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### 40th Anniversary of E.G. Historical Society Dedication of the Tom Russell Research Library



Vice mayor Steve Ly and Councilman Steve Detrick present President Brookelea Lutton with a Certificate of Recognition from the City.



Sandi Russell unveils the portrait of her late husband Tom which now hangs in the library that carries his name.

Our anniversary celebration and dedication of the library were held on August 6 with approximately 85 people in attendance. Vice Mayor Steve Ly and Councilman Steve Detrick presented a Certificate of Recognition from the City and Supervisor Don Nottoli presented a resolution from the County. It was not only the 40th year anniversary of the historical society, but it also marked 40 years that the Rhoads School was moved to EG Park. The original bicentennial committee that was instrumental in moving the school in 1976 soon evolved into the Elk Grove Historical Society. The Elk Grove Lions Club provided a BBQ lunch and Gary Mendoza provided music from the '60s to entertain attendees.

Sandi Russell was also presented a resolution from the County to commemorate Tom's many contributions to the Elk Grove Historical Society.

Thank You Volunteers!

A Big thank you also to those who helped make our 40th Anniversary Celebration and Dedication of the Tom Russell Research Library a success. Without volunteers to make sure we had enough tables and chairs, food to eat and music to enjoy and volunteers to help serve the food and drinks, decorate and clean up, make the flyers and invitations, paint and clean up the library, we would be hard pressed to pull off an event like this. Last but certainly not least, thanks to all the volunteers who staffed the "house" and library for our visitors who toured the museum.

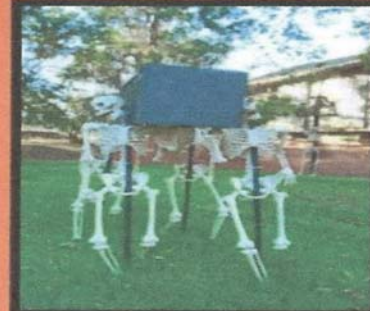
Your help is truly appreciated....Brookelea Lutton



## EGHS - ANNUAL YARD SALE

### A Very Successful Yard Sale

Thanks to all who donated merchandise to our huge annual yard sale this year. Again, we had thousands of items, including a personal library of hundreds of books. A special thanks to all the volunteers who worked weeks in advance sorting and pricing all the merchandise, as well as those who worked the 3 days of the sale. We had hundreds of shoppers load up on bargains. Our left over merchandise was donated to local charities. This was our best annual sale with sales of about \$7,100.



**The Haunting is Happening At  
Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum**  
Located at the Northwest Corner of  
Elk Grove Park (9941 E Stockton Blvd.)

**OPEN during ELK GROVE'S GIANT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**  
October 1st & 2nd - 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
**THEN OPEN FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS**  
Oct 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 29  
5:00 - 9:00 pm

For Information: (916) 685-8115 or VISIT US AT:  
[www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com/haunted-stage-stop](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com/haunted-stage-stop)



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for all ages**

**Admission  
\$5.00 per  
person**

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The Society's Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates to fill six officer positions on the Board of Directors for the term beginning January 1, 2017. The term of the office is one year, re-electable for a succeeding term each year.

The Board of Directors is comprised of nine members: six elected by the general membership each year and three appointed by the President. Except for the President whose term is limited to two consecutive years, the other directors may serve consecutive years if re-elected or re-appointed each year. The six elected directors hold the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

If you are interested in being a candidate for a Board position, specific job descriptions for all officer positions are available to you by contacting the Nominating Committee Chair at [sallybergen@surewest.net](mailto:sallybergen@surewest.net)

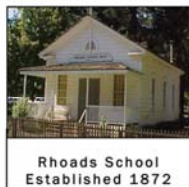
## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Frank Tafoya*

*Judy Tafoya*

*Roberta Tanner*





## Rhoads School Report

*15 schools have signed up for Spring 2017*



### **Treasurer's Report** (Aug. 1, 2016)

#### OPERATING ACCOUNT

GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$18,530.74
WIGHTMAN MEMORIAL FUNDS	\$8,547.36
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$27,078.10

#### RESTORATION ACCOUNT

GENERAL RESTORATION FUNDS	\$31,603.05
FOULK'S HOUSE FUNDS	\$89,215.52
REESE SCHOOL FUNDS	\$530.28
TOTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$121,348.85

<u>MUSEUM STORE ACCOUNT</u>	\$4,348.22
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#### RHOADS SCHOOL ACCOUNT BALANCES

OPERATING FUNDS	\$986.63
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$1,948.36
TOTAL RHOADS SCHOOL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$2,934.99
 TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS	 \$155,710.16



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sept. 2016

Sept. 3 -Museum tours 12PM-4PM  
 Sept. 12 -Board Meeting 4PM, Museum  
 Sept. 19 -General Meeting, Guest Speaker Jerry Strong  
 6:30PM at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk  
 Grove Blvd, Suite #20

### Oct. 2016

Oct. 1 -Lema Foundation Dinner 6PM-10PM Miner's  
 Leap Winery, Clarksburg  
 Oct. 1&2 -Haunted Stage Stop 1PM-5PM, Museum  
 Oct. 7&8 -Haunted Stage Stop 5PM-9PM, Museum  
 Oct. 10 -Board Meeting 4PM, Museum  
 Oct. 14 -General Meeting- Slate of Officers Presented,  
 Preview tour of Haunted Stage Stop 4PM, Museum  
 Oct. 15 -Haunted Stage Stop 5PM-9PM, Museum  
 Oct. 21&22 -Haunted Stage Stop 5PM-9PM, Museum  
 Oct. 28&29 -Haunted Stage Stop 5PM-9PM, Museum

