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## Fales Park History

Jim Fales was born in Kane, PA on April 26, 1927, and, although education was his career, he also enjoyed acting. In 1953, he met a backstage worker, Nula Cheronis, and the couple married in 1954.

They lived in Warren, PA for six years where Jim taught, until coming to Elk Grove in 1960 as a counselor at Elk Grove High School. He moved on to serve as vice principal of that school, and then became principal of Daylor High School, the first continuation high school in Elk Grove. He went on to help start other alternative schools in the district. Jim Fales was a member of the Rotary Club of Elk Grove where he received the highest honor Rotary offers, that of being named a Paul Harris Fellow. He was also a member of the State Continuing Education Association, and served on the board of directors for the Strauss Festival of Elk Grove.

Nula Fales also had a career in education. She earned an adult teaching credential and taught ceramics for EGUSD. She later taught in several convalescent hospitals in Elk Grove and became involved in the effort to build the Elk Grove Senior Center. After the Senior Center opened in 1983, she became the first director and also taught ceramics.

The pair of Pennsylvania natives eventually retires and spent much of their time in Mazatlan, Mexico.

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