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Inside the Museum Files:

Reese School

The Reese School was built in 1884 on the land donated by the Reese Family on the West side of Bradshaw Road, between Calvine and Gerber roads (just north of present day Vintage Park Drive). It was closed in 1951 and students were incorporated in to the Pleasant Grove School. For a time the combined schools was named the Pleasant Grove-Reese school until the new modern David Reese school was opened in 1966 and the schools split. Meanwhile, the original school was moved to the Bill Hanson Ranch on Freeman Road in 1965. There it sat in disrepair until it was donated, funds raised, and moved to Heritage Park in 2007. It is the last known remaining one-room schoolhouse in the EGUS District.

There was a lunch and cloakroom, several blackboards, a library, and a large round stove everyone would gather around in cold weather. There were rows of desks for each year (1-8) and when you graduated, you moved to the next row. There was a porch and a playground with a monkey bar, slide, and a covered area where girls played hopscotch and other games. Everyone played tag and red rover.

The Reese Family had been prominent in the development of Florin, particularly with the fruit industry. John and Elizabeth Reese had five children: Catherine, Thomas, John, Elizabeth, and David. John Reese was a shoemaker who brought his family from Llsaint, Wales landing in New Orleans in 1854 and from there to Salt Lake City, Utah. They moved to California in 1860 where he bought land here in the San Joaquin Township. Their youngest child, David Reese married Mira Kilgore and they bought 275 acres in 1878. They also owned 253 acres in Colusa County. He was a very good farmer, had vineyards, was one of the founders of the Florin Fruit Growers Association, was the sheriff of Sacramento County in 1902, and was involved in several charitable organizations.

The school has been on the museum grounds for 11 years and we have steadily worked to build funds for restoration.

2019 Board of Directors Officer Elections

The 2018 Nomination Committee is happy to introduce their candidates for the six elected Board of Director positions for the Calendar year 2019. The election vote count and results announcement will take place at the General Membership meeting on Monday, November 19, 6:30 pm at the Old Town Creations shop located at 8717 Elk Grove Blvd next door to the Stagecoach Restaurant.

Any Society members who wish to, especially those who are unable to attend the November 19 general meeting, can mail their vote preferences by November 14 to arrive in time to be counted at the November 19 meeting. Candidates have shared a short personal statement as an introduction to those of you who may not know them. We are proud to introduce the following slate of candidates for the six elected Officer Positions on the Board of Directors of the Elk Grove Historical society for 2019:

Candidate for President: Bryce Tanner



Bryce is a retired Emergency Medicine physician. He has become very interested in genealogy and family history since his retirement last year. He has also become interested in Elk Grove history recently though he has been a resident for the last 30 years. Bryce has served in leadership positions on several committees at Kaiser during his career as a physician as well as leadership and counseling positions as a volunteer at his church, serving as the head of the local congregation for 6 years.

Candidate for 1st Vice-President: Tim Knox



I have been a lifetime member of the Elk Grove Historical Society volunteering as a worker for many of the society's events and am completing my second year as First Vice President of the organization. I recently retired from the Franchise Tax Board after 39 years as an Information Technology Specialist. Also, I am the elected Mayor of Amador City, having served on the Amador City Council for 15 years. I have always had an interest in history, not only worldwide, but in Amador City for 16 years and in Elk Grove. I want to continue helping preserve the history of Elk Grove and surrounding area through working as a board member of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

Candidate for 2nd Vice-President: Dennis Buscher



I am a fourth generation resident of Franklin, CA, a charter member of the Elk Grove Historical Society since 1977, and its unofficial Historian ever since. I have served on the Board of Directors over the years in the offices of President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, and am currently completing my second term as Second Vice President. I retired from the Franchise Tax Board after as a Tax Auditor after 24 years and as a Hearing Officer in the Legal Division for 10 years. I am currently a member board of the Cosumnes-Elk Grove Cemetery District and a member of the Elk Grove Historic Preservation Committee. I am active in historic preservation, having restored three homes in Elk Grove and one in Amador City, and I own the Blue Victorian, a retail Antique and Collectible business in Sacramento and Roseville. I look forward to continuing to serve the Society as Second Vice President for another year.

Candidate for Recording Secretary: Ken Miller



I have completed my two-year term as historical society president and would like to continue service. My wife Rosemarie and I returned to live in Elk Grove four years ago after 19 years in San Diego County. I retired as the Unit Chief for San Diego/Imperial County CDF (CAL Fire) after 32 years in State Service. I have served as the Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Coordinator for 8 years and later worked for the County of San Diego for 10 years as Fire Services Coordinator. I have served in many leadership positions throughout my career that have supported my efforts as your president these past years. My interest in history and love of community involvement inspires me to continue in any capacity I can to support the mission and activities of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

Candidate for Correspondence Secretary: Cindy Mahon



I have spent most of my adult life as a ranch wife with my husband Tom whose family owns the Mahon Ranch here in Elk Grove. My duties range from coordination calf branding lunches for the workers and vaccinating cattle to assisting with the myriad activities it takes to keep a large ranch running – all history lessons in themselves. My career as a volunteer started when my kids were in school, which over the years included responsibilities of being a Teachers Aid, fundraising, managing finances, recruiting other volunteers and workers with 4H and FFA projects through my son's high school years. I finally had time to volunteer as a docent for the Elk Grove Historical Society over the last few years and am now involved with the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation. Their goal is historical preservation is a perfect combo with a position on the historical society Board of Directors. I am completing my second year as Correspondence Secretary.

