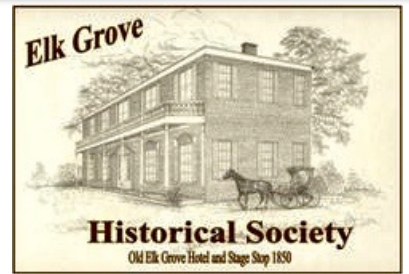


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Congratulations!
The gavel has been passed.

By member popular vote, the newly elected officers of the 2017 Elk Grove Historical Society are:

President: **Ken Miller**
First Vice President: **Tim Knox**
Second Vice President: **Dennis Buscher**
Treasurer: Sanjay "**Sunny**" Prasad
Recording Secretary: **Carol Dunkel**
Correspondence Secretary: **Cindy Mahon**



Dennis, Cindy, Sunny, Ken, out-going president Brookelea Lutton, Tim, Carol

Thank You Brookelea for your two years of Presidency of the Elk Grove Historical Society. During your tenure the society flourished, fundraisers were successful, and restoration projects were started. Your leadership will be missed, but we know you are excited about spending more time with family. We wish you well and thank you again.

Calendar of Events for January-February 2017

January

Jan 7: Free Museum Tours, Noon – 4:00 PM
Jan 9: EGHS **Board Meeting** – Museum, 4:00 PM
Jan 16: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 at
Presbyterian Church–8153 Elk Grove Blvd
w/Guest Speaker Ed Keema
Jan 16: **HOLIDAY**: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Guest Speaker: **Ed Keema's** family migrated from Prussa to the town of Bruceville (Franklin) in 1851. They intermarried with several families in the area and have a rich Siwash history.

February

Feb 4: Free Museum Tours, Noon – 4:00 PM
Feb 6: Rhoads School **Board Meeting**– 9:00 AM
Feb 13: EGHS **Board Meeting** – Museum, 4:00 PM
Feb 20: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 at
Presbyterian Church–8153 Elk Grove Blvd.
w/Guest Speaker Elizabeth Pinkerton
Feb 20: **HOLIDAY**: Presidents' Day

Guest Speaker: **Elizabeth Pinkerton** is our local historian, teacher, principal, administrator, and author will speak on the early history of Elk Grove.



Rhoads School Report



The Living History program is progressing nicely.

We recently held our board meeting and settled on guidelines for scholarships we offer to the schools that are in financial need. To keep offering those scholarships we are developing a cakeless cake sale fundraiser in the spring to help raise funds for those needy schools. We want to give all schools the opportunity to participate in our little jewel in the park. More information later.

We had three Fire Starters retire this year and have been able to replace two. We are in desperate need of one more. A **Fire Starter** starts the fire in the morning before a scheduled living history class in cold weather about 10+ times a year. All the supplies are there and it only takes about 1/2 hour of your time. Please contact the Historical society if you might be interested. Also, we also need a **Historian** who keeps track of any written articles concerning the Rhoads School and its events.

We have are looking into and have requested signage in the EG Park for directions to the Rhoads School.

The California Pioneer Heritage Foundation is interested in filming a living history class as teaching tool for their various pioneering history programs. Plans are being organized and coordinated. - Roberta Tanner, Director



Reserve these dates:

March 18 is the **Red Door Antique Show & Flea Market** at the Old Town Plaza

May 13 is the **Spring Tea**, the day before Mother's day at the museum.



Congratulations!
Jim & Annaclare Entrican
2016 EG Citizen's of the Year



In an article written by local Elk Grove historian Elizabeth Pinkerton for the October issue of *Ardent Magazine*, she describes the history of the Rhoads School, about the Living History classes that happen there, and the beginnings of the Elk Grove Historical Society. We have a few copies left, they're FREE, and very history worthy.



The Blacksmith Shop is closing in on its completion. We are all very excited and proud. It was all of you that made it possible. And Jim Entrican who made it all work.

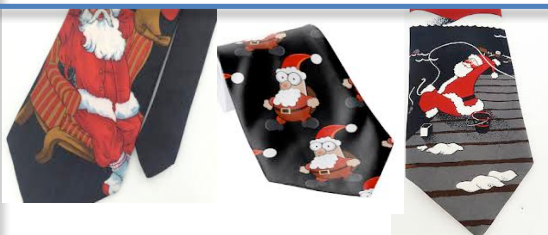


We are trying to complete are collection of EG high school yearbooks. We still need 1918, 1925, 1983, 1989, 1993 and beyond.



