tdssw@aol.com).

## SF Parlors to Honor Grand Prexy Zellers With April 9 Dinner

A dinner honoring Grand President Dean Zellers, sponsored by the San Francisco parlors and Past Presidents Association #1, will held on Saturday, April 9, at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700-45th Avenue, San Francisco.

No-host cocktails are at 4 p.m., with dinner at 5. Price of \$40 per person includes salad, bread, coffee and tea, dessert and choice of Roast Leg of Lamb or Grilled Salmon, both with roasted red potatoes.

Send checks, payable to "San Francisco Assembly #1" and specifying choice of entrée(s), to Robert J. Fletcher, 1284 Skyline Drive, Daly City, CA 94015. Reservations are required and must be made by April 2.

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## Gold Country Hosting 49er Days

Amador #17's hall is on the site of a building erected in 1851 as Hanford and Downs General Store. In 1865, most of that building was destroyed by fire. The site was purchased in 1875 by Giovanni B. Vicini, who completed the first floor in 1878 and the second story in 1885, using it as a saddle and shoe shop until the fire of 1888, which stopped at the structure, damaging the second story. Vicini's Hotel was opened in the building in 1893 and sold in 1896 to E. B. Moore, who renamed it the Sutter Creek Hotel. Amador Parlor, which was instituted in 1883, purchased the building 1915 and still uses it.

The officers and brothers of Amador #17 invite all Native Sons and their guests to help celebrate the Spirit of '49, March 11 through 13 in beautiful downtown Sutter Creek.

The weekend begins Friday with a private reception from 5-8 p.m. at the world famous Sutter Creek Provisions in the historic Soracco building, with specialty beers, appetizers and live music.

Saturday will include tours of the Old Sutter Creek Firehouse and Museum, the Monteverde Store and Museum and Miners Bend Park which is under construction with the help of a grant from the Native Sons Historical Preservation Foundation.

There will also be an initiation Saturday afternoon at Amador Parlor's hall, followed by a dedication of the historic Allen Home in Sutter Creek. In the evening, there'll be cocktails and a steak dinner at the parlor at 5:30. Dinner price is \$25 per person.

The host hotel will be the Days Inn of Sutter Creek, (209) 267-9177 with a rate of

\$129 per night. Flyers and registration forms for the event will be available at [www.nsgw.org](http://www.nsgw.org). Please email any questions to [nsgwamador17@outlook.com](mailto:nsgwamador17@outlook.com).

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*The Native Son* at  
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Photos are in full color!**



Show at the recent presentation of a check to Sutter Memorial Hospital from the NSGW Charitable Foundation are (from left) Bob Santos, Jim Wilmarth, Dr. Laura Workman, Grand President Dean Zellers, PGP Joe Ursino. Story on page 6.

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## **www.nsgw.org**

By PAT HOFFMAN

By now most Native Sons realize that we have a web site—[www.nsgw.org](http://www.nsgw.org), but maybe what you didn't know is that Grand President Dean Zellers and this year's Grand Parlor made a commitment in May 2015 to upgrading the quality of the website we have.

By installing a new foundation and theme we now have features that any member can find very helpful in staying connected and informed.

Did you know that you now can view our website on any device? Yes [nsgw.org](http://nsgw.org) is mobile responsive and you can use your phone, Ipad, tablet laptop, or desktop computer and be able to easily read and navigate our site.

We have installed a new PDF reader that makes viewing the *Native Son* newsletter easier.

There is a new calendar for listing events throughout the Native Sons, and a form for any member to use to have their event posted to the Grand Parlor calendar.

The "Forms Area" has been updated and expanded making access to the paperwork necessary to run your parlor even easier than before.

Your Lucky Calendar results are now listed in a searchable table and updated regularly.

The "Find a Parlor" feature has been updated and the Parlor Directory is quick to find and now in a searchable format also.

Have a friend that wants to join Native Sons, but don't have an application? Go to the website, click on "Join Us", fill in the blanks and hit "submit" and the Membership Chairman and Grand President get immediate notification.

With lots of articles about dedications, celebrations, dinners, and parlor activities there's plenty here to enjoy and plenty of help to stay informed.

And we're just getting started! We have several new features that will be coming out in 2016. Do you have something you'd like to see on our website? If so please email [webmaster@nsgw.org](mailto:webmaster@nsgw.org).

## **Let's Stop The Bidding War!**

Our members are trying to buy NSGW historical items when they show up on auction sites like eBay—but the trouble is we are bidding against each other.

Sonoma #111's Deborah DeMartini says she has a way to eliminate this trouble with a Yahoo, eBay account to communicate from regarding items for sale and ultimately buy them back. Yahoo address: [nsgwhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:nsgwhistory@yahoo.com), eBay user ID: [nsgw.history](http://nsgw.history). Key members will have the password for both accounts to manage, collect info and buy back the important items. So far the members are Dean Zellers, Ron Brocco DeMartini.

If you find an item that interests you, please send an e-mail to either Ron Brocco at [mbrocco@vom.com](mailto:mbrocco@vom.com) or GP Zellers at [dean@zellersins.com](mailto:dean@zellersins.com) with the information rather than bidding on it (perhaps bidding against a brother!).

## **OFFICIAL**

**Semi-Annual Reports.** All parlor secretaries are reminded that the semi-annual report for the period July 1 to December 31, 2015 is due in the Grand Secretary's office by Monday, February 22, 2016.

**Grand Parlor Resolutions.** All Grand Parlor resolutions requiring a constitutional change must be submitted in triplicate to the Grand Secretary's office at least 90 days prior to Grand Parlor. That date is Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

**Delegates to Grand Parlor.** Parlors should nominate delegates to the upcoming Grand Parlor in February, elect in March, and send the list to the Grand Secretary immediately after the election. Each parlor is allowed two delegates at large, one additional for membership exceeding 50, 150, 250, 350 and 450. As an example, a parlor with 251 members would be entitled to five delegates.

**Reports Due.** All grand officers, SDDGPs and committee chairs are required to submit their reports for the 2015-2016 Advance Report by March 1, 2016. Late reports will be included in the Proceedings.

**Candidate Ads.** Candidates for Grand Parlor office requesting an ad in *The Native Son* must send the request to Managing Editor Fred Codoni ([nsgwfpc@comcast.net](mailto:nsgwfpc@comcast.net)) by March 15 and mail a check for the cost to the Grand Secretary's office. Telephone the office (1-800-337-1875) for rates.

