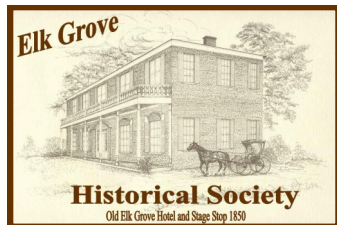


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New Member and Membership Renewal Form

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

If this is a business membership, please complete the following

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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 and over)\$15.00

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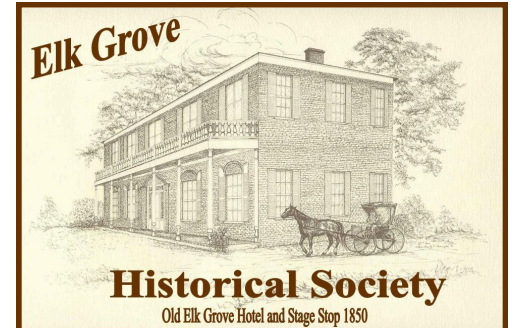
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A Message From the President

The Elk Grove Historical Society Invites you to attend A Mother's Day Victorian Tea

Saturday, May 8, 2010
10:30a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
Serving Time - 11:00



Reservations
\$25 per person

Enjoy a Tribute to Frank Sinatra presented by
talented singer and performer
Steve Swan (Perfectly Frank)

When you leave you will be humming
"My Way"

Elk Grove Hotel and Stage Stop
9941 East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove



RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Address _____


Phone _____ Number of tickets _____

Please return your reservation and money by April 24 to the
Elk Grove Historical Society, P.O. Box 562, Elk Grove, CA 95759.

For information, please call Jim & Annaclare Entrican at 686-8336

The Tea will be on May 8, the day before Mothers' Day, and will be celebrated among the trees and flowers outside the Stage Stop Hotel. We will be handsomely entertained by Steve Swan, singing songs that Frank Sinatra sang so many years ago. There will be a Silent Auction as part of the Tea's activities. If you have any items or creations that you would like to donate, please call Sandra Murray Silva at 682-1244.

I had a call from one of our loyal tea guests that asked me about bringing children. I unfortunately told her that we don't allow children. I want to correct the children policy and state that if you feel comfortable with your child/grandchild, we want you to enjoy their participation and especially your Mothers' Day treat to have your daughter, son, or grandchild with you on this beautiful event. So to the lady who called, and I did not get your name, please purchase a ticket for your daughter.
Jim Entrican, President




Calendar of Events for April 2010

April 3 from 12 noon to 4 PM: Museum Open with Naida West introducing her new book *Rest for the Wicked*. She will sign any purchased book and share her amazing knowledge of our Sloughhouse/ Cosumnes area. We are proud to show some of the photos that were hanging in the Sloughhouse Inn, recently recovered after the closure of the Inn 5 years ago.

April 12 at 4 PM: Board Meeting at Hotel/Museum.

April 26 from 6-8 PM: General Meeting, to be held at the Elk Grove Library with Naida West sharing her stories of writing the last of the California Gold Trilogy, *Rest for the Wicked*.

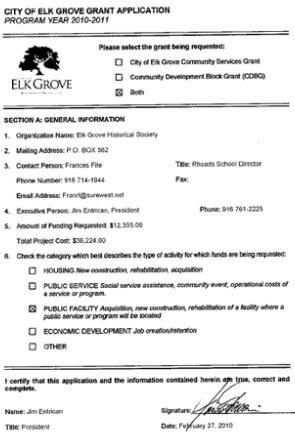


Rhoads School
Established 1872


RHOADS SCHOOL REPORT—Frances Fite

On behalf of Frances Fite I want to lend a hand in writing this report on the Rhoads School. More than one year ago we wrote a grant application to the City of Elk Grove. We were awarded that grant for \$5,000 and had collected a check from the Native Sons of the Golden West for \$5,000. Additional monies were raised by the Wright Family for \$2,240 and John and Ann Platt for \$500. All was set to have the construction started last year, but for the most unfortunate accident that took the life of the contractor who won the bid from CCSD to build the ADA ramp, the project was stopped.


