

El Segundo High School Class of 1947

The Elder Eagle

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Classmate News

Bob and Bill Meistrell were inducted in the **ESHS Alumni Hall of Fame** at ceremonies conducted before the high school classes on 10 October 2008. Both greatly deserve this recognition, having achieved world wide fame for their Body Glove wet suits and their unrelenting commitment to ESHS through the Education Association and many class reunions. Go to the bodyglove.com Web Site for more information about these outstanding classmates.



Bob & Bill from an earlier date

Deceased: **Tom Pasco** Died in March of 2001. We learned this from his daughter, who received the newsletters we have been sending him all of these years. We have no picture of him from the early days. He lived in Buena Park for years, and worked in quality control in the aerospace industry. He retired in 1990, and was ill for many years. He

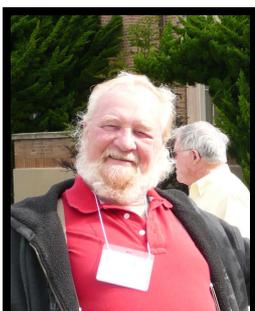
was married for 46 years and had 5 children and 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Eleanore O'Brien Gross died in April this year. She had been looking forward to attending the reunion in October of 2007, but did not show.



Eleanore O'Brien 1947

Roy "Pinky" Dulin died June 23 2008. He and his wife Shari had a great time at the Reunion, his first, in 2007. We gave a bio of Roy in the



Roy October 2007

Newsletter in April 2005. He had lived in Fontana and drove truck for many years. He treasured his Antique Red Pickup with Detroit truck mirrors given to him years ago by **Gary Wallace**.

Classmate Clippings

Julian Franklin has had a pacemaker installed and will have a right knee operation. Pacemaker is a big improvement over medications.

Richard Peterson who has brain cancer walked the track for the Relay for Life fund raising campaign for The American Cancer Society, but he is now confined to home and has full time nursing care, and he is unable to communicate on the phone. Julie Stolnack, his daughter keeps us informed. Her Email Address is esnoitall@yahoo.com. Contact her if you wish to get periodic news about Dick.

Julian Franklin remembers, as a 4 yr olds, he and **Bobby Sanko** playing with **Dick Peterson's** trains at his house. The memories are still in Julian's mind in vivid color.

Gary Wallace has been laid up with a cancer operation on his ear. Hope all goes well Gary. As the result, he missed his usual trip to the hot air balloon festival in Albuquerque, NM.

Mildred Osborne Elder tells me that she and **Julian Franklin** were born just a day apart at he Stork's Nest Hospital in Lynwood. **Cecelia Morris Coats** of our class and **Julia Andrews (46)** were also born there and the mothers got the kids together, for a photo shoot. We're looking to get a copy of the photo taken so long ago. **Mildred stays** close to home in Sandy, Utah, as she is the primary caregiver for her daughter who has been disabled by cancer.

Mary Lewis Bertke suffered through a lot of downed trees in her yard as Hurricane Ike blew through Cincinnati. Still not all cleaned up.

Cecelia Morris Coates was in the fire zone in Northern California this past summer, when lightning storms hit a wide area. Closest fire was but 10 miles away from her Weaverville home. Smoke from the many fires made breathing difficult and the skies darkened like night, even during the day. Cecelia lives in a mountainous area near Weaverville that would be difficult to defend against fires if they came her way.

Don Dornblaser's wife Charlotte has had a book titled, "Manna from Heaven" published by the Trafford Publishing Co. A brief introduction of the 249 page book can be seen at <http://www.trafford.com/4dcgi/view-item?item=19295>.

Bob Jordan will soon have his memoirs published. We received this picture of Bob and his wife Jane at their home in Janesville, WI just a short time ago.



Bob & Jane Jordan -2008

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, Marion Deloris Edwards, Duncan Ferguson, Willis E. Foersterling, Gary Hoefler**(new on list, last newsletter returned from his long time Playa del Ray address), **Doris Arlene Horn, Charlotte Kelly, Joan Stichka, Marilyn Lee, Charlene Kissell, Betty Jean Roberts, Donald Frederick Thompson II**

Email Address Changes

Ron Mort: rcdemort@comcast.net

Chuck Riley's chucklriley@yahoo.com is no longer valid

Gloria Stevenson Creason pjcx@thegrid.net does not work:

Julian Franklin: franklinbud@yahoo.com

Walt Puffer: wdpuff@gmail.com

Reunion News Class of '47

Next Reunion? See announcement with this Newsletter about the 2009 Reunion of the Classes of the 40s.

Alumni Association News

A card is enclosed with this letter to aid in transmitting donations to the El Segundo High School Alumni Association. Simply fill out the card and put it in an envelope with your check. The Association no longer charges dues, but intends to fund their needs with donations. It is hoped that our class will be generous contributors. The Association needs your financial help, right now. Under the leadership of Floyd Carr ('39), several faithful and devoted alumni meet regularly. It would be just great if one of our local classmates would join the meetings. The next meeting is on December 6 at 9:30 AM at the Public Library. One of the key projects is the development of a Web Site at www.elsegundoalumni.com. Michael Briney is the administrator. He would appreciate all of us registering and letting him know what we would like to see in the site. This project is vital to the Association, in this modern age, as it helps bring schoolmates together, so that those planning reunions and other activities can make contact with their classmates, and that schoolmates can keep in touch with each other. Only, **Don and Lorena Clafin, Richard Scales, Wilton Kanode** are currently registered for our class. Others were registered but they were recently dropped due to some computer problems. They need to re-

register. If anyone needs help in making their entry, contact Wilton Kanode for help.

Other Classes

Jim Norris (48) has moved to 608 Mill Place, Jackson, CA 95642. Phone (209)223-2134. Email: tutupapanorris@yahoo.com.

Don Conklin (46) died, March 2008

The **Class of '48** had a reunion this past May. They were joined by the **Class of '49** in the event which was held at the Bob and Patty Meistrells Party House.

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