Candidate for Treasurer: Jeanette Lawson



Along with my family, I have been an Elk Grove resident for many years, a longtime member of the Elk Grove Historical Society, a retired elementary school teacher, and a genealogy researcher. I have served as a society member volunteer for several years, many of those on the Board of Directors in the office of Treasurer. While I hope each year someone else might step up to take the Treasurer position, I must be doing a good job because no one does. I have been an active volunteer with the Historical Society and instigated several successful fundraiser events including the Halloween Haunted Stage Stop, the Black Tie & Santa gala, and the annual Old Fashion Christmas. I am willing to serve another year as Treasurer, but am hoping someone else will consider the job next year.



There are two rooms at the museum, Women's Parlor and the Markofer upstairs bedroom that need decorators for Old Fashion Christmas. We have supplies just need

a coordinator with imagination.
Call Cindy Mahon at 916-685-7195.



The photos from Plow to Plate Pinkerton Picnic in the Park, and Hope & Brew Fest are on our website. Look for "Photo Gallery" on the menu on the right.

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Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



We are off to another full year of 80 scheduled Living History Classes at the Rhoads School. Its always a busy and exciting time in preparing for the hundreds of students that pass through our doors.

Our windows have leaked for years, but we have been assured that this year something will be done. They are long over do and we can't wait. It's always a longer process for historic buildings. It feels good to be getting close.

This year we have three new teachers who are training to be docents and have already been assigned class scheduled in the springtime. They are very enthusiastic and can't wait to get started. Neither can we.



MariBeth



Donna



Lisa

Calendar of Events for November – December 2018



November

Nov 11: **Veterans Day**

Nov 12: EGHS **Board Meeting** - Museum
3:00 PM

Nov 19: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 PM at
Election of new officers at Old Town
Creations

Nov 22: **Thanksgiving**

Nov 25: **Black Tie and Santa 6:00 PM**



December

Dec 1,2: **Old Fashion Christmas**

Dec 3: Rhoads School **Board Meeting**– 9:00 AM

Dec 7,8,9: **Old Fashion Christmas**

Dec 10: EGHS **Board Meeting** – Museum
3:00 PM

Dec 14, 15, 16: **Old Fashion Christmas**

Dec 17: **NO** General Meeting

Dec 21,22,23: **Old Fashion Christmas**

Dec 25: **Christmas**

Wednesday, December 5



The Lorraine Croup Christmas bus tour loads at the museum at 9:00 am for Placerville for the Fountain Tallman Museum, Snowshoe Thompson, and Placer County Museum tours for \$60. Lunch is included at the California Kitchen. Return before 6:00 pm

Send checks to Elk Grove Historical Society at P.O. Box 562, Elk Grove, 95759 or call Rosemarie Miller at (916) 896-1710

Sunday, November 25



Black Tie and Santa

Please join us 6:00-9:00 for a preview of all eight beautifully decorated historically themed rooms at the Stage Stop Museum. Wine and Hors D'oeuvres, Silent Auction - \$40 person. Make checks out to the Elk Grove Historical Society



A special thank you to **Ron & Cathleen Kudra** who have been long time generous supporters of the historical society all the way from Michigan. They are now lifetime members.

welcome

New members

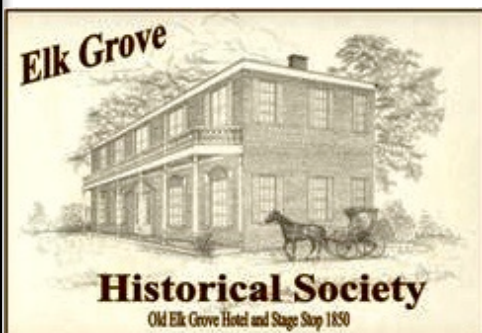
**David Pepnsy
Susan Sozzi**

Kristin & Sietse Tollenaar

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	Sept 2018	Oct 2018
General Operating Fund	\$19,054.28	\$21,455.02
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$11,363.23	\$10,871.28
Approved Expenditures	\$2,360.00	\$2,360.00
Total Account Balance	\$32,777.51	\$34,686.30
Restoration Accounts:		
General Restoration Fund	\$5,922.81	\$5,403.11
Donations	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Foulks House Fund	\$90,380.45	\$90,380.45
Reese School Fund	\$239.55	\$433.55
Total Account Balance	\$246,542.81	\$246,217.11
Real Estate Rental Account	\$2,824.31	\$4,275.33
Museum Store Account:	\$1,257.72	\$1,257.76
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$1,049.20	\$690.23
Scholarship Fund	\$5,118.66	\$4,638.66
Total Account Balance	\$6,167.86	\$5,328.89
Total	\$289,570.81	\$291,765.39

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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.

Rhoads School

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New Member and 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: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Areas of Interest: _____

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 to 79).....\$15.00

___ Senior Citizen (80+).....FREE

___ Business, Corporation, Association.....\$30.00

___ Lifetime (Member & Spouse).....\$400.00

Note: EGHS is a California Non-Profit Corporation
Dues may be deductible under IRS code 501(c)3