## **Nicasio Having Dinner to Raise Scholarship Funds**

Nicasio #183 will hold its Second Annual Warren "Doc" Katen Scholarship Dinner at the Lagunitas Brewing Company, 1280 N. McDowell in Petaluma on Tuesday, April 19. Social hour is at 6 p.m., with dinner of barbecued ribs, Cajun gumbo and plenty of Lagunitas beer at 7. Music will be provided by D'Bunchovus. Dinner price is \$20 per person. For \$25 you receive dinner and a logo beer glass.

All proceeds benefit Nicasio Parlor's Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are available from Harold Matzen (707 762-8007) and Kris Nelson (707 332-2376).

## **Cruise to Hawaii This October!**

Help Past Grand President Bob and Dorothy Rogers celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by joining them on a great 15-day cruise round trip on Princess Cruises from San Francisco to the Hawaiian Islands October 29 to November 13, 2016.

Call Pat Honeycutt at Just Travel in Novato for information at (415) 209-9490. Those who book early will get the best selection of cabins and the best rates. Everyone is welcome.

## **Please Send Your Photos, But—**

We love to publish photos you send us of parlor activities. However, we use a high-quality printing process and photos which are low resolution or out of focus aren't suitable for this publication.

We need photos in the tiff or jpeg formats that are sharp, properly exposed, and at least 300 ppi resolution.

Thanks for your help!

## License Plate Proceeds Support Parks

You can show everyone your support for California's state parks by ordering a Parks Plate. Proceeds from the sales of the plate will go towards preservation and restoration throughout California State Parks. A parks plate costs \$50; conversion of existing personalized plates or a new personalized parks plate is \$98.

Information is available at [parksplate.parks.ca.gov](http://parksplate.parks.ca.gov).

The parks people are also looking for partners interested in promoting, purchasing and displaying the new State Park specialized license plate on their vehicle. On the Web site, click "Partners Tool Kit."



## Sea Point To Have Great Dinner Feb. 6

All Native Sons, their ladies and friends, are invited to Sea Point #158's Annual Dinner at Sausalito's Spinnaker Restaurant on Saturday, February 6.

Price of \$37.50 includes dinner with choice of New York Steak, Grilled Salmon or Sauteed Breast of Chicken. No-host cocktails are at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30 and dancing from 9 to 11.

For reservations, contact Ed Madsen at (415) 388-4243 or at [madsenew@comcast.net](mailto:madsenew@comcast.net). This is an elegant event and deserves support from all Native Sons.



## What's A Wingo?

Now that Native Sons are becoming familiar with the word "Wingo," they may wonder what it represents. No, not some kind of odd bird, but a tiny settlement in Sonoma County along the sloughs of Sonoma Creek, south of the town of Sonoma, Grand President Dean Zellers home.

Wingo was called "Norfolk" by the Sonoma Valley Prismoidal Railway, which built a strange-looking monorail between there and Schellville in 1876. Later renamed Wingo, it was a junction between the Northwestern Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railroads. For a few years in the early 1900s, a daily train ran from Sausalito to Wingo on the NWP, then from Wingo to Napa and Calistoga via SP. Today only an occasional freight train uses the line. Wingo has a few shacks and an unusual (but no longer used) moveable railroad span known as a Scherzer Rolling Lift bridge.

## Lucky Calendars Available Now

The 2016 NSGW Lucky Calendars are now on sale by individual parlors or can be obtained by contacting the Grand Parlor office. The 2016 calendar includes full-color photos of California places and looks great!

Awards are \$25 each Sunday to Friday, \$100 each Saturday, \$200 on the last day of each month and \$3,000 on December 31, 2016.

Winning tickets are replaced in the draw, so everyone can win more than once. Price is \$25 per calendar.

All proceeds from calendar sales go to support Grand Parlor activities and reduce the per capita tax.

### LUCKY CALENDAR WINNERS

#### DECEMBER 2015

- 1 - Pat Foltyn, San Gabriel - \$25
- 2 - William Schwoerer, Murphys - \$25
- 3 - Bill Tosetti, Salinas - \$25
- 4 - Jim Chilberg, San Anselmo - \$25
- 5 - Liz King, Yucaipa - \$100
- 6 - Gerry Nelson, Murphys - \$25
- 7 - Michael Garcia, Roseville - \$25
- 8 - Larry La Pierre, Napa - \$25
- 9 - Ms. Lorena Ruance, San Leandro - \$25
- 10 - Dorothy Palazzo, San Gabriel - \$25
- 11 - Randall Kirkham, Nevada City - \$25
- 12 - John Core, No city/ zip/area code - \$100
- 13 - Napa Parlor #62, Napa - \$25
- 14 - South San Francisco - \$25
- 15 - Rich Newsom, San Rafael - \$25
- 16 - Curt Defranco, Hayward - \$25
- 17 - Dennis McLaughlin, San Francisco - \$25
- 18 - Greg Conrad, Vallejo - \$25
- 19 - David Tanner, Citrus Heights - \$100
- 20 - Bill Moyer, c/o Napa Parlor - \$25
- 21 - Napa Parlor #62, Napa - \$25
- 22 - Napa Parlor #62, Napa - \$25
- 23 - Steve Simms, Pescadero - \$25
- 24 - Ray Shoemake, Hayward - \$25
- 25 - Thomas Jones, Lincoln - \$25
- 26 - Solano Parlor #39, Fairfield - \$100
- 27 - Santa Lucia Parlor #97, Salinas - \$25
- 28 - Bob Santos, Fremont - \$25
- 29 - Kimberly Bright, Folsom - \$25
- 30 - Harry Wellman, San Jose - \$25
- 31 - Louise Chivers, Gustine - \$3,000

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**GRAND PRESIDENT****Dean Zellers****Lessons to be learned From Our Past**

As Grand President I cannot get to every parlor to visit for dinner or make it to your celebrations. The invitations are wonderful and I appreciate them and I am always more than happy to try to make arrangements or send another grand officer to replace me.

There was one particular visit that I was asked to make and although it was in Rancho Cucamonga on December 12, 2015 and I knew this occurred during the busiest time of my own business here in Sonoma. It involved so many logistical parts—driving, parking, transfers(4 times), security, airports, flights, transportation, rental cars, Los Angles traffic, coordination of officers and other parlors. All this happened in only 14 hours and once back in the Bay Area I went to another dinner to present 25-year pins! One could say it was going to be a long day before I could actually get any sleep.



