

2007 FALL NEWSLETTER
GREETINGS FELLOW ALUMS:

HOMEcomings:

The 2007 Homecoming was a very successful, with numerous activities, and considerable Alumni participation. Several classes had their reunions on the Homecoming weekend. In addition to their usual events, many grads enjoyed tours of the recently refurbished campus of ESHS, ably led by former HS principal Bill Watkins. Most commonly heard words, "Just like a college campus".

Thursday morning, in conjunction with the El Segundo Educational Foundation, we awarded the first Hall of Fame honors given since 1991. More about that later in this letter. Friday afternoon, we dedicated an "Alumni Tree" located on the front lawn just south of the library building. Wording from the plaque can be found later in the letter. Later Friday afternoon the students presented the annual homecoming parade. Our Hall of Fame inductees were given the opportunity to ride along. Friday night, the annual homecoming football game was played against Torrance High School. The results were disappointing.

Then on Saturday morning, the Annual Meeting was held in the public library. Non-board members in attendance were updated on the actions of the board of directors during the past year.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS:

We learned recently that, on October 8th, ESHS alums George Brett and Jim Obradovich were immortalized with markers on the San Pedro Sports Walk to the Waterfront. Brett is also in the Baseball and the ESHS Halls of Fame.

We have learned that the phone number given for Hazel Patton Cochran in the last newsletter was incorrect. It is (760) 241- 9352.

She is living with her daughter in Victorville, CA, and would love to hear from classmates and friends.

Barbara Vidmar Briney '75 did an heroic job of converting the 29 billboard-size Hall of Fame posters to a more manageable sized plaque. There is not enough space in the Hall of Fame Room to accommodate any more of the older posters. The photos were cleaned up, and brass plates were added describing the recipients accomplishments. They are impressive. The El Segundo Educational Foundation picked up the considerable cost of this project.

Here's another plea to you Alums who have on line computers, but have not registered on our web site, elsegundoalumni.com, to please do so soon. As we have said several times before, we can communicate with you faster, with less cost and less effort. We will limit our communications to alumni related material only. Currently there are more than 500 registered on the site. We are looking for thousands.

Your board of directors, at its October regular meeting, voted to make two changes to our by-laws. In Section B, paragraph (b), in reference to the Annual Meeting, the words “last quarter of each fiscal year” were changed to “week of the high school’s homecoming. (Alums are in town at that time for homecomings). In Article V, the maximum number of board members was changed from 11 to 15.

We have recently been notified that the planned May 2008 reunion for the classes of 1948 and 1949 unfortunately had to be cancelled.

THE HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

The induction ceremony for this year’s two recipients, Dr. James Felder ‘50 and Floyd Carr, ‘39, was held on the football field with some 1200 enthusiastic students along with many family and friends of the recipients in the stands. Dr. Felder unfortunately was not physically able to attend but was very capably represented by Matt Diederich ‘50.

Dr. Felder was recognized for his long career in medicine. While in the military, among other assignments he was chief of surgery at McDonald Army Hospital in Fort Eustis, VA. Later he had a surgical practice for 35 years in St. Charles, MO. Mr. Carr was recognized for his more than 50 years of community service in El Segundo. He served as planning commissioner, city councilman and mayor for the city. He took on leadership roles in youth baseball, the Jaycees, the YMCA, the Rotary Club, and other local service organizations.

Following the ceremony, the recipients along with their family and friends were hosted to a nice luncheon in the Hall of Fame room. In addition to the permanent plaques mounted in that room, they received a large trophy featuring a golden eagle mounted on a hardwood base with a brass plate enumerating their accomplishments.

NO MORE DUES!!!!

Your board of directors, after much serious consideration, has elected to dispense with the mandatory \$10.00 per year membership dues in favor of voluntary donations. Memberships will be renewed yearly, as before, but members who wish to support the Alumni Association, the high school, and the students can make donations along with their renewals. A form for renewals or new members is at the end of this letter.

As has been said before, dues, and now donations, will be used solely for bonafide Association expenses. (Postage, printing, office supplies, website costs, etc.) Any surplus funds that accrue will be used to support high school needs that are not otherwise funded.

PASSINGS

We are very saddened to report the recent deaths of a number of your fellow alums. Our

thoughts and prayers go out to the families
Of these golden eagles.

Ray Gordon '43 Mary Lou Griffen Hangebrauk '48
Sally Simkins Despars Donna Jean Miller Wetzel '48
William Shirley McCoy '30 Bob Lyman '49
Lela Long Clark '41 Buddy Mc Camy '49
Donald Clark '41 Pat Robinson Lappin '48
Raymond Mc Mullin '50 Glenna Suender '37

If you know of alumni who have passed away in the last year, please send us their name and graduation date. We will list them in future newsletters.

ALUMNI TREE PLAQUE

Following is the message inscribed on the Alumni Tree Plaque:

THIS TREE IS DEDICATED TO THE EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF. THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE, FROM 1925 TO
THE PRESENT, HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE EDUCATION, GROWTH
AND SUCCESS OF THOUSANDS OF EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
WE EXTEND TO THEM OUR MOST GRATEFUL THANKS.

DEDICATED BY THE EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name _____ Class _____

Street _____ Maiden Name _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

We no longer assess dues, but donations are encouraged to support Association expenses, and High School needs.

Yes, I will donate \$5___\$10___\$25___\$50___\$100___Other___

_____ No, I cannot donate at this time, but I want to renew.

Can you recruit one (Or More) of your classmates into the Association? A new member application appears below.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name _____ Class _____

Street _____ Maiden Name _____

Street _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

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