

*Elk Grove Historical Society*

# Stage Stop Gazette

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## Inside the Museum Files:

### “The Ryde Hotel”

Whether it was for excellent food and lodging or for tall stories of a downstairs Speakeasy, the reputation of the Ryde Hotel spread and wafted on the Delta breezes for miles either way! Pleasure boats came in by droves; the Delta King and Delta Queen made this port a regular stop. The forty hotel rooms and six private dining rooms were in great demand for overnight guests.

Oldtimers say this was not where the action was! Much more excitement was brewing beneath the hotel where “Speakeasy” was the word. Entrance was only gained by knowing the ropes or the correct password. Here was a great casino and dance hall with slot machines banging away; the bar doing a land office business. Packaged bottles of whiskey were sold from a “revenue-proof” room.

This little 3-building town is infamous on the Sacramento River across from Walnut Grove.

Read the great stories and the entire history of this river delta hotel on our website, [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com), under “History – Other related Topics”

## 2021 Board of Officers Election Ballot



### Instructions to vote by mail:

- 1) Vote for one candidate for each office
- 2) Or write in your choice for the office
- 3) Mail your ballot, before November 12, 2021 to  
Elk Grove Historical Society – PO Box 562, Elk Grove, CA 95759

**The next General Meeting is VOTING - 11/15/21!**

Hope to see many of you there! Enjoy cake and hot cider with us!

**This is our last meeting until January 2022!**

The 2021 Nomination Committee is happy to introduce their candidates for the six elected Board of Director positions for the Calendar year 2022. The election vote count and results announcement will take place at the General Membership meeting on Monday, November 15, 6:30 pm at the Old Town Creations shop located at 8717 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95624 (916-281-1072).

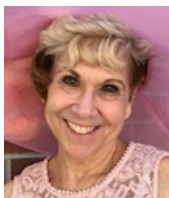
Any Society members who wish to, especially those who are unable to attend the November 15 general meeting, can mail their vote preferences by November 12 to arrive in time to be counted at the November 15 meeting. Candidates have shared a short personal statement as an introduction to those of you who may not know them. We are proud to introduce the following slate of candidates for the six elected Officer Positions on the Board of Directors of the Elk Grove Historical society for 2022:



**Ken Miller**

Write in:

**Candidate for President: Ken Miller** - I have already completed a term as historical society president and as Recording Secretary but would like to again run for president. My wife Rosemarie and I returned to live in Elk Grove eight years ago after 19 years in San Diego County. I retired as the Unit Chief for San Diego/Imperial County CDF (CAL FIRE) after 32 years in State Service. I have served as the Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Coordinator for 8 years and later worked for the County of San Diego for 10 years as Fire Services Coordinator. I have served in many leadership positions throughout my career that have supported my efforts as your president these past years. My interest in history and love of community involvement inspires me to continue in any capacity I can to support the mission and activities of the Elk Grove Historical Society.



**Rosemarie Miller**

Write in:

**Candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Rosemarie Miller** - I am presently the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and would like to continue in the same capacity next year. I maintain the same position for the Cosumnes River College patrons, a scholarship organization and I find speakers for both organizations. I held a similar position at Cosumnes River College patrons, a scholarship organization and found speakers for both organizations. I have immersed myself in volunteerism. For the historical society, I have co-chaired, coordinated, or helped with Old Fashion Christmas, Interior decorating, Santa's helper, Spring Tea, room care, restroom attendant, and as a fundraiser volunteer to name just a few. Before I arrived here six years ago with my husband Ken from San Diego, I was 1st President for CAL FIRE Auxillary, chaired two statewide conventions, chaired Installation dinners for the Employees Association, not to mention being a Girl Scout leader, Service Leader, and Council leader for seven years. I have been a cosmetologist for 50 years and owned my own Jafra cosmetics business. I am proud of my accomplishments and experience and would like to bring that to the historical society as first Vice- President.



