

NEWSLETTER



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Kiowa Class of 1961

July 2008

General Information

Welcome to issue #8 of our newsletter. Again, thanks to everyone who provided alumni information and updates so that we would have something to write about. We hope to continue emailing the newsletter monthly rather than quarterly, so keep those stories and information coming. Photos would be great too.

If you have anything you'd like to include in the next newsletter, please email the info to me at rainymail@yahoo.com or mail to Cheryl Dillard, PO Box 2413, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. You may also phone me at 503-781-2658 or fax the info to 503-214-6316.

If you have changed your 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@cox.net and her mailing address is 8670 Robles Dr., San Diego, CA 92119.

Kiowa Spotlight

Burt Franks is featured this month.

Happenings

Richard McDowell and his wife, Barbara, of Carlsbad, California are hosting a Kiowa Class of '61 golf tournament in either September or October. Tentatively the golf outing will be held at Warner Springs Ranch. We'll let you know as soon as the dates and golf course have been finalized.

Remember, you gals are invited as well as spouses. And you don't have to play golf to share in the fun. Just bring your cowboy boots, swimsuit and shorts because there's plenty to do at Warner Springs Ranch including horseback riding, hiking, tennis, bicycling, volleyball, swimming and relaxing in the mineral hot springs.. Click here for more info: <http://www.warnersprings.com/index.cfm>

From Azusa High

The **ALL CLASS REUNION (1959-1969)** reunion will take place on October 18 at the Etiwanda Gardens in Etiwanda, California near Ontario and the cost will be \$60.00 per person until August 15. Make your check payable to Azusa HS 60's Class Reunion and mail it to Azusa High 60's Class Reunion, 147 W. Route 66, P.M.B. 104, Glendora, CA 91740 Be sure to write the year that you graduated on your check.

For more information about the reunion visit: <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/events.html>

A reminder from **Corky Warfield** Justice that the registration fee for the reunion is **\$60.00 until August 15**. Starting **August 16** the fee jumps to **\$70.00**. Also, the **Ayres Hotel** is giving us a discounted rate of **\$99.00 per night until September 26** when it increases to the "going" rate.

Important: If you want to protect your privacy, be sure to write your initials next to the 'DO NOT provide my name and address to the AHS Aztec Alumni Association' at the bottom right hand corner of the form on the reunion brochure. That information is being collected by the Azusa High Alumni Association for their database and may be used for solicitation purposes. To register for the reunion, you need only provide your full name (include maiden name if applicable) and the year you graduated.

For info on Azusa High School events and activities visit: www.azusausd.k12.ca.us/schools/5AHSAlumniPage.htm.

Special Reports

Please take time to read the following day-in-the-life-of story submitted by **Kay Winburn Seale**, class of 1961 alumnus, where she so poignantly describes what it's like to volunteer at The Vietnam Wall replica, a traveling exhibit honoring those soldiers who are MIA or have lost their lives in the Viet Nam War. To read the rest of the story click on the link following the excerpt.

Vietnam Wall Memorial, July 20, 2008

Written by **Kay Winburn Seale**

"I just finished my four-hour shift at 'The Vietnam Wall.' I was there from 7:30-12:00... Yesterday, I found out that my 'reader position' (to read names on the Wall) had been changed to a 'Tent volunteer.' As a Tent volunteer, I helped guide people and give them information about the Wall. You can bet that after four hours of learning all about its history and how to find what I was looking for, I'm quite an official now. However, I did get to read names for 20 minutes and appreciated that very much. The 58,256 names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice will be read throughout the three days the Wall will be open to visitors..." To read more click here:

http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/kay_wall.pdf

The above story has been posted to our website at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com>. Be sure to bookmark the page and visit the website often because it's updated frequently. The site was created so that alumni news and information can be found at one location. Here you'll be able to access past newsletters, alumni bios, completed questionnaires, digitized yearbooks, links to alumni blogs and websites, reunion photos, alumni events and much more

If you haven't completed your questionnaire please do so and send it to me so that I can add it to the website. Also, if you have a blog or a website of your own that you'd like to share with our alumni, just send me a link and I'll add it to the site. Once again, my email address is rainymail@yahoo.com

***Send me a story and I'll put it in this section.**

Illnesses, etc...