The Stage Stop Haunted House was an eerie success. It was open on weekends in October and decorated from rafters to cellar to scare all those who entered. Thank you to those who took hours and hours to set up and scare, and to those brave soles who ventured in for a peek.

Income: \$6,923.00
Expenses: \$3,178.38
Net: \$3,734.62



Black Tie & Santa

Thank you to all who helped to put the holiday event together and all who came to enjoy the wonderful evening. It was clearly a successful evening and a great way to start the Christmas Season.

Income: \$6,376.00
Expenses: \$1,197.80
Net: \$5,178.20

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
General Operating Fund	\$14,068.18	\$19,058.52
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$6,981.68	\$6,981.68
Total Account Balance	\$21,049.86	\$26,040.20

Restoration Accounts:		
General Restoration Fund	\$21,766.31	\$21,693.19
Foulks House Fund	\$90,200.52	\$90,275.52
Reese School Fund	\$239.55	\$239.55
Total Account Balance	\$112,206.38	\$112,208.26

Museum Store Account:	\$4,919.23	\$3,254.79
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Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$986.63	\$986.63
Scholarship Fund	\$3,131.95	\$2,996.95
Total Account Balance	\$4,118.58	\$3,983.58

Total **\$142,294.05** **\$145,486.83**



The EG Historical Society gave their donated gifts from the "Black Tie and Santa" event to the children at the *Chicks In Crisis Center* in Elk Grove and were distributed with the help of the Claus's. (our Ken & Rosmarie Miller).

welcome

New members

Sue Litsey, Jennifer Giron,
 David Brooks, & Joyce Jones
(We now have 292 members)

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2016

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Brookelea Lutton

Announcements: Thank you to all who helped with the Black Tie & Santa and Old Fashion Christmas.

Approval of Minutes: Diane Borden: Minutes of November 14 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report/Bills: Jeanette Lawson: Treasurer's Report was approved and submitted. Tyco security annual fee of \$1,183.20 was approved for payment. Chamber dues of \$100 approved for the year, \$300 for representative to attend monthly Chamber luncheons. \$460.13 approved to reimburse Jim Entrican for miscellaneous expenses.

Rhoades School Report: Roberta Tanner: Board approved guidelines for approving scholarships. Title 1 students get priority. Cakeless Bake Sale scheduled for spring. A Historian and Fire Starter are desperately still needed. A letter was prepared to request that signage be provided so that people in the park can find the Rhoads School.

CSD: Rick Lorzano: Two new board members were sworn in.

Committee Reports:

Membership: We have four new members; a current list was approved. Member's addresses are confidential; new business cards were provided to the new president, 1st VP, and 2nd VP.

Black Tie & Santa: Net income was \$5,178.20.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Ken will take donated gifts to Chicks in Crisis. Attendance has been good so far. Louis made a video of the upstairs rooms to be available for those who are disabled and don't have access.

Unfinished Business:

Blacksmith Storage Shop: The structure is up and will need to be inspected. It leaks and roof needs to be put on as soon as possible to protect the wood. It was approved to allocate \$5,000 from the restoration fund for labor costs to put on the roof and install gutters immediately. Jim will contact the company that promised to donate the roofing material.

New Business:

Spring Tea vs Women's Amgen: Ken Miller: Board members met with the City to discuss alternatives. We will keep the date, but have been asked to change the time of the tea to the afternoon. An offer of a \$1000 grant was made, if we accommodate the City. The Spring Tea Committee will meet in January to discuss their options and provide a recommendation to the Board.

Whitelock Parkway Interchange Update: Ken Miller: Board members met with the City and CSD regarding an update. The interchange will impact E. Stockton Boulevard and the museum. We will provide the City with our mitigating circumstances and costs. Ken Miller will chair a committee to make a list of concerns to provide to the City. It was also suggested that we invite the City to give a presentation of the situation to all our members at a general meeting in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton

Membership Dues Are Due For The New Year

Please use the renewal form on the last page of this newsletter. Fill out the form, check your fee structure and send it and your check to the EG Historical Society.

Thank You So Much



President's Message

I wish all of our members, volunteers and friends the best in the New Year. I hope you had plenty of time to spend with family and friends during this busy holiday season. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the New Year.

