



EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVING PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alumnae and Friends of ECHS,

This school year began on August 16th and it sure is different from years gone by. All students and staff must wear masks. Covid site wide testing is done weekly at the school. The majority of communication for announcements and general information is done on line. (You can check it out at echsetree@gmail.com) The only part of school that seems to be the same is that students are very happy to see their friends and classmates.

Are you a Teacher looking for a job? ECHS needs you. Over the last 1.5 years many teachers have retired or left the profession. The school is always looking for teachers to work as substitute or possibly a permanent position. If you are qualified and interested give the school a call – (510) 231-1437.

The Archiving Project continues to hold board meetings via Zoom. Let me know if you want to join us to observe or become a member. We are always looking for new, productive folks to join our group and help keep ECHS history alive. Call or email me.

If you wish to honor an ECHS Alum by giving a donation, of any amount, to our scholarship fund it will be appreciated by some future graduating senior when they receive an Archiving Scholarship.

I am very sad to announce we have lost Rosenda Thomas, Class of 1971. Rosenda was one of our long time committee members. My deepest sympathy to all her family and friends. May she Rest in Peace.

Jackie Fleming Fonken “56”
(510) 232-9149 or j_fonken@hotmail.com
President, El Cerrito High School Archiving project

Retired Teacher Annual Picnic



Top Row: Lagerstrom, O'Connor, Lee, Perero, Lawler, Walukiewicz, Lilhanand, Ray, Clark, Fabini, Francis, Smith, Sitting: Becker, Gravett, O'Brian, Blackman, Yonemura

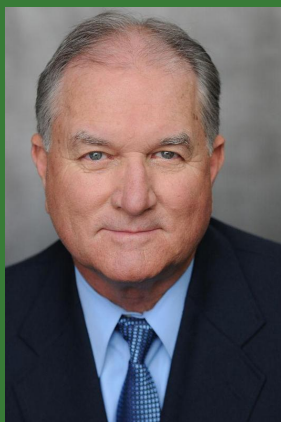
August 20, 2021

Gauchos in the Spotlight

I hear voices

Class of 1973

Kevin Berndt



Kevin Berndt started out his acting career after retiring from 38 years in his own landscaping and gardening business.

His acting career began in 2019 as an extra in feature films, multi-media ad campaigns, commercials, student and industrial films.

Class of 1974

Joe Paulino



Joe Paulino has honed his craft as a voice-over professional for over 35 years.

"I remember Drama Teachers Peg Long and Jim Robbins, and Band Directors Richard Emmons and Terry Clark – as well as our Choral Directors – creating this amazing space for those of us

Berndt graduated from California State University San Francisco with a B.A. in Radio/TV.

While in the radio business he came back to El Cerrito High and helped Mr. Tietjen teach the radio class.

For more information, check out his Backstage page.

Kevin Berndt

interested in the Performing Arts. There was a solid foundation of technique, stagecraft and music fundamentals, but also plenty of room to explore, experiment, fail, and grow from our mistakes. I still remember those days with a mixture of fondness, gratitude, pride and embarrassment.

Let me close by saying that I am so happy that I was able to make a decent living doing all the stuff I used to get in trouble for back when I was a student at El Cerrito High."

Joe Paulino

Gauchos in the Spotlight

Do you have a classmate who has contributed to society and you think we would like to hear about him or her?

Contact Roddy Lee at ECarchproject@aol.com

CURRENT REUNION INFORMATION

Updated 10/15/21

People who went to El Cerrito

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2224192800/?ref=bookmarks>

The 70's

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119897442221977/>

Class of 1973, 1974, 1975

Someone is thinking about it.

More information to follow..dialogue in the facebook pages above.

Class of 1970-71-50 Year Reunion---August 17, 2021 ...Update

The Reunion Committee has had many discussions concerning the current Covid situation, and for everyone's safety, the difficult decision has been made to postpone the reunion scheduled for October 16, 2021, until April 9, 2022.

We have established a new date, April 9, with Golden Gate Fields. In the event ticket price increases, we will grandfather (your cost does not change) your funds. In order to reduce bookkeeping efforts, we would ask that you hold off on requesting a refund unless absolutely necessary. However, if you would like a refund, please email:

Class of '70 - Charlene Slemmons echs1970@hotmail.com

Class of '71 - Donna Marsicano 71echs50reunion@gmail.com

We are currently renegotiating with The Berkeley DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, in the offering of discounted room rates to accommodate our new date. Therefore, if you have made a reservation for October 2021, please be sure to cancel your room reservation.

