

## El Segundo High School Class of 1947

# The Elder Eagle

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### Classmate News

**Alice Cargill Rowe** died last September.



Alice at 1998 reunion. Jack, her husband in the right background

Dick Scales sent us a picture of him with his wife Marie. Dick and, it is assumed, Marie play tennis several times each week, even in the Tuscon summers.



**June Gragg Raisch** reports that she has retired from 40 years in the demolition business which she owned

and conducted from Miamisburg, OH. Much of her work was done at the University of Dayton. Her husband, was in the grading and backhoe business and often subcontracted portions of the demolition. He is now confined to a nursing home with Alzheimers.



June Gragg Raisch, 1947

June worked in the El Segundo area for several years after graduating from High School. She also spend time in France as a Red Cross Field Rep before she got married and moved to Miamisburg, OH. She has been married 41 years. She had a brother and sister who also attended El Segundo High. Her sister, Doris, lives in Palm Springs her brother, Robert, is deceased. She enjoys antique collecting. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion this fall.

**Cecelia Morris Coates** lives in Weaverville, CA. They have 6-1/2 Acres of forested land which keeps her and her husband, Raymond Roske, busy in this hilly and remote area. Several feet of snow in the winter is not unusual. She spends

quite a bit a time working on the geneology of her family. She does not like to travel, having been to Yellowstone on time. Hope this will not keep her from attending the reunion this fall, however..



Cecelia Morris Coates 1947

She has three children, one inf Downey CA, one in Oregon, and one in Massachusetts.

**Walt and Delores Puffer's** son Michael Wayne died on December 23, 2006. He is survived by his wife Marilou, two daughters and by his brother, Jim and sister, Debi and, of course, his parents, Walt and Dee. He attended El Segundo High School and Long Beach State University.



Dee and Walt from reunion in 2002

His love of the ocean was evident through his passion for diving and boating. He was a former LA County Lifeguard and holder of a U.S. Coast Guard Captains license. His ashes were scattered at sea in a private ceremony on December 29, 2006

### Classmate Clippings

**Don and Carolyn Jurk** have just returned from a multi-week trip to Central America where they did research on the Mayan civilization. They enjoyed a weekend with the **John and Joy Wheaton** and **Don and Lorena Claflin** at Palm Springs in March. But this isn't all. They are planning a hiking, biking and camping trip to Glacier National Park in June. All of this, along with ski trips to their second home at Mammoth Lakes CA. have occupied this spring and last winter.+++ We don't like spend time talking, as most of us old folks do, about health problems, but some of our problems show just how young and viral our classmates can be at this time in our lives. **Arlen Cannon** is recovering from a broken collar bone from an accident incurred while diving for a cleverly placed return on the tennis court. **Don Jurk** on the other hand has concern about a torn rotar cup. But think of all that he has been doing to deserve this. And of course this may temporarily impair his golf and tennis game. +++ Then, there are those who invite disaster.

**Jack Hughes**, who drives part time for Enterprise Car Rental, hops on his dirt bike and goes hill climbing wherever he can find a challenging slope hill. He states that there are some duzzies at the State sponsored Motor Cycle Park in Northern California not far from where he lives in San Francisco.+++ **SRichard Peterson** is holding his own and getting out some after his operation for a brain tumor. His family just held a 78th birthday party for him at the Second Street Bistro in El Segundo and he attended **Bill Meistrell's** Memorial Service and Reception in Redondo a in July. ++++ **Frank Armbruster** recently traveled to Atlanta to attend a National School Supply and Equipment convention. Here he did close-up magic, told

funny stories and "generally made a fool of himself " at the booth where he represented one of his customers. It was all a success, he reports. From there he then traveled to Arkansas to visit a friend, and then on home and Seattle where he spent time with his friend BJ and promoted an model airplane kit to the Museum of Flight. And the story does not stop her, but we will.

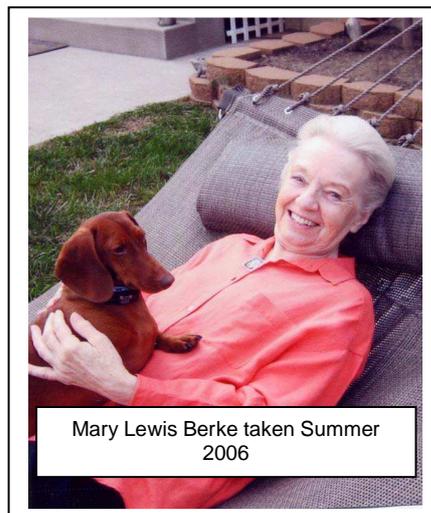
John Horne and his wife Elli have been active with their RV Club. He is still driving his 1973 Cortez, which now has over 200k miles on it.



John & Elli Horn 1997.

