

NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS
Kiowa Class of 1961

January/February 2009

General Information

Welcome to issue #12 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 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. You can view newsletters, bios, event information and photos at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com>

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

Pam Schwab Huffstutter is featured this month.

Happenings

The Azusa High Class of 1961 Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday May 24 at Desert Willow Country Club in Palm Desert, Ca. To see the resort go to <http://www.desertwillow.com> The cost will be \$95 and will include a luncheon afterwards. Please let one of the following Richards know as soon as possible if you will be attending so he can reserve your spot. Contact Richard Montes at 626 334-6195 or rmontes7@verizon.net or contact Richard Rubio at 626 334-3751 or azusa61@yahoo.com **Please mail your \$95 golf fee to Richard Rubio at 1012 N. Old Mill Rd, Azusa, Ca 91702.** The luncheon after the golf tournament is open to non-golfers for a small fee. Richard and Richard would love to have everyone participate even if they don't play golf. The two Richards will be hosting an open house on Saturday May 23 at a location to be determined and announced later, This is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

If you don't play golf, there is plenty to see and do in and around Palm Desert. For instance, you can visit the Living Desert Museum, get some fabulous bargains at the weekend Street Fair, browse the shops and art galleries along famous El Paseo Drive, catch a flick at the Cinémas Palme D'Or, visit the Palm Springs Art Museum or just hang out at the pool and sip Arnold Palmers (there are several pools in Palm Desert).. You can also walk along the trails at Indian Canyons or Tahquitz Canyon near Palm Springs or drive through beautiful Joshua Tree National Monument. On the way you can stop at the music community of Pioneertown where old westerns were once filmed. Also, you can take the tram to the top of San Jacinto Mountain where you can enjoy a great lunch and an easy hike along one of the many trails. The quaint arts community of Idyllwild is also a short drive from Palm Desert. Good restaurants are plentiful in the area-- ask our classmate and Palm Desert resident **Roger Whiteley** for some suggestions.

From Azusa High

To view photos of the October All Class Reunion, click on the following link:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/azusahighreunion2008/sets/>

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

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.

Here are new email addresses for the following alumni:

Rachel Pille Roth: QVDaisyMae@gmail.com
Donnarose Gates Ilecki: jilecki41@wildblue.net
Frank Moreno and **Jessie Balandran** Moreno: bmasphalt@verizon.net
Nancy Webster Ax: nancyax@aol.com
Carolyn "Carrie" Caldwell Bolda: pcskimom@hotmail.com
Yolanda Ramos Chittum: chitt1@live.com

Thanks again to Patti Lovvorn, class of 1966, and to **Corky Warfield** Justice who have been using their detective skills to locate our missing alumni. Our missing alumni" list is smaller now thanks to their hard work.

News Updates

On Valentine's Day **Rachel Pille** became Mrs. Terry Roth at a small wedding ceremony near Scottsdale, Arizona. Congratulations Rachel and Terry!

In February **Corky Warfield** Justice and hubby Bob Justice (class of 1960) enjoyed their vacation ownership resorts at Bass Lake, California and Indio, California. To read about their trips go to <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/bios.html> and click on **February Trips** under Alumni Stories.

Larry Brockman who lives in Melbourne, Australia describes in an email the devastating wildfires that came too close for comfort. To read his email and see photos of the fire go to <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/bios.html> and click on **Australia Wildfires** under Alumni Stories.

On February 15 **Don Funk** and his wife, Uta, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with their daughters. They all enjoyed a wonderful brunch and great views at the Orange Hill restaurant off Chapman Ave in Orange. Their youngest daughter, now 41, drove Don and Uta to the restaurant in her fancy van while the happy couple watched DVDs, listened to music and sipped champagne to and from brunch. Congratulations Don and Uta!

Kay Winburn Seale and her husband, Richard, just returned from a South America/Antarctic cruise around Cape Horn. To read her journal (with photos of the trip) go to <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/bios.html> and click on **Antarctic Cruise** under Alumni Stories.

Russ Akin and his wife, Valerie, moved to Oregon in 1972 because it's a great place to raise kids. Avid snowmobilers, they head to their cabin whenever it snows and this year it's been often.

Carolyn "Carrie" Caldwell Bolda lives in Lehi, Utah with her husband of 33 years, David, and she works at an endodontics office in Salt Lake City. She has seven children and 16 grandchildren. In December David was diagnosed with Stage 4 inoperable and incurable cancer so she can use our prayers right now.

