

# THE ELDER EAGLE

November 20, 2004



## Classmate News

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Ron and Ardith 2002

On March 20 **Ron Gateley** died from liver cancer. His wife, Ardith, who we all met at the Reunion in 2002, notified me on receiving the 2004 Reunion letter. Ardith supplied an excellent biography of Ron's life and marriage. This

is reproduced in the Headliner's section. We all missed Ron at this year's reunion.

Word from **Mary Lewis Bertke** who lives in



Mary with Margaret Lewis

Cincinnati, Ohio, sent the attached picture of herself and her sister, Margaret ('50) when they were visiting in Columbus. She has been suffering from a knee problem that has limited her activities this year. She has occupied her idle time talking, she says,

to a local mocking bird and observing a woodpecker nesting in the yard.



Joaquin 1947

**Joaquin Acosta** died on May 3, 2004 in Saratoga CA. As reported in our last newsletter, he had not been doing well as he had Alzheimer's that was complicated by pneumonia according to his daughter, Teresa, who sent us notice from Saratoga, CA.

**Horace Meine** ('46) sends this picture.



Can you provide the names? Suspect that this was Horace's harem in 1946.

**Marian McKenzie Zahler** missed this year's



reunion because Patrick, her husband has been recovering from heart bypass surgery that was performed in Anchorage. Marian has retired from tennis since her fall last year and back injury,

but has taken up swimming as a substitute to keep young. Both she and Patrick are also doing a lot of walking. Thanks for your updating Email, Marian.

## Lost Classmates

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We continue to strike out in finding long lost classmates. Any clues will be followed up on. We are currently looking for the following: Marguerite

Babcock, Don R. Berube, Virginia Coats Pederson, Had earlier Alaska address, and have sent letters to some listings obtained via the Web, but no connects as yet). Don Dornblaser (Lost contact with him in the last six months. Reported to be in Oregon after leaving Reno). Roy E. Dulin, (Had information That he lived in Pomona), Marion Deloris Edwards, Duncan Ferguson, Willis E. Foersterling, Doris Arlene Horn, Charlotte Kelly, Charlene Kissell, Don C. Kuhlman, Marilyn Lee, Eleanore O'Brien Gross, Betty Jean Roberts, John Sayer, Joan Stichka, (There was a person by this name listed in phone book in Mountainview, CA some time ago), Eileen Sullivan Brooks, Muriel Tarr McIntire, Donald Frederick Thompson II

### Email Addresses

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**Wilton Kanode:** [wkanode@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkanode@bellsouth.net); **Frank Armbruster** has a Web Page at covering his puzzles at [armbrusterpuzzles.com](http://armbrusterpuzzles.com).

### Class Web Page

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A Web Page featuring the class photos from the reunion in October 2002 has not gotten off the ground. Hopefully we will have this page up and running in order to distribute pictures of this Year's Reunion and other things of interest to class members with Internet capability. Like, I do not know what I am doing? Hopefully I'll have the page going soon with the help of my grandson. The new page when ready will be at <http://home.bellsouth.net/personalpages/pwp/ESHS> But don't look there yet, I'll Email everyone when it is ready.

### Headliner for October

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#### Ron Gateley

by Ardith (B) Goforth Gateley

Ron was born in Denver CO, the youngest of four children. During the war years the family moved to Washington and Oregon, working in defense industries. They finally settled in Inglewood, CA, where Northrop Aircraft Company employed his father. Ron enrolled at El Segundo High School, riding the bus from Inglewood each morning. He graduated with his class in 1947. After attending El Camino College and Loyola University, Ron enlisted in the Air Force. He served 3 years stationed in Fairbanks, AK during the Korean War. He married his high school sweetheart and fathered

4 children, 2 daughters and 2 sons. Their family home was in Torrance and Ron was employed by TRW in the early years of the computer industry. After retirement from TRW, Ron worked a short time in the family gift business and then moved to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. He invested in several small businesses and managed his avocado grove in south KONA. At a square dance in 1983 he met B Goforth, who was vacationing in the islands. The dance partnership lasted twenty years. Ron was a very good dancer, had a great sense of rhythm and loved Swing dance and music of every kind. After 12 years in the islands, the Gateleys moved back to California to be close to their families. When Ron and B married their family increased by four more children (hers) and together they had a total of 18 grandchildren. In 1994 they moved to Lake San Marcos near San Diego and the past 4 years have been spent in the community of Leisure World in Orange County. Ron passed quietly from this life on March 29, 2004. He was a kind and thoughtful man, a loving father and grandfather and a wonderful partner in marriage.

