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JULY 22-24 8AM-3PM

This year's sale will be even larger than the huge sale we had last year. The contents of 2 estates have already been received as well as many more donations from individuals. The

sale will include furniture, household items, collectibles, fine china & glass, jewelry and a large selection of books and clothing. You don't know that you need it until you see it. So hope to see you during the sale. Everything is priced to sell in three days, so bargains for everyone.

Donations are still being accepted; call Lorraine at 683-6893 to schedule drop off at the Museum or Dennis Buscher at 714-2355 to pick up larger items.

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



On August 6th, we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Elk Grove Historical Society & the dedication of the Tom Russell Research Library. Please join us from 11 AM to 2 PM at our Heritage Park for refreshments & drinks. Tour the museum, research library, jail and Foulks House where there will be docents to answer any questions.

Anabel Gage was a dedicated advocate for the preservation of the history of Elk Grove with pictures and written documentation. Carl & Joyce Amundson were interested in

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preserving the historical resources of Elk Grove.

They teamed up together, with other community members, to start the Elk Grove Historical Society and to move & restore both the Rhoads School & the San Joaquin Jail. When that was completed, fundraising began to reconstruct the Elk Grove House &

Stage Stop. Forty years later, we have made a lot of progress, but are still working hard to restore the Foulks House and Reese School. Elk Grove can be proud of the preservation work that the Elk Grove Historical Society has accomplished.

Please join us to see these accomplishments.

Members who have joined the Historical Society within the last several months will be cordially invited to attend a New Member Welcome session at the Museum hosted by the Membership Coordinator and Board members on Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 am. The purpose is to provide new members with:

- *EGHS History and Mission.*
- *Touring of historical buildings.*
- *Volunteer opportunities.*
- *An opportunity to meet other members.*

Refreshments will be served, so your RSVP is requested by July 6 so we can plan accordingly. You can contact Lorraine Croup by email at lorrainecroup@comcast.net or call to leave her a message at 916 683 6893.



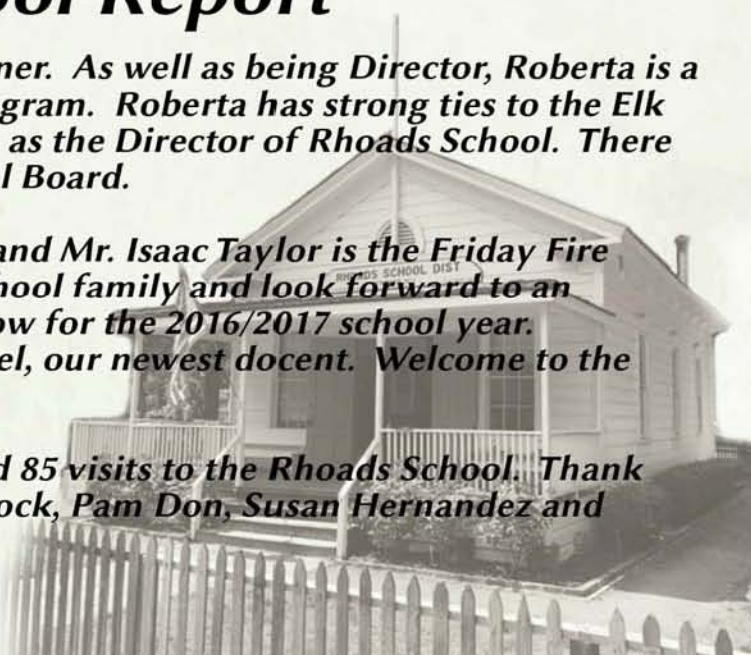
New
Member
WELCOME
SAT. | JULY 9TH
11AM

Rhoads School Report

Rhoads School has a new Director, Roberta Tanner. As well as being Director, Roberta is a docent in the Rhoads School Living History Program. Roberta has strong ties to the Elk Grove Community. She will do an excellent job as the Director of Rhoads School. There are also two new additions to the Rhoads School Board.

Mr. Louis Silveira is the Reservations Manager and Mr. Isaac Taylor is the Friday Fire Starter. We welcome all three to the Rhoads School family and look forward to an amazing year. We are accepting reservations now for the 2016/2017 school year. We also extend a warm welcome to Carol Dunkel, our newest docent. Welcome to the family, Carol.

