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HOME SWEET HOME - FIFTH ANNUAL WINE TASTING AND HISTORICAL DISPLAY - FEB. 6

It's Friday night, Folks - the big event for the Elk Grove Historical Society - the Fifth Annual Wine Tasting and display of artifacts, antiques, and collections. The doors of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall (right across from Elk Grove Park) will open at 7:00, just as soon as all the collections get moved in. Many treats are in store - excellent collections of furniture, furnishings and artifacts all either owned by Society members or their friends with numerous pieces on loan from the Vintage Oak in Elk Grove. Wine, punch and coffee will be served along with cheese and crackers. You will find this a fine opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones as well. Highlights of the evening will be the drawing for a variety of door prizes and the special prize of a beautiful hand-painted "Gone With the Wind" table lamp. This year's creation, painted by Lois Toquero, is light green with a pink rose decorating the globe. It can be seen in the window of the Elk Grove Variety Store.

More workers are needed, however, to get everything in its place before Friday night. If you have a bit of free time either Thursday night or Friday afternoon, do call Margit Kloss (685-4730) if you can assist. Help is also needed for Friday night after the event and Saturday morning to return large items to their owners. More door prizes are also needed, so if you have anything that would make a suitable prize, bring it along Friday night. Edie McDonald still has some raffle tickets available. All money or unsold tickets can be returned either to Edie or to Al and Amy Bartholomew.

ALL ABOARD FOR THE FEBRUARY TRIP TO THE CALIFORNIA RAILROAD MUSEUM

Our busy Program Chairman, Sterling Kloss, has announced a very special trip for February. The destination is the Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento; the date is February 28; the time, 11:00 a.m.; the place to meet is the front of the lobby at 2nd and I Streets in Old Sacramento. The reason this is a very special treat is that the Railroad Museum will not be open to the public until May, so Sterling has really come up with a sneak preview for us. Now, that's the good news - the bad news is that the trip is limited to 40 people. So..... I have forty spots reserved on a sheet of yellow paper by my telephone, and the first ones to call will be able to go. I will also take reservations Friday night at the Wine Tasting. I am usually home by five, so decide if you want to go and give me a call at 685-3206. We are sorry to have such a limitation, but this is the only way we could make the arrangements so we decided to go with it. So bring your camera and let

Curator Walter Gray take you back into the past. Thanks to Dave Snyder for helping out!

COMING UP - HISTORICAL SOCIETY OLD HOME TOUR

Our new vice president, Dennis Buscher, has just announced that he is planning to organize an old home tour for us, actually two of them, one for this year and one for next. That means that he is looking for about a dozen homes in the area - from Florin to Sloughhouse to Franklin. He has several of them selected already with the focus on "Turn of the Century" homes. Contact Dennis if you would like to offer your home for this purpose. "Homes of the 1920's and 1930's are fine," says Dennis. For those of you who may not know who is restoring the gorgeous home on Bilby Road, it is Vice-President Dennis!

1981 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

We are ready to begin this great project designed to collect the reminiscences and recollections of the residents of Elk Grove, Franklin, Sloughhouse, Wilton, Alta Mesa, Sheldon and Florin. Please contact me if you think you will be able to assist in any of the following ways:

1. Make contacts with people who should be interviewed.
2. Provide transportation during the day or evening for interviewers or subjects.
3. Transcribe cassette tapes.
4. Type transcripts.
5. Conduct oral history interviews.

I will be holding the first training session for those who will be conducting the oral history interviews in February. Please talk to me at the Wine Tasting if you are in the least bit interested in this exciting project. Elizabeth Pinkerton

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND RETURNING OLD MEMBERS

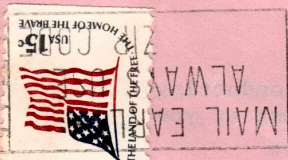
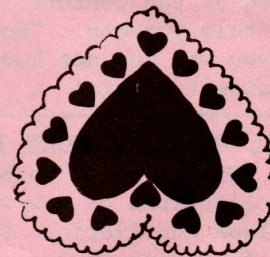
The 1981 GREAT CHALLENGE has brought 45 new or returning old members to the Elk Grove Historical Society, and it looks like Carl Amundsen start planning Sterling Kloss's steak dinner. Sterling is almost at the half-way mark on his vow to bring one hundred members to the Society this year. It looks like they just can't say no to Sterling. January's new members are as follows: (all sponsored by Sterling)

Sandra Hampton	Lucille Christesen	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Jordan
Stan's Liquor and Deli	Gibson Wine Cellars	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Kneppel
Walls by Ruth - Ruth and Matt Fitch	Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Silveira (LIFE)	
Elk Grove Variety Store	Elk Grove Department Store	Mar Val Food Stores
Mrs. & Mrs. William Samuels	Mr. Clyde Jensen	Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Olsen
Pizza Barn Inc.	Louis Silveira	A & W Family Restaurant
Mary C. Gilbert	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wright	Marquerite F. Smith
Diede's Elk Grove Appliance Center	Flowers by Casey - Dorothy and Hank Casey	
June N. Freyschlag	Dave and Ginger Simpson	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Case
Coast to Coast Stores	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin King	Mr. & Mrs. Art Mendoza
Parkway Drive-In	Mr. & Mrs. Michael A. Smith	Etta H. Thomas
Paul and Sally Zentner	Dorothy Vollmer	Mr. & Mrs. D. Lawlor
Headquarters	EG Food Mart	Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Buscher
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald H. Derr	F. Daylor Saner	Elk Grove Meat Company
NEW LIFE MEMBERS ARE:	Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Colton (LIFE)	
	Dennis Buscher (LIFE)	
OTHER NEW MEMBERS ARE:	Scott McAfee, Mr. & Mrs. David Morse (by E. Pinkerton)	
	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoyer (by Bud Long)	
January Renewals:	Sterling & Eric Kloss	Lester & Fay Ledbetter
Dolly Augustine	Liberty Parlor No. 213, N.D.G.W.	
Jackie Stilwell	Leonard Hastie	Mr. & Mrs. Arnie Zimbelman
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gage	Dennis & Valoyce Chilton	Evelyn Morse
Bud and Lee Long	Mr. & Mrs. T.R. Smedberg	First Security Bank
Mr. & Mrs. Howard MacDonald	Bank of Alex Brown	

IT HAPPENED IN ELK GROVE - The Incident at Murphy's Corral, the FIRST step toward California statehood when American settlers let loose horses belonging to the Mexican Army on June 10, 1846 (the present Wackman place north of the Cosumes River, west of the Freeway); Elk Grove High School, the FIRST union free high school in the state of California, 1893; Elk Grove County Free Library, the FIRST county free library in California, 1906; Elk Grove Park, the FIRST park district in California, 1935.

It is amazing that this little community has been the leader in so many important ways, a real tribute to those who came here before us. Let's continue to lead the way into the 1980's and through the rest of the Twentieth Century.

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