



Classmate News

Richard Peterson was diagnosed with a brain tumor in June and at last report was not responding as hoped to chemo and radiation treatment



Dick & Dee is from 55th Reunion in 2002

following an operation to remove the tumor. Our prayers are with you Dick.

Marian McKenzie Zahler has moved, and not moved, all in a few short months. She and her husband, Patrick sold everything in Homer, Alaska feeling it was time to be



Patrick & Marian 1998

closer to their families because Patrick has been ill for some time. Well after touring Oregon and

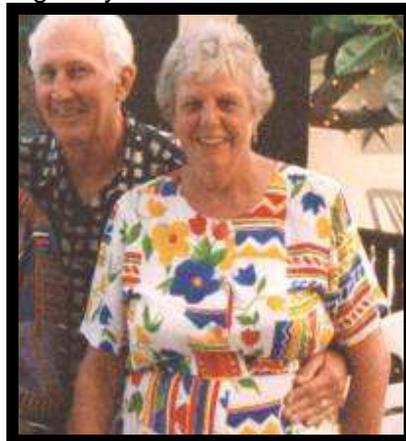
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Reno, Nevada, and other West Coast locations, they decided there was no place like Homer. So back they went and have just completed construction of their new home and are moving in as the lake behind their house begins to freeze. They will again travel to see their families after Xmas.

Sally Simpkins Despars died of lung cancer on 15 August 2006 in Tucson, AZ. We just learned that a Memorial Service that was held on Saturday, October 21, 2006. Carolyn Jurk reports that it was a nice service arranged by her five children.



Sally with Don Jurk was taken at the reunion held at Catalina in 1997.

A boat left King Harbor in Redondo, with her ashes, which were scattered off of the Manhattan Pier at Sally's request. The service was attended by family and close friends. The Calflins, Meistrells, Jurks, Naomi Short, Patty Spargo Carpine and Beni Drosty Haley represented ESHS. Sally who lived in Tempe, AZ for many years, recently moved to

Tucson to be with her daughter, Jane, who took care of her.

Some good news from **Walt and Delores Puffer**. Delores's most recent PET Scan, showed all cancer is in remission. Now they are off to



Dee and Walt from reunion in 2002

Kentucky to spend time with their grandkids in October.

Bob Jordan and his wife Jane are now settled in Janesville, WS close to their daughter, reported that they



Bob and Jane taken in Covington in 1993.

celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on September 19. Jane suffered a crippling stroke several years ago but is adapting well to her

new surroundings, Bob reports. Bob is having trouble adapting, however, because he has not found a substitute for his teaching and consulting activities since he has retired.

Lorena Clifford Claflin had hip replacement surgery in July. She is now off her cane and is walking a mile. She and Don have been



enjoying a series of family, Don's, and company, Douglas in China, reunions lately.

Bill Meistrell died on 25 July 2006. He will be the Headliner in this



issue. Those wishing to give a Memorial Gift can do so by sending contribution to: Redondo Sea Lab, LACC, P.O. Box 15868, Los Angeles CA 90015, or, Make a Wish Foundation, www.wish.com, or Parkinson's Disease Foundation at www.pdf.org/giving. Bob Meistrell's company Body Glove has prepared a

beautiful Memorial Booklet about Bill's life. He may have some extras.

October Headliner

Bill Meistrell

Committed to the Sea

Two months after his death Body Glove co-founder Bill Meistrell gets a saltwater send off. He is remembered as a surfing and diving legend with an unmistakable laugh.

As the ocean waves lapped softly and the sun poled through the overcast sky Bill Meistrell found his way back to the water.

Bobbing in the surf on longboards and waving from the decks of a dozen drifting



boats, hundreds of people gathered Sunday, October 1, off the coast of Redondo Beach as the veteran waterman's ashes were scattered across the blue Pacific.

Meistrell, the co founder of Body Glove and a surfing and diving legend in the South Bay, died July 25 from Parkinson's disease. He was 77 years old.



"I think Bill would say, what a beautiful sight looking out here today", said Rev. Jim Kavanagh of St. James Catholic Church, as he spoke to a crowd of more than 200 people in the water, many of whom were also surfing and diving legends themselves. "And we would say, thank you Bill"

Meistrell's ashes were lowered into the surf atop a floral display arranged like the black and yellow sand symbolizing Body Glove-- the brand of neoprene wet suit he created four decades ago with his identical twin brother, Bob.

The brothers and long time business partners built their lives together in the South Bay and had only briefly been separated when they were drafted in 1950 into the Army. Bill earned a Bronze Star in Korea. In 1953 they joined the Dive N' Surf shop operated by friends they met while surfing. By 1957 they were sole owners of the shop from which they grew into Body Glove nine years later.



During the ceremony, along the beach at the foot of Ave. C and on the bluffs lining the Esplanade, crowds paused as the AMVETS sounded a 21 gun salute, while on the deck of the family boat veterans folded an American flag and presented it to Bob and Bill's son who emerged from the water in Black Body Glove wet suits and slowly the cascade of flowers floated out to sea. The afternoon was capped by a reception at Seaside Lagoon in King Harbor. (Excerpted from an article in the Daily Breeze by K. Agostini)

Lost Classmates

We continue to strike out in finding some long lost classmates. Any clues will be followed up on. We are still 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, Eleanore 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**

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Address Changes

Although **Marian McKenzie Zahler** has moved from, and returned to Homer, her address remains unchanged, P.O. Box 745, Homer AK 99603, phone 907-235-8879

Reunion News

Get ready for the big 60th coming October 2007. Have any ideas about when and where, Email or call Wilton Kanode. We'll plan on taking reservations about April of next year. You'll be hearing a lot more about the occasion in the coming months.

