

THE BALDING EAGLE

Class of 1944

El Segundo High School

May 2012

EL SEGUNDO HAPPENINGS:

*The City Council recently approved the School District's plan to develop the Imperial Avenue School site. Closed due to declining enrolment the 5.65 acre parcel will be developed into a senior citizen complex. Plans project a three story building containing 150 unit assisted/independent living complex and 150 senior apartments/condominiums plus four non-age-specific apartments for a maximum of 304 units. Of these units, 15 percent (46) will go to qualifying low, very low or extremely low applicants 55 years or older. The new facility will provide the School District with an estimated \$350,000 annual income. The bidding procedure will require about nine months so it will be the better part of year before shovels touch the ground.

*City Council recently honored the El Segundo High School Lady Eagles' water polo team for completing another outstanding season with a 24 – 7 record. In league play they finished in first place, for the third year in a row, going undefeated (10 – 0). In CIF playoff they reached the semi-finals.

*Last September Bob reported in his newsletter that the Post Office had announced a move from the Main Street location a site on E. Mariposa. A date for the move was not available. Well, it is now official the May 21st is M-Day. The new site has been used as a mail distribution center and will continue to be used as such along with the post office services. The new site is east of the freeway across the street from the soccer athletic fields. The good citizens on the west side of town will have to adjust to a much longer drive, although Bob tells me it is about the same distance for him.

ESHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

***Have you checked out the Association's website? If not, why not; all you do is type in www.ElSegundoAlumni.org. sit back and enjoy.** Believe me it will to be worth your time. Our Webmaster, Rick Crowell (65), has done a masterful job creating a professional, informative and entertaining means by which you may keep up to date with alumni happenings. The class newsletter will be used to keep you in touch with class happenings, old friends and other related info not usually included on the website. For you without email addresses the newsletter will be mailed.

*No matter how you get your alumni update it is important to that you consider being a member. As of this writing 12 of our class have signed up. Membership is free although the Board of Directors may, on occasions, ask for donations to help pay operational costs. If you are interested, click on the membership section in the website and complete the information requested. Such information will never be given to any person or group without your permission. If you are unable to enroll via computer let us know and a membership form will be mailed.

*If you are contacted by AlmnClass.com please be advised it is not affiliated with our high school or alumni association. This organization poses as an alumni association and will solicit \$20.00 for your Life Membership. Should you join you will send eNewsletters for the sole purpose of selling merchandise that does not benefit ESHS. If you are interested in purchasing official Eagle Merchandise the only place to go is **B1SelfShop.com** where twenty percent of your purchase goes to El Segundo High School.

*SCHEDULED EVENTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
May 4	Friday	Golf Tournament	Education Foundation
May 12	Saturday	Alumni Baseball Game	El Segundo High School

May 18	Friday	"Starry Night" Gala	Education Foundation
June 2	Saturday	5 th Annual Car Show	Education Foundation
June 16	Saturday	Association Meeting	Alumni Association, Public Library, 10:30 am
August 4	Saturday	15 year reunion	Class of 1997
August 25	Saturday	50 year reunion	Class of 1962
October 5-6	Friday\Saturday	Homecoming	El Segundo High School
October 5-6	Friday\Saturday	30 year reunion	Class of 1982
October 6	Saturday	45 year reunion	Class of 1967

CLASS OF 1944 BITS AND PIECES:

During my recent hiatus Bob (**RAW**) took over the responsibility of writing, publishing and distributing the class newsletter. For his much appreciated work I will pass on the words Mr. Pepperdine once said to me following the opening night of a good production of A Mid Summer Night's Dream, "...you done good" Bob, thanks a whole bunch. With my recovery well on the way to recovering, and with Bob finding himself with a rather full plate he asked if I would take over the newsletter. Since going to the dentist is the most exciting thing I get to do I agreed but hastened to add, "Now let go of my neck."

To make this thing work I need input from you. As soon as I find the picture slot on my computer a pictorial page will be added, which means not only do I want to know about you and yours but also pictures, old or new. Feel free to write, call or email either one of us. If you have not shared your email address please consider doing so, we promise not to pass it on without your permission. Emailing saves me a lot of time and money by not doing the mailing bit. Remember, without your input look forward to my war stories, ESHS tales and experiences in the professional world. I wouldn't wish that on anyone so get in touch and tells us what you have been up to.

The scheduled reunions noted above got me to thinking that 1944 subtracted from 2014 is 70. (Mr. Tilton would be so proud of me.) It really has been that long since we graduated on the night of June 8th, two days after the Normandy Landings. I can still clearly remember that Thursday night when I decided to march rather than play in the orchestra. Unlike today, with school grad parties, our graduation marked the end of the high school experience only to have a new experience waiting, for some, a few days away. Bob, and others in our class, reported for navy service two days after graduation. I was lucky to stick around three weeks before leaving home, July 4, to join the Army Specialized Reserve Program at Washington State College, Pullman, WA. Mom was left alone since Standard Oil sent dad to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Dick was in Italy with his bomber group and Roberta and Hersh Wilson in San Diego to train landing craft operators. It was an exciting time. What I am trying to say it is good to remember and two years from now during homecoming weekend I plan to go to lunch in honor of the Class of 1944, and you are all invited. I realize travelling is not easy for some but why not think about giving it a try. More about this in future newsletters.

Along the same line I would like to include in the class website page individual graduation pictures. Unfortunately we did not have an annual which makes this task impossible. But, not to worry I have plan 2. It is my understanding the 1945 annual included a group picture of our class, if this be true does anyone have a copy of said picture. Plan 3 calls for copies of our junior class pictures (3) from the 1943 annual. Plan 4, don't have one, open to any and all suggestions.

REMEMBER 2014 REUNION

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