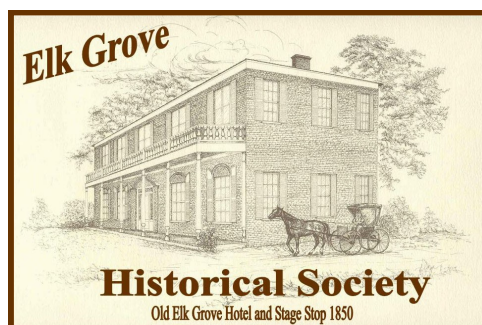


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## A Message From the President

### THE WORD DOCENT, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

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In [American English](#) the word **docent** has two meanings: [firstly](#), a professor or university lecturer; and [secondly](#), the corps of volunteer guides who staff museums and other educational institutions. *Docent* is derived from the present participle (*docens, docentis*) of the Latin word *docēre*, meaning "to teach".

In the US, **docents** are educators, trained to further the public's understanding of the cultural and historical collections of the institution. In many cases, docents, in addition to their prescribed function as guides, also conduct research utilizing the institution's facilities. They are normally volunteers.

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

Main Entry: **do cent**

Pronunciation: \ 'dō-s<sup>ə</sup>nt, dō(t)-'sent\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: obsolete German (now *Dozent*), from Latin *docent-*, *docens*, present participle of *docēre*

Date: 1880

1 : a college or university teacher or lecturer

2 : a person who leads guided tours especially through a museum or art gallery

Many of us are members of the Elk Grove Historical Society and some of us are volunteers who guide our guests through the museum and teach about the cultural and historical collections displayed at the Hotel. As docents we may dress in the 1850 costumes provided by the Society (basement closet) or in business casual attire. As representatives of the Society we should always conduct ourselves in a professional manner, but we should also have fun. Our dress and cheerful attitude will transfer excitement to the guests and encourage them to spread the word that going to the Stage Stop Hotel & Museum is educational and interesting and the special events are just that, special and a very good time. We want to attract more newcomers and keep the dedicated visitors coming back time and again.

It is exciting to see so many members volunteer to serve the public and I hope you know that the officers and members join in thanking each one with a very enthusiastic [THANK YOU!](#)

Docents: Joyce Amundson, Lucille Christesen, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Billie de la Rosa, Annaclare Entrican, Joe Fabel, Mary Gress, Steve Lambert, Jeanette Lawson, Brookelea Lutton, Cindy Mahon, Emily McKeighen, Donna Olovson, Anita Peters, Sue Richter, Liz Sellstrom, Carmel Silva Anne Trussell, and Allen & Rose Marie Wise. If we've omitted anyone, our apologies. If you would like to become a docent, please let us know (685-8115).

**Jim Entrican**  
**President**

## Members Corner

Welcome to our New Members

**Emily McKeighen  
Dorothy Joslin  
Steve & Diana Raymond**

## Annual House Tour

On September 19, 2009 the Elk Grove Historical Society will conduct a house tour by bus into the countryside to an 1800 ranch house on 3,000 acres in east county, and a countryside estate built by Don Younce in 1980; a small 1877 house (now an office) with beautiful hardwood throughout the house; and a mansion in the town of Elk Grove. The bus will leave from the Elk Grove Museum, 9941 East Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove Park at 8 A.M. on Saturday morning, returning at 5 P.M. There will be a no-host lunch in the town of Sheldon at noon. Reservations are \$45.00 in advance. Call Lorraine 683-6893.

## Research Library

Now open by appointment. Call Jeanette at 685-8115 or e-mail her at [msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)

**\*\*\*\*\*DUES\*\*\*\*\***

**Have you paid your 2008, 2009 dues?  
Call Lorraine at 683-6893 for verification.**

## Calendar of Events for May 2009

May 2, 2009: Museum open 12:00—4:00 PM

May 9, 2009: Annual Spring Tea 2009: Tea Time in the Wild West 11:00 AM, 9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, Hotel & Stage Stop Museum

May 18, 2009: General Meeting, 7:00 PM Pleasant Grove Elementary School 10160 Pleasant Grove School Rd., Elk Grove, CA 95624  
Featured Speaker: Jeanette Lawson (Principal - Joe Donovan)

May 25, 2009: Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, 9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum

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



We're looking forward to seeing you at our "Tea Time in the Old West". May 9th at 11:00 AM. This year's entertainment will be Michael Sands who will perform "Lonesome Whistle" a program arrange by him that tells the history of railroading in America in song. Michael is a retired Sacramento lawyer and a volunteer at the California State Railroad Museum.

### Seeking Silent Auction Donations

We are still in need of silent auction items, so if you have something to donate, you may call Anita for that also.

### Thank You !!!



### Teacup Roundup Continues!!

**Thank you** to all who have donated teacups, saucers and plates. With our annual tea fast approaching, we're still 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 have teacups, saucers and/or plates you'd like to donate, please call 916-685-8115 or e-mail [stagesstophotel@aol.com](mailto:stagesstophotel@aol.com).



**Rhoads School  
Established 1872**

### Rhoads School Report

We have reported to you in the past about the Rhoads School's need for a Handicapped Access Ramp, in order that visitors, including students coming with their classes, will have access with their wheelchairs.