However, it turned out to be so much more than I had ever hoped for and worth every waking hour.

The Rancho Cucamonga Service Station was officially dedicated on that December 12 by Native Sons of the Golden West. The event was spearheaded by Tony Gonzales and his 7-8-man board of the IECA (Inland Empire California Association). They're not Native Sons, but they should be! I would love to

have them! The IECA was responsible from beginning to end in achieving one goal: restoration of this service station. They had to organize, identify, preserve, raise funds, raise awareness, gain local, city and state help, engineer, build and complete a 100% restoration of a service station that was located on historic Route 66.

This building was located on private land and was ready for the wrecking ball. The roofs had collapsed; the walls were in decay, driveways nonexistent, and the structure had been condemned by the city.

My words to the brothers of Estudillo Parlor #223 later that evening inspired me to be overwhelmed with emotion: "Look what can be achieved, look at what can be accomplished if you have just a few people willing to organize and take full responsibility for such a tremendous project. In only three years they had achieved what I would call a 'miracle of historical proportions.' Isn't this what we Native Sons used to do at Sutter's Fort, at General Vallejo's Rancho Adobe in Petaluma? Have we lost our inspiration? Have we resigned ourselves to be complacent with dinners, business meetings and just placing plaques to honor a building's historical relevance?

We need to find what made us successful and find new paths in our ever-changing society that makes Native Sons relevant to younger generations. It is not too late to make slight changes that honor our own historical roots, but we must allow younger members to actually step up and complete their own ideas of success, although we do not always agree on how to achieve those

**WHAT OTHERS SAY**

All fraternal orders seem to be having the same problem as the Native Sons—declining membership. Here are highlights of an article from The California Odd Fellows and Rebekah publication which was reprinted in Elk Grove #41's monthly newsletter. It's just as relevant to Native Sons as it is to the Odd Fellows!

A *60 Minutes* show focused on discoveries in science so sophisticated as to the world's tiniest matter, sub-atomic particles called protons that travel almost at the speed of light; the discovery of the Higgs Boson particle, called "the God Particle", which gives all matter the image of mass; and the "string theory" (a theory of quantum gravity), investigating dark matter and dark energy which may help explain the measurements of the universe. All these discoveries are coming so fast that by the time you read this there may have been additional discoveries made.

What is the point of this? Simply that our fraternity is stuck as if we reside in a permanent time warp. Most of us are elderly and not quick to accept change. Our failure to adapt to new things can permeate everything we say or do. This may not seem damaging to anyone, but if we fail to show progress, we only succeed in showing our age. In order for us to grow, we must embrace the world that we are a part of, not deny its existence, and in a small way, we already do, to some extent. A scientist on *60 Minutes* noted that while it may seem incredible that we may be able to discover new dimensions, 100 years ago we would have been incredulous at the existence of cell phones, or many other facets of today's world. Most of us now accept and use cell phones, so we have adapted to the present somewhat. In order to grow into today's world, we should recognize all the other ways in which we can modernize.

1) We must resolve to lose our prejudices. The world around us has changed. Religious prejudice, race prejudice, sexual prejudice are all truly outmoded and have no place in today's world.

2) We no longer attract anyone by bobbing for apples, pinning the tail on the donkey, or any of the other pastimes of the distant past. If we seek to attract members, we need to offer something new and inviting, not simply a revisit to our childhood.

3) Stress kills. Our order does not need any more stress. No one's title should entitle them to be a bearer of stress.

4) Time is of the essence. The world is faster than in our youth.

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goals. Our own egos must be brushed aside and support those with new, innovative ideas that may lead us in a direction we never would have seen coming if not for those willing to propose it. We must foster, embrace, mentor and support those that have new ideas. We can even discuss and critique those ideas brought forward, but with eagerness and enthusiasm comes greatness to which others are attracted too. Brothers, we do not have a choice and I liken us to that service station above—it was still standing upright, it was historic, it was in decay—but it was fixed. It just needed the attention of a few and the love of many to make it beautiful once again.

A huge THANK YOU TO Grand Trustee Joe Castillo; he works on many levels and leads the way on many fronts. This place was special and the people of the IECA were phenomenal! Thank you from all Native Sons for allowing us to participate in this project. Thank you to President Jim Caron and members of Rio Hondo #294 for your vision; it was worthy of every second of our time. I do believe lessons can be learned from our past.( Now

## LETTERS

### **Our Solemn and Binding Obligation**

"I do solemnly declare, in the presence of the members here assembled, that I WILL NOT divulge or communicate, directly or indirectly, the proceedings or any of the symbolic work of this Order, to any person not entitled to know the same.

"That I WILL NOT wrong a brother nor any member of his family, nor permit them to be wronged.

"That I WILL obey, abide by, and uphold the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Parlor, and of this or any other Parlor of which I may be a member.

"That I WILL aid in promoting the objects of this Order and propose for membership only those whom I know to be worthy.

"That I WILL do all in my power to prevent dissension in this Parlor and among its members.

"That I WILL at all times respond in Friendship and in Charity to the call of a brother in need or in distress, and render him assistance whenever in my power so to do.

"That I WILL ever be ready to serve my country, whether in peace or in war.

"That should my membership in this Order be severed for any reason, I WILL nevertheless consider these vows to be FOR-EVER BINDING.

"For the faithful keeping of this obligation I invoke all that is most sacred in life.

"So help me GOD."

The reason for including the above Obligation is in response to the letter that was on page 5 of *The Native Son*, December-January issue and written by PGP Allan M. Baird.

At the 138th Session of the Grand Parlor, Resolution #27 to renew our obligation at the convening of our annual Grand Parlor meeting was defeated.

Perhaps if we did renew our obligation then maybe those who wished to embarrass and disparage a fellow brother merely to disqualify him from winning a Grand Parlor office might have thought differently.

And perhaps those who did participate in this act to wrong a brother and create dissension during Grand Parlor would re-evaluate the promise made when taking their obligation and come forward and apologize for their wrong doing.

To those in the past and present whose job is to uphold the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Parlor, maybe you should reinstall the investigating committee and finally put this issue to rest.

In conclusion, if you take a solemn and binding obligation before GOD and the members of your parlor and are not man enough to follow it, then it is in my opinion that you are bereft of decency and not fit to hold communion with just and upright men and you should excuse yourselves from the Order.