**Dennis Buscher**

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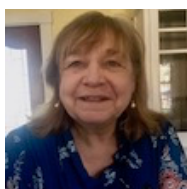
**Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Dennis Buscher** - I am a fourth-generation resident of Franklin, CA. I retired from the Franchise Tax Board as a Tax Auditor for 24 years and a Hearing Officer in the Legal Division for 10 years. I am currently a Board member of the Cosumnes – Elk Grove Cemetery District and a member of the Elk Grove City Historic Preservation Committee. I am charter member of the Elk Grove Historical Society, since 1977. I have served as President for 2 years, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for 2 years, Treasurer for 6 plus years and, since 2016, I am currently serving my second round as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. My two main fund-raising activities that I oversee with the Historical Society are the Annual Yard Sale that I started in 1997 and chairing the Big Day of Giving each year. I am active in historic preservation, having restored three homes in Elk Grove and one Amador City. I own and operate the Blue Victorian, a retail Antique & Collectible retail business in Sacramento and Roseville.



**Jeanette Lawson**

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate for Treasurer: Jeanette Lawson** - Along with my family, I have been an Elk Grove resident for many years, a longtime member of the Elk Grove Historical Society, a retired elementary school teacher, and a genealogy researcher. I have served as a society member volunteer for several years, many of those on the Board of Directors in the office of Treasurer. I have been an active volunteer with the Historical Society and instigated several successful fundraiser events including the Halloween Haunted Stage Stop, the Black Tie & Santa gala, and the annual Old Fashion Christmas. I am fortunate to have society member Barbara Claire as an Assistant Treasurer, which makes my job easier. I look forward to another year as Treasurer.



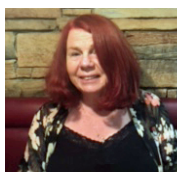
**Pam Phelps**

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate for Recording Secretary: Pam Phelps** - I have held the position of Recording Secretary for the Elk Grove Historical Society for the past two years. As an active member of for many years, I have participated as a docent, co-chaired our Old-fashioned Christmas for two years, co-chaired the Spring Tea, decorated for the Spring Tea, Halloween and Christmas functions, and worked many of our fundraising events. As a Board Member, for the last two years, I have participated on several committees including Policy and Procedures. My twenty-three years as a bi-lingual teacher afforded me not only the rewards of educating students but allowed me the opportunity to develop a Spanish-English immersion K-8 school in the Sacramento area. I served on the Board of Language Academy representing staff for two 3-year terms. During this tenure I held the offices of both Treasurer and Recording Secretary. I also sat on the Finance Committee for the fifteen years I worked at the school. I retired four years ago and am able to use my time dedicated to the Elk Grove Historical Society and the history of this community. Thank you for this opportunity.



**VOTE ONLY ONE**  
**Candidate for Recording Secretary**



**Susan Hernandez**

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate for Recording Secretary: Susan Hernandez** - I would like to be elected to the position of Secretary for Elk Grove Historical Society. I am very actively involved in the Society and am dedicated to its goals and mission. I attend most EGHS Board meeting so I can be up on what's going on. I became a member of EGHS in 2008 as a docent for the Rhoads School Living History Program, which I did until 2018. I am currently the secretary/treasurer of the Rhoads School Board and have been for 4 years. Now I also train new docents for the school program. I am also serving as the Volunteer Docent and Guided Tour Docent trainer for our First Saturday open museum days. Grant writing is also one of my positions and I have received a grant from the city for \$2,000 so far with hopes for many more to come. I have also been the chairperson of the Spring Tea for a few years and am looking forward to once again offering the Tea next May for a Mother's Day celebration. I am a retired elementary school teacher and administrator here in Elk Grove where my husband and I have lived for the last 20 years. We have 5 children and 11 grandchildren. Please vote for me.