We have been working on this need for two years, since the spring of 2007 when a class arrived with a child in a wheelchair. The adults who came with the class were able to get him safely into and out of the school building so that he could be a part of the program. However, we were made aware that we needed to solve this problem since we were out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

With the outstanding help of the CSD, all of the preliminary work and planning has been done, but the funding has been a continuing problem. We have received contributions from several organizations and individuals, but until last month there was still roughly \$5,000 to raise. An application was made for a CDBG, a Community Development Block Grant. The CDBG's recommendation to the City Council on April 8 included our ramp project. The Council will make their final decision at their May 13 meeting.

If, as we hope, the grant is approved, construction of the handicapped ramp will be done in July.

## Special Events: Elk Grove Historical Society April 2009 Car Show

The car show and BBQ on April 4th was a huge success and lots of fun for all. We want to thank everyone who donated their time, money or food items. You are the ones who made this event so successful. We'd also like to thank all of the participants who brought their beautiful cars down for us to enjoy. There were two winners: 1st Place was won by Ross Woodman and 2nd Place went to Larry Roth..

### First Place Winner—Ross Woodman



### Second Place Winner—Larry Roth



Photos by Emily McKeighen



## Special Events: Elk Grove Historical Society April 2009 Car Show



1st Place winner Ross Woodman, Liz (our organizer) and 2nd Place winner Larry Roth



Some of the many beautiful cars on display.



More great cars!



Jeanette, Barb and Pam helped out with the BBQ



Annaclare with a Museum Visitor



Arnie & Iris Zimbelman and Jim and Elaine Wright

Photos by Jim Entrican

EGHS Treasurer, Dr. Phil Minghetti, is delighted to present the **Treasury Report for April, 2009.**

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

<b><u>Operating Account</u></b>	
General Fund	\$6,216.88
Wightman Fund	\$3,904.00
Total Operating Account Balance	<b>\$10,120.88</b>
<b><u>Restoration Account</u></b>	
General Restoration Fund	\$5,197.57
Luttig Memorial Fund	\$1,282.56
Total Restoration Account Balance	<b>\$6,480.13</b>
<b><u>Museum Store Account</u></b>	
	<b>\$1,749.47</b>
<b><u>Rhoads School Account</u></b>	
Operating Fund	\$441.21
Scholarship Fund	\$324.30
Steve Wright Memorial Fund	\$1,615.00
Total Rhoads School Account Balance	<b>\$2,380.51</b>
<b><u>Grand Total of All Accounts</u></b>	<b>\$20,730.99</b>

### Elk Grove Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes March 23, 2009

- Call to order: President Jim Entrican
- Reading of Minutes: Minutes of the February 16, 2009 Board Meeting read and passed with two amendments. Elaine Wright recommended that the Board Members should be listed for each meeting and corrected the spelling of the word "Rhoads".
- Bills presented and approved: \$2,946 dollars was moved from the Wightman fund for insurance purposes. Anita Peters presented a SMUD bill of \$247.69.
- Committee Reports: President Jim Entrican and the Board congratulated Dennis Buscher on a great General Meeting in March and the Board had a discussion on upcoming General Meetings.
- Anita Peters said that only 16 tickets were left for the Spring Tea fundraiser. She also updated us on the Policy and Procedure Report that had been e-mailed to all members. The report will be voted on by the Board at our April meeting.
- Liz Sellstrom updated us on the Car Show and Barbeque that will be April 4, asking for docents to arrive early to help set up. Liz Sellstrom also talked

about plans for the Safety Fair for August Museum Day.

- Archivist Report: Liz informed us on new documentation and artifacts donated to the Historical Society. She also introduced Emily McKeighen, who has volunteered to be the Assistant Archivist.
- Sarah Johnson told us about a redevelopment project to be discussed Wednesday at the Elk Grove City Council.

#### Old Business

- Frances Fite asks if we want to use the Raley's Scrip system as well as the Nugget system. She says the Rhoads School Board hopes to have the handicapped access ramp built this summer and are still working on donations.
- Dennis Buscher gave us an update on the Luttig Memorial Garden, the underground drip system is in and he will be working full time this week on the garden.
- The Board discusses how to generate interest in the Foulks House restoration.
- The Nugget Scrip program has raised \$23.97
- Leticia Townsy sent out 25 letters for Grants.
- The Phantom Ball has received \$1,200 dollars
- Jeanette Lawson and other Board members are working on the IRS penalties.
- Steve Lambert got a second quote for track lighting for approximately \$400 dollars and this amount was approved by the Board.
- The donated car has a reserve set and signed with Beeman.

#### New Business

- Dennis and Jeanette are working on registering EGHS as a Charitable Trust.
- President Entrican tells us the Strauss Festival wants to hold a fundraiser and the Hotel and will give half of the Bail money to EGHS. Discussion by the Board about appropriate use of our facilities and the Board approved this activity.
- Barbara Claire is donating another \$200 dollars from her jewelry sales to the EGHS making her total donation \$1,067.73 dollars.
- New items are at the store, such as bookmarks and magnets with the EGHS logo.
- Bob and Olga Batey are to be interviewed after Dave Morse interview is done.
- President Entrican thanks Jeanette Lawson for coming down to the museum to help students complete a film for a school project.
- Meeting Adjourned by President Entrican.



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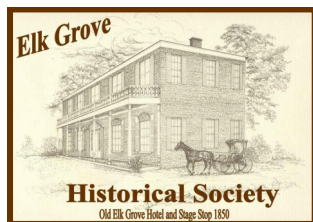
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#### New Member and Membership Renewal Form

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**If this is a business membership, please complete the following**

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**Types of Membership and Fee Structure Check one:**

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\_\_\_ Family Group.....\$30.00

\_\_\_ Student (full time under 25).....\$15.00

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

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