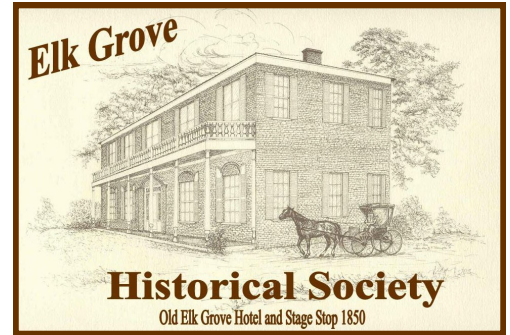


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A Message From the President

Ideas come to the Society as to "HOW DO WE RAISE FUNDS"; in two recent newspaper articles, one in the Bee and the other in the Citizen may have possibilities for fund raising. Please read them both with the thought of helping raise \$75,000 for the Folks House Project this year. (1) If you are over 70 ½ and want to make a donation to the Society, here is an interesting tax break by [IRA CHARITABLE GIVING](#). (2) If you shop for food and make your purchases at Nugget we can get 3 percent of these purchases donated to Elk Grove Historical Society from the [Nugget Market Scrip Program](#).

BAILOUT INCLUDES IRA CHARITABLE GIVING

By Anne Tergeesen (Sacramento Bee 11/30/08)

"If you're age 70 ½ or older and are charitable inclined, the bailout package that President Bush signed into law in October contains some good news: Uncle Sam is temporarily resurrecting a tax break available to those who make donations from their individual retirement accounts to charity."

"Under the law, any money you donate to charity from your IRA will count toward the annual withdrawals you're required to take from these accounts after reaching age 70 ½. (Be aware, though, that if you already took your withdrawal this year, you're out of luck. You can't retroactively claim the tax break, even if you gave some or all of this money to charity.)"

"If you are able to take advantage of this tax break, you won't get the tax deduction for your gift that you would normally be entitled to. But you are almost sure to come out ahead. To see why, consider what would happen if you were to donate \$1000 to the Elk Grove Historical Society [501(c)3 Tax Identification #94-2781947].

"If when filling out your tax returns you don't itemize deductions, you'd normally get no tax deductions for the gift. But under the new law, you would receive a nice tax break. That's because under the new law, the charitable donations you make from an IRA don't count toward your taxable income. As a result, a \$1000 gift would reduce your income by \$1000. That would save someone in the 25% tax bracket \$250."

"If you itemize your deductions, you'll also come out ahead. That's because taxpayers whose adjusted gross incomes exceed certain thresholds lose some of their deductions and personal exemption amounts. By not adding \$1000 to your income, this gift might help you keep your income below these levels."

NEW NUGGET DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

By Keith Gegers (Citizen Staff Writer 1/2/09)

John Sullivan has been named as store director at Nugget Market, 7101 Elk Grove Blvd. They are working closely to contribute to Elk Grove's immediate neighborhoods and families through the Scrip Program.

"The Scrip Program enables Nugget to partner with store guests in support of local nonprofit organizations," Sullivan said. "We're absolutely thrilled to be a part of the vibrant Elk Grove community and we look forward to consistently contributing to our local nonprofit via this program."

"Through the program, a guest organization can benefit from every purchase made by that guest at the store" commented Sullivan. "Unlike other programs, the Nugget Market Scrip Program donates a full 3 percent to the beneficiary with no cp and no up-front fees or administration fees. In addition Nugget provides a monthly accounting along with the donation check to the organization."

By the time this newsletter comes out I will have registered Elk Grove Historical Society with Nugget on this Scrip Program.

Jim Entrican
President

Members Corner

Welcome to our New Members

Harlan & Sidney Tougaw

Anne Smith & Family

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Museum Store

The museum store is usually open each time our museum is open to the public. If you haven't visited us before stop by. We have a great selection of children's books including vintage paper dolls. We have books published by the Society dealing with the history of the area and also books from local authors including Arnie Zimbleman, Elizabeth Pinkerton, Brooklea Lutton and Joe Fabel. Our latest publication is on the Kerr Brothers and sells for \$3. We are working on and will have booklets on the Rhoads Family and James Hall in the near future. We also have a great selection of tea pots and tea related items, as well as beaded jewelry. We are also accepting donations of hand crafted items (seasonal OK) to sell in the store.

Calendar of Events for February 2009

- February 7, 2009: Museum open Noon to 4 PM—New Exhibit for 2009!
 February 7, 2009: Sacramento Museum Day—25 museums open free of charge. 10 am—5 pm (last admissions at 4 pm). For more information, Visit: www.sacmuseums.org
 February 15, 2009: Tickets for "Tea Time in the Wild West" go on sale today!
 February 16, 2009: Board Meeting at 4:00 PM, 9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum (Note the change in date!).
 February 23, 2009: General Meeting, 7:00 pm, speaker Elma Conner at C.W. Dillard Elementary School, 9721 Dillard Rd., Wilton, CA. The Wilton Historical Group will be joining us for this informative talk.

