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Presidents Welcome

Happy New Year to all our friends and members! The new Board of Directors begins their service year now. It is good to see so many of you at our events. We hope to see even more happy faces this year. We have our Annual Planning Workshop on January 16th at the

Wackford Center. We will be looking at potential projects, events and budgets for 2020. We can always use your input and your participation at our activities. Surprisingly, some of us are getting older and we could use your help in making our upcoming year a success. No matter what skill or time you can donate, we appreciate your support helping us in any capacity. Please help our worker bees, they get tired sometimes. From all of us, may your new year be fantastic.

2020

The New Historical Society Board Members



L. to R.: Ken Miller-President, Rosemarie Miller-1st Vice president, Dennis Buscher-2nd Vice President, Pam Phelps-Recording Secretary, Cindy Mahon-Correspondence Secretary, Jeannette Lawson-Treasurer

Congratulations to the newly elected board members. They have all given many hours of hard work and dedication to the mission of the historical society and are deserving of their well-earned positions. Thank you all for your continued support.



Inside the Museum Files:

Foulks House

The Foulks House was moved to the Historical Society's Heritage Park in 2006. It has taken almost 14 years to have plans approved with historical permits, taking bids, raise funds, and then starting restoration. It has finally been completed, well almost. We still have a few more inside projects to be completed by the summer of 2020.

A lot of research has gone in to trying to keep it as historically correct, yet meet current day safety requirements. It was a struggle, but we think our efforts were worth it.

When it is all finished we plan on using it as a Foulks family museum. We were lucky enough to have saved some actual Foulks family heirlooms, plus some period furniture.

We are open every first Saturday of the month (Feb-Oct), so come take a look.

You can find the "FOULKs Family Story" and the "FOULKs House Restoration" articles and photos on our website elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com, under "HISTORY TOPICS."

Elk Grove Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our 2nd Vice-President Dennis Buscher who will be inducted in to the third class of Elk Grove's Hall of Fame on January 9th along with his sister artist Yvonne Buscher, historian and educator Elizabeth Pinkerton, musician and teacher Jay DeWald, and educator and community volunteers Gil & Kay Albani. It is a great honor and well deserved.



If you are interested in local history, please visit our website, elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com. On the Menu on the right, look for "HISTORY TOPICS" and you will find these options....

Miwok in Elk Grove
Elk Grove Area Timeline
James Hall Story – Founder of Elk Grove
Early Businesses & Farmers in the San Joaquin Township – 1880
Early EGUSD Elementary School history before 1959 unification
Elk Grove High School – Built in 1893
The First Branch Library in California - The Harriet Eddy Story
Early Churches/Religions
Cemeteries
Movie Theatre's
Railroads through our area
Japanese Internment
Cattle Palace Auction Yard
Family Brands
Western Festival
Lincoln Highway
The Foulks Family and House
The Foulks House Restoration
Charlie Parkhurst – Stagecoach Driver
Walking Tour of Old Town Elk Grove
Walking Tour of Placerville
Walking Tour of King City
The town of Locke
Pollardville

What else would you like us to research or highlight?



Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner

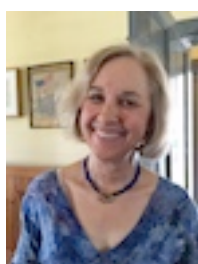


The Living History Program is running smoothly with 76 classes scheduled this year. We wouldn't have a program if it weren't for our well-trained docents. They make a pre-visit to the class to prepare them for the living history class about two weeks prior to the actual visit. They arrive in costume and teach an 1890 Rhoads School class.

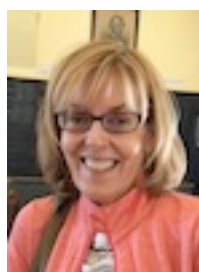
We just want to say thank you to these wonderful, dedicated people.