News from Other Classes

Emma Louis Lions ('48), was counted out before her time in the last newsletter. It was her husband who died. Sorry.
Class of '48 - Reunion in 2008 not yet on go, but there are rumblings
Rita Langston Chabrajez ('48) is writing for a woman's golf news.
Jim Gordon (48) died in May 2006



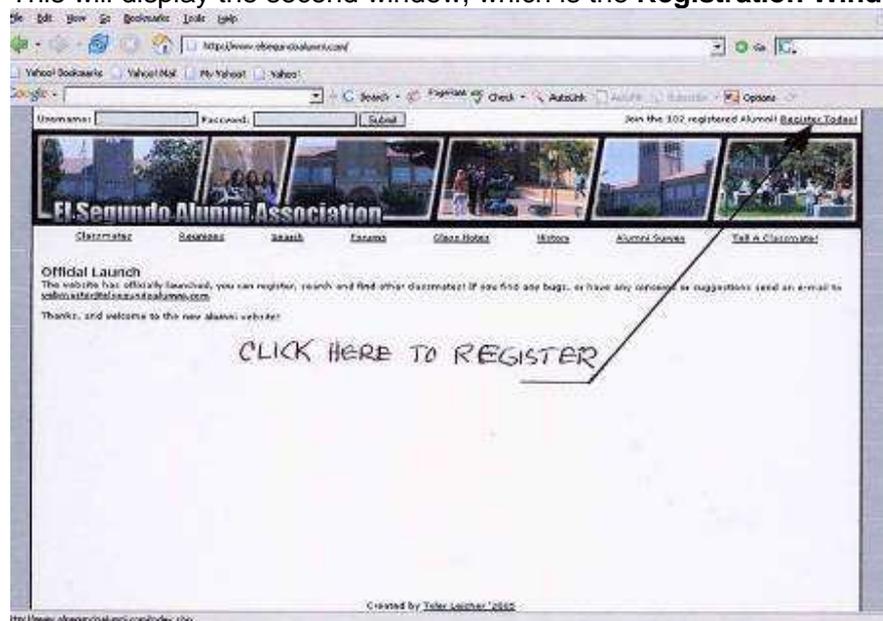
Jim Gordon at the 2004 Reunion Party at the Meistrell's.

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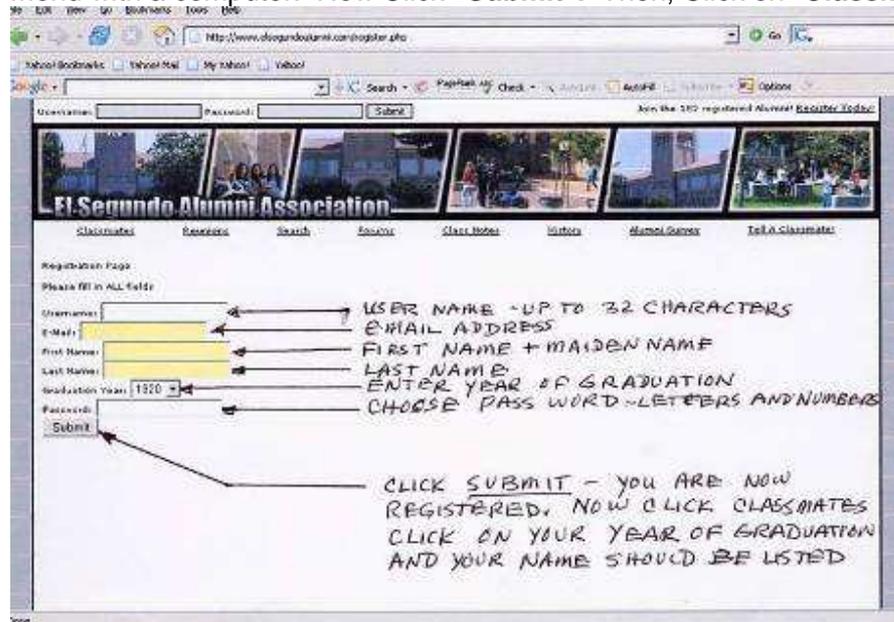
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Alumni Association News

The Alumni Association Board has been meeting regularly in The High School Hall of Fame and is making progress in developing a Web Site. It would be great if we all registered at the site and thus become participants in the benefits of sharing with your schoolmates. The following pictorials of the Web Site are provided to assist those who may not be familiar with working on the Internet to Register. Remember that you do not have to own a computer to get access to this page. Just ask a friend who has a computer, to help you to Register. Of course, if you have a computer, you can regularly familiarize yourself with the changing scene at El Segundo High with updates on reunions, pictures of classmates, and communicate with classmates and see other news. Now, go to the Web Site www.elsegundoalumni.com. This will display the following window. Click "**Register Today**" as shown. This will display the second window, which is the **Registration Window**.



In the **Registration Window**, fill in the requested fields. Don't have an Email Address? Suggest you open one with yahoo.com, hotmail.com, or gmail.com, these are free and you don't have to have a computer, just a friend with a computer. Now Click "**Submit**". Then, Click on "**Classmates**"



and Click on your **year of graduation**. Your name should appear along with others who have registered in that year. Also, look at other years for friends.