

## El Segundo High School Class of 1947

# The Elder Eagle

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### Classmate News

**Dick Peterson** made the Class of '47 Reunion this year in October. The following picture was taken at the



Richard and Dee Peterson at Relay for Life 2007

Relay for Life 2007 celebration in El Segundo this summer, where Dick completed a Survivors Lap, and Dicks Little Helpers raised over \$20000 of the total of \$180000 raised for the American Cancer Society.

Found, but too late, **Donald C. Kuhlman**. Donald came to El Segundo High from Redondo Beach. He was drawn to El Segundo by



Don Kuhlman 1947 and 2006

the opportunity to play football, which he dearly loved, but could not get into at Redondo High. He married to Lorna Warner of Idaho Falls, ID in 1964. He was a contractor, for many years in Redondo Beach, and later in Vancouver and Sequim, WA, and in Bend, OR, before moving to Salt Lake, where he died. He was active in the Church of Later Day Saints.

He was married twice. Both wives are deceased. He had nine children, and 13 grandchildren.

**Charles Lambert Riley** has suddenly re-appeared. He visited Bob Meistrell just before the reunion as he drove through Los Angeles on his way to San Diego. Every effort was made



Charles Riley 1947

To locate him after Bob somehow misplaced his phone number. He lived in Hawaii for many years with his wife. He was a contractor. When his wife become ill, he moved stateside and has lived in Washington and in the Salt Lake area for several years, before moving to live with his son in Temecula, near San Diego, CA He is not sure where he will settle since his wife is no longer living. Chuck, you promised some pictures and a biography. We're waiting to see how you, like all of us, have changed (see above).

**Donald Dornblaser** moved to Brookings, OR a few years ago, and we lost contact with him for a while. At reunion time he was in the process of relocating to Beaverton, near Portland, so he and Charlotte were not able to attend. Hope to have a new address soon, so that we do not

lose contact. We do have a new Email address, however, see Email Address Changes



Don Dornblaser - 1955 Reunion

While we were partying at the reunion **Ron Mort** and his wife, Doris, were touring New England and Canada on their annual Fall Color tour. He has stayed in touch with **Bob Jordan** and has lost touch, as we have, with **Gary Hoefler**. His golf career has terminated about 5 years ago after major back surgery.



Ron Mort 1947

**Gladys Smith Strum**, Class of '47 has been located in North Fork, CA. Address: P.O. Box 121. She is retired. She graduated with a BS from Berkley. She has two children Heidi and Shelly. She was found through the Education Foundation Alumni Directory.

Here is a story from **Joy Thuresson Wheaton**. She states that baseball was a big story when she was growing up. She states that she could run fast, faster than most boys her age, in fact. Her father taught her to be a good catcher. Her friend **Carolyn (Snider)** was a great pitcher. We played together for a long time and had honed our skill for our positions. In high school, **Audine (Campbell)** played first base, **Roberta (Gross)** was third base and **Marian (McKenzie)** was a star center fielder. **Sally (Simkins)** cheered from the dugout and razed the opposition mercilessly from the outfield. **Jeanne (Holquin)** could be counted on at bat to make a crucial hit whenever needed. This team was never beaten, never. Once a year powerhouse teams from Redondo, Venice, and Inglewood would gather to see who was best. Guess what? We were, and we never lost a game in proving it.



All pictures are from 1947



### Lost Classmates

We continue to strike out in finding some long lost classmates, but the

list is getting shorter. Any clues will be followed up on. We are still looking for the following: **Marguerite Babcock, Don R. Berube, Virginia Coats Pederson**, (Found her niece, but she has not heard from her aunt in 20 years and does not know how to find her.) **Marion Deloris Edwards, Duncan Ferguson, Willis E. Foersterling, Gary Hoefler's** mail is being returned. He had lived until last July in Play del Rey, CA. **Doris Arlene Horn, Charlotte Kelly, Joan Stichka**, (There was a person by this name listed in the phone book in Mountainview, CA some time ago), **Marilyn Lee, Charlene Kissell, Betty Jean Roberts, Donald Frederick Thompson II**

### Address Changes

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### Reunion News Class of '47

We had a great time at the Reunion in October at our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Over 20 classmates attended. We were joined by the Class of '46. This time we gathered at the Embassy Suites for the Reception on Friday and went, as before to **Bob Meistrell's**, "Palace on the Hill", for our Saturday Party. On Sunday Bob hosted a Dolphin Viewing Party on his Body Glove Yacht.

A few of the pictures captured by class members during the activities are included with this newsletter. A memorable, 8" x 11", full color, Group

Pictures, can still be obtained from Wilton Kanode for \$5.

**Next Reunion?** Discussions are under way with other classes of the 40's to have a joint reunion in 2010. What are your thoughts on this? If you would like to comment on these plans contact Wilton Kanode.

### Alumni Association News

A card is enclosed with this letter to aid in joining the El Segundo High School Alumni Association. Simply fill out the card and put it in an envelope with a \$10 check. The Association needs your financial help, right now. Back in the '80s the Association was going strong but through the years, lack of leadership has caused a decline. Now, under the leadership of Floyd Carr ('39), several faithful and devoted alumni have begun the long process of forming an active organization designed to assist schoolmates in keeping posted on what is going on with alumni. One of the key projects is to develop a Web Site at [www.elsegundoalumni.com](http://www.elsegundoalumni.com). This is vital, in this modern age, in order to help bring schoolmates together, so that those planning reunions and other activities can make contact with their classmates, and schoolmates can keep in touch with each other.

