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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEMORIES

It has been 12 years since the original ECHS was demolished and eight years since the newly-built high school was opened. The ECHS Archiving Project members are hoping to help put together the history and some of the traditions of years gone by at ECHS. Students who attend ECHS now and in the future should know what made our school the special place that it is today. To do this, we need everyone's help.

If you have special memories that you would like to share, please send them to me, Jackie Fonken, or Roddy Lee via email or post them on Facebook page, "People that went to El Cerrito High."

We will gather everyone's comments and try to incorporate them into a format that can be shared.

A giant Thank You goes to the Class of 2017 for their generous contribution to the Archiving Scholarship Fund. In the spring, we will once again be interviewing students for our two \$1,000 scholarships.

If you were an athlete or a member of a team support group during your time at ECHS, I hope you will consider buying a Tile to honor your memorable efforts and fun.

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Jackie Fonken

Jackie Fleming Fonken,
Class of 1956
Call 510-232-9149
j_fonken@hotmail.com

Spirit Groups, Athletic Boosters, 2017 Teams and Athletes, Alumni.

Get Behind a Memorial to YOU! - Buy a Tile!

Lynn Maack (Class of '63) purchased a tile to memorialize his ECHS track & field performances as a discus thrower and shot-putter. The late Daniel Bernstine's ('65) family purchased a tile in memory of his accomplishments as football team captain at ECHS. Susan Aiello Duncan ('69) was in the Gauchos Marching Band and ordered a tile to mark her participation. Lynn's, Daniel's and Susan's tiles will soon be on permanent display in the Gauchos' Memorial Field for all to see

If you or a family member participated as an athlete, a cheerleader, a band member, a coach or a referee, you can memorialize your or your family member's performance with a tile inscribed to your order. Whether it was baseball, basketball, tennis, track & field, cross-country, soccer or whatever; if you played or supported sports competitions on ECHS's fields and courts, this project is for you.

How can we commemorate your experience? Let us install an inscribed tile in your honor. Simply order a tile with your name, sport(s) or related activity and years you were involved, and we will install it prominently for all to see in the new El Cerrito High School Stadium! We help you, and you help us help students by providing scholarships. Installation date coming soon.

Our Tile Project raises funds exclusively for ECHS student scholarships. Over the past thirteen years we have awarded over \$39,000 to deserving ECHS students. Please help us continue this important tradition.

Order your tile now!

<http://elcerritogauchos.net/archiving/archiving-project>

If you have questions, please contact Roddy Lee,
earchproject@aol.com

"We" are the El Cerrito High School Archiving Project, and it is our mission to support the development of a strong ECHS alumni body, to collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School, and develop connections to current students and to the El Cerrito community.

Coach Quirico's Corner

**Football Game Film.
Alumni interested in obtaining**

Rose Aguilar

Graduated in 1975 and was inducted in 2012 into the Sports Hall of Fame.

**ECHS Football Film.
Contact Roddy Lee
ECarchproject@aol.com**



Hall of Fame Ceremony

Spring 2018

Contact Coach Quirico
for more information

bquirico@comcast.net

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Take a Look!!

Visit our Museum!



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

"I feel my sweater holds strong historical significance because I believe I was the first ECHS female athlete to get a letter. The beginning of my senior year I asked my coach, Connie Wong when I and six other female senior athletes would be getting our letters. She said, "Girls don't get letters." So I marched into Coach Quirico's office and asked him about ordering us letters. He said the same thing Coach Wong said. I next went to Principal Granucci's office and told him I deserved a letter as much as a boy did. He called Quirico and told him to order us letters. Quirico called me a pioneer."

We've been married for 31 years, have two sons. I wore that sweater the day I got inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. It is white, in great shape for its age with green embroidery and a green Block "C" letter sewn on, size small.

Rose Aguilar McHone Class of 1975

Missing - Alumni Class Reunion Leaders

We are looking for you. Your fellow classmates would like to know when your next reunion is scheduled, and they look to the Archiving Alumni Liaison to give them that information. So, PLEASE, tell us who you are and where you have been hiding.

Missing Leaders:

Classes of 1946-47, '51-53, '77, '83, '86, '88-93, 1996-2000, '02-05, '07 -15.

We need to have the following information for your classmates:

Name, Email, Home Address, Phone #, Cell # and, of course, year you graduated.

Ladies, if you have a maiden name, we need that information also.

If you are not someone who plans your reunion, please go online and register with the Archiving Project Newsletter Editor Roddy Lee, and he will add you to our mailing list and keep you up-to-date on what your school alumni are up to. ECArchiveProject@aol.com

Contact Alumni Liaison: Kathie (Nemy) Weinstein, Class of 1958;

email Bjhardy4@att.net, phone (510) 215-5570.

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Interesting Alumni

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

[Reunion Information Reviews and Updates](#)

Updated 1/1/2018

Class of 1968- 50th YEAR

- REUNION DATE CONFIRMED ...
- Saturday, October 6, 2018
- Richmond Country Club
- Facebook ...

ECHS 1968 REUNION COMMITTEE

Paul Bailey
Steve Kirby
Donnie Lemone (nee Shields)
Jim Perry
Rich Runswick

Class of 1967--50 year

- Did We Have a Good Time??



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- October 14, 2017
- Mira Vista Country Club
- Contact: Roddy Lee-- echs1967@aol.com
- Website:
<http://elcerritogauchos.net/alumni/alumni/alumni-class-pages/1967-2/1967-50th-invitation>
- *[Facebook](#):
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/278113378923236/>

Reunion leaders: If you are planning your reunion or need information about your reunion, please
Contact Roddy Lee: ECArchProject@aol.com.

Website Link: items for sale

2017 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

Gaucho 75th Anniversary Cushion.. \$10.00

License Plate Frames ... \$7.00

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In Memoriam Gauchos lost in 2017

**George Austin
Kathy Berman
Steve Tipping
Sandi Genser Maack**

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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.

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