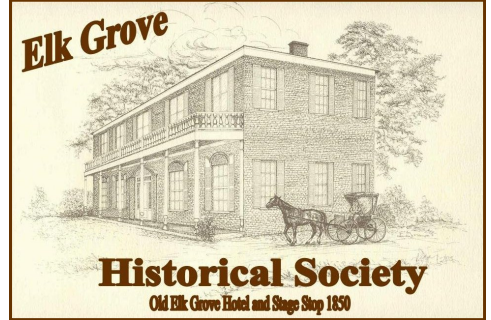


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# The Stage Stop Gazette



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**PASSPORT**  
to Paris

July—Aug 2015

Spring Tea

2015



Thanks to the Strauss Festival Board for use of their Eiffel Tower



Valet Service: Top row from left to right: Mike Anda, George English, Jim Entrican, Tim Knox, Randy Entrican, Dennis Buscher  
Sitting from left to right: Oscar Mix, Don Baker

Our wonderful groups of food servers organized and supervised by Vicki Moore

## Vendors Wanted!

Elk Grove Historical Society's  
Fall Craft Show

Saturday, September 12, 2015

We are looking for vendors of handmade arts and crafts and shabby chic or repurposed items for our Fall Craft Show on **September 12**. If you or you know of someone who fits these categories, please download an application at [www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) or email Brookelea at [blutton2@surewest.net](mailto:blutton2@surewest.net) or call her at 685-3368. Please put this date on your calendar so you can attend this fund raising event to help restore the Foulks House.

## Decorators Wanted!



*Old Fashioned*  
*Christmas*

We are in need of decorators for our Old Fashioned Christmas event. We have a few rooms in the museum without anyone to creatively transform them, so if you are interested, please call or email Brookelea at 685-3368 or [blutton2@surewest.net](mailto:blutton2@surewest.net).

## Thanks to our Docents

### May

Pam Phelps  
Rosie Wise  
Cindy Mahon  
Betty Woolever  
Lesley Ostman  
Dennis Buscher  
Jim Entrican

### June

Donna Olovson  
Rosemary Fowler  
Carol Pederson  
Elaine Wright



If you'd like to be a docent or help out, please contact us at 685-8115 or e-mail us at [eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

**Calendar of Events for July-Aug 2015**

- July 4: Closed for the Holiday
- July 8: Lincoln Highway Association visit, 9 am
- July 13: Board Meeting - 4:00 PM, Museum
- July 24, 25, 26: Annual Yard Sale, 8 am—3 pm, museum grounds
- August 1: Free Tours - Noon - 4 PM, The Grand Ballroom Exhibit
- August 10: Board Meeting—4:00 PM, Museum
- August 17: No general meeting

**Members Who Have Left Us**

Lowell Stilson  
Sarah Johnson

Our sincere condolences to  
their families.

**Rhoads School Report  
Sharon Baker**

Rhoads School Established

**Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson**

Operating Accounts	May 4, 2015	June 3, 2015
General Operating Fund	\$14,300.28	\$16,041.25
Wightman Memorial Fund	169.27	169.27
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$14,469.55</b>	<b>\$16,210.52</b>
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$31,003.33	\$28,956.51
Foulks House Fund	44,164.01	44,783.93
Reese School Fund	\$500.28	530.28
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$75,667.62</b>	<b>\$74,270.72</b>
<b>Museum Store Account</b>	\$2,670.73	2,815.77
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$92,807.90</b>	<b>\$93,297.01</b>
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$974.00	\$1,074.00
Scholarship Fund:	\$3,538.62	3,922.62
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,512.62</b>	<b>\$4,996.62</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,320.52</b>	<b>\$98,293.63</b>

**New Members**

Pamela Herger

The playground at the Rhoads School is quiet now after several months of nearly daily use by students from schools all over Sacramento County. We had a very busy Spring with very few week days that were not booked. This past school year we hosted 77 classes averaging 25 students each. Approximately 1800 students got to step back in time to live history and experience life as it was for children in 1898. Many of these students were able to visit the school thanks to the generous donations in years past by Elk Grove Historical Society members.

