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President's Message

Happy New Year!

As we close out 2015 we reflect on another successful year of fund raising events. The word is getting out about all that we do for the community. Funds are not only needed to keep the museum and grounds going, but it takes many years of fund raising to even begin our restoration projects. Alas! We are at the point of beginning restoration of the 1853 Foulks House this spring. In conjunction with this project, we will begin construction of a blacksmith/storage facility that will house all the items currently stored in the Foulks House. A portion of the museum's basement will also be transformed into the Tom Russell Research Library, which will honor our beloved Tom Russell, our former historian/archivist, who passed away in 2014.

Thank you for all of your support this year, whether financial or in volunteering your time to help us reach our goals. We hope to see you around the museum and at our events in 2016.

Brookelea Lutton, President

Calendar of Events for Jan-Feb 2016

January

Jan 11: **Board Meeting** – Museum, 4:00 PM
Jan 25: **General Meeting** – 6:30 at Carlton
Senior Living – 6915 Elk Grove Blvd.
w/Guest Speaker Bill George
Jan 18: HOLIDAY: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

Feb 6: Free Museum Tours, noon – 4:00 PM
Feb 8: **Board Meeting** – Museum, 4:00 PM
Feb 15: **General Meeting** – 6:30 at Carlton
Senior Living – 6915 Elk Grove Blvd.
w/Guest Speaker Bob Lent
Feb 15: HOLIDAY: Presidents' Day

General Meeting Guest Speakers

January 25: Bill George – Bill has 35 years' experience in journalism and filmmaking. He produced dozens of broadcast news reports, special reports, and documentaries. The reports have aired on CNN, ESPN, NBC, and many others. He is the author of the book "**Rails, Tales, and Trails**" about the construction of the **Central Pacific Railroad**. Note: Due to the MLK holiday, the general meeting will be held on the THIRD Monday in January

February 15: Bob Lent – The well-known Lent family has long been part of the local community and have contributed to so many events over the years. He will share much of his family's history at the February General Meeting.

Rhoads School Report



It has been a busy time with lots of changes for the Rhoads School Board. During October/November two new Fire Starters and their respective wives joined the Rhoads School Board. We welcome Fred and Becky Fuentes. Fred is currently serving as a fire starter on Tuesday and Friday. Becky is serving as the Secretary for the School Board. They are joined by Ken and Rosemarie Miller. Ken will be taking on the Wednesday fire starting duties. Both Fred and Ken have assisted Jim Entrican with setting up the Christmas decorations at the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum. Becky and Rosemarie jumped right in and assisted with decorating and cleaning the Museum for Christmas. On Monday, November 30th the Board held its annual Christmas gathering at the museum. We enjoyed a nice pot luck lunch after which the members were able to visit and tour the beautifully decorated museum. During the lunch a special award was given to Ed and Ethel Keema to thank them for their many years of service dedicated to the Rhoads School Living History Program. We appreciate all the hours they spent repairing furniture, cleaning and fund raising on behalf of the school. We miss Ethel's bright smile and Ed's humor at our board meetings. Sadly, Arnie and Iris Zimbelman announced they will be retiring from active participation on the school board. Words cannot express how much both of these power couples will be missed. Also at the lunch a plaque listing the service of the "Superintendents" was announced with Merry Leverton being listed. The plaque will be hung in the coatroom at the school.

All these changes have brought about lots of changes in duties of board members. A complete list of all the changes will be announced once some of the last details are finalized.

We look forward to a very busy spring season this year. Classes' resume attending the program in January and things really pick up mid-February. We have a few open days during February and March but beginning in April through the end of the school year we are completely booked.



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. A spooky thank you to those who took hours and hours to set up and to those who ventured in for a peek.



Income: \$8,025.00
Expenses: \$2,599.18
Net: \$5,426.82

*Black Tie & Santa Party
Preview Night
Wine & Hors D'oeuvres
Silent Auction
Sunday, November 29, 2015
Starting at 6 pm*



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: \$6,357.80
Expenses: \$1,060.92
Net: \$5,296.88

Welcome new members

Fred & Becky Fuentes
Ken & Rosemarie Miller

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts	November 2015	December 2015
General Operating Fund	\$12,457.69	\$13,372.07
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$8,971.66	\$8,636.66
Total Account Balance:	\$21,429.35	\$22,008.73
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$30,946.47	\$30,947.91
Foulks House Fund	\$52,454.95	\$52,454.95
Reese School Fund	\$530.28	\$530.28
Total Account Balance:	\$83,931.70	\$83,933.14
Museum Store Account	\$3,561.22	\$3,561.14
Subtotal	\$108,922.27	\$109,503.14
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$933.50	\$933.50
Scholarship Fund:	\$4,252.68	\$4,092.68
Subtotal	\$5,186.18	\$5,026.18
TOTAL	\$114,108.45	\$114,529.32

welcome



Hans Feickert with the help of son Brandon, of the well known and loved pioneering family in Elk Grove, has volunteered to be the Archivist for the EG Historical Society. He will help organize, document, catalog, and safe keep the many historical documents and artifacts that have accumulated and donated to the society. We so appreciate his and his son's help.