## Guest Speaker Jerry Strong

The Sept 19th general meeting of The Elk Grove Historical Society will feature guest speaker Jerry Strong. He will be speaking on the history of the Strong Family in Elk Grove. They were early residents of Elk Grove. The Strong family members have married into other early families to include the Dillard's, Keema's, Christesen's, Crump/Derr, and the Herzog's. Jerry and his wife Jeanne were owners of the Elk Grove Food Market, a sideline business of an outdoor Tri-Tip barbeque operation. They are also the founding supporters of Project R.I.D.E. and have a local park named in their honor. The meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite #20, at 6:30PM. The public is invited.

## **EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - Aug. 8, 2016**

Call to Order: President Brookelea Lutton

**Minutes** of July 11 were approved as submitted.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved: SMUD for \$215.94 and \$211.32 to Bob Brewer, Lions Club for food at the 40th Anniversary Celebration; Herburger Publications for \$264.00; CSD for \$693.00 for reimbursement for insurance; \$290.73 to reimburse Dennis Buscher for material and labor to make repairs on the Reese School.

**Treasurer's Report** was approved as submitted. It was suggested that future Treasurer's Reports show an accounting of the expenses related to the blacksmith shop/storage facility.

**Rhoads School:** Roberta Tanner was introduced as the new Director for Rhoads School. She reported that 15 school classes are currently signed up to start in the spring.

CSD Update: Rich reported that complaints about the grounds surrounding the fire-damaged administration building are being addressed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Museum Tour Volunteers** - Brookelea will be calling volunteers for the September opening.

**Haunted Stage Stop** - After our September opening, we will begin storing items so that rooms can be decorated for the Haunted Stage Stop. We will not participate in the Harvest Festival this year. Jackie Lewis offered to hand out flyers at the booth she will be sitting at for Strauss Festival.

**Yard Sale** - The yard sale was a big success; we made a net profit of \$7,160.05. There were over 40 volunteers who helped out and everything was well organized.

**Old Fashioned Christmas** - Things are moving along; we have decorators for all rooms except the dining room and ballroom. Jeanette will send out a letter asking for donations for Black Tie as was done last year.

**Nominating Committee** - The committee will begin searching for nominees for the six officer positions for next year and will be ready to present them at the October 14th general meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Storage/Blacksmith Shop:** Volunteers will be starting this weekend on the storage facility/blacksmith shop and will continue until it's completed. Cliff Brackett works on a piecemeal basis. Some materials will be donated, but we expect a bill for the iron (approximately \$1,100). The cement will be poured next and will be donated.



**EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - Aug. 8, 2016 cont.**

**Foulks House Restoration Grant:** Need architect to update plans. Jim will report on this next month. Jim met with Don Nottoli and was told that there are no restrictions on the use of the \$25,000 grant funds (and no time limit).

**Shore-up of Reese School:** Dennis will follow up on progress.

**New Business:**

**Possible donation of 300 books RE Lewis and Clark Expedition:** Dennis will try to obtain more information as to what this consists of so we can evaluate further.

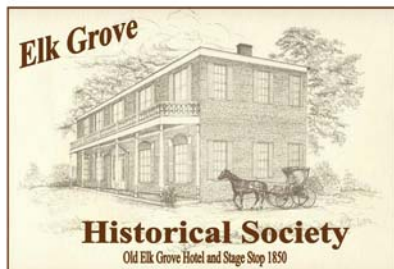
**Whitelock Parkway Update:** Jim said that this will NOT impact our property, however the ball diamond may be affected. There is no funding available, only plans have been presented at this time.

**Sacramento County California Heritage Protection Project:** Project involves developing emergency plans for the museum. First meeting is September 16.

**Lema Foundation Dinner:** This will be held on October 1 at 6 PM; tickets are \$60 a person. Let Dennis know if you would like to attend.

**President Brookelea Lutton** adjourned the meeting.

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Stage Stop*  
**Gazette**  
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The Lincoln Highway passed through Elk Grove in front of the Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum on what is now East Stockton Blvd.



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Museum is open the 1st Saturday of each month except November & January or by appointment

Research Library is open by appointment only. To schedule an appointment:  
Email:  
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Elk Grove House and Stage Stop  
Museum is located at:  
9941 E. Stockton Blvd.  
(Adjacent to the West Entrance of Elk Grove Park)

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Elk Grove, CA

### New Member & Membership Renewal Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Types of Membership & fee structure (circle one)

— Individual Person.....\$20.00  
— Family Group.....\$30.00  
— Student (fulltime under 25).....\$15.00  
— Senior Citizen (65-79).....\$15.00  
— Super Senior Citizen (80+).....FREE  
— Business Corporation Association.....\$30.00  
— Lifetime (Member & Spouse).....\$400.00

☐ Call me to volunteer! Areas of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Note: EGHS is a California Non-Profit Corporation. Dues may be deductible under IRS Code 501(c) (3). Make checks payable to Elk Grove Historical Society