Only, **Don and Lorena Claflin, Richard Scales, Wilton Kanode Roy Dulin, Bob Jordan and Jack Hughes** are currently registered for our class at the Site. You do not have to be a member to register. If you need help in making your entry, contact Wilton Kanode for help. An unfortunate part of the process, for some, is that you are required to have an email address to complete the registration. Obviously all of this is designed for the computer literate, but this too can be managed for you by Wilton even if you have no computer, nor current email address.

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## **Class of '47 - Reunion Questionnaire**

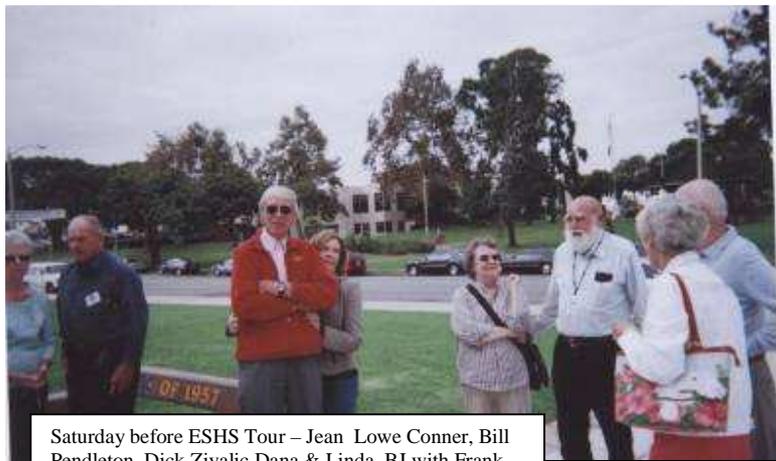
I plan on attending the Next Reunion. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

When should we hold our next reunion? (circle as many as you like) 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

What is the best month for you? Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

Where should we hold the reunion? \_\_\_\_\_

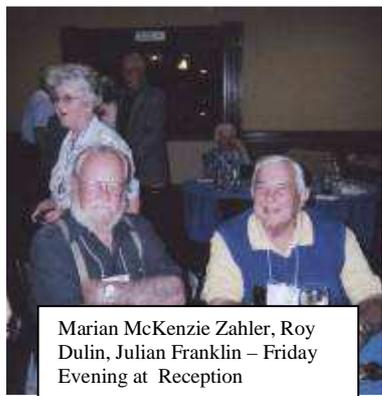
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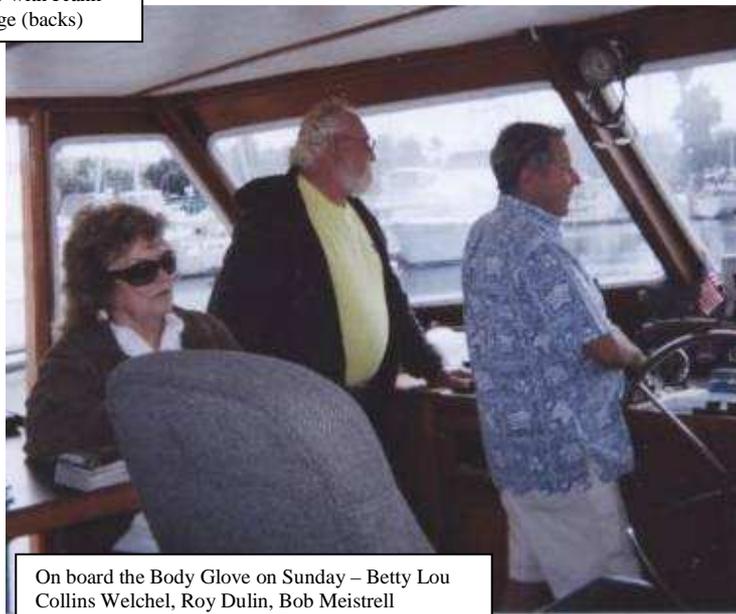
Saturday before ESHS Tour – Jean Lowe Conner, Bill Pendleton, Dick Zivalic Dana & Linda, BJ with Frank Armbruster, Ann Skelly Salsbury & George (backs)



Sunday Lunch at Ruby's



Marian McKenzie Zahler, Roy Dulin, Julian Franklin – Friday Evening at Reception



On board the Body Glove on Sunday – Betty Lou Collins Welchel, Roy Dulin, Bob Meistrell



Sunday - Body Glove Retuning



Betty Lou Collins Welchel, Don Claflin – Saturday ESHS Tour



Marian McKenzie Zahler, Arlen Cannon – Saturday, at Class Party



Saturday Party – Dee Puffer, Roy Dulin, Melvin Westover , Beverly Westover Pendleton , Frank Armbruster



Don Jurk, Bob Meistrell, Wilton Kanode – Friday Reception



Patti Spargo Caprine, Fran Tracy Held, Betty Lowe Nelson,



Joy Thuresson Wheaton – on board the Body Glove