Joe Fleischman, Estudillo #223

### **Flag Etiquette**

I read the opinion regarding flag etiquette in the December-January *The Native Son* and noted some misunderstandings in it.

You are correct in relating that the American Standard does not "dip"; however you have confused that term with "ceremonial flying" flag. Old Glory is often "flown" (where the lower red striped is lowered and the blue union is raised) at military funerals after it is ceremonially unfolded to display to those assembled. This flourish is followed by the ceremonial refolding of the flag into a tight triangle revealing only the blue union prior to salute and presentation to the family member present.

Also it can be flown at parades.

Further, I believe that the union always leads the way, in the position of honor, so that when the line of parade is in a certain direction it may appear to some that the union is in the unusual position from their point of view. You will note that on the uniforms of currently serving members (the right sleeve) the union is embroidered to the right, making it lead the way as it should

And as you say, we should love the flag and show it proper respect.

PGP Clark A. Brandt, Napa #62  
Member of American Legion Post 113  
Napa Honor and Color Guard teams.

We are happy to print letters from Native Sons within the limits of our cardinal virtues of Friendship, Loyalty and Charity. Views in the letters do not necessarily coincide with the views of the editors or the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West.



*Bidwell #21's past president Scott Kent Fowler (right) presented Past President Bill Arnold with his pin at recent meeting.*

# CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## Zellers Presents \$40,000 Check to Sutter Memorial

By BOB SANTOS

On December 10, Grand President Dean Zellers and Charitable Foundation Directors PGP Joe Ursino, PGP Harly Harty, Jim Wilmarth, Bob Santos and Grand 2VP Erik Christeson presented a \$40,000 check to Dr. Laura Workman, Medical Director of the Sutter Memorial Cleft Palate Clinic.

The donation will help provide for patient care and specialized equipment. Sutter's staff informed us that because of the closing of the Chico and Stockton Cleft Clinics, all the patients in those areas are coming to Sutter Memorial, making Sutter the only clinic helping children in the area.

Our donation is very important to them as they accept more patients. The NSGW Charitable Foundation has been donating to Sutter Memorial Cleft Palate Clinic since 1992 and has given a total donation of \$636,000 up to 2015.

The Charitable Foundation thanks you for your donations for this most worthy cause. For donation envelopes and more information go to our website [www.nsgw.org](http://www.nsgw.org).

### OTHERS

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Most people, particularly those with jobs, don't have the time or inclination to spend more than a couple free hours having fun. That is where we should focus our attention. An evening at a meeting should be fun-filled, stress-less, and noninvasive.

5) Loosen the reins. Hats are okay, so is happiness, good food, jokes, fun. Tuxedos, spats, corsages, and petticoats are all part of history.

6) Your God is your God. He/she may not be mine. Everyone believes his own religion is right. It is right for them. Your belief does not trump theirs.

7) Live a little. Recruit your friends. Tell them you are getting together to have food and tell jokes. You can read the minutes, but why not make sure they last a minute? No need to bludgeon everyone with your reports. Read them quickly and then move on to the fun parts of the order. Very few join to hear the minutes.

#### HAPPINESS IS CATCHING.

If we are going to grow, we need to not only modernize; we need to see that the world around us is changing. We need to pull our heads out of the sand and modernize with it.

Think about what the Odd Fellows are saying, does this not apply to us also?

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# HPF

By DAVID ALLEN, PGP

There hasn't been a lot of activity since the last report in November. The NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation headed into the holidays, just like everybody else, but there are still exciting opportunities on the horizon.

At the next meeting about a week and a half after the publication deadline the board will hear reports concerning the Miners Bend Park in Sutter Creek, the Vallejo Adobe and a report on the last of the California Historical Registered Landmarks which were done under the direction of California State Parks as part of the 150th anniversary celebration of state parks. The last plaque to put in place under this program will be at Simon Rodia's Watts Towers in Los Angeles. The dedication will take place at a date to be determined later.

There are several requests to review from Amador County as well as a CHRL plaque replacement in Pilot Hill. The replacement plaque is for one which was removed in the night near the Pilot Hill Fire Station. As a sidebar, the fire station houses several horse-drawn fire apparatus, including Auburn Parlor's circa 1890 ladder wagon, the same wagon which has appeared in the Tournament of Roses Parade twice in the last several years.

The Monterey Custom House is looking for funding to replace some of the old growth redwood posts that hold up the porch of the structure. Redwood Parlor #66 has pledged support for half of that project; the HPF will review and support the other half. At the meeting there should be a preliminary report on the Webber Lake Hotel as there is a road trip to Truckee within the next week.

Even though it is January, it is never too early to start thinking about the HPF presentation at Grand Parlor as that is where from the bulk of the funding comes. Yes, the funding for the HPF comes from the members.

Some of you may ask as to why the HPF hasn't obtained grants for some of these projects. Believe it or not some of those requesting organizations have already obtained grants and the HPF contribution is additional funding for them. Some of them are already 501(c)(3)s. Many of you may not realize that the Native Sons of the Golden West's name is gold to many in the historical world. It is our brand and it adds to the notoriety of the Native Sons. A classic example of this is the dedication of the new Donner Museum in Truckee last June. A donation to the Sierra State Parks Association and a lot of groundwork by members of the HPF and the world opened up to state parks. If you don't believe the gold statement, next time you are at an historical presentation or event, let the organizers know you are with the Native Sons and watch the reaction. It will surprise you. Heck, it could even be an opportunity.

Many of the grants are for small amounts, which make a difference to the organizations. It is not realistic to chase grants when the request is for as little as \$500 and the impact can be instantaneous. The HPF keeps its eyes open at all times, but the niche the HPF has found itself in is with the smaller projects.

Larger opportunities will occur as the HPF continues to evolve and advance its influence as it persists in its quest of preserving California history and spreading the name of the Native Sons of the Golden West far and wide.

Until next time, Happy Trails.

## PARLOR ACTIVITIES

### Wayne Warden Takes Quite a Trip

When things go wrong, many big companies just shrug off the problem without much compensation to their customers. Not so Princess Cruises, as Guadalupe #231's Secretary Wayne Warden recounted in this story in his parlor's newsletter.

