#### Elk Grove Historical Society

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### President's Message

Thank You for being a member and friend of the Elk Grove Historical Society. We hope you had a chance to stop by the Stage Stop and Museum to enjoy all the decorations and see Santa.

As the new year begins, we will be conducting our Annual Board Workshop on Monday, January 16. We will examine our goals for 2017 and establish new goals and objectives for 2018. This year we did complete the Blacksmith shop/Storage shed, poured a new concrete quad, built a new gatehouse, and built a new permanent Patio structure to enhance the facilities. Plans to restore the Foulks House are being upgraded to aid us in starting this multiyear task.

See you at one of our meetings or functions. We are always in need of volunteers in small, as well as larger tasks. Please consider calling and offering your valuable service.

Ken Miller, President





Our next bus tour is planned for March, but at publication it hasn't been decided where and any details.

When decisions are made, we will do a Robocall and information will be placed in the Elk Grove Citizen.

Ultimately, reservations can be made by calling Lorraine Croup at 916-683-6893 or Carol at 209-380-4044.

Keep your eyes open for details



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We would like to thank **Alice Sgourakis** and her sister **Ruth Wightman** for a significant donation to the Historical Society. They have been and continue to be wonderful partners and donors over the years, establishing the existing Wightman Fund to maintain our facilities. Their kindness will help guarantee Heritage Park will be here for everyone's enjoyment for many, many years to come.

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916-714-0619 located in Old Town Elk Grove, 9056 Elk Grove Blvd.





D.Buscher, T.Knox, C.Mahon, J.Lawson

Congratulations!
By member popular vote, your new
Historical Society officers are...

President: Ken Miller

First Vice President: Tim Knox

Second Vice-President: Dennis Buscher

Treasurer: Jeannette Lawson

Recording Secretary: Carol Dunkel Correspondence Secretary: Cindy Mahon

We have an awesome research library that



contains books and file cabinets full of information and photos about families, obituaries, clubs, businesses, organizations, events, schools, places, cemetery's, church's, etc. that we have developed for you. It's open by appointment. Call Jeanette at 685-8115 or email her at msjlaw@comcast.net.



The Delaware Regiment of the Brigade of the American Revolution and the Elk Grove Historical Society Presents

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR DAYS IN ELK GROVE!

The two-day Revolutionary War enactment planned for in April in the Elk Grove Park has been CANCELLED by CSD.



Our Elk Grove High School yearbook collection is filling in. We still need yearbook 1989 and 1993 and beyond. If anyone is willing to add to it, it would be appreciated.



Thank you to member Susan Henandez who has trained and scheduled local high school students to help us with various events. They are a great group of kids and are a wonderful asset to our programs. We are always looking for "bodies" to help us with our many activities. If you have some spare time, you too could be a tremendous help to us.

Please give it some thought.

The historical society would like to extend a much appreciated Thank You to newer members Tom & Cindy Mahon. They are part of the pioneering Mahon family. Cindy has really stepped up and is starting her second term as corresponding secretary, but what we are most appreciative for is that she blindly took on the role as Old Fashion Christmas Chairperson. Her and her crew came together and put on a wonderful display for the museum and children to experience Santa Clause. **Thank You!** 



### Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



**Scheduling:** The requests for class dates has pretty much ended and we have 80 classes scheduled almost every Monday-Friday from February 1 to June 1. The program is a very popular teaching tool for schools and enjoyed by students, teachers, and parents.

**Scholarships:** Due to our fundraising efforts this year and to your generosity we were able to give at least two scholarships to every school that applied and even a couple more to Title I schools. Nineteen total. It was exciting to see this ease the burden for their pupils. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

**School Repairs:** The American Legion has taken on the project of replacing the railing and steps, refinishing the deck, and re-painting. A shelter roof has been built to protect the firewood from the elements. Jim Entrican and John Ross obtained a wood splitter from Tom & Cindy Mahon and used it to prepare enough wood for the rest of the school year. They have found more wood to build up a stockpile on a later date.

# MEMBERSHIP

#### **ATTENTION Members:**

It has been a long time since we have checked our membership rolls. We know some information has changed, some have moved, and some have passed on. Besides, we are considering sending this newsletter by email for those who have computers. Postage and printing for 300 members is expensive. So, after the first of the year we are going to call each of you and update our scrolls and get your input.

#### **New members**



Dennis & Anna Hooper Walter Hoppe Jim & Linda Luttrell



Mark your Calendars for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for the **Spring Tea**.



A very merry **Thank You** to Jackie Lewis and Deanna Reeves who braved the cold and walked along side Milt Webb's 1925 Model-T passing out our Old Fashion Christmas fliers during the Old Towns Parade of Lights.

#### Calendar of Events for January – February 2018

#### **January**

Jan 8: EGHS **Board Meeting** - Museum

4:00 PM

Jan 15: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 PM at Presbyterian Church-8153 Elk Grove Blvd. w/ Guest \*Speaker Dennis Buscher Jan 15: HOLIDAY: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Dennis will be speaking on the history of Franklin (originally known as Georgetown). Focusing on the early residents, farmers, and business in the Franklin Township from 1856 to the present. Dennis is a historian and a pioneer of the area and has a tremendous library of photos to show the changes. Please join us for a delightful hour of local history. We have snacks!



Our condolences to the family and friends of our dear friend and Rhoads School pioneer Frances Fite.



Black Tie & Santa results:

Income: \$8,129.00 <u>Expenses:</u> \$1,403.11 Net: \$6,725.93

Thank you!

#### February

Feb 3: Free Museum & Rhoads School Tours, Noon – 4:00 PM

Feb 5: Rhoads School **Board Meeting**– 9:00 AM Feb 12: EGHS **Board Meeting** – Museum

4:00 PM Feb 19: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 PM at Presbyterian Church-8153 Elk Grove Blvd.

w/ Guest \*Speaker Kevin Knauss

Feb 19: **HOLIDAY:** Presidents Day

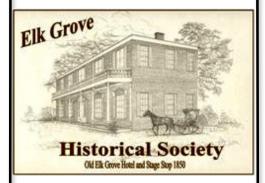
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In 2015 Folsom Lake was drained due to record low water levels and many Gold Rush era sites were exposed. Kevin Knauss, author of "Hidden History Beneath Folsom Lake - Hiking Across a Dry Lake Bed in Time of Drought," captured numerous photographs of the remnants of the gold rush in the region. He will describe his experience and be available for book signing. Join us for a fascinating evening.

#### Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

<b>Operating Accounts:</b>	Nov 2017	<b>Dec 2017</b>
General Operating Fund	\$16,110.14	\$17,022.04
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$6,980.76	\$6,980.76
Approved Exp (Patio & cmnt	\$4,540.00	
Total Account Balance	\$27,630.90	\$26,542.80
Restoration Accounts:		
General Restoration Fund	\$2,047.90	\$1,569.14
Foulks House Fund	\$90,800.52	\$90,800.52
Reese School Fund	\$239.55	\$239.55
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	\$93,087.97	\$92,609.21
Museum Store Account:	\$1,172.58	\$1,172.60
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$1,539.00	\$1,539.00
Scholarship Fund	\$7,990.82	\$7,670.82
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	\$9,529.82	\$9,209.82
Total	\$131,421.27	\$129,534.43

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Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum Is located at 9941 East Stockton Boulevard

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:

eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com Or msjlaw@comcast.net Or

Call 916-685-8115



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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Address:

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

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

If this is a business membership, please complete the following:
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_State: \_\_\_\_Zip:\_\_\_\_\_Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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