



El Segundo High School Class of 1947

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Classmate News



Bob Meistrell after recent dive

Bob Meistrell record dive. On Bob's 81st birthday, July 31 2009 he made a dive to 162ft off of Santa Catalina. He was with family and friends on this decent. Congrats Bob!



Wilton Kanode with Mary Bertke

Wilton Kanode visited Cincinnati in October 2010 where he attended the community Oktoberfest with **Mary Lewis Bertke**. They exchanged a lot

of stories about life in El Segundo. In the process of going through Mary's photo albums they found some pictures of friends and events from 1947 (see next page).

countries. Marie and Dick were married 27 years. They have 4 children (F-58, F-57, F-55, M-52), and five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Dick played tennis regularly.



Dick Scales and wife Marie

Dick Scales died Thanksgiving Day 2010.

After graduation from ESHS he worked for the post office while attending Woodbury College. Received a BS Degree in 1951. He was first married in 1952 and was drafted into the Army and served in the finance corps in Alaska. Worked for General Instruments from 1954-1990, retiring from a division of the company located in Oregon in 1990. Moved from Grants Pass to Tucson in 1996 because he had no opportunities for part-time work in the field that he loved, controllership. Following this, he then worked part time for a local engineering firm that had interests in several foreign



Dorothy Smith - 1947

Dorothy Smith Puccio died in June 2009 of cancer. She had shown a keen interest in attending our 2007 Reunion, but did not show and communication was lost until one of our Newsletters, sent to her, was received by her daughter, who, as a consequence informed us of her mother's death

The following are pictures from the past found in **Mary Lewis Bertke's** archives photo collection.



Gridiron Heroes

Ken Peak, Ron Mort, Joe Lawler, Gayle Shilling, (let us know who the fifth person is)



Cheer Leaders

Beverly Westover, Mary Lewis, Bev Bearhorst (48)



Luncheon before Mills Bros. Show

Dorothy Hawkins, Charlotte Kelly, Mrs. Stevenson, Ruby (?), Mary Lewis, Corrine Lareau, Gloria Stevenson, Ethel Boehner, Sally Simpkins



Drama Makeup

Mildred Osborne, Gloria Stevenson, Muriel Tarr, Ethel Boehner, Billie Boehner, Bill Pendelton(46)

Classmate Clippings

Jeanne Holquin Watkins reports that she is living in New Bern, NC where she helps her daughter care for horses and other creatures that have been neglected, orphaned, or injured.

Wilton Kanode contacted **June Gragg Raish**, who lives in Miamisburg, OH, near Dayton, and tried to visit her in September of last year while visiting **Mary Lewis Bertke** in Cincinnati for the Oktoberfest, but was unable to see her as she was disabled with, of all things, the hives. Other wise, she says that she is doing fine.

Carolyn and Don Jurk had planned a trip to Egypt and Jordan for March, but for obvious reasons have decided to change plans and are off to China, Tibet and Hong Kong in April. World travelers they are.

Lost Classmates

Time is running out in our effort to find 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, 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

Don Dornblaser has a new Email address: brindio@aol.com.

Next Reunion News

Class of '47

The next Class of '47 Reunion, our 65th, is planned for October, 2012. Consideration will be given to holding this reunion jointly with the classes of 46', 48', 49, with whom we have had

joint reunions before. Any thoughts on this reunion? We have held most of our past reunions at the time of Homecoming in El Segundo, and are planning to do so in 2012.

Other Classes

Class of 48

Betty Wheathers Newman died last June. She had attended the 2009 All 40s Reunion.

Bob Hughes, who also attended the All 40's Reunion has had treatment for cancer, and seems to be doing OK.

Alumni Association News

A **new Web Site** is being developed by Web Master, **Rich Crowell (65)**. The site is at elsegundoalumni.org. All alumni are encouraged to register at the new site. To register go to the web site. Click on the MEMBERSHIP TAB to get information about becoming a member. Go back to the HOME PAGE and POINT to the MEMBERSHIP TAB and choose BECOME a MEMBER from the DROP DOWN MENU. After filling in the fields click on SUBMIT. You can view the many features by pointing to the various TABS at the top of the HOME PAGE. The Site is still in the process of development and the Web Master invites your comments.

The Association, under the leadership of **Suzanne Fuentes(75)** is guiding the Board in sponsoring a Homecoming Celebration to be held on 21 October, 2011. You are invited and encouraged to participate in Alumni matters by contacting her at smfuentes@aol.com.

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