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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall 2015!

El Cerrito High is in full production with a huge number of things going on. We are all very excited about the finishing touches being completed to the new football field. When the grand opening takes place, sometime in the early spring, I hope many of you will be able to attend.

When you do come, please also visit the museum in the lobby of main entrance to the school and the showcases in the gymnasium. We have many wonderful memories to share.

Sincerely,
Jackie Fleming Fonken,
Class of 1956
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Call for ECHS Sports Videos!

ECHS's Hall of Fame in the gym lobby will be getting a technological addition.

This fall the Archiving Project will be installing a video player that will show continuous Gauchos' sporting events on a computer screen.

One very special movie shown will be ECHS Gauchos' FIRST football game with players wearing leather helmets.

Thank you to Mike Roach for this priceless donation.

Please let us know if you have special sports visuals to donate. They can be movie films, CDs or DVDs -- whatever you have.

Contact jsbayat1@comcast.net or call 510 524 9468 to donate.



Portola Celebration

The Portola Jr. High History Celebration attracted about 200 alumni, teachers and staff to party at the El Cerrito Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 26th, with entertainment by the Sundowners Rock 'n Roll Blues Band, **Bob Fabini** and **John Wehrle**.

The high point of the party was the Portola memorabilia for sale. Mid-century light



Coach Quirico's Corner

Volleyball Alumni Game

October 30, 2015

7:00

For more information contact

Scott Bishop

on facebook join

El Cerrito High Girls

Volleyball Alumni

Jessica Lee

JessicaLee82@yahoo.com

For really old alumni

Roddy Lee

ecarchproject@aol.com

Take a Look!!



[Old and new, updated pictures of ECHS.](#)

Gaucha Alumni

Editors Note:

We apologize for the abundance of emails from us

fixtures, kitchen ware from the Home EC classes (you do remember Mrs. Lamson), woodworking tools, wall maps and lots of miscellaneous stuff in the Silent Auction and on the Buy-it-Now tables.

Marnie Fricke Mufti organized the effort which included weeks of going through the items saved from the old school before it was torn down. **John Norikane**, son of the beloved Coach/Counselor, worked with Marnie every step of the way and documented all the saved items.

Helping with all this were **Esther Hill, Sandi Genser-Maack** and **Lynn Maack**. **Donna Houser** helped but her big contribution was the food. **Scott Houser** made signs. Staffing the bar were **Trish McDermott** and **Marc LaJoie**, proprietors of the Arlington Café, and **Amin Mufti**. **Leslie Reckler**, President of the Korematsu PTSA, worked on the Silent Auction. **Gina Agostinelli** and **Will McCoy**, owners of Every Little Thing Estate Sales, generously shared their expertise, and ECHS Archiving Project Committee members **Jackie Fonken, David Bilyeu, Dianne Chambers** and **Dianne Sericati** staffed tables at the party. **Greg Mayer** was MC and **Betty Buginas** helped with publicity. Thank you to all of these hard-working volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.

Not all the saved items were sold: a selection of things will be displayed when Korematsu Middle School opens later this year.

It was called the Portola Jr. High History Celebration but to me it was a farewell to Portola. Whatever the name, it really was a great party, everyone had a good time and a goodly amount of money was raised for the ECHS Archiving Project and the Korematsu PTA.



these past few weeks. We are updating our database and want to make sure all email addresses are current.

If you are receiving this newsletter, thank you for your support, and please pass it on to a classmate.

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

Acknowledgements

I want to acknowledge Marnie Mufti for pursuing and following through with the Portola project. She spent countless hours--days--making arrangements for all the various, challenging elements that made this project a success. Not to mention physically dealing with the "stuff" that we managed to salvage from the school. I also want to acknowledge John Norikane, who helped Marnie from the beginning and who helped lift, carry and sort the artifacts. In addition, John helped research, price and stage for sale the items we aren't keeping for the collection. Moreover, John has documented and photographed almost every item that came from the school. Jobs well-done!

Lynn Maack

Bricks



Did you leave everything on the field?

Not Quite. The Archiving Project will be giving all those athletes a chance to purchase their own brick. Bricks will be mounted in the newly renovated El Cerrito High School Stadium. Stay tuned for more information.

Updated ECHS Field facilities



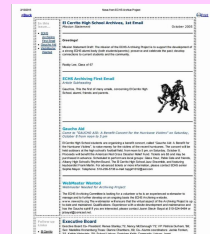
Turf was added this week, track to follow.



For more information about the Grand Opening of the Athletic Fields, please contact Roddy Lee at ECArchProject@aol.com

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2015 Gift Ideas! Archiving Project Fundraisers!

Pencils	2/\$1.00
Pens	2/\$1.00
Pins	\$1.00
School Photos	\$1.00
Book Marks	\$3.00

**"Green & White/The Gaucho Story" - the DVD -
\$15.00**

ECHS Bags	\$10.00
Reunion Bags	\$5.00

License Plate Frames . . . \$15.00

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Reunion Information
Reviews and updates

Class of 2006

Your 10 year Reunion is in the planning stages

Contact: Deven Sanders Trowers at deven.trowers@gmail.com

for more information

Class of 2005--10 year

Class of 1995--20 year

Class of 1985
October 10, 2015

Please contact Andrea Lum at andrealum@yahoo.com for
more information.

Class of 1975
August 15, 2015

Please contact Arthur Chiang at almchia@gmail.com for more
information.

CLASS OF 1965

50th YEAR REUNION

Date of Event: October 24th, 2015

DoubleTree Inn
200 Marina Blvd
Berkeley, CA 94710

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Directions: www.google.com/maps

Return form and Checks to:
ECHS Class of 1965 - Reunion*
P. O. Box 2321
Vacaville, CA 95696

APPETIZERS/HORS D' OEUVRES/NO-HOST
COCKTAILS/MUSIC

Cost: \$100.00/Per Person - Deadline: September 1, 2015 After
9/1/2015: \$110.00 PP

Special: \$175.00 per registered couple prior to 9/1/2015

Make checks payable to ECHS Class of 1965 Reunion
This is a reminder to plan for our Reunion. We need to get a
total count of attendees, ASAP. Regardless if you do not intend
to come, please contact us. This also helps us to know that our
address for you is correct for future notices. If you know of
someone that we have missed, please share the information
with him or her and have him or her send us the correct
address.

A photographer will be available during the evening, for those
wishing to have their picture taken. Participants will pay the
photographer and provide an address for shipping.

Golf Outing, October 23rd, Tilden Park Golf Club for ECHS
Class of 65 Members
9:00 - 10:00 Continental Breakfast
10:00 - 12:30 Golf Outing (9-Hole Scramble Format)
2:30 - 2:00 BBQ Luncheon

Cost of \$45.00 includes green fees, cart, breakfast and
luncheon

You will be assigned to a team or you can make up your own
team of four players.

Contact Greg Erwin @ gjerwin@nycap.rrr.com by October 1st
to register for the golf outing. Call Greg @ 518-852-3067 for
further info or questions.

Any Questions????? Contact a committee member

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*If you or the Reunion is cancelled your check will be returned

Contacts: please send me your information.

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[ECHS Website Link to All Reunions](#)

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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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