**Cindy Mahon**

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

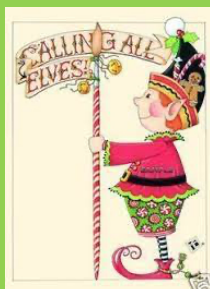
**Candidate for Correspondence Secretary: Cindy Mahon** - I have spent most of my adult life as a ranch wife with my husband Tom whose family owns the Mahon Ranch here in Elk Grove. My duties range from coordination calf branding lunches for the workers and vaccinating cattle to assisting with the myriad activities it takes to keep a large ranch running – all history lessons in themselves. My career as a volunteer started when my kids were in school, which over the years included responsibilities of being a Teachers Aid, fundraising, managing finances, recruiting other volunteers and workers with 4H and FFA projects through my son's high school years. I finally had time to volunteer as a docent for the Elk Grove Historical Society over the last few years and am now involved with the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation. Their goal is historical preservation is a perfect combo with a position on the historical society Board of Directors. I am completing my fourth year as Correspondence Secretary.





**GET READY**  
for  
**THE HOLIDAYS!**  
**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**  
**PLEASE HELP US?**

## **We Need YOU!**



The Elk Grove Historical Society Christmas Committee is preparing for our annual event to be held in December. This year's theme is "The Twelve Days of Christmas". We would love your help in making this an amazing experience.

**Please contact the following:**

**Decorating inside/outside - Rosemarie Miller**

[rosebudchief@gmail.com](mailto:rosebudchief@gmail.com) or 760-803-5893

*(Decorating from mid-October - mid November  
with takedown in January)*

**Santa's Workshop photos - Cindy Mahon**

[cindylibbymahon@gmail.com](mailto:cindylibbymahon@gmail.com) or 916-952-3417

**Docent for weekends - Pam Phelps**

[pephelps48@gmail.com](mailto:pephelps48@gmail.com) or 916-494-3010

(Volunteers who assist with the event, photos, in the house, etc. are scheduled for either a morning or afternoon shift, Saturday or Sunday, for the first three weekends in December).

## **We Thank YOU!**

### **Ballroom Decorators:**

*by Sheldon 4-H*

Rhonda Lim

Jamie Woods

Robin Long

Lanier Kirby

### **Facilities Managers**

David Chalmers

*and his team:*

John Ross

John Frassetto

Jim Entrican

Jim Pollick

Wayne Spivia

Ken Miller

### **And**

So many more  
to be mentioned  
next issue!



*The Elk Grove  
Historical Society Presents  
The 15th Annual  
"Old Fashioned Christmas"*



**2021**

Come Celebrate the "12 Days of Christmas" with Us! Each Room is Lavishly Decorated!



*At the Stage Stop Museum  
9941 E Stockton Blvd.  
Elk Grove Regional Park*



*New this year: Thursday, December 16 only  
6 - 8 PM "Strolling Through Heritage Park"  
An opportunity to stroll around and see the beautiful  
outdoor lights! (No Santa) No Admission Fee!*

*Friday Night Lights 6 - 8 PM (Light Refreshments)  
December 3, 10 & 17 (No Santa) No Admission Fee!*

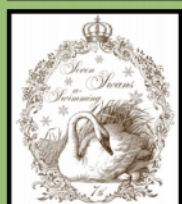


**Purchase  
Professional  
Pictures  
With  
Santa**

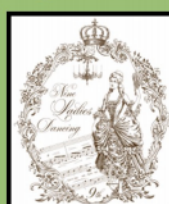
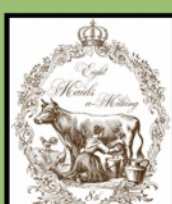
*Saturdays 11 AM - 6 PM  
Pictures with Santa: December 4, 11, & 18  
Cookie Decorating and Children's Activities!*

*Sundays 11 AM - 5 PM  
Pictures with Santa: December 5, 12, & 19  
Cookie Decorating and Children's Activities!*

*There will be a \$5 charge to take pictures with  
Santa using your cell phone or other camera.*



*Masks may be  
required to enter.*



**Admission  
\$5  
Per Person**





*The Elk Grove Historical Society  
Presents  
"Black Tie & Santa Gala"  
A Preview of our "Old Fashioned Christmas"*

