

# NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

**AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS**  
**Kiowa Class of 1961**

March - May 2011

## General Information

Welcome to issue #19 of our newsletter. Again, thanks to everyone who provided alumni information and updates so that we would have something to write about. Keep those stories and information coming so we can continue to send out the newsletter on a timely basis. Be sure to email photos too.

If you have anything you'd like to include in the next newsletter, please email the info to me at [cheryl.tango@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.tango@gmail.com) or mail to **Cheryl Dillard**, PO Box 2413, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. You may also phone me at 503-781-2658. You can view all newsletters, bios, event information and photos at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com>

**If you have changed your mailing address, phone number or email address, PLEASE let us know** so we can update our list. **Janice Quick Ashborn** is the "point man" where all your contact information should be sent. Her email is [okayjan@hotmail.com](mailto:okayjan@hotmail.com) and her mailing address is 8670 Robles Dr., San Diego, CA 92119.

## Kiowa Spotlight

Since this is a special issue of the newsletter we didn't include an alumni bio this time.

## Happenings

### **AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011 OFFICIAL INVITATION**

**YOU ARE INVITED to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, which will be held at the beautiful Irvine Marriott Hotel, 18000 Von Karman, Irvine, California.** The hotel is close to the John Wayne International Airport with shuttles available from the airport to the hotel and back to the airport. **The Reunion Event will begin Sunday night, October 16, 2011 at 5:00 pm with a "no host" Cocktail Reception in the foyer. Following the reception, The Reunion Event will move to the ballroom with seating to begin at 6:00 pm.** Music will be provided by our own special disc jockey, John Baumann, whose quality '50s and '60s tunes were hand-picked for our enjoyment. There are no specific dress requirements. We just want you there!!! This is an "open collar event" so men, you can leave your ties and dinner jackets at home, unless of course you want to dress up for this special occasion. Ladies also can dress up or down as they choose. Hotel Parking for our reunion event has been set at our special rate of \$7.00 per day for self-parking. Valet Parking is available at the regular posted rates.

OUR REUNION COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL **“EARLY BIRD” REUNION EVENT PRICE AT \$80.00 PER PERSON!!** This price is good through July 15<sup>th</sup>. *Checks received after that date will be at the regular event price of \$90.00 per person.* Please find the event registration form in this newsletter and complete it. **Send the completed form along with your check or money order payable to Walt Ashborn, 8670 Robles Dr, San Diego, CA 92119.** Please be sure to fill the form out completely so we will have the information we need to print you and your guest's name tags and also provide for any special dietary meal considerations. Your name tag will be your meal pass. **There will be no tickets sold at the door.** The last day to purchase event reservations will be September 30, 2011. Be sure to take advantage of the Early Bird price and mail your reservation request today!

If you have questions or concerns you may call Janice Ashborn at (619) 466-7949 or email okayjan@hotmail.com. Janice will respond as quickly as possible.

## SATURDAY NIGHT “MEET & GREET” EVENT

You are also invited to attend our Meet & Greet event in the Hospitality Room on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the Marriott Hotel, Irvine. This will be held on Saturday night, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the day before the big Reunion Dinner-Dance event. The Meet & Greet provides an informal casual activity where we can just get together and get reacquainted with one another. The room will be available from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and refreshments will be served at no charge. The room has a nice serving area, couches, tables and chairs. Restrooms are located next to the room. Please plan to join us for this special time whether you are staying in the hotel or somewhere else!

## MARRIOTT HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

The Marriott Hotel is ranked as one of the top three hotels in Irvine. The hotel's primary focus is that of a fine business hotel and for that reason we were able to obtain great prices since our activities are to occur over a weekend.

For our reunion event you will find that we have a **special event price of \$89.00 + taxes per night for a standard single or double room occupancy.** Phone (800) 228-9290 for reservations. You must ask for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Azusa High School Rate. The special rate will be available from Thursday night through Sunday night for those who wish to arrive early. Balcony window rooms may be requested when you make your reservation.

When making your reservations please keep in mind that we will have an additional reunion gathering on Saturday night, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the hotel so you may choose to make your reservations for two nights to incorporate the Saturday night activity as well as Sunday's Reunion Event.