Roberta
Tanner



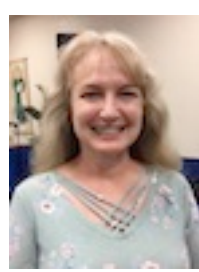
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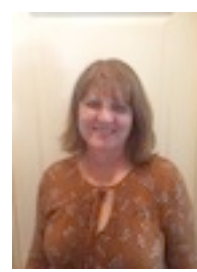
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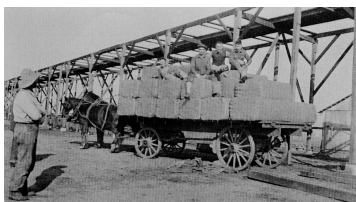


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Calendar of Events for January – February 2020

January

- Jan 13: EG Historical Society **Board** Meeting
3:00 PM at the Museum
- Jan 16: Annual board planning meeting
9:00-3:00 at Wackford Cntr.
- Jan 20: EG Historical Society **General** Meeting
6:30 PM at Presbyterian Church
*Speaker: Tom Mahon, Dave, Chalmers, and
Dave Carli
- Jan 21: **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



*Tom Mahon, Dave Chalmers, and Dave Carli from three local pioneering family will speak on the their family history and growing up on their ranches in Elk Grove. Insights we can all enjoy and appreciate.

February

- Feb 1: Free Museum & Rhoads School **Tours**,
Noon – 4:00
- Feb 3: **Rhoads School Board** Meeting – 9:00 am
- Feb 10: EG Historical Society **Board** Meeting
3:00 PM at the Museum
- Feb 17: EG Historical Society **General** Meeting
6:30 PM at Presbyterian Church
*Speaker: Michael Harris
- Feb 17: **Presidents Day**



*Buffalo Hunter Michael Harris has a different take on the history of the United States. Come listen to his unique perspective and learn.



Thank you to all who made the Old Fashion Christmas possible and those who came to enjoy it and see Santa.

welcome

New Members

Anthony Storms

Marie Sturgeon

Chris, Jane, Yeji, & Kim Suh

Harry & Patty Ansorge



Our condolences to the Daehling Family for the loss of long time historical society member and our dear friend **Joe Daehling.**

Reminder: The weekend of March 28-29 is Early California Days. It is a free event developed by the historical society to promote history. There are many activities for children and adults as well as food, music, musket-firing demonstrations and presentations. Details are on our website and in the next newsletter.



The Spring Tea theme this May is **Strawberry Blossom Tea Time in the Heritage Park.** Start working on your ideas for table decorations for those who are interested.

Treasurer's Report: Jeannette Lawson

| Operating/Restoration Accts: | Nov 2019 | Dec 2018 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Restoration Fund | \$11,672.22 | \$22,061.98 |
| Wightman Memorial Fund | \$6,260.64 | \$5,632.95 |
| Donations | \$150,000.00 | \$150,000.00 |
| Foulks House Fund | \$20,745.00 | \$0 |
| Total Account Balance | \$188,306.34 | \$177,694.93 |

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Real Estate Rental Account | \$18,065.57 | \$14,956.24 |
| Museum Store Account: | \$3,060.57 | \$3,297.20 |

Rhoads School Account:

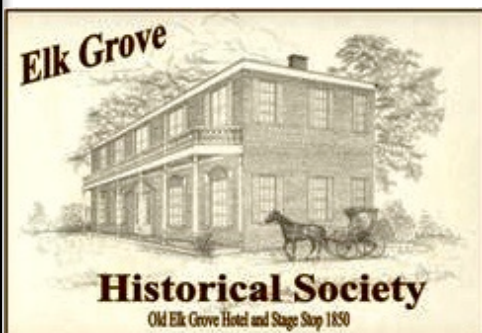
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| Operating Fund | \$446.22 | \$446.22 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$8,150.14 | \$7,030.14 |
| Total Account Balance | \$8,596.36 | \$7,476.36 |

Total **\$218,028.84** **\$203,424.73**



REMINDER: Please don't forget to renew your membership. The money allows us to pay many bills and help with upkeep of the museum. You can use the renewal form on the next page or go to the website (elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) and pay by credit card. Look on the Menu for "EG Historical Society Information" to find renewal.

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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
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