They are heading up a spring tour of The Tracy area in California with their RV Club

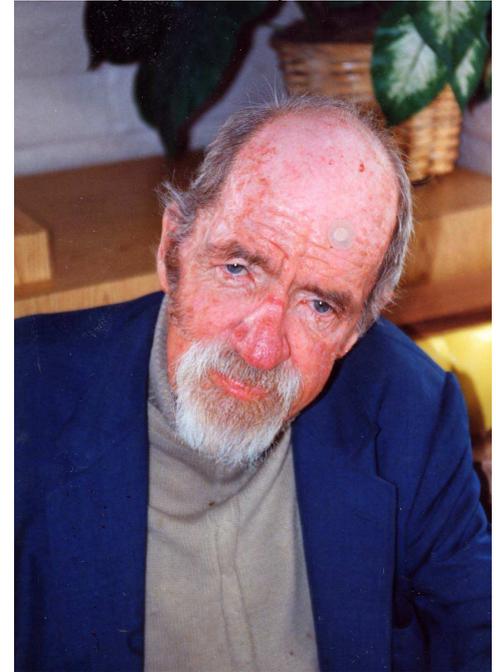
Mary Lewis Bertke has had hip replacement surgery in March 2007. She spent recovery time in a nursing home. The picture was taken well before the surgery, and she looks happy. Hope she looks a happy now.



Mary Lewis Berke taken Summer 2006

**Jerry Snow** died in 2003, but informatiopn about him keeps

surfacing. The latest a picuture taken in 1994 when he was living in Monterey, CA . The picture was



taken by Jim Norris when he saw him at a McDonalds in Monterey. Jim also sent a self-portrait sketch that Jerry made in 1998 but it is two light to copy. Jerry was the Chief Industrial Artist at a couple of local Aircraft factories before he left the area. His award winning art work exists in several areas, but we are unable to locate his brother to get hold of any of his work.

### **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 Simi**, CA address was returned, phone no longer connected). **Doris Arlene Horn, Charlotte Kelly, Charlene Kissell, Don C. Kuhlman, Marilyn Lee, Eileanore O'Brien Gross, Betty Jean Roberts, Joan E. Foersterling, Jean Holquin Watkins** (Last newsletter sent to **Stichka**, (There was a person by this name listed in phone book in Mountainview, CA some time ago), **Eileen Sullivan**

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### Email Addresses Changes

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### Reunion News

Get ready for the big 60th coming October 2007. You have a mailer to send back to Wilton Kanode attached to this newsletter. We have a reception planned at one of the hotels on Friday afternoon with dinner at a location in the area if not at the hotel. then Saturday there is a tour of the high School planned with lunch at a local El Segundo restaurant.

Saturday night an informal banquet is planned at the Second Street Bistro on Richmond St. We have very good reports about the food and seervice.

Sunday we'll have a walk along the strand and lunch at a restaurant some place along the strand. all of the activities will give us a chance for one last hurrah before breaking up Sunday afternoon. Have any ideas about how to make this a more enjoyable time together! give Wilton Kanode a call at 864-576-4741.

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## Alumni Association News

Not many of our class have Registered at the [elsegundoalumni.com](http://elsegundoalumni.com) Web Site. Only, Don and Lorena Claflin, Richard Scales, Wilton Kanode Roy Dulin, Bob Jordan and Jack Hughes have registered for our class. For those not signed upo by reunmion time, we will make a registration effort at the registration desk for the reunion.

2. The dates originally chosen for the reunion, October 12,13,14, 2007, were chosen because they coincided to the High School Homecoming date, October 12. The date was discussed with several class members and seemed to be a good date for most. However, it is a date that does not fit the schedules of all Classmates, so it was decided to check to see if another date might bring greater attendance. Choose dates from the following that suit you. Check as many dates as you like, we are looking for the date with the highest response:

September 28, 29, 30\_\_\_\_\_

October 5, 6, 7 \_\_\_\_\_

October 12, 13, 14 \_\_\_\_\_

Homecoming date

October 19, 20, 21\_\_\_\_\_

October 26, 27, 28 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What hotel would you like to see as the gathering point for the reunion. This is where out of town Classmates would expect to stay.

Haccienda (Sepulvida and Marriposa) \$90/night\_\_\_\_\_

Courthouse-Marriott (East Marriposa Avenue)\$99/night

Embassy Suites(Imperial Blvd.)\$114/night \_\_\_\_\_

All of these hotels have free service from the airport. Volunteer drivers will help transport Classmates to various activities, so you should not need a rental car if you wish to get around.

We are planning activities including breakfast, lunches and dinners, tours and strolls at various times on all three days, so if you cannot make one activity, you can join in another, in order to be with your Classmates.

### **A big turnout is expected.**

There is at least one other class holding a reunion in town the weekend of October 12-14, so if that date is chosen we may be able to join up with some other schoolmates at some rendezvous point.

**We must act upon the scheduling by mid-June so mail your choices back by June 15, 2007**

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