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Neal Sparks** who is courageously battling lung cancer. You may contact him at mrrr@airmail.net

If someone knows of an alumnus 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.

Amelia Luna Alperin's email address is womcaa@aol.com

Joel Dethlef's correct email address is geridee1@yahoo.com

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News Updates

Walt Ashborn and **Janice Quick** Ashborn are having a great time touring the U.S.A. in their motor home. Look for their travel story in the August newsletter.

Helen (Pinky) Elias Robinson and her husband, Gerry, are on an eight-day Alaskan cruise, then they will travel by train to see places in Alaska Gerry has always talked about. He was in the army and stationed in Alaska for three years

Bob O'Connor and his wife, Patty are planning a trip to Washington DC and Williamsburg in late August through early September. In June they stayed in Palm Desert for a week and dined with **Roger Whiteley** and his wife, Rosa, at the Hogs Breath in La Quinta, which is associated with the famous Hogs Breath in Monterey that Clint Eastwood used to own. Bob and Roger played a couple rounds of golf and shot in the nineties.

Joanne Srack Mead recently returned from a two-week European vacation. Read her report here: http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/JoanneMead_Europe_vacation.pdf

In July I (**Cheryl Burlingame** Dillard) took a much-needed mini-vacation to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Read about my trip here: http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/Cheryl_Santa_Fe.pdf

Till Huhns, our former foreign exchange student, is a college professor and lives in Germany. Be sure to see his completed questionnaire at http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Questionnaires/Till_Huhns_Q.pdf

After working at Driftwood Dairy for 25 ½ years **Sharon Turner** Zamagni retired on June 20 and is "ready to do nothing for a while."

In Memoriam

You, dear readers, have to be the ones 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 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

Many of you are taking fun vacations this summer that our alumni would enjoy reading about. If you would like your travel story and photos to be included in our next newsletter, please email them to me at rainymail@yahoo.com ASAP.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)

Spotlight on Burt Franks

Life after Azusa High School

After graduating high school Burt Franks attended Citrus Junior College and Mt. San Antonio College where he majored in Police Science.

Work

Burt began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and was in the Police academy when the Watts riots broke out. Shortly after he was joined by two of our former classmates, Tom Johnson and Steve Dobrick.



Burt and Carol at AHS 45th Reunion

Burt's first area of assignment was in East Los Angeles where the main problems were gangs, burglaries, and lots of drugs. His next area of assignment took him to South Central Los Angeles in the 77th Division, which included Watts. This was the busiest area in the city of Los Angeles. 77th Station led the entire city in homicides year after year plus every other type of crime you could think of.

After three years in 77th Burt returned to the east side and was again transferred back to South Central where he worked vice -- prostitutes, gamblers and Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) violations and sat in bars drinking on Secret Service funds.

In 1978 Burt was transferred to Hollywood Division where he continued working a radio car but also worked the Hollywood Blvd. Footbeat. As Burt put it, "Hollywood is a very unique area. Lots of pimps, prostitutes (male and female), lots of drugs and runaway teens. There's probably is no other place in the world like Hollywood, good or bad." His longest vehicular pursuit was 20-25 miles in length and ended at the Pacific Ocean (Sunset Blvd/Pacific Coast Highway) and yes, he did get his man.

He worked several off-duty jobs his entire time on the LAPD but his favorite was working at filming locations for the motion picture studios. "I wore my LAPD police uniform and rode a police motorcycle. We worked traffic control, which can get out of control very quickly. When I first started I worked on the sets of *Moonlighting* and *Highway to Heaven*. I have probably worked several hundred movies, TV shows and commercials."

Burt retired from LAPD in 1992 but continued working for the studios.

