



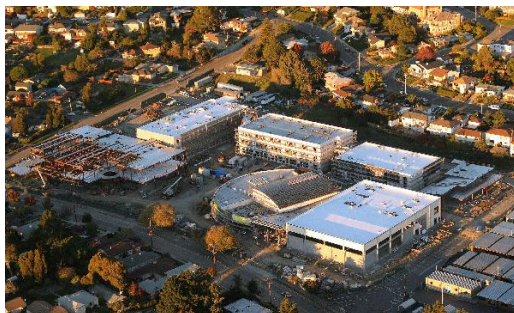
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Current Reunion Information

*Class of 1998 and 1958***ECHS Class of 1998
Ten Year Reunion**

Saturday, July 26, 2008
7:00pm-11:00pm
Spenger's Fish Grotto, 1919 4th St, Berkeley CA 94710

Ticket Information

Ticket includes sit down dinner, entertainment, and souvenir.
\$65/person or \$120/couple from 4/15/08 to 5/31/08
\$75/person or \$140/couple from 6/1/08 to 7/1/08

Through Paypal <http://www.myspace.com/echstreunion98> or

Check payable to Claudia Lam/Shenesha Robinson
send to: Brandon Griggs,
1185 Solano Ave. PMB 143,
Albany CA 94706

Please specify dinner options:

Salmon or Chicken or Vegetarian
(default option is chicken)

Contact Info: Echsclassof98@yahoo.com 510-334-8441

Tickets are non-refundable and will not be sold at the door

Class of 1958 - 50th Class Reunion

October 18, 2008 - Concord Hilton

Contact Joe Stadum at (925)933-7444 - joestadum@comcast.net or
Gerry Fraser Bertnick at (925)937-2533 - gerrybertnick@hotmail.com

2008 ARCHIVING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Archiving Project is pleased to announce that we will be awarding four scholarships to qualified graduating seniors. We are grateful to the East Bay Community Foundation for their generous support that has made it possible for us to offer an additional award. The committee has received a record high of twenty-one applications! Recipients will be announced at the annual Senior Awards night on May 28, El Cerrito Community Center

Reunion Leaders

Are you a reunion leader for one of our ECHS years? We would like to ask for your help to notify us as to whom the reunion leaders are from each missing year. If you know of a missing alumni chair, please notify David Bilyeu at davidmbilyeu@netzero.com.

1944-Howard Mackey --Howard2201@aol.com

1945- --

1946- --

1947- --

1948-Lee Brown Alice--Tidblgr62@aol.com

1949-Jack McFarland--Hambone@intercomm.com

1950-Harry Hanson --

1950-Nordahl Bonomi Lucy--

1950-Gorrell Carter Patricia--

1951---

1952-Pryde Tezzi Toni--

1953-Weller Miller Barbara-- Eandbweller@aol.com

1953-Don Pryde --

1953--

1953-Jerry Deuker --

1954-Nancy Teese --
1955-Bill Law ton --w hlaw ton@frontiernet.net
1956-Jackie Fonken --j_fonken@hotmail.com
1957-Hein Fredrick Marlene--marlene2u6@aol.com,
- 1957 Richard Barker--hrbarker@sbcglobal.net,
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1958-Ken Johnson--kbjbj@comcast.net
1958-Joe Stadum--joestadum@comcast.net
1959--
1959- Taylor Jim--
1960- Davis Smith Pennie--
1960-Phil Playle --
1960-Arkin Arthur Barbara--
1961-Richard Pryde --richpryde@aol.com
1961-Davis Courtright Bea--
1962-Creech Balas Juanita--rbalas@earthlink.net
1962-Sherry Humphrey --
1963-Mark Bautista --marcusec63@aol.com
1964-Leslie Gadw ood --
1964-Jackie Olson --
1965-Dennis Kalis --dkalis@sbcglobal.net
1966-Sandy Berry Faccini--sandy48@pacbell.net
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1969-Malcolm Sproul --
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1978-Bill Reichle --bill@tw istsf.com1978
1978-Anna Smithey --
1978-Donna Nordahl --
1979-Adriene Stinson --
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1981-Denise Hamma --
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1982-Lisa Larkin --
1982-Smith McCarthy Charlotte--
1983-Donald Chew --dnsenterp@home.com
1983-Lisa Boblitt --
1984-Eric Hardy --
1985-Roschelle Jones --
1985-Jennifer Mitchell --
1986-Kurt Yoshi --
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1988-Nicole Jones --bignik@comcast.net
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1990-Larry Fox --larrydafox@hotmail.com
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 2004- --
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 2006- --
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In Memoriam

Donna Johnson, Attendance Clerk--Chris DeJong, Teacher

Donna Mae Johnson
 December 18, 1954 - December 22, 2007

Donna was a longtime employee at El Cerrito High School and the district but more importantly she was a long-time friend. Her endearing personality and her giving spirit will long live on.

Donna will be remembered by many students as the one 'who made the difference', the one who took the time to talk with them, and for many, the one who was the reason why they graduated.

Donna has countless friends and has undoubtedly affected the lives of countless students. We were all so lucky to have known her - we were all so lucky she passed our way.

Chris DeJong
 1976- November 23, 2007

On November 23, 2007, El Cerrito High AVID, theatre and chemistry teacher Chris DeJong tragically passed away at the age of 31.

"He was a caring teacher who loved his profession and the young people he served," said Principal Reimann.

Mr. DeJong first began teaching chemistry here in 2002. He quickly became a very active member of the ECHS community, taking over the AVID program in 2005 and the theatre program during the 2006-2007 school year.

As an AVID teacher, Mr. DeJong listened to his students and worked to inspire them. His passing has been especially difficult for many of the AVID students who remember his easy going spirit and the joking manner that he brought into the classroom. Mr. DeJong was also very dedicated to ECHS's theatre program. In fact, he recently directed *Antigone*, which was performed by the drama department at Harding Theater.

His passing has greatly affected the theatre class. His fellow teachers remember him as being responsible and very enthusiastic about the various educational areas he was involved in. "He saw the value and how it could help a student achieve their college dreams," said history teacher Ms. Taylor about Mr. DeJong's involvement in the AVID program.

Mr. DeJong's presence on campus will be missed by much of the student body, as well as the staff members.

How to donate to the ECHS Archiving Project

The ECHS Archiving is need of continuous monetary support! In addition to restoring, preserving and displaying the many artifacts that w ere saved from the w recking ball, this year we w ere also able to give four ECHS seniors four \$1000 scholarships for college expenses.

We w ould like to continue our w ork in the future and here is how you can help. Contact Diane Chambers dianneminard@yahoo.com or just mail your check to; ECHS Archiving Project 2234 Lupine Rd, Hercules, CA 94547. All donations are tax deductible.

Diane Chambers

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El Cerrito High Archiving Project Mission Statement:
Support the development of a strong El Cerrito High School alumni body - Collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School - Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.

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