

Elk Grove Historical Society

The Stage Stop Gazette

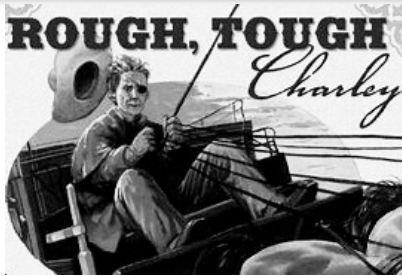
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Inside the Museum Files:

Charley Parkhurst: Stagecoach Driver

TRUCKEE, California — Western stagecoach companies were big business in the latter half of the 19th century. In addition to passengers and freight, stages hauled gold and silver bullion as well as mining company payrolls.

One of the most famous drivers was Charles Darkey Parkhurst, who had come west from New England in 1852 seeking his fortune in the Gold Rush. He spent 15 years running stages over the Sierra's, sometimes partnering with Hank Monk, the celebrated driver from Carson City. Over the years, Parkhurst's reputation as an expert whip grew. From 20 feet away he could slice open the end of an envelope or cut a cigar out of a man's mouth. Parkhurst smoked cigars, chewed wads of tobacco, drank with the best of them, and exuded supreme confidence behind the reins. His judgment was sound and pleasant manners won him many friends.

Charley died on December 29, 1879 at 67 from tongue cancer. He always wore gloves and as his friends were preparing him for burial they removed his gloves and found his hands were very smooth. After further examination it was found he was actually a well-developed Charlotte.

For further information, go to our website elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com and look for "HISTORY TOPICS" on the Menu to the right.

2019 Board of Directors Officer Elections

The 2019 Nomination Committee is happy to introduce their candidates for the six elected Board of Director positions for the Calendar year 2020. The election vote count and results announcement will take place at the General Membership meeting on Monday, November 18, 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 18 general meeting, can mail their vote preferences by November 14 to arrive in time to be counted at the November 18 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 2020:

Candidate for President: Ken Miller



I have already completed a term as historical society president and as Recording Secretary, but would like to again run for president. My wife Rosemarie and I returned to live in Elk Grove six 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 1st Vice-President: Rosemarie Miller



I am presently the interim 1st Vice-President and would like to continue in the same capacity next year. I maintain the same position for the Cosumnes River College patrons, a scholarship organization and I find speakers for both organizations. I have immersed myself in volunteerism. For the historical society I have co-chaired, coordinated, or helped with Old Fashion Christmas, Interior decorating, Santa's helper, Spring Tea, room care, restroom attendant, and as a fundraiser volunteer to name just a few. Before I arrived here six years ago with my husband Ken from San Diego, I was 1st President for CAL FIRE Axillary, chaired two statewide conventions, chaired Installation dinners for the Employees Association, not to mention being a Girl Scout leader, Service Leader, and Council leader for seven years. I have been a cosmetologist for 50 years and owned my own Jafa cosmetics business. I am proud of my accomplishments and experience and would like to bring that to the historical society as 1st Vice-President.

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 34 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 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.

Candidate for Recording Secretary: Pam Phelps



I am honored to accept the nomination of Recording Secretary for the Elk Grove Historical Society in the upcoming year 2020. I have been an active member of the Elk Grove Historical Society for many years participating as a docent, decorating for both Halloween and Christmas, and supporting many of our fundraising events. My twenty-three years as a bi-lingual teacher afforded me not only the rewards of educating students, but allowed me the opportunity to team with other educators - both those I worked with as well as CSUS professors- to develop a Spanish-English

immersion K-8 school in the Sacramento area. I served on the Board of Language Academy representing staff for two 3-year terms. During this tenure I held the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. I also sat on the Finance Committee for the fifteen years I worked at the school. I retired two years ago, but continue to teach a math class as well as theater. I look forward to continuing my involvement with the Elk Grove Historical Society and participating in its governance. Thank you for this opportunity.

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 third year as Correspondence Secretary.

Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



Living History classes are under way at the school. Due to the advent of year-round school we schedule all months instead of the traditional September to June, though most fall in that range. We have 76 classes scheduled at this point and a couple other schools deciding dates. We are just glad to offer the service to any 3rd or 4th grade class. We are very pleased to report that our replaced windows are a Godsend for cooling and locking the classroom. Long time docents Susan Hernandez has decided to retire and docent Helen Diepenbrock has pared down her assignments. Both were key to the program for many years and very much appreciated.

On behalf of the Rhoads School board, docents, fire-starters, many volunteers and CCSD caretakers we wish all of you happy and joyous holidays.

Calendar of Events for November - December 2019



November

Nov 2: **No** Museum or Rhoads School Tours
 Nov 4: *EG Citizen if the Year* Dinner
 Nov 11: **Veterans Day**
 Nov 11: EG Historical Society **Board**
 meeting 3:00 PM at the Museum
 Nov 12: *EG Hall of Fame* Induction Dinner
 Nov 18: EG Historical Society
 General meeting – Election of officers
 Nov 28: **Thanksgiving**



December

Dec 1: **Black Tie & Santa Gala** – 6pm
 Dec 6,7,8: **Old Fashion Christmas**
 Dec 9: EG Historical Society board meeting 3:00 pm at museum
 Dec 13,14,15: **Old Fashion Christmas**
 Dec 21,22,23: **Old Fashion Christmas**
 Dec 25: **Christmas**

Sunday, December 1



Black Tie & 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
P.O. Box 562, Elk Grove, CA 95759



An Old Fashion Christmas

Come enjoy Christmas at the museum on December weekends. Santa is there on Saturday and Sunday. \$5 admission
Fridays: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturdays: Noon-8:00 pm
(Santa takes a break between 4:00-6:00)
Sundays: Noon-5:00 pm

welcome
New Members

Bob & Marcelle Crowe
Doris Holm

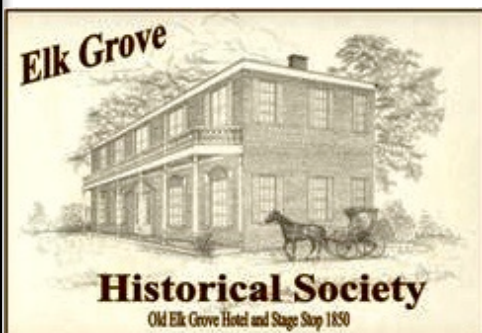


Our condolences to the Elizabeth Pinkerton family for the loss of husband Tom.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	Sept 2019	Oct 2019
General Operating Fund	\$1,823.66	\$1,978.78
Total Account Balance	\$1,823.66	\$1,978.78
Restoration Accounts:		
General Oprting/Restor Fund	\$7,550.28	\$13,572.95
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$7,500.00	\$6,260.64
Donations	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Foulks House Fund	\$81,036.35	\$41,745.00
Reese School Fund	\$7,000.00	0
Total Account Balance	\$253,086.63	\$215,578.59
Real Estate Rental Account	\$13,006.90	\$16,842.33
Museum Store Account:	\$2,787.08	\$3,010.63
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$554.32	\$446.22
Scholarship Fund	\$8,150.14	\$8,150.14
Total Account Balance	\$8,704.46	\$8,596.36
Total	\$279,408.73	\$246,006.69

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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, noon to 4:00 pm.

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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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

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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
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