

Elk Grove Historical Society

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2023  
Happy New Year

## *Message from the President*

Greetings to all,

I am very grateful for having been chosen to be the next President of the Elk Grove Historical Society and look forward to serving in that capacity in the year ahead. Under the leadership of Ken Miller this past year, the society has seen us move out of the depths of the pandemic and begin a return of normal life (whatever that will be). We have enjoyed several successful events (Civil War Days, the Spring Tea, the Yard Sale, and An Old-Fashion Christmas to name a few). We have also seen our membership grow. Now, with the support of the Board and all the members, I hope to see these traditions continue and grow.

Our Mission gives us the responsibility to “promote public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Elk Grove’s history”. By continuing to maintain and use the facilities in Heritage Park and the Rhoads School, we work to meet the goals established for our success. We must look at improving and expanding those resources for all to learn from and enjoy. One other important issue is the use of

volunteers. The strength of the Elk Grove Historical Society comes from you our members and we are always very thankful to each of you for your continued support. Remembering that we are all volunteers, I hope to see more of our membership become more involved. If you are able and wish to help, please contact our Corresponding Secretary Pat Lake who is acting as the volunteer coordinator. And for all those other friends and neighbors that come out to help at our events and functions, they are future members.

2023 promises to be a great New Year - one filled with exciting events, educational opportunities for local schools, and informational programs at our general meetings. I look forward to seeing you at the Museum in Heritage Park or at one of our events.

Stan Lake

## **Congratulations to the newly elected 2023 Board of Directors**



L. to R. Corresponding Secretary Pat Lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Susan Hernandez, President Stan Lake, Treasurer Jeanette Lawson, Recording Secretary Pam Phelps. Not pictured 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Ken Miller.





# *Derby Day Tea Party*

*May 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Noon to 3:00 pm*

*Heritage Garden*

*9941 East Stockton Boulevard*

*Elk Grove, CA 95624*

*Details and ticket info in next newsletter*

# 2023 Speaker Series



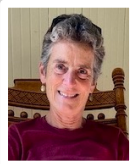
JANUARY 16 – Professor Dr. Robert Benedetti, **“Famous Authors Who Wrote About the Sacramento & Delta”**



FEBRUARY 20 – Daniel Tarnasky, **“The History of Galt”**



MARCH 20 – Steve Ly, **“The Origin of the Hmong Culture”**



APRIL 17 – Linda Wheatley, **“Effie Foulks: Elk Grove Legend or Real Person?”**



MAY 15 - Dave Lema, **“Memorial Day Recognition: Stories of Elk Grove Area Veterans Lost in Battle in WWI, WWII, Korea & Vietnam Wars”**



JUNE 19 – David Stuart, **“The History of Motorcycles in the San Joaquin Valley 1900-1970”**



SEPTEMBER 18 - **TBA**



OCTOBER 16 - **TBA**

Each presentation starts at 6:30, doors open at 6:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church, Elk Grove Boulevard, 8153 Elk Grove, 95758.  
Open to the public and is always FREE.



# Stage Stop Spotlight

Highlighting and appreciating our many volunteers

## John Frassetto

I was born and raised in Salinas and am the middle of 3 sons. My dad was Athletic Director at Salinas High School and mom taught 2nd grade. My brothers - Gene and Bob are both lawyers. People ask why I'm not and my standard answer is that I wanted to make an honest living. I graduated from CSU Fresno in 1975 (BS Zoology) and again in 1979 (BS Physical Therapy) and I worked in outpatient orthopedics in the Sacramento area for 35 years, mostly at Crowl Physical Therapy, Laguna PT and at Alves and Martinez PT until I retired. I have lived in Elk Grove since 1985. I have 1 daughter - Marisa Root, her husband Peter and my grandson Lucas live in Natomas. I have 2 dogs - a 4.5-year-old Irish Setter Bailey and his 4-year-old brother Reilly. Talk about a couple of high energy dogs! I spend a lot of time with my dogs, fishing, and volunteering for the Elk Grove Historical Society. My family has had a place in Dunsmuir for the past 50 years and that is my typical vacation spot. I get up at least 5-6 times a year for few days to a week fishing the Upper Sacramento River, Lake Siskiyou and Lake McCloud, exploring the area, hiking, golfing and relaxing. I almost died nearly 8 years ago when I dropped a SUV axle on my head - with the SUV attached! Multiple skull and jaw fractures, lost my right eye (actually they found it but it was ruined), 10 days in the hospital and 4 surgeries later I was back home. Except for the eye I have pretty much recovered. This is probably the main reason I value every day and even my bad days aren't that bad. It has been really rewarding and fun working at the Historical Society. I have made a number of friends and learned a lot about the area's history. My former neighbor, John Ross tried (unsuccessfully) several times to get me to join the EGHS but then Jim Entrican got my number and asked me to help with the yard sale. While I was helping, he told me I was now Assistant Facility Manager. I told him I wasn't even a member and he said, "now you have to join." So here I am.



