



*Convention is Calling!*  
*From Mary Ann Claxton, Convention Chair*

It's that time again, our annual get-together to handle the business of the organization; to renew acquaintances with old friends, and meet some new ones; to hear reports for the past year, and to plan our future course. It's also a time to learn new things, have fun and get inspired.

The Bakersfield Double Tree Hotel is welcoming us and doing everything it can to make our stay there productive and enjoyable. I do hope you've already made your room reservation! Reservation information is posted on the Division website at: [www.californiaudc.com](http://www.californiaudc.com) – your Chapter President can provide you the password to log-in to the members section by clicking the cotton boll on the bottom of the webpage. Be sure to mention “UDC” when you make your booking so your reservation counts toward our group contract. **The deadline to make your hotel reservation is September 1st, 2022.** If you miss the deadline, you may not get the UDC rate.

We are planning a pre-convention event for those arriving on Thursday. Dinner on your own at the Crystal Palace. Friday there will be a Bazaar in the sales room, Chapter sales tables, Jewelry, Hat & Handbag exchange, Gift Baskets and displays. Work Shops – “Navigating the UDC General Website” and a hands-on “Making Vintage Gift Boxes”, and all Granddaughter Clubs will meet on Friday. If you have a lineal Confederate ancestor and are not a member of one of the Granddaughters Clubs, you need to be. It's a great way to honor your real Grandpas. These meetings are for anyone interested in joining. Each club will have application forms, if you want to join. AND Lunch with President General, Jinny Widowski and play Bingo.

Historical Evening is always a treat with Military Service Awards, The Roll Call of States, gift baskets raffle and ladies in period dress. Saturday is the Business Session, Memorial Service, hearing reports and passing Bylaws. Saturday Evening night falls on the 123rd anniversary of the CA Division. EX President of California Division, Chris Hurst-Loffler will present “Our Division History.” Chapter members are encouraged to wear fashions from the last 123 years in honor of our division's history. Awards & reports from Chapters will be given.

If you have questions about anything- schedule, protocol, dress, whatever- feel free to contact me at: [jcmacnbk@pacbell.net](mailto:jcmacnbk@pacbell.net)

I look forward to seeing you in Bakersfield.

*Mary Ann Claxton*