So we went to work with Priscilla Oliver, CCSD Facilities Manager and in one week submitted another 148 page bid with the City of Elk Grove to finance the ADA Ramp Project for the year 2010. We could use your prayers that the grant committee will fund our project so we can open our wonderful heritage school to the students and members of the community that need the wheel chair ramp to gain access to the classroom. If just one person in a classroom wanting to come to our heritage school is impaired, the whole class cannot attend. This is a travesty that needs to be corrected. By Jim Entrican President




MUSEUM OPENING FOR APRIL 3, 2010



How many of our members remember the Sloughhouse Inn? Do you remember the enlarged photos that hung on the walls? Did you hear that when the Inn closed 5 years ago they were taken from the building and presumed stolen? Well the owners Susan Westerberg Prager and Jim Prager have captured them back and have loaned several of them to the Elk Grove Historical Society to hang on our walls for you to see. The photo at the left shows Catherine Rhoads Sheldon Mahone Dalton. Next to her is Jared Sheldon, her first husband, and next to him is his partner William Daylor.



More photos and the genealogy family tree of both Sarah Rhoads and her sister Catherine Rhodes, their descendants of more than 400 names, are mounted on two sheets of paper. On April 3 Naida West will be at the museum to sign books with stories written about these two ladies and the Sloughhouse Cosumnes Area.



Membership Dues are Due: Please use the **Membership Renewal Form** found in this newsletter to keep your membership current.

EGHS Treasurer, Dr. Phil Minghetti, is delighted to present the

Treasurer's Report for March 8, 2010

The Grand Total for all accounts is broken down as follows:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$2,545.41
Generations Fund	420.00
Wightman Fund	412.45
General Restoration Fund	21,003.66
Luttig Memorial Fund	\$353.60
Museum Store	1,430.85
Time Capsule Fund	1,500.00
Subtotal	\$27,665.97
Rhoads School Account	
Operating Fund	\$376.06
Scholarship Fund	1,804.30
Wright Family Memorial Fund	2,595.00
Subtotal	\$4,775.36
Grand Total of All Accounts	\$32,441.33

Treasures from Our Past cont.


the business to local car dealer Jerry Brown. The Drive-In movies were popping up everywhere and were the popular thing to attend.

If you would like to share an item for our newsletter, please send a picture and a short description of the item and what it means to you to Brookelea Lutton at blutton2@surewest.net. Or, mail to Brookelea at 9750 Parktree Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes—March 8, 2010

- Call to order:** Jim Entrican
Minutes of the February Board Meeting were read and approved by the Board.
Treasurer's Report was read and approved by the Board.
- Committee Reports:**
Lucille Christesen said that author Alton Pryor will be the speaker at the next General Meeting on March 15 at Logan's Roadhouse.
- Old Business:**
 - The Time Capsule fund is up to \$1,500.
 - The Board approved upgraded pickets on the fence project.
 - Jeanette Lawson reported the Phantom Ball has made \$2,130 which will go to the fence fund.
 - Lorraine reported the upcoming bus tour is sold out and has a waiting list.
 - Jim Entrican gave an update on the Spring Tea.
 - Phil Teeters reported that the profits from the Filoli Tour planned by the Gardeners of the Grove will go to the kitchen garden project at the Hotel.
- New Business:**
 - Brookelea Lutton gave an update on her interview with Bob Batey which will be Book #6 in her oral history interviews of pioneer Elk Grove families.
 - Frances Fite and Jim Entrican are working on the grant paperwork for the handicapped ramp at Rhoads School.
 - The Board discussed displaying 8x10 photos of past Presidents of the Historical Society at the Hotel.

President Jim Entrican adjourned the meeting.



By Joyce Amundson

On December 7, 1949 Carl and I opened the Cow Palace Theater located at the end of Webb Street in Old Town. We ran movies from Wednesday through Sunday.

Tickets were 60-cents for adults, 50-cents for juniors, and 20-cents for children under 12. In 1954 we built another more modern theater on Elk Grove Boulevard. The Boulevard Theater opened on February 4, 1955. It was located where the Enterprise Rental Car agency is currently located. We ran movies every night with Saturday matinees as well. I operated the candy counter and Carl, a lot of the time, operated the projector. However, he also would come down and visit with customers and let the reel run out, which was no surprise to most customers. Whistles and shouts soon got the movie running again. In 1958 we sold

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