



## Wright Park History

Jim and Elaine Wright have lived, worked, and contributed to an improved quality of life for the Elk Grove community for more than three decades. The Wrights and their children – Steven, Marlene and Marilyn – settled in Elk Grove in 1961. The family came to Elk Grove when Jim went to work for Citizens Utilities Co., where he stayed for 30 years as the company grew from a tiny phone service to a huge communications system. Elaine has worked for several local businesses, including Melvin Bell D.D.S., First Security Bank of Elk Grove (now River City Bank), Elk Grove Water Works, California Waste and Edward Jones Investment Co.

Jim bravely served as a volunteer fireman for the Elk Grove Fire Department for more than 15 years and remains a longtime member in the Elk Grove Lions Club. Elaine is past president of Soroptimist International of Elk Grove and Soroptimist International of Rio Cosumnes, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Senior Center of Elk Grove board, and a Director and Past President for the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors since 2000. Together, Jim and Elaine have been committed to preserving Elk Grove's history through their involvement with the Rhoads Schoolhouse board and the Elk Grove Historical Society. Their support for local business has been evident through years of service to the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce – serving as chamber ambassadors and assisting with special events such as street fairs, business mixers, and the lighting of the annual community Christmas tree.

Jim and Elaine are prior recipients of the Chamber Service Award. Elaine has also been honored as Chamber Ambassador of the year twice and was named Woman of the Year by the Elk Grove Citizen newspaper in 2006. The Elk Grove Citizen of the Year Committee selected Jim and Elaine Wright as their 2007 Elk Grove Citizens of the Year.

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