



We would like to express our appreciation to our General Meeting guest speakers **Bill George** (Jan) and **Lester Ouchita** (Feb) for their in depth and fascinating talks on the local Asian influence, from the early gold rush years to internment camps and contributions to World War II. Both were very enlightening and very interesting. We have living heroes right here!



**Rhoads School Report  
Sharon Baker**

Rhoads School Established  
1872

If you are in Elk Grove Park during the weekday mornings you are likely to hear the bell ringing calling children to school. You will see boys and girls dressed in turn of the century clothes hurry to line up in front of the Rhoads School to begin their historical school learning experience.



**A 2017 Historical  
Society Calendar  
Planned**

You may remember some wall calendars the Elk Grove Historical Society published some year ago. A Society committee is working on producing one for next year that will feature Elk Grove Heritage Park and each decorated room in the Elk Grove House & Stage Stop museum itself. They will be offered for sale this fall when calendars for the following year begin to appear in stores.

We are currently seeing underwriting to cover printing expenses and offer members the opportunity to donate toward this effort. In return for your donation, your name will be listed as a supporter on a specific photograph featured in the calendar. What a great Christmas gift and souvenir this will be!

For more information and underwriting prices, contact Sally Bergen at [sallybergen@surewest.net](mailto:sallybergen@surewest.net) or call her at (916) 591-5363

We are very busy this Spring at the Rhoads School hosting most of the 80 classes attending our Living History Program students. We have steadily increased our participation throughout area public and private schools over the past 5 years. We have reached our maximum number of days available which is very exciting. This means that approximately 2400 local students get to experience a school day as it was in 1878. This is a unique program that offers a hands on history lesson the children remember their whole life. Many visitors to our community open house days speak fondly of their experience and are excited that their child will be attending.

This Spring we will be open Saturday and Sunday during the Western Festival so plan to stop by to visit. Ring the bell and view the artifacts on display.

All this is made possible through your support and generous donations. We have many volunteer docents, board members who double as fire starters and do maintenance around the school. We are in need of volunteers to act as docents, fire starters and a scheduler. If you are interested in joining this fun and energetic group please contact Sharon Baker at 916-215-4747 for more information.



We are in need of a newsletter editor to prepare the Society's *Stage Stop Gazette* which is published every two months. We hope that someone in our membership will step up and take this position on so that the newsletter can continue to keep you informed. For more information please contact Brookelea at 685-3368 or [blutton2@surewest.net](mailto:blutton2@surewest.net).





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# BIGDog

Tuesday, May 3rd

BigDoG is short for “Big Day of Giving.” Our Nation has designated one day a year in the hopes that neighbors and friends will donate to their favorite non-profits who rely solely on donations. It is a promotional-Jerry Lewis-telethon-type 24 hour event that many organizations try to participate in. It is all very easy to do on-line.

[bigdayofgiving.org](http://bigdayofgiving.org)

The Historical Society is one that could use your help as well other non-profits like Project Ride and the Strauss Festival. We ask you to keep that day (May 3rd) in mind and hopefully we will be an organization you will consider in your generosity.

Just a reminder that when you do your spring cleaning and are sorting out any old items from the garage, attic, or closet, please save them for our giant yard sale on June 24-26.



## Treasurer’s Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts	January 2016	February 2016
General Operating Fund	\$19,564.88	\$19,924.53
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$8,636.66	\$8,636.66
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$28,201.54</b>	<b>\$28,561.19</b>
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$30,949.29	\$30,950.71
Foulks House Fund	\$52,654.95	\$53,644.95
Reese School Fund	\$530.28	\$530.28
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$84,134.52</b>	<b>\$85,125.94</b>
Museum Store Account		
	\$4,640.69	\$4,665.76
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$116,976.75</b>	<b>\$118,352.89</b>
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$933.50	\$1,035.66
Scholarship Fund:	\$4,092.68	\$3,612.68
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,026.18</b>	<b>\$4,648.37</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122,002.93</b>	<b>\$123,001.26</b>



### New Members

- \* Elk Grove Milling Inc.
- \* Bob Lent
- \* William “Bruce” McFarland
- \* Carol & Dale Dunkel
- \* Darlene (Idzinger) Grosz
- \* Patrick Mooney
- \* Linda Mae Mahon-Lema Foundation
- \* David & Kathy Hipskind: Red Door Antiques