

November 2024 Deputy Gram
Board Meeting in Sacramento!!

Two Grand Officers were installed, as they were absent from the Grand Convention in July 2024, welcome to Grand Treasurer June McJunkin and Grand Director Grace Perez. Our Grand Chaplin Brian Atienza, was in attendance for this board meeting. Financial Chairman Elaine Brady, gave us some information, regarding the need for an emergency amendment in 2026. Dues may be going up \$4.00 in 2026. Per Capita tax pays for everything we do, allows us to stay viable and to operate as an organization. Research will continue to be done to see if dues will have to continue to rise. This amendment will be submitted at the March board meeting 2025, for a vote by the Grand Directors.

The DDOD meeting in August 2024, was led by Grace de Flores in our clubhouse in Sacramento. The meeting was also on Zoom. I attended on zoom and it was very informative, reminders were given to the institute and district deputies as to their duties to be able to help their institutes. Many questions were asked and answered. All that attended were left in high spirits and energized for their positions. 2nd Vice President Barbara Brown was the other very helpful sister with all her knowledge. The minutes from our Spring Board meeting were read and approved. Lots of information was given. Our sister numbers are dropping. March 2022 4928/ June 4906. March 2023, 4772/June 4739, March 2024 4641/June 4601. We have had 49 Beneficial deaths, other loses include resignations, suspensions.

Barbara Smith, read her archive report. She is wondering if she will ever get an inventory done. Just as she takes some items out, more will come in. She is trying to update albums of Past Grand Presidents and past Grand Chaplin's. Institutes are reminded it is time to update our by-laws this year. Let's get a chairman and a committee to write these up and send to Chairman Marilyn Walter, to approve. Please pay attention to the changes on pages 18-21 in the constitution that were voted on, at Grand Convention 2024.

A Guideline Committee Report was given. This committee is attempting to renew guidelines and make new manuals for all other committees. The same guidelines have been used for a few years. They need to be upgraded for information and new ideas for reports. So, if you are part of a committee, and have ideas to update reports. Let Kathy Cunningham know. She is the Chairman on the committee list.

We also have a Support Committee; this group works to help our institutes.

To help find solutions to concerns they are having, such as an officer in a position over three years, no new members, low attendance, not able to fill officer positions. They will engage with the institute and the district and institute deputies. To help resolve these concerns. Ask your institute deputy for help.

There has been discussion on a new location for Convention 2026. There is so much consideration that goes into this decision. The committee is looking for locations in

Northern California, Central and Southern, CA. Reasonable prices for accommodations and food and beverage. The Chairs are hoping to have a contract proposal by the March 2025 Board Meeting. It has been narrowed to four locations for now.

Grand Convention 2025, Sing the Praises of YLGI, is only about 260 days away!

Districts 8 and 19 are planning the 121st Convention July 2025 in Reno, Nevada. We have had meetings already. There is a lot that goes into this planning process.

We attended the Remembrance Mass, celebrated by Father Atenzia. It was very nice. It was brought to our attention that a lot of our institutes are not turning in all names for this Mass. All names on the GJB cards are to be given for this mass, happy, get well, in memory of.

We heard about the cruise in October, we heard about all the fun everyone had and how the sisters learned more about one another.

The new cruise is going to the Panama Canal, in January 2026.

Thank you to all that have accepted your appointments to the different committees. Thank you for all the help and sisterhood available to us.

The Past Grand President Esther Vasquez encouraged sisters to run for an office and enjoy the experience of being a Grand Officer.

We had some news that our Grand Secretary, Pat McGuire will not be running to be re-elected next year. While we are sad, we are also happy for her to be able to spend time with her family. She has always done so much for us. No matter what the problem, she is always ready and willing to help us. So, if anyone has a good head for secretarial work, keep this position in mind for next year's convention 2025.

Our Past Grand President, Barbara Lovio, has passed away. May she rest in Peace in God's loving arms. She will be missed by all.

This was a fun, informative and exciting meeting. These are just some highlights of the meeting.

Happy holidays for you and your families be safe and be happy in God's love.

Cece Artherholt, Deputy Gram Chairman

Kathy Augusta,

Yolanda Lord,

Dana Schmidt

Louanne Lee-Kraynik