Thank you for your very generous contributions during the current Cakeless Bake Sale Fund Raiser. We have received over \$3000.00 in donations to the scholarship & fence funds. Your donations are appreciated very much by the students who benefit from the scholarships granted.

On June 1 we held a joint School Board and Schoolmarm picnic at the school. It was wonderful to see everyone renewing friendships. We were able to honor Ellen McNeil and JoAnn Peter who had previously notified the School Board they are retiring. We presented a wall plaque that will hang in the school recognizing the schoolmarms as they retire for their dedicated service to the Rhoads School. While at the picnic Rosemary Fajen also notified us that she is retiring. Her name will be added to the plaque as well as Nancy White who retired earlier. Lastly we sadly accept the retirement of Ed and Ethel Keema. They have served on the school board for over 12 years. We will miss their contributions greatly.

Welcome Sharon and Don Baker to the School Board. Sharon will be taking over as the Director of the program. She is very excited to be part of the Living History Program. She is full of ideas and plans that will carry the program to new and exciting heights. Don will be a big asset to the school board as well. His skills and talents will be a great help to Jim Entrican in the many projects that are on going. We also welcome Pam Don as our newest Schoolmarm. Pam attended the program with her daughter's class a while ago and decided she wanted to be part of the program. We are fortunate to benefit from her talents and skills. She will begin teaching classes this Fall.

Thank you to CSD for including the Rhoads School on their list of projects for the Community Service Day held in May. We had help from members of the Laguna Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with projects and repairs needed around the school. Our picnic tables were sanded and painted, the fence pickets were screwed in and benches were repainted. It was work that needed to be done and these volunteers were a great help.

As you can see we have had lots of changes and activity at the school. We are hoping for a quiet summer and look forward to seeing you stop by to see the school this Fall at the Harvest Festival.





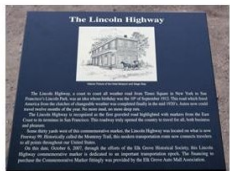
*Elk Grove Historical Society  
Hosts a Stop on the Lincoln Highway*



*July 8, 2015  
8:30—10:00 AM*



*Light Refreshments  
Museum Tours*



- The Elk Grove Historical Society will host about
- ♦ 93 Lincoln Highway Association Tour Participants
  - ♦ 48 cars
    - ♦ Pre-1970 classics
    - ♦ Packards from 1930-40

Come join us and view the cars and talk to the Tour Participants!

 **2015 Lincoln Highway Henry B. Joy Tour**  
JUNE 27—JULY 8

The 2015 Lincoln Highway *Henry B. Joy Tour* will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Henry B. Joy's tour from Detroit to the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exhibition in San Francisco.

The 2015 Tour will depart the Packard Proving Grounds north of Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, June 27 and take 12 days to travel 2,836 miles across America, arriving at the Lincoln Highway Western Terminus in San Francisco, California on Wednesday, July 8.

**Detroit → San Francisco**

Henry B. Joy was the first president of the Lincoln Highway Association and a major driving force in the success of the highway.

Check out their website:

<https://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/>



2,836 miles • 12 days of adventure



**The Elk Grove  
Historical Society**



**HUGE!**  
**YARD SALE**  
Really, Really  
Big!!  
**Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday**

**July 24, 25 & 26**

**8 AM—3 PM**

**Furniture, Clothing**

**Household Items & More!!**

**9941 East Stockton Blvd.**

**Museum Grounds**

**Elk Grove Regional Park**



## EGHS Board Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2015

♦ **Call to order:** Brookelea Lutton (President)

♦ **Announcements:**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Annaclare and Rich. Brookelea thanked all who came for the June opening to help out. Brookelea also thanked Jim Entrican, George Inglish, Barbara Claire and Mary Bulford for hauling yard sale items from St. Joseph's Church to the museum grounds.

♦ **Approval of Minutes:** May 11, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary): Minutes were approved.

♦ **Treasurer's Report/Bills--**Jeanette Lawson (Treasurer): Rhoads School fundraiser: \$3,855

Wightman Fund Expenses: Back porch repair - \$2,340.89; Insurance - \$3,277

Woodland Trip: net profit \$589.92 (added to Foulks House)

Tea Income: \$11,275.00; Expenses: \$4,492.45; Net Profit: \$6,782.55

♦ **Rhoads School Update**—Sharon Baker: The school is closed until September. One new docent, Pam Don, is being trained and they need a fire starter.

