

# AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS Kiowa Class of 1961

## **General Information.**

This is the first of many Newsletters your reunion committee will be sending to you. Janice Ashborn is the "point man" where all your contact information should be sent. Her email is <u>okayjan@cox.net</u> and her street address is 8670 Robles Dr, San Diego, CA 92119. <u>Be sure to include your email address</u>. Anything else can come directly to me for inclusion in this newsletter. Just email me info at <u>settledgal@juno.com</u> 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. I don't know how often the newsletter will be sent so let us try it for one year and we shall see how often things come up that we all need to know. To those I have snail-mailed this to: if you have an email, PLEASE let us know what it is.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

Okay, so nothing on this at this time. But this is where information will show up as plans are made.

## Happenings.

I understand that some of you are hoping to plan events for us to get together other than the next reunion. Please let me know about any alumni meetings, golf tournaments, any get-togethers (like the yearly picnic for all classes if they continue to have them). I will contact the AHS office to have them feed me info on Homecomings, special basketball games, etc.

**Golf Tournament** – Jeff Eby is putting together a golf tournament on Monday, January 22 at The Trilogy Golf Club at Glen Ivy. The first tee time is set for 10:00 a.m. The cost will be \$75 and you don't even have to be a handicap golfer. Just let him know what you usually shoot in 18 holes and send him the money before January 8, 2007. His address is 24027 Augusta Drive, Corona, CA 92883. 951-277-9493. Oh – ladies, we are invited to join so I hope to see many of you there!

#### Special Reports.

AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

#### Hi everyone,

Bob and I were able to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Azusa High School held November 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>. Carol (Justice) & Tommy Roberts stayed at the same motel we did and we buddied up for the festivities.

Friday night was the Homecoming game held at Citrus College. Our opponent was La Puente High School who we beat 33 - 14. They had some pretty good-sized players, but our team was definitely swifter & more agile than they were. It was a great game. Before the game, there was a parade of the different activity groups (football, choir, pageantry, cheer leaders, homecoming queens, band, teachers, etc) consisting of alumni and current members. Half time was exceptional with an award winning performance depicting four different areas of the world.

The stands were packed and we saw a good number of alumni that we recognized, from '59 – '61. Just to mention a few: Ginny Humphries, Pam Akin, Brenda Tate, Katina Gaglios, Sharon Ragan, Glen Scott & wife Sherry, Jim Samola & wife, John Samola, Nancy Barta & hubby, Ed Cheney, Amelia Luna, Al LaPore, Betty Horn, Lynn & Rachel Pille, Jeff Eby, Louie Mason & wife, Tony Garcia and many more. I don't recall everyone that we saw.

Saturday during the day, we went to the campus and met up with more classmates, saw a slide show from pictures that had amassed over the years, had lunch at the In N Out Burger truck, and roamed the campus. As most of you know the

"Senior Lawn" is no longer in existence, the "Senior" multi-purpose room is a cafeteria, and it is a closed campus. Not like when we were there to keep kids IN so we wouldn't ditch in the afternoon, but to keep problems OUT. The choir room is still in the same place and they had some tables set up with different memorabilia. Also, I like to send special thanks to Pam Akin Dalton for setting up a table with pictures and newspaper articles as far back as Slausen Jr Hi, with a sign up sheet if anyone wanted copies of anything on display. Pam, thank you.

Then Saturday night, we attended the dance at the VFW Hall. They had a full house. There were three bands consisting of prior AHS alumni that played throughout the night. When we walked in the first person I recognized, taking tickets was Cookie Lujan sporting her great welcoming smile. As the night went on we saw Cookie Fidak and her sister Judy (one of the twins), John Fidak, and Nita and Chuck Hardin, and most of the crew from Friday night. As it turned out, we were pleasantly surprised to receive an invitation to Georgine (White) and husband's house to join them and other alumni. A group of us accepted the invitation (another chance to see more of our classmates).

When we arrived, we joined Carol (Young) & Jack Frye, Sheryl Moody & hubby, Sue (Weatherwax) & Tommy Maxwell, Ron White, and several more from the group listed above. I'd like to thank Georgine and her hubby for inviting all of us; it was very gracious of them to share their home and friends with us.

In closing I'd like to say, that it seemed a great time was had by all. Mike Larsen and "company" did a fantastic job of putting together a great tribute to Azusa High School.

Submitted by Corky Warfield Justice

If I could get others to email me items, I can put them in here easily.

#### Illnesses.

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 <u>okayjan@cox.net</u>. She will let me know and I shall put the changes here.

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#### 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.)

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#### 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 Theresa Asbury Bence Kenneth MacDermott Ray Nakama Gary Pollard Kenneth White Geraldine Diaz Kinsey

#### **Special Personal Events.**

You also need to be the ones to let me know about the below items. Just email me at <u>settledgal@juno.com</u>. Or call or write.....

Anniversaries, marriages, divorces, etc. Birthdays Special trips Newly arrived grand/great grandchildren Retirements Anything else you want mentioned.

Have a great holiday season and I am looking forward to hearing from you!