"Your Recording Secretary Wayne Warden and his partner Laura set off to enjoy Thanksgiving at sea. We boarded the *Grand Princess* at the San Francisco Cruise Dock for a 15-day cruise to Hawaii. All was going well with excellent food, great entertainment and not doing too bad in the casino.

"After four days at sea, we are about three hours from docking at Hilo, our first stop, when at about 5 a.m. the captain blasts over the loudspeaker for the emergency team to report to the engine room as there is a fire. What a way to wake up. A half hour later the captain announces that the fire is out; however, there is damage and they are assessing the damage. The controls for the starboard engine and the thrusters are not working and the Coast Guard will not allow us to dock.

"Later in the day we limp off to Honolulu, our next scheduled stop, to get more expert help in fixing the problem. They work on the ship all day and they announce that we will leave Honolulu for our next stop. When we wake up in the morning we are still in Honolulu. They were able to fix the thrusters and get the starboard engine to work at about half power. With Coast Guard approval we were allowed to head back to the mainland with an extra day to reach with the reduced speed.

"Prior to our leaving Honolulu their corporate office announced full refund of the price of the trip, plus a 50% reduction on a future cruise (50% of current cruise price applied to future cruise). In addition we were given \$200 to spend on our present cruise. Those who elected to get off the ship while we were still in Honolulu were given free airfare to SFO and put up in a hotel if the flight did not leave that day. Princess did all the arrangements.

"Those seasoned travelers that we talked to could not believe the generous offer that Princess gave us. When a cruise company treats you that well, the word of mouth advertising goes a long way in persuading people to select Princess for their future cruises. We have already selected our next cruise with Princess. In March of 2017 we will go through the Panama Canal, leaving from San Francisco and sailing to Ft. Lauderdale and flying home."

### Santa Rosa Lists Dinners

Santa Rosa #28 has a fine dinner for members and guests on the second Wednesday of each month at its hall at 3318 Stony Point Road. Reservations are requested no later than the Saturday before the dinner from Shirley Mattiuzzi (707 542-4356) or Walter Hyde (707 795-9702). Unless otherwise noted, dinners are \$9, which includes wine beer and soda. Children under 10 are free.

**February 10** – Crab Cioppino, \$15, limited to the first 48 reservations.

**March 9** – Corned Beef and Cabbage.

**April 13** – Spring dinner.

**May 11** – Mothers' Day Prime Rib Dinner, \$15, limited to the first 48 reservations.

**June 8** – Fathers' Day Tri Tip barbecue.



At Elk Grove #41's Christmas party, Grand 3VP Carey Pearce presented membership awards to Annaclare and Jim Entrican and Cece Bazett. Jim got both a belt buckle and the belt for his effort, while Cece received a belt buckle and Annaclare a money clip. Photo by Paula Wong.

### Elk Grove Growing and Doing

Elk Grove #41, once almost moribund, is experiencing a great revival. Members are refurbishing the parlor's hall at 9151 Grove Street and are working on several dedications:

- Centennial plaque in Locke, a tribute to the Chinese laborers who helped to shape California agriculture in the Delta 1915-2015. Estimated dedication summer 2016.
- Sheldon Rhoades Mahone Ranch, since 1841.
- Site of Adobe built by Daylor for Sheldon's Grant 1841.
- Relocation of Murphy Corral to New Mall and re-dedication (Future).
- Native Sons Golden West Parlor #41 Building dedication.

Elk Grove now has 57 members, thanks to initiating six new ones so far this membership year.

### Napa Valley Schedules 2016

#### First Friday Luncheons

Here's the schedule for the Napa Valley First Friday Luncheons for the rest of 2016.

**February 5** – Calistoga Parlor at the Fairgrounds

**March 4** – St. Helena Parlor at its hall

**April 1** – Napa Parlor at its hall

**May 6** – Calistoga Parlor at the Fairgrounds

**June 3** – Napa Parlor at its hall

**July 8** – St. Helena at its hall

**August 5** – Napa Parlor at its hall

**September 2** – Napa Parlor at its hall

**October 7** – Calistoga at the Fairgrounds

**November 4** – St. Helena at its hall

**December 2** – Napa Parlor at its hall

### Napa Crab Feed February 6

Napa #62's Annual Crab Feed will be held at the parlor's hall on Saturday, February 6, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. The crab is coming from Canada. Price is \$40, with only 125 tickets sold.

# PARLOR ACTIVITIES

## Parlors and Memberships

|   |     |                      |     |
|---|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Membership as of January 1, 2016 (listed by parlor number): |     |                      |     |
| Dolores-California #1                                       | 30  | Ferndale #93         | 146 |
| Stockton #7   | 52  | Las Positas #96      | 286 |
| Argonaut #8   | 67  | Santa Lucia #97      | 185 |
| Placerville #9  | 105 | Ramona #109          | 136 |
| Modesto #11   | 34  | Arrowhead #110       | 294 |
| Humboldt #14  | 119 | Sonoma #111          | 200 |
| Amador #17  | 159 | Eden #113            | 116 |
| Lodi #18  | 29  | Santa Barbara #116   | 41  |
| John Bidwell #21  | 70  | Broderick #117       | 19  |
| San Jose #22  | 74  | National #118        | 89  |
| Sunset #26  | 16  | Piedmont #120        | 85  |
| Santa Rosa #28  | 58  | Gabilan #132         | 165 |
| Golden Gate #29   | 38  | Chispa #139          | 218 |
| Woodland #30  | 19  | San Miguel #150      | 53  |
| Excelsior #31   | 241 | Cambria #152         | 73  |
| Ione #33  | 114 | South SF #157        | 215 |
| Solano #39  | 166 | Sea Point #158       | 78  |
| Elk Grove #41   | 57  | Konocti #159         | 21  |
| Halycon-Alameda #47   | 66  | Washington #169      | 63  |
| St. Helena #53  | 173 | Byron #170           | 35  |
| Hydraulic #56   | 24  | Observatory #177     | 34  |
| Quartz #58  | 107 | Nicasio #183         | 389 |
| Auburn #59  | 126 | Presidio #194        | 50  |
| Napa #62  | 427 | Los Banos #206       | 113 |
| Silver Star #63   | 43  | Twin Peaks #214      | 181 |
| Mt. Tamalpais #64   | 80  | Estudillo #223       | 60  |
| Watsonville #65   | 15  | Pebble Beach #230    | 60  |
| Redwood #66   | 182 | Guadalupe #231       | 144 |
| Santa Ana #74   | 34  | Columbia #258        | 71  |
| Vallejo #77   | 53  | Sutter #261          | 25  |
| Calistoga #86   | 82  | University #272      | 42  |
| Mt. Bally #87   | 27  | San Luis Obispo #290 | 255 |
| Benicia #89   | 157 | J. C. Fremont #293   | 69  |
| Santa Cruz #90  | 135 | Rio Hondo #294       | 20  |
| Georgetown #91  | 92  | Fairfax #307         | 478 |
| Downieville #92   | 19  | DeAnza #312          | 31  |
|   |     | Holderman #316       | 41  |