Here's a link to the Marriott Irvine website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/laxir-irvine-marriott/>

**REUNION REQUEST:** If you have any 1961 newspaper articles or fun photographs of deceased classmates taken that year, please mail them to **Burt Franks** at 5264 Willow Walk Rd., Oceanside, CA 92057. Burt is providing a display for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and plans to use everything he receives. Burt will appreciate any photos you may have of classmates who are no longer with us so that we can honor them at the 50<sup>th</sup>. All photos and articles will be photocopied and returned.

\*\*\*\*\* If you have trouble printing the Registration Form below, you can also print a copy of the form at:  
<http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/RegistrationForm.pdf>

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Azusa High School Class of 1961 50th Reunion

Please Print:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

Apt/Space#

City

State

Zip code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your guest also an AHS Graduate? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

May we print your contact information in the Photo Memory Book? \_\_\_\_\_

#### My Event Order:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) @ \$80.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After 7/15/11: \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) @ \$90.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Memory Book(s) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per book \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Requests for vegetarian meals must be made with registration.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian meals for my party.

**Mail** this form with your check or Money Order payable to:

Walt Ashborn  
8670 Robles Drive  
San Diego, CA 92119

Any questions: Call Janice at 619-466-7949 or e-mail: okayjan@hotmail.com

NOTE: You must reserve Marriott Hotel rooms Special Event Price by September 30.  
Call 949-553-0100 (Toll Free) and ask for the AHS 50th Reunion Price of \$89 + taxes per night.

## From Azusa High

For info on Azusa High School events and activities visit: <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/events.html>

You can still view photos of the 2008 October All Class Reunion if you click on the following link:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/azusahighreunion2008/sets/>

## Changes

If you change your address, phone number, email or even your name, please contact Janice Ashborn at [okayjan@hotmail.com](mailto:okayjan@hotmail.com). She will let me know and I shall put the changes here.

Here are new email addresses for the following alumni:

Edith "Pee Wee" Todd Smith: [laurencesnwt@yahoo.com](mailto:laurencesnwt@yahoo.com)

Henry Segura: [hstriper.vd@att.net](mailto:hstriper.vd@att.net)

Ladd Biggs: [laddandsharon@gmail.com](mailto:laddandsharon@gmail.com)

Juleanna Ardelean Parker: [edparker@earthlink.net](mailto:edparker@earthlink.net)

Mary Kluter Pond: [MaryJPond@frontier.com](mailto:MaryJPond@frontier.com)

Jean Boese Helbert: [JeanFrancine@verizon.net](mailto:JeanFrancine@verizon.net)

Walt Roy: [proy4@cox.net](mailto:proy4@cox.net)

Conrad Freiholtz: [cneagle1@q.com](mailto:cneagle1@q.com)

Kathy Higa Lane: [harvkaz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harvkaz@sbcglobal.net)

Carrie Farrell McAdoo: [mrkncre@gmail.com](mailto:mrkncre@gmail.com)

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Rodney Halvorson: [rodhalvorson@yahoo.com](mailto:rodhalvorson@yahoo.com)

Kathy Arnold Holthouser: [stmo57jimh@comcast.net](mailto:stmo57jimh@comcast.net)

## News Updates

Be sure to visit our new blog where classmates can share information, post comments and ideas. Though the blog is more interactive than our website, it doesn't replace it. Instead the blog will replace the detailed emails that we send you. At the blog you can easily retrieve archived posts on a subject rather than searching for an email that you may have deleted. You can link to our website from the blog and also access the blog from the navigation bar of the website. Check out the blog at <http://azusahigh1961.wordpress.com/> and be sure to post a comment while you're there.

In March, **Robert "Bobby" Miller** displayed his stained glass work at The Walker House in San Dimas, California as part of the San Dimas Festival of Arts.

Also in March **Pamela Schwab** Huffstutter and her husband, Bill, went on a 10-day tour of Costa Rica. From San Jose they traveled by bus to the Caribbean coast and walked through the rain forest in Tortuguero. They also visited the Arenal Volcano in the north central region and the Guanacaste coast on the Pacific Ocean. Their trip included jungle cruises, hanging bridges, two active volcanoes, and sightings of monkeys, tropical birds, lizards, crocodiles and other wildlife.