2021

*Come Celebrate the "12 Days of Christmas" with Us!*

2021



*At the Stage Stop Museum  
9941 E Stockton Blvd.  
Elk Grove Regional Park*



*Wine &  
Hors D'oeuvres*

*Sunday, November 28, 2021  
Starting at 6:00 PM*

*Tickets are Limited  
Reserve Yours Today!*

*Silent Auction*

*Wine Grab!*

*\$50.00 Per Person*

*Masks may be required*



*Black Tie & Santa Ticket Order Form  
\$50 Per Person*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address: \_\_\_\_\_*

*E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_*

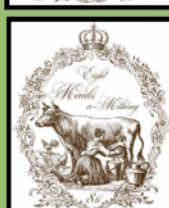
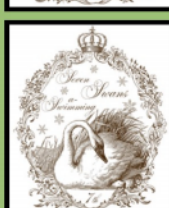
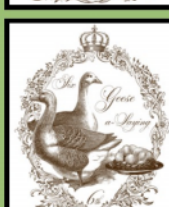
*Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Send to: Black Tie & Santa Gala  
Elk Grove Historical Society  
PO Box 562  
Elk Grove, CA 95759*

*Tickets will be mailed to you.*

*To Purchase tickets with a credit card, go to our On-Line store at: [eghistory.org](http://eghistory.org)  
For Mask or vaccination /testing requirements, check our website after Nov 1:  
<https://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com>*



# CHRISTMAS WORKS IN PROGRESS

*We are getting ready, working and waiting with lots of surprises!!!*

It's fun so come join us!



And there is the tree!!!



We're here getting ready for you!



YOU are ALL INVITED!



We're waiting for you!



Aren't you curious???



Lots of surprises awaiting so come join us!



## GREETINGS FROM SANTA & MRS.

Merry Christmas boys and girls, Moms and Dads,  
Grandmas and Grandpas!!

It is that time of the year again to be extra special good, do your chores and be on your best behavior. I am so excited we can visit the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum again. My reindeers are dancing and prancing; they get to bring me back after two years. Mrs. Claus is coming with me just to say hello again. I hope to see you in my shop in December beginning December 4, 2021.

HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas to all!

*Santa Claus*



# HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR!

## Marielle Tsukamoto

*Presented by the Elk Grove Historical Society's*

## Pinkerton History Award!

### General Meeting

October 18, 2021



Marielle spoke of the Japanese internment during World War II. Her stories were enlightening and had people in tears, her words were profound, and everyone was grateful for all she shared!

It was a wonderful evening with a delightful, informing, kind and lovely lady!



The history award is given to a member of the community to recognize his/her contribution to the history of the area. Many thanks to Elizabeth Pinkerton who joined us and Ken Miller, President of the Elk Grove Historical Society. So much was learned, so much was appreciated and so much to be thankful for, Marielle Tsukamoto!







# Stage Stop Spotlight

(Welcome to our new feature, highlighting the connection someone has with the history of Elk Grove). We are searching for our next spotlight!

## WAYNE GALLUP

Wayne Gallup has always been fascinated by history and can trace ancestors back to England on one side and Germans from Russia on the other. His Father came from a ranching family in Arbuckle, was a WWI horse artillery veteran, and later was a noted Catskinner. His Mother was a poet, writer, and Elk Grove Citizen Columnist. She preserved a lot of area history.

Wayne and his parents came to Wilton in 1937. He attended the old Dillard School, Elk Grove High School ('52). After attending U. C. Berkeley, he was drafted into the Army. This was near the end of the Korean War, and he was assigned to a top-secret experimental unit. There is no record of him ever having been there. He survived with minor injuries and a changed life. He would never again work in a job where he couldn't choose to walk away and would never work for someone he couldn't respect.

With an Honorable Discharge, Wayne returned to Graduate School at California College of Arts and Crafts... '58 to '62. He worked as an Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Design Director, and taught classes at Diablo Valley College. Tired of politics, he retired, and was immediately hired by the Public Employees Union he belonged to.

He worked there for several years as a Business Agent and Contract Negotiator. After several years politics again became an issue, and he retired once more.

