

the ELK GROVE HOTEL REGISTER

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MARCH MEETING AT ELK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The March meeting of the Elk Grove Historical Society will be held on Monday evening, March 9 at 7:30 at Elk Grove High School Library. Eldon Penrose, EGHS Librarian, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Penrose's topic is "Hearst Castle". With an excellent collection of color slides that he took himself, Mr. Penrose will present a tour of the famed castle that hugs the Santa Lucia Mountains and overlooks the Pacific Ocean. Mr. Penrose is well-versed in California history and has several publications resulting from his research. The Hearst family is a fascinating topic for him, and since he is greatly interested in the collections that are housed in the imposing building, it is likely that members of the Society will find his talk both interesting and intriguing.

Program Chair Sterling Kloss has also announced that a trip to Hearst Castle is being planned for the fall of 1981. It will be an overnight trip and will include several tours.

WELCOME TO MORE NEW MEMBERS!!!!

THE GREAT 1981 CHALLENGE CONTINUES as Sterling Kloss brings in 16 members during February. Bernice Gallup was inadvertently left off the January list.

Elk Grove Beauty Salon

Mr. & Mrs. Al Mikles

Mr. & Mrs. Adam Feickert (LIFE)

The Paper Place (NOW PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER)

Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hunsinger

Toby and Sue Johnson

William & Anne Huyett

Bill & Nancy Warmdahl

Bel Air Markets (LIFE)

Elk Grove FFA (renewal)

Roy & Mary Herburger (renewal)

L & M Furniture

Robert & Kathy Mehrten

Larry & Julie Bietz

Charles & Gladys Von Dolteren

Baroni's Lawnmower Shop (Buck & Sarah Krull)



This brings Sterling up to 61 members since January 1 - only 39 more to go!

Congratulations Sterling and a warm welcome to all new members and renewals!

January renewals are as follows: Jessie Beeman, Dan & Lois Toquero, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mauger, Beth & Stanley Engs, Ellen Rosa, Rose Kepley, George R. Carlisle (LIFE), Jessie Baker, Carmel Horigan, Louise Waterman, Dr. Lee J. Greenwood, Mr. & Mrs. G.F. Mix, M and M Distributors, Fred & Kathleen Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hrepich, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Williams, Mrs. Francis Scott, Patricia Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Waegell, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Webb, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cound, Joseph Mohamed, Sr.

Other new members are: Connie Healy, Helen Jones Roccaforte (no sponsor)

Cosumnes River College Library (sponsor: E. Pinkerton)

WINE TASTING A GREAT SUCCESS

Almost everybody in Elk Grove must have been at the wine tasting on February 6, and with so many nice comments, plans are already being made for the 1982 event. Give your ideas to Bud Long or Margit Kloss who did such an excellent job as chairperson of this year's fundraiser.

Edie McDonald, raffle chairperson, announces that the raffle project raised more than \$400 for the Museum Fund. She would like to thank everyone who participated, particularly Alta Dickson and the Elk Grove Variety Store for selling the most tickets. A special bit of appreciation to Lois Toquero for creating the lovely antique lamp which was won by Florence Markofer.

Photographer Yvonne Bonacci took some excellent photos of men, women and children in the 1919 Model T Ford (belonging to Carl Amundsen) and the Doctor's Buggy, circa 1900 (owned by Dennis Buscher). They have been distributed to those who ordered them. If copies are desired, order as follows: unframed 5 x 7, \$2.50; unframed 8 x 10, \$5.00; framed reprint, \$1.50; and unframed reprint, \$1.00. Send order with check to: Historical Society, P.O. BOX 562, EG, along with your name and the number on back of your print. Thanks, Yvonne, for doing such a great job.

Those who missed this great opportunity, we will be taking pictures again in front of the Rhoads School at Western Festival.

RAILROAD MUSEUM TRIP

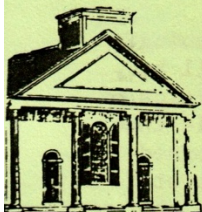
Eighty members of the Society took part in the special tour of the new Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento on Saturday, February 28. Two tours were scheduled due to the popularity of the event. Those who missed it will want to make it in May when the museum officially opens.

THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT, ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GOALS: To record the oral history of the people of the communities of Elk Grove, Franklin, Sloughhouse, Wilton, Alta Mesa, Sheldon and Florin.

To write an account of the history of this area.

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. To interview and tape record men and women who are long time residents of the communities of the Elk Grove area; who are descendants of pioneer families of the area; who have had unique individual experiences; who have made contributions that have benefitted our community, or who are interested historians or collectors.
 2. To transcribe the taped interviews and prepare typed transcripts of the interviews.
 3. To use the information collected through the interviews for a written history of the Elk Grove area communities.



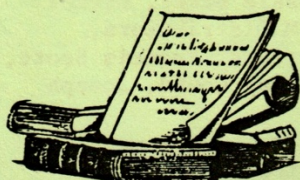
FUNCTIONS OF ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

1. To seek out prospective subjects for oral history interviews.
2. To make arrangements for taping of interviews.
3. To conduct or assist in the taping of interviews.
4. To transcribe taped interviews.
5. To type the completed transcripts.
6. To maintain files of information regarding the oral history tapes, transcripts subjects and photographs.



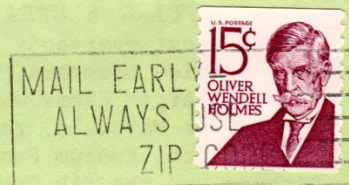
CHAIRPERSON: Elizabeth Pinkerton; **Members:** Olga Batey, Dennis Buscher, Margit Kloss, Dave Morse, Virginia Signorotti, Mary Tsukamoto, Kathy Hrepich, Dolly Augustine.

NOTE: We are just starting this great task. Lists have been compiled of people who will be contacted, and our first interviews will take place this week. Please let me know if you are willing to be interviewed or if you know of someone who should be interviewed. Many have expressed an interest, and though we are grateful for your support and interest, we also need a few hours of your time. Let me know if you can spare an hour or two a month or a week, what you would like to do (see functions above) and we will put you to work! I would like to hear from young people as well as adults. We have 45 people designated for interviews, and we have just begun. We need someone from the Sheldon area and more from Florin.



Many thanks to Dave Snyder who has donated 88 tapes to us. Carl Amundsen has provided us with tape recorders. Terry Kastanis and Eldon Penrose have agreed to storing copies of the oral history tapes in the Cosumnes River College and Elk Grove High School libraries. We would like similar collections at Valley High School and at the Elk Grove Library. Call me at 685-3206 if you have ideas or can work.

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**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!**

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