## WE LOOK BACK

[San Francisco *Call*, May 8, 1910]

### NATIVE SONS TO VISIT LAKE TAHOE

Candidates for Third Grand Vice President Are  
Making Active Campaign for Election

Trout fishing is to be mingled with the regular business of the Native Sons of the Golden West at the grand parlor, which meets at Lake Tahoe June 6 this year. The meeting will be memorable because it is held at one of the most beautiful spots in the state and a considerable business of the parlor will be the making of plans for the Admission day celebration in San Francisco September 8, 9 and 10. The recreation provided for the Native Sons will center about Lake Tahoe. The trout fishing at that time will be particu-

## Guadalupe's 231's Lunch and Dinner Menu for 2016

Guadalupe's monthly lunches and dinners are held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2850 19th Avenue in San Francisco following the regular parlor meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. Native Son members are encouraged to attend the parlor meeting before lunch or dinner. Lunch and dinner are open to all Native Sons, relatives, and friends. Cost of lunch is \$10 and dinner is \$15, including beverages. Reservations are required from Wayne Warden at (650) 726-4597.

- February 2 - Meat Loaf
- March 1 (Dinner) - Pot Roast
- April 5 - Vegetable Soup & Lasagna
- May 3 - Beef and Chorizo Enchiladas
- June 7 (Dinner) - Grilled Prawns
- July 5 - Grilled Chicken Breast, Orzo Pasta Salad
- August 2 - Grilled Pork Chops, Artichoke Vegetable Salad
- September 6 (Dinner) - Italian Sausage & Pasta
- October 4 - Cube Steak with Mushroom Gravy
- November 1 - Baked Ham
- December 6 (Dinner) - Baked Salmon

## Chispa Offers Breakfasts

Chispa #139 invites everyone to its pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month at its hall in Murphys. Price of \$7.50 provides all-you-can-eat helpings of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy and coffee and orange juice from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## Fairfax Tuesday Lunches

Fairfax 307 invites all Native Sons and prospective members to enjoy lunch every Tuesday at noon at the parlor's clubhouse, 135 Mitchell Drive in Fairfax. To get to the clubhouse, drive through Fairfax on Sir Francis Drake Blvd about 1/2 mile, turn right on Glen Drive, then immediately right and immediately left. The clubhouse is at the end of the road.

All lunches include salad, french bread, entree and dessert. Price is just \$8 per person. Wine, beer and soft drinks are available for \$1.

larly good, and Donner parlor No. 162 of Truckee, the host of the grand parlor, will provide the delegates with every facility for fishing. Mountain climbing and snow sports may also be enjoyed. Already the Native Sons are preparing their campaigns for election in the grand parlor.

[Los Angeles *Herald*, December 11, 1904]

### Native Sons' Annual Ball

The members of Ramona parlor, No. 109, Native Sons of the Golden West, will entertain their friends at Kramer's next Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, with their eleventh annual ball. The committee in charge has made extensive preparations for the affair, which promises to be a delightful one. Stamm's orchestra will furnish the music. The committee of arrangements includes C. F. Stamps, Jr., Calvert Wilson, Harry J. Leland, F. H. Stephenson and George Beebe.

## Planned Giving Aids Our Charities

By GWENDOLYN CHRISTESON

Are you a charitable donor? Do you have charitable intent? Grand President, Dean Zellers has requested this series of articles to advise Native Sons how Grand Parlor, Subordinate Parlors, the Charitable Foundation and Historic Preservation Foundation can benefit from charitable or philanthropic planning. Effective charitable planning requires the collaboration of an estate planning attorney, a financial adviser, and a tax accountant.

**What Types of Gifts?** The Native Sons and Foundations can accept many types of assets from charitable donors, the most common being cash, securities, real estate, personal property, bequests, retirement plan assets and life insurance.

**Why are Legal Documents Required?** Native Sons are familiar with brotherhood, loyalty and charity, giving of their time and financial resources on an annual, if not daily basis. If reported, these gifts during your lifetime may constitute an income tax charitable deduction. Upon your death, you have an opportunity to make a legacy gift to the Native Sons or one of the foundations. You may name them as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan. If this is your objective, you will need to talk to your financial adviser about completing a beneficiary designation form.

Another opportunity to give upon your death is to name these charities as a beneficiary of your estate, but this will require a legal document and it is prudent to seek the assistance of an attorney who specializes in estate planning. If you have already completed a Revocable Living Trust or A Last Will and Testament you may revise this existing document to name new beneficiaries of your estate. Naming the Native Sons or foundations in your Revocable Living Trust or A Last Will and Testament is an effective way to make a charitable gift. A charitable bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or what remains after other bequests—including those to family members—are made.

**What are the Tax Advantages?** By donating non-cash assets such as appreciated securities, artwork or real estate, you can support the foundations while preserving cash and generating income tax benefits for yourself and your heirs. Assets that have deferred income tax liabilities that will survive you and pass to any heir who receives them can be offset by donating them to charities that are exempt from income tax on such assets, which helps your estate maximize the opportunity to leave the taxable asset to a beneficiary that is exempt from income tax liability.

In the next article, we will look in depth at specific planning techniques and strategies for charitable giving to The Native Sons, the Charitable Foundation and Historic Preservation Foundation.

Gwendolyn Christeson is the owner and founder of The Estate Planning Law Center, a PLC in Jackson California. She has been practicing law, specializing in estate planning, for over thirteen years. This article is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice and is not intended to be used as a substitute for specific legal advice or opinions. For your specific situation, seek the guidance of your own legal, financial or tax advisers.

## DEATHS

May the Lord grant eternal rest in the Grand Parlor on High to these brothers.

