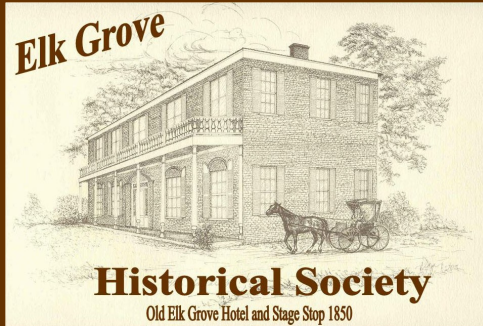


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## Happy New Year 2009!!

### A Message From the President

It is indeed a privilege to serve as president of the Elk Grove Historical Society for this next year. With your support I know we will have a great year.

Anita Peters has done a lot to organize many annual fund raising events and has established a good network of volunteers that have enthusiastically helped the Society raise money needed to keep us going.

I am setting two goals for this fiscal year December 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008:

1. Increase our membership by 100 new and excited members

As of this newsletter we have added:

Dr. Phil Minghetti  
Robert & Cindy Chandler  
Stephen & Katherine MacDonald  
Mary Sievers

2. Raise \$75,000 for the siding, windows and roof for the Foulks House which is finally on a foundation. On December 15<sup>th</sup> we were invited to Pacific Coast Building Products and Ronald McDonald House Charities grant check presentation where we received a check for \$1,720.00. This is a good start toward our goal, and in these difficult times it shows there are concerned businesses out there that are still supporting non-profit organizations.

If anyone wants to help us in our membership drive and fund raising, please call your President.

Jim Entrican  
761-2225 cell

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 Do you have a special interest? It's your newsletter, so if you have suggestions, please send them to [bclaire@frontiernet.net](mailto:bclaire@frontiernet.net). We'll do our best!

**Calendar of Events for January 2009**

January 1, 2009: Happy New Year to All our Members!  
 January 3, 2009: Museum Closed.  
 January 15, 2009: Sacramento Area Consortium Meeting at Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum, 10 AM.  
 January 19, 2009: General Meeting, Logan's Roadhouse, no-host dinner at 5:30, meeting at 7:00 pm. Speaker is Elizabeth Pinkerton on "The 50 years of Elk Grove Unified School District."  
 January 26, 2009: Board Meeting at 4:00 PM, 9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum.  
 February 7, 2009: Museum open Noon to 4 PM—New Exhibit for 2009!

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

# WANTED

Our annual spring tea will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 on the museum grounds. Tickets again will be \$25 for members of the Elk Grove and Florin Historical Societies and \$30 for non members. The \$30 price includes guests of members who are not Society members. Tickets will go on sale February 15, 2009. You may reserve tickets by calling Anita at 775-1788 or mailing a check made out to the Elk Grove Historical Society to PO Box 562, Elk Grove 95759. Please include a note stating the money is for tea tickets. Only 160 tickets will be sold, so once that number has been reached a waiting list will be established.

New for this year, members selling an entire table of 8, whether alone or with another member, will be able to set and decorate their own table. A reward will be given to the member(s) whose table is judged the best decorated. Members will be able to bring their dishes and decorations to the museum at 7 am the day of the tea, tables will need to be completed by 9:30 am. Tables will need to be cleaned up at the end of the tea.

Contact Anita for complete details.

# REWARD

A reward will also be given again for the best hat. The theme for the tea is "Tea Time in the Wild West." Dress accordingly and Good Luck!

Save the Date!







Rhoads School  
Established 1872

The fall semester of the Rhoads School Program was a short one, as always. Each year it goes from the beginning of October through early November. The weather is usually dependable during that time, and outside activities are possible. After that beginning, there are no classes for the balance of November, during December, or January. It is too cold, and especially too dark, since the school has no lights.

School visits begin again in February, and are steady through the middle of May. This year, there are already nearly 60 classes that are scheduled, with perhaps more to come.

For our readers who do not know what the Rhoads

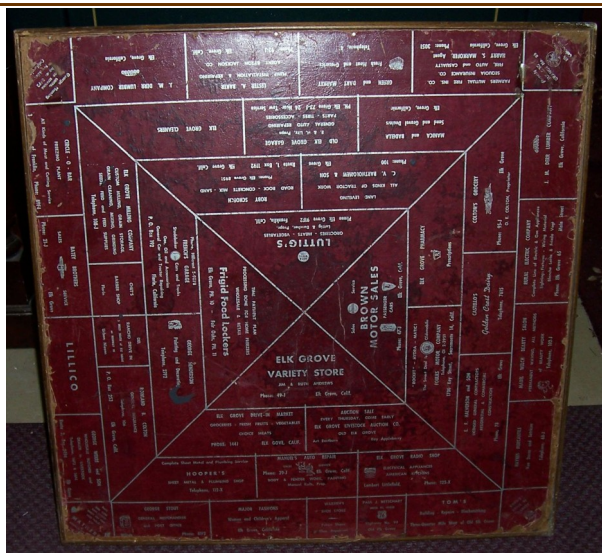
School Program consists of, it is basically a whole school day at Rhoads, going to school as children of the 1890s. The students wear clothing typical of what children of that era wore, and the docent will look like a traditional 'stern schoolmarm', usually in a long black skirt, high-necked blouse, and a severe hair style.

Lessons are the usual ones of that era, with *Hygiene, History, Reading* (from McGuffey Readers), *Arithmetic* (with slates and chalk), and a *Spelling Bee*. At recess, among the activities are *Jacks, Marbles, Jump Rope, Rolling Hoops, Walking on Stilts*, and the usual group games of olden days.

The students get so into their role playing that some of the classroom teachers say that it takes them a week back in their regular classroom to give up their pioneer names.

### Archivist Report

The Historical Society would like to thank Howard and Jonnie Sihner and the Grange for the donation of an old Grange card table. The card table was one of many used at the Grange for playing games of Whist.



### Rhoads School Board

Francis Fite	Dave & Evelyn Raulien
Arnie & Iris Zimbelman	Jim & Elaine Wright
Jim & Virginia Ring	Ed & Ethel Keema
Dorothy Hrepich	Sandra Murray Silva

### Museum Store - New Items

Elk Grove Book 2  
*Preserving Our Past*

#### The Kerr Brothers Pennsylvania to California



Joseph Kerr Home 1880s

Book 2 in the series "Preserving Our Past", titled "The Kerr Brothers Pennsylvania to California". The booklet is 16 pages with text and photos and sells for \$3.00.

#### Coming soon:

Book 3 in the series "Preserving Our Past", titled "An Introduction to the Rhoads Family History."

### Museum Exhibit for 2009

The new Exhibit for 2009 will open February 7, 2009 at the Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum (9941 East Stockton Blvd) and runs through October 2009. The exhibit will showcase area churches and organizations, especially those established before 1950. There will also be an exhibit showcasing artifacts used in the practice of human medicine prior to 1950. Many of the artifacts have been loaned to us from the Sierra Sacramento Valley Museum of Medical History.

### Research Library

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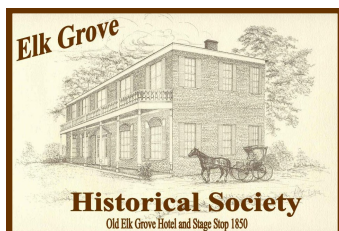
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### New Member and Membership Renewal Form

**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

\_\_\_ **Business, Corporation, Association** .... \$30.00

\_\_\_ **Lifetime (Member and Spouse)** .....\$400.00

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