*Bill & Pam Huffstutter – Costa Rica - 2011*



*Feeding the crocodile – Costa Rica – 2011*

In March **Bill Reeves** met up with **Dennis Smith** and **Tom Johnson** at Tom's home in Lake Havasu City where Bill gave Tom a very special display case filled with mementos of Tom's tour of duty in the Marines. Later Dennis took Bill for a ride in his boat hoping to do a little bass fishing, but it was too windy to catch anything, so they had to pack up and go home.



*Bill Reeves, Dennis Smith, Tom Johnson  
Lake Havasu City – March 30, 2011*



*Bill Reeves presents Marine display to Tom Johnson  
Lake Havasu City – March 30, 2011*

In April, **Norma Steeve** Calvi, **Joanne Srack** Mead and yours truly, **Cheryl Burlingame** Dillard, got together for "Happy Hour" at the Cliff House restaurant in La Quinta. Joanne is renting a cute vacation home in Palm Desert and is spending her free time touring the desert and trying out several restaurants in the area. Last week Joanne, Cheryl and Joanne's friend and travel buddy, Judy, enjoyed soaking in the natural hot springs at a spa in Desert Hot Springs before heading to the Patio Café in Palm Desert for lunch.



*Joanne, Cheryl & Norma at The Cliff House*

**Chuck Hardin** and **Nita Matthews** Hardin towed their new travel trailer to Paso Robles, California in April for some wine tasting and to Bishop in May where they enjoyed the annual Bishop Mule Days events and the Laws Train Museum.



*Nita & Chuck – Paso Robles, California – April 2011*



*Mule Days – Bishop, California – May 2011*

During the month of June **Carol Ladewig** is exhibiting her paintings at various locations in the San Francisco/Oakland area. Check Carol's website for details at <http://carolladewig.com/home.html>



*Terry "Jimmie" Roth and Rachel "Cher" Pille Roth*



*Terry and Rachel*

In February **Rachel Pille** Roth and her husband, Terry, rocked out at the Happy Hippie dinner party in Queen Valley, Arizona. In case you couldn't guess by their costumes, Terry went as Jimi Hendrix, and Rachel, Cher Bono. Looks like they had a groovy time! At the end of March Rachel and Terry headed to Georgia to visit Rachel's daughters and their families and while there, attended one of the practice days at the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta.

Avid snorkelers, **Mary Eagle** O'Flynn and her husband, Ed, spent 10 fun-filled days in Maui last month. Each day they snorkeled at different locations including Lahaina, Wailea, Haleakala and Hana. They also visited the Lava Fields then sailed to Lanai on the Trilogy and to Molokini aboard the Alii Nui. Near the end of their trip they enjoyed scuba diving and snorkeling at Honolua Bay. Every May they stay at their condo in Kaanapali and always take friends or family with them.

**Henry Segura** has been painting freehand since 1950, specializing in pinstriping cars and motorcycles. His work has been featured in Hot Bike Baggers magazine. Here's a link to Henry's website: <http://www.henrysegura.com>



*Mary Eagle O'Flynn & Ed at their condo in Maui*



*Henry Segura at work*

## Illnesses, etc...

Several of our classmates are struggling with various health problems and appreciate our continuing positive thoughts and prayers. Others have overcome health challenges and are now leading a more normal life.

If someone knows of an alumnus who is ill or who has overcome health problems, please let me know.

## In Memoriam

The past year has been a difficult one because we have lost some of our former classmates. Gone, but not forgotten, they will remain in our hearts and minds forever. **Janice Quick** Ashborn has been able to find contact information for several classmates who were listed as missing. She found that some others on the list, sadly, are now deceased.

Newly added to the following "In Memoriam" list is Jerome Pollack, who was killed six years ago in an auto accident when he and Sally, his wife of 39 years, were on their way home. Jerome was retired Air Force with a Masters degree in education. He and Sally lived in Pahrump, Nevada. Also added to the list are Hazel Jordan Miranda, who passed away in March, Muriel Elaine Lathrop, who died 11 years ago, Janet (Jane) Kunkle, who passed in 2001, Phil Rix, who died 10 years ago, and Leslie Long, date of death unknown.