In the 2015/2016 school year there were a record 85 visits to the Rhoads School. Thank you to our docents: Sue Davis, Helen Diepenbrock, Pam Don, Susan Hernandez and



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Roberta Tanner. Thank you ladies for keeping the Rhoads School Living History Program alive and well. Thank you to our Fire Starters: Fred Fuentes, Ken Miller, Wally Stropp and Rinny Rau as well. Last but, certainly not least thank you to all the Rhoads School Board members for your commitment to this wonderful program.



Treasurer's Report (June 1, 2016)

OPERATING ACCOUNT

GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$20,492.41
WIGHTMAN MEMORIAL FUNDS	\$9,147.36
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$29,639.77

RESTORATION ACCOUNT

GENERAL RESTORATION FUNDS	\$31,846.98
FOULK'S HOUSE FUNDS	\$53,894.95
REESE SCHOOL FUNDS	\$530.28
TOTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$86,272.21

<u>MUSEUM STORE ACCOUNT</u>	\$4,348.08
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RHOADS SCHOOL ACCOUNT BALANCES

OPERATING FUNDS	\$1,080.85
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$2,108.36
TOTAL RHOADS SCHOOL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$3,189.21

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS	\$123,449.27
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THANKS TO YOU ALL!

Big Day Of Giving-May 3, 2016

A special thanks to everyone that participated in the Big Day of Giving this May 3rd. We had our museum open for viewing with free wine, hors d'oeuvres and good conversation. Despite our technical difficulties with our technology, our supporters came through with donations of \$13,440, which included a special donation of \$10,000 in memory of the Brown/Wightman Family. While the special donation is earmarked for the museum operation, the balance of \$3,440 will be used for the restoration of the Foulks House that is expected to begin this fall.

We want to give a special thanks to Gilly's Car Wash (8365 Sheldon Road) for their donation of a free car wash coupon for all donors, with a special coupon for donors of \$100 or more for a free bottle of Beau Vantage Cabernet Sauvignon wine. We also want to thank Project RIDE for hosting the public evening event for donors to meet all participating nonprofits in Elk Grove.

Spring Tea-May 7, 2016

Thanks to you all who helped make this year's Spring Tea such a successful event. The unusually inclement weather did not discourage our 180 plus guests. They enjoyed a delicious lunch amid fabulous decorations and beautiful garden surroundings, while listening to The Grace Notes Flutist Trio. Many of our guests won some lovely raffle and door prizes. Guests enjoyed socializing with family and friends at this event.

We were pleased to net a profit of over \$5,800.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2016

July 2 - Museum tours 12PM-4PM

July 9 - New Member Welcome 11M

July 10 - Accepting donations for the Yard Sale from 9AM - 1PM

July 11 - Board Meeting 4PM, Museum

July 22-24 - Yard Sale 9AM - 3PM, Museum Grounds

August 2016

Aug. 6 - 40th Anniv. of E.G. Historical Society/Dedication of Tom Russell Research Library 11AM - 2PM.

Aug. 8 - Board Meeting 4PM, Museum

NOTE: No general meetings in July or August. Have a Happy Summer!

OUR CONDOLENCES

On May 29 we lost two long-time members and influential women in Elk Grove and the Society.



Iris Zimbelman

Our heartfelt condolences go to Arnie Zimbelman and his family on the loss of their beloved Iris. Iris and Arnie were among the original members of the Historical Society and carried a lifetime membership. They were on the Board of Directors for the Rhoads School for many years and had just retired from the Board this year. Iris brought her love of history to Elk Grove when she founded the Strauss Festival which is in its 29th year and has brought much joy to the community. We will miss seeing Arnie and Iris around town, usually dressed alike "so they won't lose each other," as Arnie once said.



Joyce Amundson

Joyce Amundson was one of the founding members of the Elk Grove Historical Society. She worked tirelessly beside her husband Carl in their business activities in Elk Grove. They built and operated the Boulevard Theatre on Elk Grove Blvd for many years with Joyce at the ticket window. Saddened by the loss of the Train Depot in Elk Grove, the Amundsons began to work on preserving the history of Elk Grove. They worked with Beth Eng, who donated the Rhoads School, to have it moved to the Elk Grove Park as a Bicentennial Project and restored. That project resulted in the creation of the Elk Grove Historical Society. After that, Carl and Joyce had a dream of reconstructing the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop that was the beginning of Elk Grove. They worked for years getting through the red tape of acquiring the property, planning, designing, and fund raising before the first shovel of dirt was dug for the basement of the Elk Grove House. Once construction started, Joyce was constantly on the job site in the evenings and weekends with shovel, bucket, paint brush or cleaning rag in hand. Whenever you saw Carl on the site, Joyce was right behind him.