### HONORED DEAD

David Wysock, Las Positas #96: Attended the 123rd session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

### DECEASED BROTHERS

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Solano #39</b>          | <b>Piedmont #120</b>            |
| James Edward Evanson       | Marcus Rice                     |
| William Arnold Ciocci      | Charles Hansen                  |
| <b>St. Helena #53</b>      | <b>Gabilan #132</b>             |
| William Bartolucci         | Louis Martins                   |
| <b>Quartz #58</b>          | Robert Mendonca                 |
| William Norman Andrew      | <b>South San Francisco #157</b> |
| <b>Napa #62</b>            | Frank Panacci                   |
| Daniel Bennett             | <b>Los Banos #206</b>           |
| Richard L. Lonergan        | Herman Salha                    |
| <b>Santa Lucia #97</b>     | <b>John C. Fremont #293</b>     |
| William E. King            | Eddie L. Borba                  |
| <b>Arrowhead #110</b>      | Jack J. Menzes                  |
| George Thurston Finkle Jr. | <b>Fairfax #307</b>             |
| <b>Sonoma #111</b>         | Tony Raffo                      |
| Richard Brocco             | Louis Vaccaro                   |

## WE LOOK BACK

[*Los Angeles Herald*, April 17, 1909]

### NATIVE SONS

THAT patriotic organization, the members of which with just pride call themselves "Native Sons of the Golden West," is always a factor to be reckoned with in the life of this state. It emphasizes the fact that only a proportion of the population of California can claim the distinction of having been born in California, but it is an advantage to be born in California, and "new chums" might as well acknowledge it gracefully. Owing to the short-sightedness of their parents, they were not allowed to be born in California, so, after they could travel alone and pay their way, they came here. The Native Sons are always glad to welcome newcomers; and it is to the interest of newcomers to encourage the California spirit represented by this organization. Societies like "Native Sons," "Daughters of the Revolution" and "Sons of the Revolution" are helpful and their influence on the community and on the nation is always good.

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## RETRO RAMBLINGS

By DOUGLAS LOVE, Chairman, California History Board

Eleven miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge there is a national treasure. It is visited by over a million people each year and it offers a unique glimpse into California's past. It is, of course, Muir Woods National Monument. Muir Woods is one of the last stands of old growth Coast Redwoods in the Bay Area and is unique in that it exists within a major metropolitan area.



Before the 1906 Earthquake, the coastal mountains of California were home to millions of Coast Redwoods. Stretching from Big Sur in the south to the Oregon border in the north, and as far east as the Contra Costa hills, the Sequoia Sempervirens covered the landscape. These trees are among the largest and oldest living things on earth. They created a one of a kind forest biome in which deer, mountain lion, bear, fox, and salmon were plentiful. They provided the coastal tribes with fuel and building material. When early settlers began migrating to California, they were amazed by the seemingly limitless forests of these giant trees. Yet by the early twentieth century, most of the forests were gone, cut down to provide building material for California's growing population. The once endless forest was reduced to a few isolated stands.

Muir Woods is one of the most easily accessible remaining stands of old growth redwoods in the Bay Area. In 1836, the land which included what is now known as Muir Woods was part of Rancho Sausalito, granted by the Mexican government to William Antonio Richardson. Richardson's grant included most of the Marin Peninsula. In 1856, Richardson sold most of Rancho Sausalito to Samuel Throckmorton, who subdivided the land and logged most of the redwoods on the Marin Peninsula. Throckmorton preserved the redwoods along Redwood Creek and kept most of the land north of the creek to the upper reaches of Mount Tamalpais as his private ranch and hunting preserve. Public access was limited and visitors were either friends of Throckmorton or individuals who managed to get permission to visit. When Throckmorton died in 1883, he left his estate to his daughter, Susanna.

Susanna Throckmorton inherited 14,000 acres of prime Marin County real estate and her father's debts. She was "land rich and cash poor" so she sold Rancho Sausalito to the Tamalpais Land and Water Company. The company subdivided the lands and sold lots to private individuals. Redwood Canyon and the Throckmorton ranch were left intact and leased to the Tamalpais Sportsman's

Association who looked after the redwoods and built a road to Redwood Canyon.

In 1892, the Bohemian Club held its summer campout in Redwood Canyon and built a plaster Buddha in one of the groves, now known as Bohemian Grove. In 1903, William Kent, a member of the Sportsman's Association, met with various conservation groups to create the Mt. Tamalpais National Park Association and in 1905, he purchased 611 acres to preserve the redwoods. Kent developed Redwood Canyon into a public park with railroad access, hiking trails and an inn to serve visitors.

In 1907, due to demand for timber and water after the 1906 Earthquake, the North Coast Water Company began condemnation proceedings to acquire Redwood Canyon. The Company wished to log the property and construct a reservoir in Redwood Canyon. Kent donated 295 acres of his property to the federal government and on January 9, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the property Muir Woods National Monument, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

Today, Muir Woods National Monument encompasses five hundred eleven acres. There are many trails which connect it with the surrounding Mt. Tamalpais State Park. The most popular is the Main Trail which follows the course of Redwood Creek along the valley floor and winds through Bohemian and Cathedral Groves. Because of its location, it is one of the most visited places in the Bay Area. Hundreds of thousands of visitors go to catch a glimpse of what most of the Coast Range looked like when it was covered with old growth redwood forest. Because of the foresight of William Kent, Muir Woods is truly a national treasure and is a testament to the preservation of the natural and historic treasures of our Golden State.

**Getting There:** Head north from San Francisco on US 101 and take the Mill Valley exit. Follow the signs to Muir Woods National Monument. From the East Bay and points north, take US 101 south and take the Mill Valley exit and follow the signs to Muir Woods. NOTE: Parking is extremely limited and you may want to take the Marin Transit Muir Woods shuttle from Sausalito. This service runs weekends and holidays only and is not available most winter days. Be sure to find information about the shuttle at <http://www.marintransit.org/routes/66.html>.

After a hike in the redwoods, you might want to visit Moylan's Pub and Brewery, 15 Rowland Way, Novato, (415) 898-4677) for a beer and a bite. If that doesn't appeal to you, both the towns of Mill Valley and Sausalito have several dining options.

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# NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members! We hope you will be active in your own parlor and visit neighboring parlors.