Please know this was not an easy decision to make and foremost in our decision to postpone was your safety. Please be patient and we will continue to communicate updates to you. Thank you for your understanding.

The Reunion Committee

- Charlene Slemmons
- Rick Pyle
- Jennifer (Brown) Gomes
- Donna Marsicano
- Gene Staus
- Janet (Morrison) Damm
- Julius Chiang

Contact : Charlene Slemmons grandmachar2008@hotmail.com

Class of 1980-81

Contact : Charlene Slemmons grandmachar2008@hotmail.com

Contact: Chris Misa-Mackey: bcmackey7@hotmail.com

Class of 2011

Contact Marisol Clemens- mclemens423@gmail.com

Class of 1990! update 6/1/20 We have tried to keep our reunion plans for July 2020 on active as long as possible, but given the current state of the world with COVID-19, it is not practical to move forward in good conscious. With greatest of concern for our classmates and families, the reunion committee has decided that we will postpone our 30th Reunion celebration to the summer of 2021. We are hoping that the world will be in a more secure place where large gatherings will not be problematic. On a personal note I was truly looking forward to meeting with everyone and getting to re-connect in person. If anything this time has reminded me how important our connections are and how our time at ECHS helped to shape the kind of people we are today. So we don't lose the momentum of reconnecting I invite everyone to share some of their favorite ECHS photos with a Google Photo Drive. After a reasonable amount of time we will put together a slide show that we can enjoy. Stay Strong! Stay Safe! Go Gauchos!

All the Best,
Larry

- Planning your reunion or need information about your reunion. Please Contact Roddy Lee: ECArchProject@aol.com

Class of 1967

Thinking about it ?
Our 55th has arrived.

October 8, 2022

The Committee has been meeting.
Jonathan is flying 7857 miles to join us.
Save the Date,
More information to follow.

Email me if you would like to join us.
ECHS1967@aol.com

Class of 1967 Facebook Link



[Brennan's, Berkeley CC, Nite Owls, Wrecking ECHS, Arlington Park, Jonathan Rogers.]

**El Cerrito High School Class of 1967
(and the Classes of 1965 - 1969)
55th Reunion!!!**

Your presence is requested at the
Berkeley (Mira Vista) Golf and Country Club, El Cerrito, California, on
Saturday, October 8, 2022,
5:00 p.m. for dinner, dancing, reminiscing, nostalgic décor, and more.
Entertainment by the Nite Owls,
our own band that was the hit of the 40th, 45th, 50th reunions.

Cost: \$135.00 per person, Deadline September 1, 2022.

Mail your payment to: ECHS 1967 c/o Roddy Lee, 3333 Rossmore Parkway Manor #1,
Walnut Creek, CA 94595. (PayPal available).
Contact: ECHS1967@aol.com or 925-954-1861.

Reunion Events	Schedule for Saturday night:
TBD, Friday 10/7/22.	5:00 Check in, cocktails and conversation.
Gala at Berkeley (MV) CC, Saturday, 10/8/22.	7:30 Buffet Dinner, Carved Prime Rib, Miso Seared Salmon, program to follow.
Picnic at Arlington Park, Sunday, 10/9/22.	9:30 Entertainment: The Nite Owls, hit of the 40th, 45th and 50th reunions. Dancing and reminiscing.
CCC COVID-19 Information	11:30 Lights out.

Post Reunion Information

- Class of 1979 Lisa Hughes Brown @ teardropkids6140@gmail.com
- Class of 1969 ECHS1969Reunion@gmail.com
- Class of 1959 Barbara Cornish Barichello at 510-724-4988, Lyn Martinez Kelly at 925-937-1437 or Roberta Mendonca at rcmendonca@aol.com
- Class of 1963 Marc Bautista marcusec63@aol.com
- Class of 1988 Mylika Lisa Smith
- Class of 1978 Luanne Canestro canestro4@gmail.com
- Class of 1987 CONTACT: TOSCHA CONROE - ECGAUCHOS1987@GMAIL.COM
- Class of 1968 Paul Bailey paulbailey524@yahoo.com, Rich Runswick mitchwick@aol.com

Reunion leaders, classmates: If you are planning your reunion or need information about your reunion.
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