♦ **CSD Update**—Rich Lozano: Rich reported that they are moving forward on the administration building and have bids out for demolition and clean up, asbestos testing, and are working with the insurance on a final settlement. They still have two fire trucks browned out until July and response time to 911 calls has been good.

♦ **Committee Reports:**

Membership—Lorraine Croup: She has received 53 member renewals after she sent out reminder letters.

Fall Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton: Applications have been received from 24 vendors to date. Brookelea submitted a budget for an estimated income of \$2,295; expenses of \$765; for a net profit of \$1,530.

Old Fashioned Christmas—Brookelea Lutton agreed to be chair and the next meeting is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> to prepare a budget. She is working on getting decorators.

Haunted House—Jeanette Lawson: Jeanette needs someone to decorate the Child's Room.

♦ **Unfinished Business:**

Foulks House Restoration and Blacksmith Shop/Storage Shed—Jim Entrican received the plans from the contractor for the storage unit. There is a structural problem that needs to be engineered out before we can get the permits. He expects it will take 6 months to finish after that is completed.

Reese School Committee—Dennis Buscher, Brookelea Lutton: Things are moving toward the July 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican: Flowerbeds around the jail have been prepared for new mowing strips and brickwork.

Tentative Tour of Winery and Rae House—Lorraine Croup: We set a tentative date of September 19<sup>th</sup> for planning.

Tentative Wine Auction by Bob Harris (fundraiser)—Sharon Baker will contact Mr. Harris to discuss possibilities as to when, where, and how many could be invited for perhaps next year. She will do further research.

Grant Requests—Barbara Claire: Event grants will be voted for on June 17<sup>th</sup>. What has been recommended for the Society is as follows: (1) Fall Craft Show: They will give us free use of the Plaza as a non-profit. (2) Haunted House: We requested \$2,000 and they recommend \$1,000. (3) Red Door: We requested \$1,500 and other in-kind services, and they recommended \$1,500, two police, and trash barrels for a total of \$4,808. (4) Tom Russell Research Library: Recommended in the budget \$8,210.

♦ **New Business:**

Chamber Update—Brookelea Lutton: Angie Perry asked if they could use our facility on September 10<sup>th</sup> for a class and panel they will be hosting. It was suggested that a date in August would be better for us or even on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with all of our other upcoming activities already scheduled.

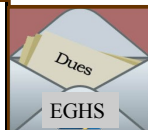
Miscellaneous items: (1) Jim has been contacted by Sarah Johnson's husband who would like to turn over all of her preservation/historic site records to us. Jim said yes; these are very valuable. (2) Dennis brought a Del Cann Seltzer bottle he will donate to the Society to put in the men's parlor. It is hand-blown and made in America. Del Cann was a former Constable here. (3) Two pieces of Victorian furniture will be put in the yard sale: a dresser and a chest of drawers, donated long ago by Gladys Hamilton

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:50 PM.



### Research Library

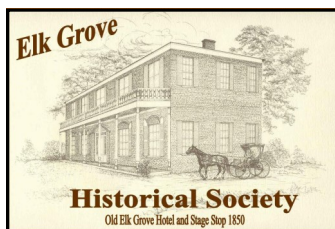
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Call Jeanette at 685-8115  
or e-mail her at msjlw@comcast.net



### Membership Dues Are Due

"Avoid Past Due Notice, Mail dues to Box 562  
Elk Grove, CA 95759. Individual \$20, Senior \$15,  
Student \$15, Family \$30, Lifetime \$400".

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Museum Open the first Saturday of  
each month or by Appointment  
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Elk Grove House & Stage Stop  
Museum  
Is located at  
9941 East Stockton Blvd.  
Adjacent to the West Entrance of Elk  
Grove Regional Park

#### New Member and Membership Renewal Form

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a business membership, please complete the following

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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 and over) .....\$15.00  
☐ Business, Corporation, Association .....\$30.00  
☐ Lifetime (Member and Spouse) .....\$400.00

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

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