Inside the Museum Files:

## Elk Grove Park Pavilion

1904 - 1968



Evidently, the Grange members loved to dance at their huge Grange Picnics at the park that they rented each year. In a February 17, 1965, Elk Grove Citizen, Bernice Gallup writes, "In 1904 the Park board then had an open-air dance platform and bandstand built, which was 100 feet long and 70 feet wide. The low bid was \$1,419.50 for the construction entered by E. E. Berry, who received the contract." In 1922, the board borrowed money and built a pavilion on the foundation of the dance platform. The first year the pavilion was built, enough money was cleared to pay \$1000 on the mortgage and to build on a dining room and an addition with a fireplace. On Wednesday, October 23, 1968, at 7:30 pm the pavilion burnt down. Arson was expected, was deemed unusable, and was razed. In 1976 the Rhoads School was moved to the spot from Sloughhouse and stands to this day where the Elk Grove Historical Society schedules approximately 80 living history classes a year.

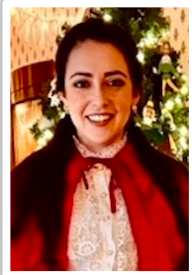
The entire historical society breathed a huge sigh of relief when the huge redwood at the Rhoads School fell north instead of south after that recent storm.

The tree was very healthy, but didn't have much of a root. It was its time, and we were lucky!



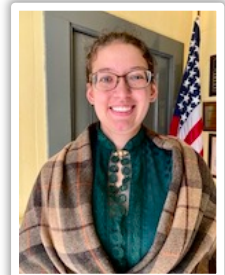


# Rhoads School Report



Jessica Gutierrez

The bulk of the living history classes are scheduled for the better weather in the Springtime, so we are excited and ready. We have two new docents that are a big help in sharing the load and we appreciate their skills and enthusiasm.



Nicole Tieskie

A movie crew reserved the school to film a scene for a movie called, "Our Story Untold." The scene was: "Young British school children in class with their teacher. A little boy pokes fun at a little girl for being such a teacher's pet. The little girl snaps back at him with a witty comeback which gets the whole classroom laughing until the teacher brings the classroom to order."



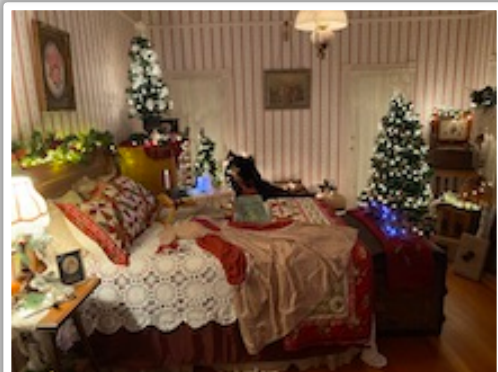
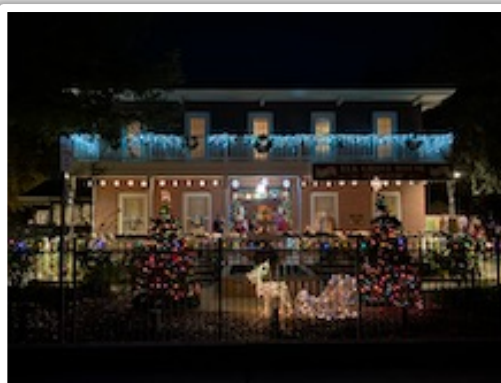
In another request, the Missionary Gospel Church asked to use the school as a backdrop to film a short video for their Christmas pageant about a little Ukrainian girl attending school in 1910.







The Elk Grove Historical Society would like to thank all the many volunteers and decorators who made Black Tie and Santa and An Old Fashion Christmas such a beautiful success. We literally couldn't do it without you. We had so many, many wonderful comments on all your amazing hard work. THANK YOU ALL!