Annual Spring Tea 2009: "Tea Time in the Wild West"



Our annual spring tea will be held this year on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at our museum. This year's theme will be "Tea Time in the Wild West". Entertainment for this year's event will be Michael Sands, who will relate the history of the railroad in America in song. Mr. Sands, a Sacramento lawyer, spends much of his spare time as a volunteer at the State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento. His program relates how, at one time, the railroad was the quickest way in America to get the news, and was told many times in song.

Tickets for this event will go on sale February 15, 2009 and are \$25 each for members of the Elk Grove and Florin Historical Societies and \$30 each for non-members. Ticket sales will be limited to 160 tickets and once those are sold a waiting list will be established, so get yours early!

This year members who purchase an entire table of 8, either individually or with another member will have the opportunity to decorate their own table

May 9, 2009-Save the Date!

with their own dishes, table cloths, etc. Those wanting to decorate a table can be at the museum the day of the tea as early 7 am but tables need to be completed by 9:30 am. A "reward" will go to the best decorated table. Also again this year a "reward" will go to the best decorated hat.

As always we will have a silent auction and are looking for donations. If you would like to donate to the silent auction or are interested in decorating a table, or purchasing

Teacup Roundup!!

We need your help! With our annual tea fast approaching, we're in need of donations of pretty, matching teacups and saucers. We also need 7 inch plates, but they don't need to match the teacups. If you happen to be at a thrift shop or garage sale, please keep this in mind. If you have teacups, saucers and/or plates you'd like to donate, please call 916-685-8115 or e-mail stagestophotel@aol.com. We'll round them up!



Museum Exhibit for 2009

The Elk Grove Historical Society, under the direction of the Head Archivist, Liz Sellstrom, is set to open their 2009 exhibit on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum. The museum is located at 9941 East Stockton Blvd., adjacent to the west entrance of Elk Grove Regional Park and will be open to the public from 12 noon until 4 PM. Admission is by donation.

This year's exhibit showcases the Elk Grove area from 1950 and beyond and includes an exhibit on the city hood of Elk Grove. Featured exhibits will showcase area churches and organizations and will be rotated throughout the year, beginning with exhibits on the Point Pleasant Church, the Elk Grove Methodist Church, the Elk Grove Grange and Eastern Star, among others.

In conjunction with the Elk Grove Unified School District's 50th anniversary, the museum will also have special exhibits on the area's schools beginning with the Markofer School which will have an exhibit in the Markofer room in the museum.

The Elk Grove Police Department will have an exhibit in the San Joaquin Township Justice Court, also located on the museum grounds. The Justice Court served not only as the area's courthouse from 1911 until the early 1950s, but also served as the jail.

The special exhibit for 2009 will be an exhibit on loan from the Sierra Sacramento Valley Museum of Medical History, showing artifacts used in the practice of human medicine.

There are several children's activity areas throughout the museum and the museum gift shop will be open where visitors will have the opportunity to purchase publications by the Society on the area's history.

Dues are Due: The 2009 dues are now expected - and if you have a " * " by your address on this newsletter our records show you have not paid your 2008 dues. Please mail dues to Box 562, Elk Grove 95759.

Research Library: Now open by appointment. Call Jeanette at 685-8115 or e-mail her at msjlaw@comcast.net



Rhoads School
Established 1872

When the Rhoads School was moved in 1976 from its original site on what we now call Slough-house Rd., it was given a new sign to be installed on its roof.

The more-than-6 ft.-wide sign states as follows: "Rhoads School Dist., Founded 1872, Comp. J.M. Derr Lbr. Co., Elk Grove, Calif." It has withstood the weather for over 30 years, but now, with the contrast of the fine new roof on the schoolhouse, the sign is decidedly in need of help. The background paint is badly chipped, and the black lettering has faded. It has now been taken down from its noble perch for either restoration or replacement, a choice that must soon be made by the Rhoads School Board.

If any of our readers has expertise in such an activity as sign restoration, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please let us know.

Frances Fite, 714-1944.



Archivist Report

Elk Grove Unified School District - 50th

The Historical Society has prepared another display for the Elk Grove Unified School District. Our third display will be up for viewing from January 7 through February 12, 2009 at the district office, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Rd. Our displays have been a real hit so stop by and enjoy this walk through time!





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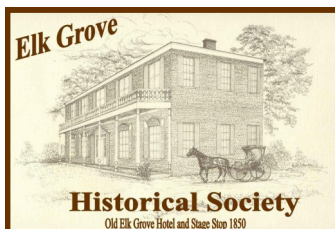
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