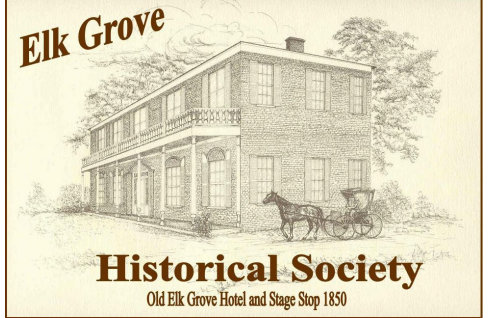


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## President's Message

I hope you are doing well as we enter this holiday season. We have had a great year so far and you can make it better by joining us during our upcoming events. Mark your calendar for the Old Fashioned Christmas as a volunteer or to just enjoy the indoor and outdoor displays. Perhaps you wish an evening with good company and treats by attending the Black Tie & Santa Party. Tickets are limited for this event so register early.

We have added new improvements to Heritage Park that will be showcased this season. Enjoy our new patio cover to be used for the first time for our holiday displays. The permanent roof will eliminate tent drips, but sidewalls are still temporary. The new quad serving the Blacksmith Shop/Storage Shed will open new venues for display. We wish you the best during the holidays.

Don't forget to vote for officers for next year's Board of Directors. Your ballot is enclosed. Your interest and support is much appreciated during this election. See you at the Elk Grove House!

## Black Tie & Santa Party (Old Fashion Christmas Preview Night)

Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM



Stage Stop Museum  
9941 E Stockton  
Boulevard  
Elk Grove Regional  
Park

Wine and Hors D'oeuvres  
Silent Auction  
\$40 per person  
Get your tickets on line at

[http://  
elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com/  
black-tie-santa-tickets/](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com/black-tie-santa-tickets/)  
Or fill out the order form in this  
newsletter and send it in.

## The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Old Fashioned Christmas



All rooms are lavishly decorated  
in Victorian themes.

Open the weekends of:

December 1-2-3, 8-9-10,  
16-17-18, and 22.

Fridays: 6:00-8:00 PM

Saturdays/Sundays: Noon- 5:00PM

Photos with Santa stop at 4:00PM



Professional  
Pictures  
With  
Santa  
\$15

Admission is \$5/per person

Bring an unwrapped toy for Santa  
to give to a needy Elk Grove child  
(birth to 5 years old).

Hope to see  
you there!

Kids can  
decorate  
a cookie!



**Calendar of Events for Nov-Dec 2017****November**

Nov 13: EGHS **Board Meeting** - Museum  
4:00 PM

Nov 20: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 PM  
Election of Officers  
Old Town Creations,  
8717 Elk Grove Blvd, EG, 95624

Nov 23: **THANKSGIVING**

Nov 26: **Black Tie & Santa Party**

**December**

Dec 1,2,3: **An Old Fashioned Christmas**

Dec 4: Rhoads School **Board Mtg**– 9:00 AM

Dec 8,9,10: **An Old Fashioned Christmas**

Dec 11: EGHS **Board Mtg** – Museum-4:00 PM

Dec 15,16,17: **An Old Fashioned Christmas**

Dec 18: EGHS **NO General Meeting**

Dec 22 only: **An Old Fashioned Christmas**

Dec 25: **CHRISTMAS**

**Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson**

Operating Accounts	October 2017
General Operating Fund	\$26,202.90
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$11,684.62
Approved Exp (Patio, Cement, Heaters)	\$9,187.00
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$47,074.52</b>
Restoration Accounts	
General Restoration Fund	\$2,154.12
Foulks House Fund	\$90,800.52
Reese School Fund	\$239.55
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$93,194.19</b>
Museum Store Account	\$1,172.56
Rhoads School Account:	
Operating Fund:	\$1,539.00
Scholarship Fund:	\$4,816.88
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$6,355.88</b>
<b>Total of All Accounts</b>	<b>\$147,797.15</b>

**Rhoads School Report**

Rhoads School Established  
1872

**Plow to Plate:** For those who participated, thank you for your continual support of the Rhoads School's Living History Program by attending the dinner. Thousands were earned to help build the scholarship program to help less fortunate schools attend. It was a fantastic dinner with some great friends.

**School cleaning:** The school had an all day exterior cleaning and sealing that has really enhanced its looks and sealed and preserved the wood. Donated by Chris Lombardo of No Moss Soft Wash cleaning service.

**Scheduling:** We have three new docents that are in training which will help with the increase of new schools scheduling.

