

# ELK GROVE HOTEL REGISTER

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## NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14 - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

It's BACK TO SCHOOL AT THE RHOADS SCHOOL for Historical Society members on Monday, September 14 for the first fall meeting of the Historical Society. Sterling Kloss, Program Chair, invites all to attend a family picnic at the Rhoads School. Each family is asked to bring its own picnic lunch and we will all eat together in a picnic area to be set up right by the school. Sterling says we eat at 6:30, and at approximately 7:30 he has an interesting program lined up. Mrs. Ellen Rosa who is a great-granddaughter of Jared Dixon Sheldon and Catherine Rhoads Sheldon will speak on the Rhoads family, early pioneers of the Cosumnes River area. Mrs. Rosa has spent some time this summer tracing the path of the wagon train that brought the Rhoads family to California as part of the ill-fated Donner Party in 1846.

Carl Amundsen, in charge of the Museum Building project, will review the events leading up to the moving and restoration of the Rhoads School which took place during 1976. New members, particularly, will find this interesting if they were not Elk Grove residents at the time. A tour of the school, both inside and outside, will be conducted by Carl. The last part of the program will consist of a short "back to school" session with members and guests participating in a bit of living history as they attend a simulated class in the Rhoads School. See you all there!

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH HISTORY WEEK

Sacramento County Historical Society had a successful History Week during the first eight days of August. This annual event attracted hundreds of people to find out a little about the history of the county and its people. Thank you to all the Elk Grove Historical Society members who assisted at the Rhoads School, our Old Towne Office, Florin Buddhist Church and the Sloughhouse Cemetery. Special thanks to Bud and Lee Long, Edie McDonald, Carmel Horgan, Hazel Westlake, Ellen Rosa, Dolleen Augustine, Scott McAfee, Evelyn Morse and Margit Kloss for serving as tour guides and hostesses. If you have any suggestions for next year's History Fair, please let me know.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Elk Grove Historical Society welcomes Ted and Angela Pierson, Carl and Liz Eichenberger and Muriel M. Blodgett. These all must have been sponsored by Sterling in the GREAT 1981 CHALLENGE. Time is running out for new members -- only 3½ months left, Sterling..... Will he make it??

## EVENTS COMING UP

A number of activities are being planned for this year's historical society meetings and trips. A mystery tour is scheduled for....Well, I guess it's still a mystery! Dennis Buscher is working on a tour of old homes in the area. A bus trip to the Dickens' Faire in San Francisco will take place in December. And, hopefully, we will be able to tour the newly restored State Capitol when work finishes. Western Festival has its 25th SILVER JUBILEE IN May - a good historical event, and Elk Grove Unified School District schools will participate in a community wide HISTORY WEEK at the same time. It looks like a good year for history and folks who are interested in historical events and activities.

## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT WELL UNDER WAY

The first tapes and transcripts from the Oral History Project will be presented to the participating school libraries (Elk Grove High School, Valley High School and Cosumnes River College) shortly. I will be training interviewers again this fall, and we are desperately in need of both typists and transcribers at this time. Let me know if you can spare a couple of hours a month this fall and winter.

*See you at the Picnic!*  
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