First, I would like to thank President Brooklea Lutton for her service for the last two years. I thank the entire past Board for their dedicated time and energy, as officers, to assure that activities, events and business were conducted during 2016. Finally, a thank you to all the event and committee chairpersons, along with our volunteers, that provides the leadership and labor force that keep the Elk Grove Historical Society moving forward. It takes everyone's help to make our organization successful.

Where do we go from here? As you receive this Newsletter, we will have finished the last weekend of the Old Fashioned Christmas. The families have enjoyed the time at the Hotel and Stage Stop Museum. I have heard that the children have had a good time at the North Pole and Santa had a great time talking with them. It could be a record turnout. We also delivered presents to the non-profit group Chicks in Crisis. Gifts were donated by our members and guests that attended the Black Tie & Santa gathering or by stopping by on one of our Old Fashioned Christmas Week-ends.

At his time, the new Board is actively working to participate in our required "Planning Meeting Workshop" on January 6, 2018. Support positions, Standing Committees and Event Chairpersons will be invited to participate in this task. The purpose is to establish short and long term goals and objectives for the Society for 2017 and beyond. The Board will prepare priorities for the new calendar year to guide us in achieving our goals.

Most of our fundraising events will proceed in their respective time slots. However, there are a few changes that are being considered.

Spring Tea: This event will be planned for its normal day (Saturday before Mother's Day). The start time will be delayed to an afternoon hour about 3:00 or 4:00 pm (committee decision) due to a scheduling conflict. The City of Elk Grove will be hosting the national AMGEN Ladies Cycling Marathon at our Elk Grove Park. The race will start about 10:00 am. The park will not be available for our use until about 1:00 pm. The Cosumnes CSD is working with the City to close the park from early morning until the early afternoon. All roads will be having temporary closures until the event ends. We have a great relationship with the City and the CSD. Together we can have events on the same day.

Haunted House Days: The Board will be tasked to determine whether this fundraiser will continue. Things to be considered will be the cost to purchase a replacement fireproof tent, difficulty in recruiting sufficient volunteer staffing and obtaining volunteer decorators to mention a few issues.

Blacksmith Shop: Construction is underway and will be finished in the New Year. This will serve as an exhibit and storage facility. Thanks to Jim Entrican for keeping things going.

In our next Newsletter, we will be able to identify our Workshop results with priorities developed by the Board and adopted by the membership in February 2017. These will guide us through the year. They will open the door for you to help as volunteers and members to assist with keeping the Elk Grove Historical moving forward in our community. Don't be surprised if you receive a call, letter or email seeking your help and ideas to bring our plans to full completion and success.

Thank you in advance for your support and voting in our last election. It takes teamwork to meet our expectations for the New Year. Thanks for being on our team.

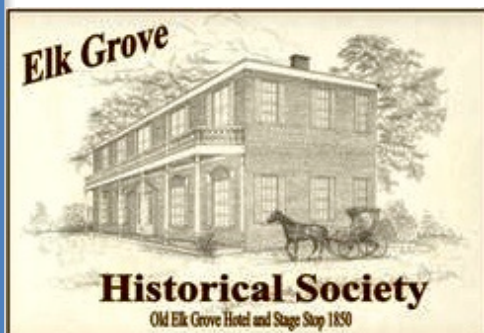
Take care, Ken Miller, President

Any organization is only as good as its members. We have a core group that does most of the awesome work we do, but we need help in small and big ways. Can you help us? Check a box and return it with next year's dues.

It would truly be appreciated...

☐ -Antique Show & Flea Market, ☐ -Big Day of Giving, ☐ -Spring Tea, ☐ -Yard Sale,
☐ -Haunted House, ☐ -Black Tie & Santa, ☐ -Old Fashioned Christmas, ☐ -Tour Guide,
☐ -Construction/Remodel work, ☐ -Committee Chairmanship, ☐ -Rhoads School,
☐ -Other _____

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Adjacent to the West Entrance of
Elk Grove Regional Park

Museum is open the first Saturday of
each month or by appointment

Research Library is now open by
appointment Only

To schedule an appointment:

Email:

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Or

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Call 916-685-8115



The Lincoln Highway passed
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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If this is a business membership, please complete the following:

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

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Check one

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