Director Roberta Tanner

Halloween Sale:	
Income: \$5,155.02	Net: \$5,006.71
Expenses: \$148.31	
Plow to Plate:	
Income: \$9,176.10	Net: \$3,173.94
Expenses: \$6,002.16	

**It's Election Time!**

Please read the enclosed election material and attend the next general membership meeting at Old Town Creations, 8717 Elk Grove Blvd. on November 20th at 6:30 PM. If you can't attend the general meeting, we've included your ballot and a self addressed envelope so you can vote by mail. Please have your votes to us by November 15th.

**The slate of officers for 2018**

President: Ken Miller

1st Vice President: Tim Knox

2nd Vice President: Dennis Buscher

Treasurer: Jeanette Lawson

Recording Secretary: Carol Dunkel

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Mahon

**Research Library**

Open by appointment.  
Call Jeanette at 685-8115  
or e-mail her at

## 2018 Board of Directors Officer Elections

The 2017 Nomination Committee (Lorraine Croup, Elaine Wright and John Ross) is happy to introduce their candidates for the six elected Board of Director positions for the Calendar Year 2018. The election vote count and results announcement will take place at the General Membership Meeting on **Monday, November 20, 6:30 pm** at the *Old Town Creations* shop located at 8717 Elk Grove Blvd next door to the Stagecoach Restaurant.

**Ballots are included in this Newsletter.** Any Society members who wish to, especially those who are unable to attend the Nov. 20 general meeting, can mail their ballots in the enclosed addressed envelope **by November 15** to arrive in time to be counted at the November 20 meeting. Each candidate has shared a short personal statement as an introduction to those of you who may not know them. We are proud to introduce the following slate of candidates for the six elected Officer Positions on the Board of Directors of the Elk Grove Historical Society for 2018:

### **Candidate for President: Ken Miller**

I am about to complete my first year as president of the Elk Grove Historical Society. My wife Rosemarie and I returned to live in Elk Grove three years ago after 19 years in San Diego County. I retired as the Unit Chief for San Diego/Imperial County CDF (CAL FIRE) after 32 years in State Service. I have served as the Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Coordinator for 8 years and later worked for the County of San Diego for 10 years as a Fire Services Coordinator. I have served in many leadership positions throughout my career that have supported my efforts as your president this past, very busy, year. My interest in history and love of community involvement inspires me to continue working for another term as your president to support the mission and activities of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

### **Candidate for First Vice President: Tim Knox**

I have been a longtime member of the Elk Grove Historical Society volunteering as a worker for many of the Society's events and am just completing my first year as First Vice President of the organization. I currently work as an Information Technology Specialist with the Franchise Tax Board and am looking forward to retiring very soon with them after 39 years. I also am currently the elected Mayor of Amador City, having served on the Amador City Council for 14 years. I have always had an interest in history, not only worldwide, but also in Amador City and for the last 15 years, in Elk Grove. I want to continue helping preserve the history of Elk Grove and surrounding area through working as a Board member of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

### **Candidate for Second Vice President: Dennis Buscher**

I am a fourth generation resident of Franklin, CA, a charter member of the Elk Grove Historical Society since 1977, and its unofficial Historian ever since. I have served on the Board of Directors over the years in the offices of President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and I am currently completing a first term again as Second Vice President. I retired from the Franchise Tax Board as a Tax Auditor after 24 years and as a Hearing Officer in the Legal Division for 10 years. I am currently a Board member of the Cosumnes—Elk Grove Cemetery District and a member of the Elk Grove City Historic Preservation Committee. I am active in historic preservation, having restored three homes in Elk Grove and one in Amador City, and I own and operate the Blue Victorian, a retail Antique & Collectible business in Sacramento and Roseville. I look forward to continuing to serve the Society as Second Vice President for another year.

### **Candidate for Recording Secretary: Carol Dunkel**

I retired after 38 years as an elementary school teacher in Modesto and became a docent with the McHenry Mansion in Modesto, a historic home and now museum. I served on their Board in several offices, including President, First and Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian. Having moved to Elk Grove with my husband Dale a few years ago, I soon joined the Elk Grove Historical Society and began to volunteer as a docent for our open house tours and helped with other events.



I completed Schoolmarm training for the Rhoads School Living History Program and am now active in that program for third to fifth grade children in the Elk Grove School District. I have recently helped coordinate one of the Society's historical group tours to....wait for it... the McHenry Mansion and Stanislaus County History Museum in Modesto! I am just completing my first year as Recording Secretary on the EGHS Board of Directors and look forward to serving another term.

### **Candidate for Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Mahon**

I have spent most of my adult life as a ranch wife with my husband Tom whose family own the Mahon Ranch here in Elk Grove. My duties ranged from coordinating calf branding lunches for the workers and vaccinating cattle to assisting with the myriad activities it takes to keep a large ranch running – all history lessons in themselves. My career as a volunteer started when my children were in school, which over the years included responsibilities of being a Teacher's Aide, fundraising, managing finances, recruiting other volunteers and working with 4H and FFA projects through my sons' high school years. I finally had time to volunteer as a docent for the Elk Grove Historical Society over the last few years and am now involved with the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation whose goal of historical preservation is a perfect combo with a position on the EGHS Board of Directors. I am completing my first year as the Society Corresponding Secretary and look forward to serving another term.

