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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is ECCHS's 78th year in existence and 10 years since the new campus opened. I know there are many EC alumnae out there who have great memories of their high-school years.

If you are one of these people and would like to join our group and help preserve ECCHS's history - please call me.

We make the school unique by maintaining the main museum in the school lobby, by showcasing a wonderful display of athletic memorabilia in the gym and by giving scholarships.

Don't forget to think about a tile for yourself on the Stadium wall.

See the tile article for details.

Everyone have a wonderful summer!  
Hope to see many of you  
at El Cerrito's July 4th celebration.

Blessings to all!

Jackie Fleming Fonken, 510 -232-9149  
President, ECCHS Archiving Project  
[j\\_fonken@hotmail.com](mailto:j_fonken@hotmail.com)

## Coach Quirico's Corner

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Football Game Film.  
Alumni interested in obtaining  
ECCHS Football Film.  
Contact Roddy Lee  
[ECarchproject@aol.com](mailto:ECarchproject@aol.com)

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Attention Museum Visitors!

Our high school's history museum, located in the lobby of the school, will be having a **NEW focus!**

**The display will now highlight artifacts from the classes of the 1940s.**

Among the featured items will be the very first yearbooks, pictures of the first graduating classes, dance cards, diplomas.

The 1940s Display will run from May 13 through mid-October.

The ECCHS Archiving Project will be featuring each decade in the future. So stay tuned for your decade.

ECCHS Orchestra 1942



Photo from the ECCHS Archiving Project Collection



## Hall of Fame Ceremony

Coming Soon!

Contact Coach Quirico  
for more information

bquirico@comcast.net

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## Quick Links

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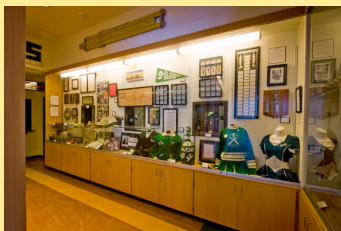
## Gauchos in the Spotlight

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](mailto:ECarchproject@aol.com)

## Take a Look!!\*

Visit our Museum!



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

## Current Reunion Information

Updated 5/12/2019



## Howard Mackey in Memoriam

A revered teacher at ECHS from 1949-1988. Howard Mackey was also a student at the school in the first graduating class, the Class of 1944. He was a "founding student" of the school and had a hand in naming our school mascot, "The Gaucho," as well as picking our green and white school colors. When the old school was set to be demolished, Howard, together with other teachers, ex-teachers, alumni and community members, envisioned continuing the memory of the school for future students. To that end, he was also a founding member of the El Cerrito High School Archiving Committee at its inception in 2005. The museum in and around the new school is in part due to his vision. Sadly, Howard passed away on April 15, 2019, at the age of 93. Our condolences go out to his family. We on the Archiving Project Committee will miss him.

Life did not just happen to Howard; he pursued life with a remarkable combination of enthusiasm, stoicism and old-fashioned directness. Howard considered himself an El Cerrito product. One of those rarities of California-a native-Howard was born to a family that lived in El Cerrito around B Street, near the current Harding School. He remembered the days when the dog track (the site of the El Cerrito Plaza) was the epicenter of El Cerrito. Howard attended El Cerrito High School and returned to teach math there until his retirement. He was the Department Chairperson and a mentor to many students.

The halls at ECHS have articles and photos of Howard serving his Alma Mater and community.

Ever the teacher, Howard wanted us to know that failure followed by trying again was the key to everything.

There will be a memorial celebration for Howard on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club, 2270 Acton Street, Berkeley, CA, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

We are collecting digital pictures for a slideshow. If you have pictures you would like to contribute, please send them to [mhmackey@gmail.com](mailto:mhmackey@gmail.com).

Gifts in Howard's honor can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Please feel free to forward this message to those who would be interested.

Please RSVP to [mhmackey@gmail.com](mailto:mhmackey@gmail.com), 408.858.6535. Thank you.

Class of 1979

Reunion now being planned. But, we can't invite you without your name, (maiden name), address, city, phone number and email! We are unable to get anything from the high school due to privacy laws.

Please contact your chairperson, Lisa Hughes Brown @ teardropkids6140@gmail.com or (530) 955-1025. Our reunion is planned for November 30, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville. Don't be left out of the festivities!

If any classmates know of anyone from our class, please also contact me. My home address is 13831 Christopher Robin Way, Grass Valley 95945. Thanks, Lisa

The Reunion committee with Dwayne Fisher, Cindy Low Tsujimoto, Larry Thompson(Boo), Carol Anderson-Varner and Lorenzo Harris (Zo).

Class of 1969

50th Reunion

September 28, 2019

For details please email current contact info to: ECHS1969Reunion@gmail.com

Class of 1989, Class of 1999, Class of 2009,

What's happening??????

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Post Reunion Information

Class of 1959

Barbara Cornish Barichello at 510-724-4988, Lyn Martinez Kelly at 925-937-1437 or Roberta Mendonca at remendonca@aol.com

Class of 1963

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Class of 1988

Contact: Mylika Lisa Smith

Class of 1978

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Class of 1987

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<HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/990845987615102>

Class of 1968

Paul Bailey, Steve Kirby, Donnie Lemone, Jim Perry Rich Runswick  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/elcerritohs1968/>

Class of 1967--50 year

Did We Have a Good Time??  
Roddy Lee-- echs1967@aol.com  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/278113378923236/>

# 4th of July Celebration 2019



Join your friends and neighbors at the joyous, fun-filled City of El Cerrito's July 4th Celebration!!

Thursday, July 4, 2019 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm with music on the Main Stage until 6:30 pm.

The Festival is held in beautiful Cerrito Vista Park.

The El Cerrito Archiving Project will sell DVDs of "Green and White: The Gaucho Story," as well as ECHS memorabilia. ECHS Gauchos license plate holders will be available.

The Archiving Project Booth will be located on Pomona.

Visit the scores of booths for arts and crafts, information from local organizations and plenty of food!

## First Installation Completed Second Series Commencing



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.

Our Tile Project raises funds exclusively for ECHS student scholarships. Over the past thirteen years we have awarded \$41,000 to deserving ECHS students.

Please help us continue this important tradition.

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

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Order your tile now!  
<https://www.wccusd.net/domain/2678>

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

\*Additional pictures forthcoming

"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.

## 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.

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. ECArchProject@aol.com

Contact Alumni Liaison: Kathie (Nemy) Weinstein, Class of 1958;  
email Bjhardy4@att.net, phone (510) 215-5570.



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Thank the classes of 1955 and 1956 for their donation to our scholarship fund

New Mugs

\$10.00

Support our Scholarship Project



[Website Link: items for sale](#)

2018 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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