

NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS Kiowa Class of 1961

General Information.

Welcome to issue #3 of our Newsletter. Janice Quick Ashborn is the "point man" where all your contact information should be sent. Her email is okayjan@cox.net and her street address is 8670 Robles Dr, San Diego, CA 92119. Be sure to include your email address. Anything else can come directly to me for inclusion in this newsletter. Just email me info at settledgal@juno.com or mail me at 148 Gina Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320. A phone call at 805-498-8183 between 7-10pm might work as well. To those I have snail-mailed this to: **if you have an email, PLEASE let us know what it is.**

50th Reunion.

Okay, so nothing on this at this time. We shall have the reunion the early fall of 2011. This is where information will show up as plans are made.

Happenings.

There will be a golf tournament December 10th to be held in the Phoenix area. Butch Lightfoot is in charge of this one. If you do not have a email and would like to attend, contact Butch at 623-238-9270 or Rhip44@aol.com. Remember, you gals are invited as well as spouses.

From Azusa High.

I have contacted the AHS office to have them feed me info on Homecomings, special basketball games, etc. We already emailed you about the **ALL CLASS REUNION**. Hopefully you have already gotten your tickets.

There is a site you should definitely know about on the internet. It is all about alumni and alumni activities: www.azusausd.k12.ca.us/schools/5AHSAlumniPage.htm.

Special Reports.

Your writer, Joanne Mead, took a road trip to Oregon and saw a few alumni along the way. I stopped in Templeton and had breakfast with **Sue Weatherwax Maxwell** and continued up to San Francisco where I had dinner with **Joni Zoda Crespi**. Then two days later I went up to Grants Pass, Oregon and visited with **Laurie Whittich Taft**. The next day I stopped by Roseville and saw **Yolanda Ramos Chittum**. All were doing fine and say hello to everyone!

I was able to have a wonderful visit with **Chris Englund** who came to the San Fernando Valley for a meeting. Chris has been living in Utah for the past 20 years. He is married and has four children – all of whom are successful in their own rights. Did you know Chris got married at age 19? And is still married to Shirley? Amazing! If you would like to find out more about Chris, contact him at his email address: cenglund@farmersagent.com or mail him at his office at 717 N. Main St. #102, Springville, UT 84663. You can also check his web site under farmersagent.com/cenglund for a picture of him. He said he would love to hear from any of you who remember him.

Here is a Road Trip report from **Cheryl Burlingame Dillard**:

In March I received a phone call from my friend, Chris Marlow, asking me if I would come to Palm Desert in May for a couple of months to help expand her copywriter coaching business. This time I decided to take three days so that I could visit former classmates along the way. My first stop was Southern Oregon to see **Edith (Pee Wee) Todd Marchand**. I was able to stay at her charming country cottage for the night. We talked and laughed until 1am catching up on the past 45 years. The next morning she showed me her beautiful gardens and explained

apologetically why she didn't have a cell phone, computer or cable TV. I was ready to trade all of my electronic toys for what she had - a simple stress-free life. I was reluctant to leave, but I had to be in Walnut Creek California by 5 pm.

At 7pm I arrived at **Joni Zoda Crespi's** house just in time to say hello, change my clothes and make it to "the best Italian restaurant in town" before sundown. The fish stew was to die for! Joni's mother used to make pasta from scratch when we were in elementary school, so it was no surprise to find out that Joni was such a gastronome. Back at her house we looked at photos of her recent trip to Thailand and played with her championship Bichon Frise dogs. The next morning I headed back down the highway.

I reached **Pam Schwab Huffstutter's** house in Bakersfield about 2:30pm and visited with her and Bill for a couple of hours. They were delightful. We shared stories of our visits to Japan and they showed me souvenirs from their travels. We looked at family portraits and relaxed outside by the lake where we continued our conversation until it was time to hit the road again.

As I approached the first Azusa exit from the 210 feelings of nostalgia surfaced and I was tempted to stop for an In-and-Out burger, but decided that I'd better keep driving if I wanted to reach my Aunt Ginny's house in Sun City before dark.

It's September and I'm still in Palm Desert helping Chris grow her business, using the latest online marketing tools and software programs. I've been working long hours, but have managed to squeeze in some play time too. **Roger and Rosa Whiteley** live in Palm Desert too, so I've gotten together with them a couple of times. Roger is retired and plays golf about three times a week and hikes most mornings up the Bump and Grind trail near his home, while Rosa pursues her crafts hobby. Roger invited me to go hiking one morning, but I didn't last long. At 8:30am it was 106° and we were only a third of the way up the barren trail when Roger informed me that it was cooler than normal for this time of year--rattlesnakes roam this trail--that there wasn't a single cactus to squat behind, and that in 1-1/2 hours we should reach the top. Rosa was surprised to see us back so soon.

Vic Subia (class of 1960) found me on classmates.com and we've been having fun sightseeing and reminiscing about Azusa. Hopefully I'll get the opportunity to visit more classmates before I head back to Oregon.

What can one do in Palm Springs? Here is what I have done: rode the Palm Springs Tram to the top of San Jacinto Mountain and hiked, took photos, ate lunch and watched a helicopter rescue operation; wandered through the galleries and shops in Idyllwild, a beautiful arts community nestled high in the mountains, just off Hwy 74; fed a giraffe at the Living Desert Museum; dined at some popular Palm Desert restaurants and watched some great films at the artsy Palme d'Or theater. I've also visited the Palm Springs Art Museum and Thursday Night Street Fair, the Coachella Valley Preserve, the infamous Parker Hotel and Spa, Copycats (a gay review). I have also taken up a new creative hobby, polymer clay sculpting. It's relaxing, fun and a welcome reprieve from staring at a computer screen all day. A La Quinta shop owner wants to commission my jewelry pieces, but I'd probably better stay with marketing and video production. ----Cheryl Dillard

If I could get others to send me items, I can easily put them in this section.

Illnesses, etc..

If someone knows of an alumni who is very ill, please let me know.

Changes.

If you change your address, phone number, email or even your name, please contact Janice Ashborn at okayjan@cox.net. She will let me know and I shall put the changes here.

Robert Oliveira New address: 24796 Eaton Lane, Laguna Niguel CA 92677 949-363-8006

Newly found alumni.

If you find someone who is not on the attached list, please send that information to Janice. This will be updated each quarter.)

In Memoriam.

You, dear readers, have to be the one to let me know about anyone who passes.

At the present time we are aware of the following alumni who are no longer with us:

Loree Hodge	Gary Bielke	Ken Navarro
Theresa Asbury Bence	Kenneth McDermott	Ray Nakama
Gary Pollard	Kenneth White	Geraldine Diaz Kinsey

Thanks to Cheryl and if you want to see the pics she took at the last reunion – check out this website: [Flickr.com/gp/9806517@N03/DJ9H66](https://www.flickr.com/photos/9806517@N03/DJ9H66).

I hope to hear from more of you soon!

Here's hoping you had a great summer and will have a great fall season and I am looking forward to hearing from you!