Play

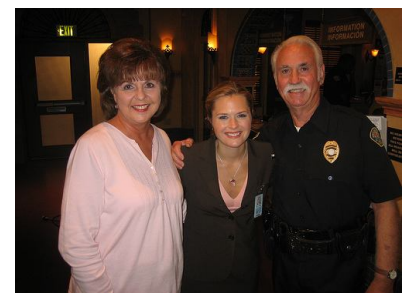
In the early '80s Burt became interested in off-roading, building his own dune buggy and spending time on the sand in Glamis and Pismo beach. Other hobbies now include fresh water fishing, woodworking and genealogy.



Sierra Nevada Home

In 1993 Burt and his wife of 46 years, Carol, purchased a lot in the Sierra Nevada mountains, located approximately one hour south of Mammoth Lakes. They started construction the summer of 1994. "It is a beautiful 1800 sq ft mountain home, elevation 8500 ft, great water, clean air and a zillion stars every night. There are three beautiful lakes surrounded by granite boulders less than 20 minutes away. This area is known for its fishing but is also popular with backpackers and hikers. We moved up there full time in 2004 and during our first winter we had 17' of snow. We used to enjoy camping until a bear came into our camp and raided our ice chest. Needless to say we do not tent camp anymore."

Burt and Carol have been to Hawaii and twice to the Southeastern United States where they discovered some great BBQ Joints, Civil War Battlefields and Graceland in Memphis Tennessee. They flew to Nashville, drove to Savannah, Georgia, Charleston North Carolina and the Outer Banks Island. "We visited Kitty Hawk N.C. where Wilbur and Orville Wright flew for the first time in 1903. What an amazing feat. Made us proud to be Americans." Last year they flew to Vancouver B.C. to see son, Steve, direct the first episode of his TV show *Psych*, which airs on the USA network.



Psych Set

Burt and Carol live near San Diego to be close to their children and grandchildren who live in Palm Desert and Huntington Beach.

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!

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Melvina	Andrieux			Robert	Lee	
Julianna	Ardelean	Parker		Leslie	Long	
Roberta	Armstrong			Elvira	Lopez	
Kathy	Arnold	Houlthouser		Glenda	Majors	
Larry	Bailey			Paul	Malenfant	
Linda	Beavers	Ponce		Janice	Mann	
Jeanne	Becker			Olivia	Mardis	
William	Behounek			George	Marquez	
Carol	Brown			Dennis	Miller	
Diane	Burns			Mary	Monson	
Harriet	Bush			Judith	Morski	
James	Butcher			Deanne	Noriega	
Carolyn	Caldwell	Bolda		Patricia	Paquette	
Gary	Campbell			Janet	Parker	
Tom	Campbell			Dianne	Peplin	
Joan	Carson			Durwood	Poff	
Susan	Chambers			Jerome	Pollock	
Lucy	Chavira			Bert	Putsey	
Marie	Chavira			James	Ralley	
Donna	Coholough	Flemens		Herbert	Reynolds	
Herbert	Cross			Phil	Rix	
Marion	Cullimore			Albert	Rocha	
Richard	Davolos			Richard	Romero	
Judy	Deanes			Norma	Rust	
Lorraine	Defosses			Janet	Schnute	
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Joann	Duke			Judith	Smith	
Sheila	Dunlap			Sharon	Stroika	
Morris	Dye			Eleanor	Sutherland	
Ruth	Eckes			Hedwig	Szatmari	
Carrie	Farrell			Shirley	Thorgerson	
Roberta	Fike			Phyllis	Tom	
Virginia	Flewell			Susie	Torrence	
Bill	Foss			Sharon	Treat	
Joy	Gammill	Zelvitz		Carol	Turner	Seiverson
Sheila	Garver			Darlene	Villar	
Donnarose	Gates			Virginia	Vukovich	
Barby	Gibson			Johnny	Watley	
Mary	Guzman			James	Weber	
John	Haile			Linda	Werner	
Irene	Helgrud			Charlotte	Wilson	
Peggy	Hofold			Pamela	Wise	

Robert	Hooper			Elizabeth	Woods	
Joann	Harrell			Carolyn	Worthey	
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Kathlene	Jarrett					
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Isabelle	Kelly					
Carol	Kirsch					
Bob	Klassen					
Claudia	Knight					
Jane	Kunkle					
Alice	Konopasek					