Women Leaders in Elk Grove

By ELIZABETH PINKERTON



In an article written by local Elk Grove historian Elizabeth Pinkerton for *Ardent Magazine*, Elk Grove Historical Society members Jeanette Lawson, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, and Brookelea Lutton were appreciated for their contributions, dedication, and leadership in the community. The articles highlights each member's connection to local history and its importance to them. They are an asset and there is no denying their importance to our community. Well-deserved recognition, ladies.



L to R: Jeanette Lawson, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, and Brookelea Lutton

Members Who Have Left Us

Long-time member Mary Gilbert, mother of our Treasurer Jeanette Lawson, passed away on December 8. Our heartfelt condolences go to Jeanette and her family.



At our general meeting held on November 16 at Old Town Creations, the EG Historical Society members elected officers for 2016 and then had the opportunity to do some shopping. Thanks once again to Ray Bayles for hosting us.

Your new officers for 2016 are:

President: Brookelea Lutton
First Vice President: Claudia Johnson
Second Vice President: Dennis Buscher
Treasure: Jeanette Lawson
Corresponding Secretary: Sally Bergen
Recording Secretary: Diane Borden



Standing: Diane Borden, Dennis Buscher, Jeanette Lawson
 Bottom: Claudia Johnson, Brookelea Lutton, Sally Bergen

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2015

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

Announcements: Happy Birthday to Sharon Baker. The Bilby/Stoecker family donated clothing and a history book.

Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2015--Diane Borden: Minutes of November 9 were approved and submitted.

Treasurer's Report/Bills:--Jeanette Lawson: Treasurer's Report was approved and submitted. SMUD bill \$225.93 approved for payment. Board approved to pay Merry Maids up to \$500 to clean museum/bathrooms. Board approved continual membership in EG Chamber \$100 and \$150 for Luncheon meetings for Brookelea to attend.

Rhoades School Report:-- Sharon Baker – Luncheon held November 30th, Ethel and Ed Keema, Arnie & Iris Zimbelman are retiring as board members. Received 80 registrations for classes for the school year. Windows need repair, but is CSD responsibility. A new position of school scheduler has been created.

Committee Reports:

Docents: Brookelea Lutton-Flow went well, but shorthanded at times. Will bring back Hot Cider for next year's Old Fashioned Christmas. Jim will check circuit breakers.

Newsletter: Louis Silveira - Waiting for final submissions.

General Meetings: Claudia Johnson - Bill George (Jan) & Bob Lent (Feb) are scheduled

Old Fashioned Christmas: Brookelea Lutton – Closing time discussed and decided to remain at 5:00 pm. Next year more docents needed.

Black Tie and Santa: Jeanette Lawson – 88 tickets sold, good food, and a great time. Looking in to buying outside heaters for next year. It was suggested to have a "live" auction for higher valued items. It might bring in more money.

Unfinished Business:

Grant Requests: Barbara Claire- Submitted her report and is willing to train anyone who would like to write requests. Possibilities suggested and will follow up. Jackie Lewis volunteered to co-chair the Tea with Sally next year.

Foulks House Restoration and Storage: Jim Entrican – Preparation for the restoration continues

Tom Russell Research Library: Barbara Claire-The printer has arrived and the Dell computer should arrive next week. A new desk has been purchased and set-up will be done after the holidays.

Scout Projects: Jim Entrican – Jim has many projects lined up but need better weather. A spare file cabinet will be set aside for the Rhoades School and will be stored in basement

Big Day of Giving: Dennis Buscher – Profile completed and will be submitted. Four "boot camps" of learning are scheduled after the holidays, which Dennis and Louis will attend. An estimate of volunteer hours is needed and will be added to the profile. Members will provide individual estimates.

Christmas Luncheon: Brookelea Lutton – Scheduled for December 17th at the Sloughhouse Inn

New Business:

2016 Informational Displays: Barbara Claire – After the holidays, an informational display about the Sheldon and Daylor families will be setup.

The Sims Ranch and Nicolaus Dairy: Jim Entrican – These are valuable historic properties that will enhance educational opportunities and hands-on agricultural experience for beginning farmers. A partnership of several entities will continue to identify improvements that can be done in the near-term. Jim said there are improvements to the road, tree, and bush trimming, and general cleanup around the adobe house. The Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District Board will prepare preliminary cost estimates and will establish a \$1 million dollar reserve fund for Bufferlands property improvements

The Linda Mae Mahon-Lema Foundation: Dennis Buscher - Guest David Lema was introduced and informed us of a foundation he is starting in his wife's name. He asked for the society's support.

Lewis & Clark Organization: Dennis Buscher – The organization expressed an interest in visiting the Franklin Cemetery next year. Dennis and Jim will coordinating the request.

Tables for sale: Lorraine Croup – An opportunity to purchase round wooden tables for \$20 each was discussed. If they were in good shape, it was approved to spend a maximum of \$200 to purchase them. Note: the tables were subsequently sold to others.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton

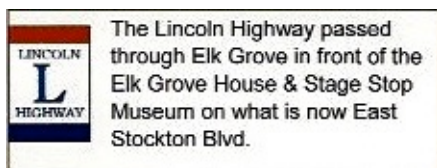
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each month or by appointment

Research Library is now open by
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To schedule an appointment:
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Or

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Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum
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