## Mark Your May Calendars



**Big Day of Giving**  
May 4<sup>th</sup> - Thursday



**Civil War Days**  
May 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>  
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**Spring Tea**  
May 13<sup>th</sup>



## Calendar of Events for January and February 2023



### January

Jan 9: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the museum - 3:00 pm

Jan 16: Speaker- Dr. Robert Benedetti  
**"Authors of the Sac-Delta Region"**

Jan 16: Holiday – **MLK Jr. Day**

### February

Feb 13: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the Museum – 3:00 pm

Feb 20: Speaker- Daniel Tarnasky  
**"The History of Galt"**

Feb 20: Holiday – **Presidents Day**



JANUARY 16  
 Dr. Robert Benedetti  
**"Famous Authors Who  
 Wrote About the  
 Sacramento-Delta"**

Dr. Benedetti is a well-known professor at the University and teaches classes on the history of California, often focusing on the Sacramento and the River Delta. He shares one of his lectures with us.



FEBRUARY 20  
 Daniel Tarnasky  
**"The History of  
 Galt"**

Longtime resident and historian of Galt Daniel Tarnasky shares everything you would like to know about our sister city to the south. He has written the brown Arcadia book on Galt.



Matt & Melissa  
Casner  
Charlotte Harbott  
Don Kammerer  
Dallas Love  
John Ousley  
Ellen Reposa  
Frank Vancore  
Linda Wheatly

**2022**

## Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

| <b>Operating Accounts:</b>        | <b>October</b>      | <b>November</b>     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Operating Fund            | \$14,307.39         | \$15,824.77         |
| General Restoration Fund          | \$77,447.23         | \$62,547.42         |
| Feasibility-Barn Project          | \$3,618.25          | \$3,618.25          |
| Library Digitalizing              | \$101.33            | \$101.33            |
| <b>Total Account Balance</b>      | <b>\$95,474.20</b>  | <b>\$82,091.77</b>  |
| <b>Real Estate Rental Account</b> | <b>\$40,659.57</b>  | <b>\$42,300.51</b>  |
| <b>Museum Store Account:</b>      | <b>\$5,982.06</b>   | <b>\$6,366.05</b>   |
| <b>Rhoads School Account:</b>     |                     |                     |
| Operating Fund                    | \$262.99            | \$533.85            |
| Scholarship Fund                  | \$12,993.24         | \$12,193.24         |
| <b>Total Account Balance</b>      | <b>\$12,456.23</b>  | <b>\$12,727.09</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$154,572.06</b> | <b>\$143,484.42</b> |



Our sincere condolences  
to long time historical  
society member, docent,  
re-enactor, teacher, and  
friend  
**Allen Wise**



**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**  
*Annual Dues*

Don't forget that every January it is time to renew your membership. If you have forgotten the details, all the information you need is at the end of this newsletter. With the amount collected we can take care of many important museum expenses.

It truly makes a difference. Thank you.

If you want to pay by credit card right now, go to our website: [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) to the home page. Find the menu on the left and scroll down and then click-on "Membership." Then follow the instructions.





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 by Dina Wilcox

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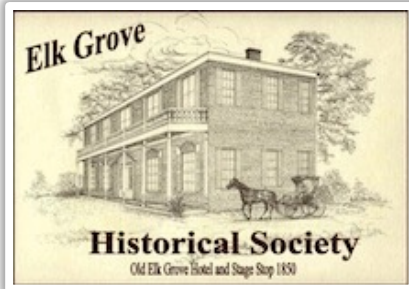
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 for you?*

This newsletter is seen by more than 350 members, and we are looking for ways to cover various costs. We are seeking members who would like to advertise. Interested? Contact Louis at (916) 682-1335 or [lssilveira@comcast.net](mailto:lssilveira@comcast.net)



- 1/8 page (business card?): \$25/newsletter or \$150/year
- 1/4 page: \$50/newsletter or \$300/year
- 1/2 page: \$100/newsletter or \$600/year
- No full-page advertising.

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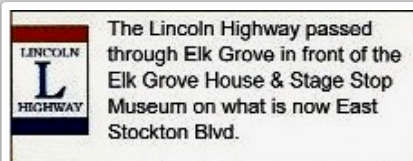
**Elk Grove House & Stage Stop**  
Museum Is located at  
**9941 East Stockton Boulevard**  
Adjacent to the west entrance to the  
Elk Grove Regional Park

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**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. Docents available for free guided tours at other days and times upon request.
- The Research Library is open to the public by appointment only.



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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 to 79) .....          | \$15.00  |
| _____ Senior Citizen (80+) .....               | FREE     |
| _____ Business, Corporation, Association ..... | \$30.00  |
| _____ Lifetime (Member & Spouse) .....         | \$400.00 |

Note: EGHS is a California Non-Profit Corporation  
Dues may be deductible under IRS code 501(c)3