## Humboldt #14

Joseph B. DiLoreto

Michael C. Esten

## Amador #17

Joel Allen

John Paul Baggett

Frank Britton

Clint Aboussleman

Andrew Murrill

Christopher Nutting

Adam Stratton

## San Jose #22

John Lacitignola

Elizabeth Prentice

## Golden Gate #29

Kendra Rimes

## Solano #39

Don R. Delorefice

Dare Delorefice

David Lozano

Brian Daniel Petersen

Daniel Howard Petersen

## Elk Grove #41

Diane Borden

Victoria Ann Contente

Kenneth John Lawson

Jeanette Ann Lawson

Paula Maita

Gary Niles Palmer

## Quartz #58

Andrew Evan Beams

James Lee Dyer

Laton Montague East

Michael Kirk Groo

Lucient Rankin

Raymond Dallas Warner

## Redwood #66

Kathleen Klebe

Roy Klebe

Terrence Gerard McCaffrey

## Calistoga #86

Donald A. Luvisi

Clarence Luvisi

## Benicia #89

Paul Eugene Wolf

## Downieville #92

Daniel E. Farrington

Daniel V. McNamara

Thomas G. Schmann

## Las Positas #96

Josh Peixoto

## Santa Lucia #97

Philip Cary Catalano

Charles Erik Heacox

Damon Olsen

Gary L. Pezzi

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Ahmi Baker

Scott C. Beard

Antoinette Gutierrez

Alan Michael Kay

John Lemay

Christopher Regnaldo Lopez

Jessie G. Morfin

Gwendolyn L. Rodgers

Scott Wyatt

## Piedmont #120

Kevin Brian McNully

## Chispa #139

Robert James Dunn

## Estudillo #223

Larry E. Streeter

## John C. Fremont #293

Tom Chivers

## Fairfax #307

Michael Jue

John Sarran

# Membership Drops Continue

## MEMBERSHIP BOX

### SCORE

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Membership 5-1-15   | 8,018 |
| Gains               |       |
| Initiated           | 205   |
| Reinstated          | 17    |
| Transferred         | 3     |
| Total Gains         | 225   |
| Losses              |       |
| Suspended           | 195   |
| Resigned            | 49    |
| Withdrew            | 0     |
| Died                | 83    |
| Tfd Out             | 3     |
| Total Losses        | 350   |
| Net Change          | -125  |
| Membership 1-1-2016 | 7,893 |

## Parlors With Net Gains

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Placerville #9    | + 1  |
| Amador #17        | + 15 |
| San Jose #22      | + 12 |
| Santa Rosa #28    | + 3  |
| Golden Gate #29   | + 2  |
| Excelsior #31     | + 1  |
| Elk Grove #41     | + 6  |
| St. Helena #53    | + 7  |
| Hydraulic #56     | + 1  |
| Quartz #58        | + 4  |
| Santa Ana #74     | + 2  |
| Santa Cruz #90    | + 3  |
| Downieville #92   | + 2  |
| Santa Lucia #97   | + 9  |
| Cambrria #152     | + 2  |
| Konocti #159      | + 1  |
| Estudillo #223    | + 1  |
| Pebble Beach #230 | + 2  |
| Columbia #258     | + 1  |
| Fairfax #307      | + 4  |
| DeAnza #312       | + 5  |

Native Sons information booths are appearing at fairs and other events, and some of our dedications are drawing larger crowds than they have had in many years.

As of January 1, only 21 of our 75 parlors showed net gains. Fairfax #307 remains the largest parlor, with 478 members, followed by Napa #62 with 427 and Nicasio #183 with 389.



Here's a belt buckle every Native Son will be proud to wear! It's in full color and commemorates one of the Native Sons' most important dedications, the Bear Flag Monument in Sonoma's Plaza. Get one by signing up just two new or reinstated members!



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**FEBRUARY-MARCH 2016**

**CALENDAR—CLIP AND SAVE**

This calendar is compiled from parlor newsletters, press releases and information supplied to Managing Editor Fred Codoni. Please advise him, at the address on page 5, at least 60 days before an event to insure timely publication. Note that some events are for members only. Further information on many of these events can be found in the pages of this issue of *The Native Son*.

**Every Tuesday** - Lunch for Native Sons and prospective members at Fairfax #307's hall, 135 Mitchell Drive, Fairfax (415 457-7766). Reservations not required.

**FEBRUARY**

**2** – Guadalupe #231 meeting and luncheon, Scottish Rite Hall, San Francisco

**4** – National #118 meeting and crab feed luncheon

**5** – Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, Calistoga Parlor at the Fairgrounds

**5-7** – De Anza Trek, El Centro

**6** – Carrot Festival Parade, Holtville

**6** - Napa #62 Crab Feed

**6** - Sea Point #158 Annual Dinner, Spinaker, Sausalito

**11** – Santa Rosa #28 dinner

**12-14** – Weekend in the Redwoods, Fortuna and Ferndale

**13** – Solano #39 Crab Feed

**13** – Ferndale #93 and Humboldt #154 initiation and dinner, Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department.

**13** – Fairfax #307, Valentine Dinner benefiting parlor scholarship fund, Fairfax Parlor hall

**14** – Chispa #139 pancake breakfast

**15** – Special Fund envelope stuffing a Napa Hall

**15** – Napa #62 Sweethearts Dinner

**20** – Auburn #59 Crab Feed

**20** – Chispa #139 Cioppino Feed

**22** – Humboldt #14 Beef and Polenta Dinner

**24** – South SF #157 Annual Polenta Feed

**27** – South SF #157 Merv Fauss Memorial Pedro Tournament  
**MARCH**

**4** - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, St. Helena Parlor hall

**11-13** – 49er Days, Sutter Creek

**16** – Fairfax #307 Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed, St. Rita hall

**16** – Chispa #139 Millard Smallin Scholarship Dinner

**19** – Estudillo #223 Prawn Feed.

**APRIL**

**1** – Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, Napa Parlor hall

**9** - Dinner honoring Grand President Zellers, Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco

**19** - Nicasio #183 Scholarship Fund dinner, Lagunitas Brewing Company, Petaluma

**20** – Fairfax Parlor Lamb Feed, St. Rita hall

**MAY**

**4** – Fairfax #307 Visiting Brothers Night, St. Rita hall

**6** - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch Calistoga Parlor at the Fairgrounds

**15-19** – Grand Parlor, Rohnert Park

**JUNE**

**3** - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, Napa Parlor hall

**JULY**

**8** - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, St. Helena Parlor hall