### **Candidate for Treasurer: Jeanette Lawson**

Along with my family, I have been an Elk Grove resident for many years, a longtime member of the Elk Grove Historical Society, a retired elementary school teacher and a genealogy researcher. I have served as a Society member volunteer for several years, many of those on the Board of Directors in the office of Treasurer. While I hope each year someone else might step up to take the Treasurer position, I must be doing a good job because no one does. I have been an active volunteer with the Society and instigated several successful fundraiser events including the Halloween themed *Haunted Stage Stop*, the *Black Tie and Santa* gala and the annual *Old Fashioned Christmas*. I am willing to serve another term as Treasurer of the Society and hope someone else will consider taking the job over next year! Thank you for voting!

Lorraine Croup, Nominations Committee Chair

### **Community Giving**



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For years our special friends Sam Falk and Marsha Branten with Choice Framing, have very professionally framed pictures and valuable articles at the museum out of courtesy and kindness. Pictured is an example of several Frank's that have been carefully framed with museum quality glass that has no reflection from any outside lighting. The frame itself is of antique quality which blends into our 1890 setting at the museum. It's time to let you know the secret of some of our beautiful framed artwork at the museum and recommend Choice Framing.



### **New Members**

Donald Mongeau,  
David & Angela Chalmers

### **Condolences**

Our condolences to the families and our friends of Olga Batey, Sheldon Beitzel, and Jack Waegall.

### **McHenry Mansion in Holiday Splendor—Bus Tour**



Join us for the Elk Grove Historical Society historic bus tour to see and tour Modesto's McHenry Mansion, lavishly decorated for Christmas. We will also be stopping and shopping at the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery\* near Hughson, and on to Modesto's Vintage Faire Mall

where you will find several restaurants in the area for a no host lunch and possible shopping. When: December 6th, 2017. Bus will be leaving the EGHS Stage Stop Museum at 9:00 AM (Bus loading at 8:45). Cost is \$65 per person. For Reservations call Lorraine (916) 683-6893.

\*Duarte Nursery **does not** take credit cards, cash or checks only please.



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2017

*Black Tie & Santa Party*

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*At the Stage Stop Museum  
9941 East Stockton Blvd.  
Elk Grove Regional Park*

*Sunday, November 26, 2017  
Starting at 6 pm*

*Tickets \$40  
Per Person*

*Bring an unwrapped toy for Santa to give to a needy  
Elk Grove child (birth to 5 years old).*

Tickets are Limited - Reserve yours today

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ (at \$40 Each)

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to:** Black Tie & Santa Event  
Elk Grove Historical Society  
P.O. Box 562  
Elk Grove, CA 95759

Tickets will be mailed to you.

Or....

**Buy on line at:** <http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com/black-tie-santa-tickets/>

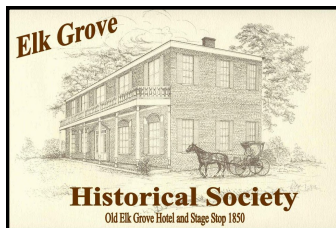
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**Charge to credit card**, please circle one: Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

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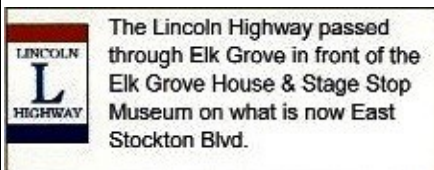
Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum  
Is located at  
9941 East Stockton Boulevard  
  
Adjacent to the West Entrance of  
Elk Grove Regional Park

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 86  
Elk Grove, CA

**New Member and Membership Renewal Form**

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Museum Open the first Saturday of  
each month or by Appointment  
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Research Library is now open by  
Appointment Only  
To schedule an appointment ,  
E-mail:  
[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)  
Or  
[msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)  
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Call 916-685-8115  
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**Types of Membership and Fee Structure      Check one:**

\_\_\_ Individual Person .....\$20.00

\_\_\_ Family Group.....\$30.00

\_\_\_ Student (full time under 25).....\$15.00

\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (65 to 79) .....\$15.00

\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (80+) .....Free

\_\_\_ Business, Corporation, Association .... \$30.00

\_\_\_ Lifetime (Member and Spouse) .....\$400.00

**Note: EGHS is a California Non-Profit Corporation.  
Dues may be deductible under IRS Code 501(c)3.**

**Make checks payable to the Elk Grove Historical Society**