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 MacDermott	Ray Nakama
Gary Pollard	Kenneth White	Geraldine Diaz Kinsey
Keith Hunt	Kenn Crafton	Harry Kimura
Mary Arbuckle	DonRay Logan	Les Frieberg
Billy Estrada	Joe Contreras	Joseph Mora Jr.
Henry Pedroza	Ronald Dunkle	Regina Johnson Nash
Mike Walters	Mary Ann Connor	Darwyn Freed
Laurie Wittich Taft	Oren Putnam	Dennis Prober
Christine Kekos Smithhart	Melvina Andrieux	Carol Turner Seiverson
Neal Sparks	Paulette Waltz McMurtrey	Doug Morris
William McKenzie	Frank Moreno	Karol Ruffing White
Mike Rawlings	Richard Romero	Barbara Hawley Hartley
Carolyn Warfield Justice	Nancy Stewart	Linda Beavers Ponce
Norma Rust	Muriel Elaine Lathrop	Leslie Long
Jane Kunkle	Jerome Pollock	Phil Rix
Hazel Jordan Miranda	Tom Campbell	

Thanks to all of you for supporting our newsletter by sending in your personal stories, bios, completed questionnaires, information about class of '61 events and news of your retirement, vacations, activities, health, etc. If it weren't for you, there would be no newsletter, so thanks again and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Please email news and photos to [cheryl.tango@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.tango@gmail.com) and address changes to [okayjan@hotmail.com](mailto:okayjan@hotmail.com)

*Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)*

You can view all of our newsletters at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/newsletters.html>

DO YOU KNOW WHERE ANY OF THESE ALUMNI ARE?

PLEASE INCLUDE ADDRESSES, EMAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS

THANK YOU FOR ANY ASSISTANCE. **THERE HAVE BEEN MORE ADDED SINCE LAST ISSUE!**

EMAIL Janice Quick Ashborn at okayjan@hotmail.com or PHONE Janice at 619-466-7949

**SPECIAL NOTE: With our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion coming up we want everyone to attend, so we really need your help in locating the following classmates. Please notify Janice ASAP if you have information as to how we might find any person on the list. Thank you.**

Carmen	Agnew			Dorothy	Lake	
Delores	Alonzo			Robert	Lee	
Anne	Alvarez			Patricia	Lenschmidt	
Larry	Bailey			Elvira	Lopez	
Charlette	Barnes			Paul	Malenfant	
Charles	Brewer			Olivia	Mardis	
Larry	Brown			George	Marquez	
Diane	Burns			Josephine	Martinez	
Harriet	Bush			Jack	Mertz	
James	Butcher			Elizabeth	Nicholson	
Gary	Campbell			David	Nunez	
Susan	Chambers			Melody	O'Brien	
Lucy	Chavira			Janet	Parker	
Marie	Chavira			Judith	Peterson	
Ray	Chavira			John	Powell	
Kenneth	Clement			Gary	Pritchard	
Herbert	Cross			James	Railey	
Richard	Davolos			Herbert	Reynolds	
Joann	Duke			Albert	Rocha	
Sheila	Dunlap			Elizabeth	Romero	
Ruth	Eckes			Craig	Shepard	
James	Engel			Judith	Smith	
Roberta	Fike			Delores	Soto	
Patricia	Fox			Sharon	Stroika	
Eloise	Garcia	Flannery		Gail	Stuart	
Barby Dee	Gibson			Hedwig	Szatmari	
John	Gilbert			Phyllis	Tom	
Pauline	Glaviano			Susie	Torrence	
Rita	Gonzalez			Virginia	Vukovich	
Judith	Guerro			Donae	Ware	Fuchs
Mary	Guzman			Linda	Webb	
John	Haile			Sandra	Webb	
Peggy G.	Harold			Bob	Weijeland	
Robert	Hooper			James	White	
Joann	Harrell			Charlotte	Wilson	Williams
Peggy Lynn	Hendrickson			Pamela	Wise	
Jerry	Jarett			Elizabeth	Woods	
Kathlene	Jarett	Roach		Carolyn	Worthey	
Carol	Kirsch					
Bob	Klassen					