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ECHS Archiving Project Newsletter

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September 2012

What's Below

Museum Renovated
Newly Acquired Items
Hall of Fame 2012





BEN RUST MEMORIAL CONCERT Saturday, October 20, 2012 7 pm \$10 per ticket, \$8 for parents and \$5 Kids.

Reception to follow. Contact: Donna Houser, houserini@sbcglobal.net

ECHS Performing Arts Center

Featured Article



Museum and Hall of Fame Renovated! With over 50 new items donated to the ECHS Museum over the past four years, much work had to be done to get the items catalogued, photographed, cleaned or repaired and displayed. The Archiving Com mittee spent the summer doing just that, and the results are magnificent. Some of the highlights include Lee

The ECHS Concert Band will play host to world-class cellist Rebecca Rust, daughter of Ben Rust, who taught at the high school in the '6 os. Rebecca will play a number of solos and in other selections accompany the ECHS Wind Ensemble.

BEN RUST (1913-1974)

The students of El Cerrito High School dedicated the 1965 Yearbook to Ben Rust. This dedication describes Mr. Rust being an educator, author, historian and craftsman and being a prominent figure in the faculty of ECHS and in the community.

Mr. Rust began teaching in 1939 after graduation from University of California, Berkeley, in 1938. During World War II he was an engineer, ship fitter and a draftsman. He was President of the California Federation of Teachers for seven years. Before his state-level position, he was president at the local and county levels.

In 1958, Mr. Rust wrote a paper titled "Study on the Costs of Classroom Instruction." The result of his paper and presentation to the State Senate Special Committee on Government Administration was the passing of two state education laws. He was educational consultant for the Senate Governmental Administration and Efficiency Committees for three years and served on several national advisory boards in education.

In 1974, the El Cerrito Jaycees honored outstanding community leaders, awarding Ben Rust the "Outstanding High School Educator" award. Mr. Rust's vocation was teaching; his avocations sculpting and making musical instruments, of which he made twelve violins, one viola, one cello and numerous other pieces, representational and abstract.

Matteucci's 1959 red track shoes accompanying Coach Hale Roach's pictures and trophies, an expanded display for Creedence Clearwater Revival, and a copy of the 1948 issue of *Physics Today* about the ECHS students who made a working cyclotron. Be sure to visit your museum! It will take you right back to the good ol' days!

REBECCA RUST

Cellist Rebecca Rust, daughter of Ben Rust, former El Cerrito High School teacher, lives in Germany with her bassoonist husband Friedrich Edelmann. After studying with Margaret Rowell in Berkeley, Bernard Greenhouse in New York and Mstislaw Rostropovich, she has been concertizing regularly in Europe, Asia and America. In November 2010 she was invited to perform for Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. In July 2011 she played benefit and charity concerts for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami of March 11th, 2011, in Japan (in Sapporo, Kobe, Kyoto, Sendai and many other places). She has recorded 13 CDs, which are internationally available.





Athletic Hall of Fame

New Archive Newsletter Column

Starting with this issue, we will share with you the newly acquired items that have been to donated to us from your fellow graduates. If you have an item you would like to donate to the archiving committee, please contact Joann at jsbayat1@com cast.com for instructions.

Sample Donations in 2012

1961, Vera Shadi

Class ring

Creedence Clearwater Revival record album, "Pendulum." 1970, June Fleming Lacy

Photo of Stephen Bradley of "No Doubt" Rock Band and "No Doubt" CD Sales Award The 2012 Hall of Fame induction ceremony at El Cerrito High School.

DATE: Sunday Nov. 4, 2012

PROGRAM: 3:00 p.m. Social (Hors d'oeuvers)

5:00 p.m. Awards

TICKETS: \$30.00 per person (under 9 yrs free)

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BY Friday Oct.19, 2012

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Todd Spencer Lauren Strickland

Steve Walker

2000, Bobby Griggs

Pom pon Girl Pin 1979, Marcia Schooley

Creedence Clearwater Revival Band Photo and Business Card 1970, Kris Fogerty

ECHS Diploma, Letter Sweater and Pin 1958, Jerry Giacomo Olivero

ECHS Diploma,"La Playa" Lapel Pin 1958, Joan Olivero

Cheerleading Uniform, sleeveless 1976, Cathy Strand

1980 Class Photo 1980, Pat Player

ECHS Gym Bag 1980, El Cerrito Rec Department

Student Handbook 1970, Rebecca (Betsy) Weinstein

Spiked Track Shoes 1959, Lee Matteucci

ECHS Shop Awards Plaque 1954-1968, Lee Matteucci

Doctoral Study of ECHS 1984, Doris Marie Jorde

Student Grading Envelopes 1952-1955, Robert Lonestar

Original ECHS Blueprints for New Addition, Gym, big Bldg, Auto Shop and Athletic Field 1938,1965, Lee Matteucci Stage Prop, Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland 1973, Christie Monson

John Fogerty Scarf 2012, Creedence Clearwater Revival European Fan Club In the Teams, Coaches and Special Category:

Coach: Dennis Abel

Special Category: Scotty Stirling

Teams: 1983 Baseball and Football teams and the 1971 440 Relay Team

The past El Cerrito Relay Queens will be honored.

Looking for Ron Harper-1978. Football players on the 1983 team. Please call Coach Frank Milo (707) 643-1564. Except for baseball players who played on the 1983 State Championship team, Coach Quirico has your information. Looking for the following baseball player on the 1983 team. Reed Smith, call Coach Larry Quirico (510) 222-1835 or e-mail bquirico@comcast.net. Thanks Larry

Dear Gaucho Alumni -

We represent the El Cerrito High School Archiving Project, serving as the Gaucho Alumni Coordinators. This project began in January 2005, when we learned that the school district was going to demolish our original school, which opened in 1941.

It has been our mission to save artifacts for our Rotunda and Sports Hall of Fame Museums, as well as various display cases throughout the school. We also sponsor fund-raisers for Senior Scholarships, publish an e-mail newsletter to share current alumni news, give tours of the school, and announce up-coming class reunions. In this newsletter we list all of the class contact persons. You will also find updates on the new sports complex-baseball, football and track fields.

Please help us to update your class alumni representative information by completing the form below and returning it to Mrs. Kathie (Nemy) Weinstein, Class of '58, 7011 Potrero Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

We thank you for your help in this endeavor. For the Gaucho Alumni, we are: David Bilyeu, 1965, (925) 935-3515,davidechs65@att.net

Jackie Fleming Fonken, 1956 (510) 232-9149,j_fonken @ hotmail.com

Katherine Nemy Weinstein, 1958 (510)215-5570,bjhardy4@att.net

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Current El Cerrito Reunion Leaders

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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. em ail: ecarch project@aol.com

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