### Homecoming-Alumni Association

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There is a renewed effort to rejuvenate the **El Segundo High School Alumni Association**. On November 1, after the High School Homecoming a group, including Wilton Kanode, as your class representative, met in the El Segundo Library to review the outcome of the Homecoming and to discuss the rejuvenation of the Alumni Association. It was clear to all that the Homecoming the afternoon of October 29 was a great success due to the hard work of alumni Jo Malmsten Murphy(50), Yvonne Burgett Wills(44), Barbara Biney(75), and Floyd Carr (39) along with a lot of other students and administration staff. The rejuvenation of the Alumni Association awaits a set of by-laws that Duane Conover (55) will draw up before the Board of Directors is formed. Your Class (47) had contributed \$50, along with other classes, to fund startup costs of the Association. Yvonne Wills, who had been the custodian of these funds, returned our check, so we will await a future date to help the Association with funds, if need be. It is very likely that there will be another Homecoming event next October. We will keep you informed on this, as well as other Association news.

### Reunion News

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On the afternoon of October 29 the Alumni Association of El Segundo High in conjunction with the High School celebrated the 75 Anniversary of the first class to graduate in 1929. Many of our class attended the Homecoming, where over 300 graduates gathered for tours, a parade featuring a graduate from the first class in 1929, Artimesia "Arti" Wilson Spargo, 93 years old, as the Grand Marshall. This was followed by a football game where El Segundo clobbered Centennial High. On Saturday morning several of the class walked the Strand at Manhattan, but failed to meet up with each other. The water was calm and the weather balmy, which made for a perfect outing before the evening of partying. From 1-4PM Saturday Swim Team and Water Polo Team members were honored at an event sponsored by Jim Norris(48)at



Naomi Short, Richard Peterson, and Patty Spargo Caprine (46)

the Stick and Stein on Sepulveda Blvd. Finally, on Saturday, evening fifteen classmates from the Class of '47, along with some 5 spouses and guests and 21 school mates

and 4 guests from classes of '43 through '52 enjoyed an evening of celebration hosted by **Bob and Patty Meistrell**.

This year members of the classes of '46 joined in the reunion party at the Meistrells. Also members of several other



Don Jurk, Jane Diederich Carroll



Verlyn Roschewski (48) & Bob Meistrell

classes were invited, because of the Homecoming gathering. Several members of the classes of '44, '43, '49 and '52 joined the fun evening. As the result we

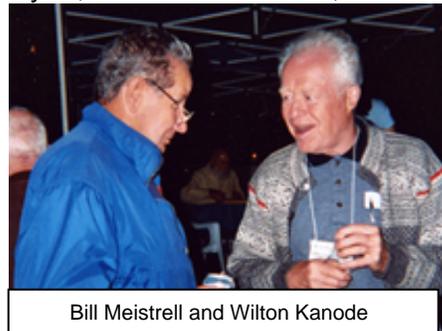
met many of our El Segundo High School schoolmates whom many had not seen for over 50

years. Some of those attending; Audrey Tracy Grimes (43), Bill Grimes (43), Gerry McNulty (44), Wynogene Allen (McNulty (52), Bill Haley (44), Benni Droste Haley (49), Roanne Blakeman Mahoney (49), Gerald Anderson (49), Dick Law (49), Jim Gordon (48), Verlyn Roschewski (48) Horace Meine (46), Fran Tracy Held (46), Cathy Conlin Anthony (46), Duck Matchett (46), Patty Spargo (46). Classmates who



Joy Thuresson Wheaton, Pat Sullivan Preston, Fran Tracy Held (46), Carolyn Snider Jurk, Audrey Tracy Grimes (53)

attended, who have not been seen in a long time, were Bill Meistrell and Jane Diederich Carroll. All of you, who did not attend, were missed.



Bill Meistrell and Wilton Kanode

Our next reunion will be our 60<sup>th</sup> in 2007. However, it is likely that the Homecoming gathering will continue as an

annual affair, so we will have an excuse to get together for some festivities every year till then. We will keep you posted on all of the activities.

### Editor's Notes

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Do you like our new, **Elder Eagle**, newsletter banner? Roberta Gross Busby thought it was great. Seems she has nine thousand relatives named Elder. Roberta, that was not the derivation of Elder in this case. This was for the "OLD BUNCH of EAGLES" from El Segundo High School. Sorry!

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