In the meantime, circumstances led to Civil War reenacting. For ten years his Unit was the 7th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, Custer's command at Gettysburg, 1863. It was a wonderful experience...camaraderie, history, action, teaching.... but with safety as the main consideration. At the end of a battle, the guns would fall silent. In the hush, a trumpeter would blow "Recall". The dead would arise, brush themselves off, and acknowledge the cheering spectators. Appreciation!!

In 2005 Wayne and his Wife, Gretchen, moved back to the Ranch he grew up on. They have horses, peacocks, and chickens, all with names. Life is good.



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WISHING YOU & YOUR FAMILY A  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



**How did Thanksgiving start?**

Colonists in New England and Canada regularly observed “thanksgivings,” days of prayer for such blessings as safe journeys, military victories, or abundant harvests. Americans model their holiday on a 1621 harvest feast shared between English colonists and the Wampanoag. Canadians trace their earliest thanksgiving to 1578 when a Martin Frobisher-led expedition celebrated safe passage.





# Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



We are preparing to reopen the Living History Program for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Things are going well! Please contact Roberta Tanner (916-214-8345) to volunteer! We need docents to join us!

## Calendar of Events for November – December 2021

### November

- Nov. 8: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting  
3:00 PM at the Museum
- Nov. 15: EGHS Board Elections General Meeting  
6:30 PM @ Old Town Creations
- Nov. 25: **Thanksgiving Day**
- Nov. 28: **Black Tie and Santa**

### December

- Dec. 3: **Free** Friday Night Lights begin
- Dec. 13: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting  
3:00 PM at the Museum
- Dec. 16: **Free** Strolling through Heritage Park
- Dec. 25: **Christmas Day**



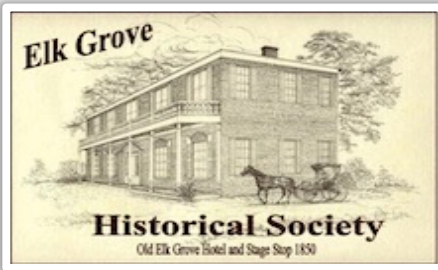
Lew & Jeanee Conner  
Kathy Keema Hospenthal  
Richard Klugkist  
Joe & Judith Way

## Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating/Restoration Accts:	September 2021	October 2021
General Restoration Fund	\$62,963.60	\$74,960.70
Summer Kitchen	\$17,310.71	\$17,310.71
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$13,858.12	\$13,557.72
Library Digitizing Project	\$101.33	\$101.33
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$94,233.76</b>	<b>\$105,930.46</b>
<b>Real Estate Rental Account</b>	<b>\$34,128.39</b>	<b>\$35,640.49</b>
<b>Museum Store Account:</b>	<b>\$3,671.25</b>	<b>\$3,633.71</b>
<b>Rhoads School Account:</b>		
Operating Fund	\$475.81	\$409.81
Scholarship Fund	\$13,084.89	\$13,104.77
<b>Total Rhoads School Account</b>	<b>\$13,560.70</b>	<b>\$13,514.58</b>
<b>Total of All Accounts</b>	<b>\$142,762.79</b>	<b>\$158,719.24</b>

**COME JOIN US!** Meet wonderful friends, enjoy and participate in great activities all year long!

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Elk Grove Historical Society  
P.O. Box 562  
Elk Grove, CA 95759



Elk Grove House & Stage Stop  
Museum Is located at  
**9941 East Stockton Boulevard**  
Adjacent to the west entrance to the  
Elk Grove Regional Park

**Our Phone: (916) 685-8115**

**Our E-mail:**

[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

**Our Website:**

[www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

There are over fifty local history subjects  
listed on our website to peruse.

The museum is open for FREE tours  
every first Saturday of the month  
between 12:00 to 4:00.

The Research Library is open to the  
public by appointment only.



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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### If this is a business membership, please complete the following:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

### Types of Membership and fee structure (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Person .....	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Group .....	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (Full time under 25) .....	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (65 to 79) .....	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (80+) .....	FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> Business, Corporation, Association .....	\$30.00
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