The Amundsons were the driving force in creating the Old Elk Grove Specific Plan & the creation of the Elk Grove Historic District in 1988 which is recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. We can thank Joyce and Carl for raising the interest of historic preservation in Elk Grove and for the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum.

Our heartfelt condolences go to the Amundson family.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathleen Mooney

Gilbert (Ken) Wilson

Connie O'Brien

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2016

Call to Order: President Brookelea Lutton

Announcements: We have received a \$25,000 grant from Sacramento County to be used for our restoration projects. It will be used to restore the Foulks House and must be used by January 31, 2017.

Minutes of June 9 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Rhoads School: Roberta Tanner will be the new Director of the Rhoads School. A candidate has been interviewed for the Assistant Director. Louis Silveira will be the reservation scheduler.

CSD Update: CSD has many events planned for the summer. There is a new "app" for the Activity Guide. A crew will be cleaning up the weeds at the north end of Heritage Park.

Committee Reports:

Docents - Our July 2 Opening is the same day as Iris Zimbelman's memorial service and many of us will be attending. There should be enough volunteers; however, we need someone to open the museum.

Membership - No new members. The names of those who donated during the Big Day of Giving will be added as they are entitled to a one-year free membership.

Policy & Procedure Committee - The Committee is winding up its review and has made numerous changes. A special meeting to discuss the changes has been scheduled for July 5 at 1 PM at the Museum.

Program for General Meetings - Jeanne Strong will speak about the history of Project RIDE and Ann Koenig will speak about her personal experience with Project RIDE. There will be no general meetings until September when Jerry Strong will talk about his family, which has been in Elk Grove since the 1860's.

Spring Tea Final Report—The final net revenue was \$5,896.00.

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2016 cont.

Yard Sale - The Yard Sale was changed to July 22-24 from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Museum. Dennis will coordinate the advertising in various papers.

Unfinished Business:

Storage/Blacksmith Shop - When Jim returns from vacation we will get started on removing debris and leveling the ground. If we are unable to get someone to do this at no cost, it will cost us about \$2,000.

Shore-up of Reese School - It has been stabilized, but work is not completed.

Tom Russell Research Library - Brookelea provided Don Nottoli's office requested information about Tom and what he did for the Society. Someone from his office will attend the dedication on August 6 and present a Resolution.

Lease Renewal with CSD - After 30 years, the lease is up for renewal. An attorney reviewed the document for us and made minor edits. The Board agreed to request that the next renewal period be for 20 years. Dennis suggested that the insurance coverage on other buildings be clarified in the document. EGHS pays for the insurance on the contents of the Museum, liability at our events and for the Directors and volunteers. The document needs to be clarified as to who pays the property insurance.

Sharon Baker expressed concern about the condition of the windows in the Rhoads School; they urgently need replacement. Rich will see if replacement can be expedited, and at least replace the south windows now.

New Business:

New Member Welcome - A New Member Welcome session will be held on Saturday, July 9th at 11 AM at the Museum. This will give new members a chance to get acquainted with us and each other and learn about the history of the Society and Museum.

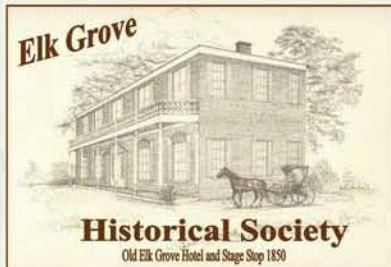
President Brookelea Lutton adjourned the meeting.

About The Editor

Hello my name is Isaac Taylor. I am excited to be apart of the Elk Grove Historical Society, as the new editor for The Stage Stop Gazette. I am very passionate about graphic design and the culinary arts, so much so I own and operate Led By God Designs and Taylor Made Smokehouse (catering). The one thing I love about food is that it transcends all ethnic, social and economical barriers and brings people together. I enjoy the outdoors, traveling, working out, meeting new people and having great conversations.

I look forward to meeting you all.

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Museum is located at:
9941 E. Stockton Blvd.
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New Member & Membership Renewal Form

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Email: _____

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

Business Name: _____
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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 _____

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