

THE BALDING EAGLE

ESHS CLASS OF 1944

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REUNION 2009

Reunion honoring the good people graduating from ESHS, during the 1940 decade, was held October 16 – 18. Actually, I did attend even though these carefully chosen words concerning the event are somewhat late. But, hey, at my salary you get a reporter who can't spell or read a calendar (just noticed it's a New Year). If you have a problem with this let me refer you to my publisher and old buddy, **RAW**. Good luck.

Registration in front of the high school started the weekend of activities Friday afternoon , October 16. Activities included a tour of the Hall of Fame, refreshments, Homecoming Parade and, most important, visiting time with old friends. The day ended with Happy Hour at the Embassy Suites Hotel followed by a football game with Torrance. We won.

Saturday morning the Alumni Association Board of Directors held its annual meeting at the library. The Board encouraged members to attend. Fortunately, no one was trampled to death trying to get in. This is good, but a small turnout is not conducive to strengthening the Association, particularly when only a few of the younger graduates are active. The Board under the leadership of our new president, **Suzanne Fuentes**, will address this problem along with others currently being identified. If you have any suggestions send them along. I'll be sure the Pres gets them.

Saturday, at noon, the **All 40s Reunion Party** was served at the Embassy Suites. Ninety-six grads and guests attended representing sixteen separate classes from 1938 to 1962. The oldest grad attending was Margaret Speed Keenan from Class of 1938. Classes 1946 1947 and 1948 had the largest turnout with about 15 each, grads' and guests. Our class (44) tore down the gates with two, **Jerry** and little old me. **Bill Haley** did not attend the luncheon but did make the Friday afternoon activities with **Beni** and her sister **Dorothy**. **RAW** was back east on vacation and missed the fun and games.

I was asked to MC and lost control almost immediately. For starters the mike was not adequate for the room making it difficult to hear. The quests were more interested in talking to old friends, and did so. However, the principal, Jim Garza, attended and provided the grads a very interesting overview of the today's ESHS. It is my understanding that Jim is a graduate and served with the El Segundo Police Department prior to entering education. I was impressed with him and believe the school is in good hands.

