



The Elder Eagle

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Classmate News

Carolyn and Don Jurk are off to Peru and the Galapagos Islands for a three-week trip on May 6. After returning they will join the family in celebrating Don's mother's 100th birthday.

It has been learned that **Johnnie Sayer**, shown in this



picture from our class annual, died in an auto accident in El Monte in the early 50's.

Richard Peterson is returning to Alaska for another shot at the fishing competition that he attended last May, when he caught a 49 lb halibut. We'll look forward to hearing of the adventure and getting a picture of this year's monstrous catch.

Frank Armbruster has hit on another first. This time he is mailing real Colorado Snow to those who have missed the white stuff all winter and who want a virtual ski run. The stuff comes niftily packaged for safe arrival. Unfortunately, at the time of this newsletter, it is probably too late to share in the winter fun this season. Place your order now for next year. Your editor shipped several packages to his skiing buddies this year. Call Frank, at (303) 745-1353, to get in line for next year's shipments.

Unfortunately you'll need a magnifying glass to pick out our classmate among this family-crowd picture taken on the 4th of July last year. You might have guessed it, **Joy Thuresson Wheaton**, in the



red hat, is next to her husband John, in the red-white-and blue shirt. In December Joy and John will celebrate their 55th wedding

anniversary, starting with a Caribbean cruise. Then it will be off to the Magic Kingdom at Disney World in Florida. Joy adds that she and Mickey Mouse will both be 77 at the time. She will probably run into the Mickey as a special treat.

Jane Diederich Carroll's daughter, Mary, died last



June shortly after this picture was taken at the Class Reunion party in October of 2004. Mary is survived by three children, twins Matt and Sam, daughter, Jenna, and her husband Ron Cole. Also surviving are her sister, Anne Rasmusson, brothers Mike and Joe Hanley and their families. The Diederich and Hanley families are well known by our several ESHS classes.

Don Clafflin has retired from Boeing (McDonald-Douglas) for the eighth time. This time he contracted for a 10 mo. stint when they ran short of key men



to run the 717(DC9) project which was being assembled at the Long Beach Plant. The last plane was delivered April 20, ending his contract. On other contracts he has been in Korea, Canada (2 times) and several locations throughout the US. He and Lorena were in Shanghai, China for two years on an earlier contract. Douglas Aircraft, McDonald Douglas, and Boeing have given Don and Lorena a world of adventure over the years.

Some good news from **Walt Puffer**. His wife Dee diagnosed and treated for stomach cancer some time ago, has been given good news after chemo, and, with fingers crossed, that a check in May will confirm the remission status.



Walt also informs us that he and Dee have three

grandchildren who graduated Magnum Cum Laude from UCLA. They have to be proud. Walt and Dee are shown in this picture from the class reunion in 2002.

Bob Jordan has made the move to Wisconsin after losing his home in Covington, Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina. He says that he and Jane are not used to the cold and dark winter weather as yet. He is living close to his daughter, however. See the Address Changes section for his new phone and address. His Email address, smitty1929@charter.net is unchanged in the move.

October Headliner



Roy Dulin

Here is Roy's story since we left high school. During his high school years, Roy drove his Dad's delivery truck for his market in El Segundo. He enjoyed being on the road so it is not surprising that after graduating he would take to the road in a more grand scale. Fact is he bought a "Big Rig" and has driven ever since. Peterbilts are his favorite but he has owned most every make on the road. Roy does not know

how many miles he may have driven over the 50 or so years, but it is possible to calculate something like 16 million miles. After his divorce, his wife Shari drove with him and they took their 2 year grandson (a Down Baby) with them and his first word was TRUCK. Shari kept up the tradition and partnered with him over the road for 12 years. Roy has two children and his wife, Shari, has two. Between the two they have 9 grandkids.

Roy has seen the entire US, including Alaska, and has been into Mexico and Canada during his years on the road. His has been a life of adventure and he retired with a perfect driving record. Roy finally retired from driving when Shari got tired of a life on the road. Roy has since had a heart attack, which would have forced him, to retire if he not done so.

In 1966 Roy bought a Ford pickup truck, which still serves as his transportation. It still sports the stainless steel, Detroit Products, truck mirrors that Gary Wallace gave him years ago. He also has a 1955 Chevy Belaire, which he bought in Oklahoma and his wife drove home to Fontana where they lived for 15 years before moving to Citrus Heights near Sacramento. Both the 66 Ford and the 55 Chevy have had extensive restoration done and them and they look and run great for their ages.

Lost Classmates

We continue to strike out in finding some 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).

Marion Deloris Edwards, Duncan Ferguson, Willis E. Foersterling, Doris Arlene Horn, Charlotte Kelly, Charlene Kissell, Don C. Kuhlman, Marilyn Lee, Elleanore O'Brien Gross, Betty Jean Roberts, Joan Stichka, (There was a person by this name listed in phone book in Mountainview, CA some time ago), **Eileen Sullivan Brooks, Donald Frederick Thompson II**

News from Other Classes

Paul Sheldon '44, Bob's ('47)



older brother who lived in Bakersfield, died on 13 March 2006. Many of us saw him at the Homecoming in 2004.

Bob Dennis ('48) died June 2004

Glenn Elliot ('48) died May 2005

Emma Lou Lyons ('48) died 2002

Ken Meinhardt ('48) died Feb 2004

Patsy Poitz ('48) died July 2005

Betty Ramsey ('48) died July 2005

Leona Russel ('48) died March 2005

Kenny Peach ('48) died April 2006

Rex Thompson ('45) died April 2006

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Cecilia Morris Elder, Need new address (Cecilia, Email me at wkanode@bellsouth.net with your new address)

Reunion News

Our next Reunion, the big 60th will be in 2007. Any ideas about where and when should be passed on to Wilton Kanode in the next few months so that we can begin laying plans. Is October the preferred month? We will be seeking help for planning and executing the activities. The Class of '48 is planning to update their biographies and publish a new directory for the occasion. Would you like for us to include this in the plans for the class of '47? Our last bio/directory was published by Jim Norris as part of our 41st reunion in 1988. How many still have this classic. A lot has happened since then.

The Class of '48 is Planning there 60th in 2008. No date or place has been set. Jim Norris is, as usual, heading up the planning.

Alumni Association News

The final page this issue of our newsletter, provide an update on the Alumni Association' activities. It is worth reading carefully as there are some important features such as the Alumni Page, that is part of the school district's Web Page that would be well worth your time to view. Those who have access to computers can view newsletters of the Classes of '47 and '44 at the address. Additionally you can find the addresses of all of your classmates at this site. Interesting information about other classes is also available at the site.

Association dues are \$10 and should be sent to Jo Malmsten Murphy at 640 Main St, El Segundo, California 90245. Send Name (including Maiden Name), Class, Address, Telephone Number, and Email Address with your dues.

Newsletter Note

This newsletter is in 12-pica print, hoping that the larger print will enhance your reading pleasure. Sort of like the Readers Digest in the Large Print Edition. What do you think? Any help?

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