Nancy Webster Ax and her husband spent 25 years in Colorado before retiring to Venice, Florida in 2004. She has a Real Estate license, but with the market being so slow she has a lot of leisure time. Her daughter is a PhD School Psychologist living in NYC and Nancy and her husband like to visit her often.

Sandy Evans Smith is taking a 24-day cruise that starts in Venice May 6 and ends in Barcelona May 30.

Walt Ashborn and **Janice Quick** Ashborn start their annual RV road trip April 28 and plan to be traveling for two months. This time they're visiting Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. They just returned from a three day trip to Las Vegas and a visit to their daughter's home near the Colorado River. Janice recently retired and is enjoying every minute of it.

Tom Johnson and wife Kay travel to Orange County about once a month from their home in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. They enjoy visiting with daughters and grandkids along with friends in Southern California. Recently during the five days they were in OC in early March they attended a T-Ball game for three and four year olds, basketball playoff game for first and second graders, a Little League game for 7 and 8 year olds, grandparents day at a preschool, played with their two year old twin grandbabies and played games with their five year old granddaughter. Tom plans to attend a mini-reunion for the 1st Battalion 9th Marine Division in Laughlin, Nevada during mid March.

Illnesses, etc...

In December **Richard (Jimmy) Rozance** underwent open heart surgery and was hospitalized for over three months due to complications. It was touch and go for a while, but our prayers must be working because he's doing much better and is expected to make a full recovery.

Paulette Waltz McMurtrey, is putting up a courageous battle against stage 4 lung cancer. She was diagnosed a year ago, in April, 2008. Paulette has a great determination to beat this disease with wonderful support from family and friends and a belief that whatever is to happen is God's will. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at 939 W. Cypress Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773. Please remember her in your prayers.

Our deepest sympathy to **Sally Trujillo** Hickman, whose husband, Sam Hickman, passed away in February after a brief battle with cancer.

Neal Sparks, is still bravely battling lung cancer. You may contact him at mrsrrsparks@aol.com or (214) 668-4934. His mailing address is 3912 Harriman, Los Angeles, CA 90032. To read Neal's bio click on the following link: http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Bios/Neal_Sparks_bio.pdf

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

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
Christine Kekos	Melvina Andrieux	Carol Turner Seiverson

Many of you have taken fun vacations 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)

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

Spotlight on Pam Schwab Huffstutter

Life after Azusa High School

After leaving Azusa High School, Pam attended Citrus Junior College and received an AA degree. A month later she started working as a secretary for Aerojet. In 1965 she married Bill Huffstutter - class of 1959, the same year he graduated with his teaching credential. They lived in Japan for three years where Bill was stationed in the Air Force. They were able to travel all over the Orient and that is where Pam developed a love for traveling. They returned back to the States to live in Orange County for 26 years where they raised their two children. While Pam worked, she was active in PTA at both kids' schools and was a Girl Scout leader. For the past 13 years they have been living in Bakersfield and enjoy living on an 8 acre lake with their 12 foot boat, towering pine trees, mallards, and squirrels which reminds them of a mountain resort. Pam retired 5 months ago and loves her new life.



Bill and Pam at home in Bakersfield, California

Work

In 1967 Pam joined Bill in Japan where they lived for over 3 years on an Air Force hospital base that provided temporary treatment for wounded military coming back from Vietnam. While Bill worked in hospital administration, Pam worked in the Headquarters Building as secretary to the Deputy Commander for Operations and Deputy Commander for Services who provided support to over 35,000 U.S. military and dependents in the Tokyo Metropolitan area. They lived in a Japanese paddy house for part of the time and on the weekends they worked with Japanese teachers of English helping them prepare audio tapes for their school classes. One of their highlights while there was a visit from our classmate, Ken MacDermott, who was stationed in Vietnam and traveling on R & R in the Tokyo area. While in Japan they climbed Mt Fuji, rode the bullet train, visited Hiroshima, and did as much and saw as much of Japan as they possibly could. They also took trips to other countries – Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, and to Thailand to see Pam's brother, Dave Schwab, Class of 1964, who was stationed there in the Army.



*Pam enjoying green tea and rice cookies
Shikoko Island, Japan – Japanese hotel room*

Upon returning to the States, Pam enjoyed working at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station as secretary to the Deputy Director of Supply Dept. She took a break to stay home with two babies and then she worked 15 years for an Orange County School District. One Christmas she was in the office and a school district board member walked in who was playing Santa Claus. He took off his beard and it was Marvin Stewart, our Science teacher and coach from Azusa High – he was our youngest and cutest teacher on campus. She enjoyed talking to him and, yes, he still is great looking!! Pam worked 13 more years as a secretary at a Bakersfield School District and then retired after 28 years with the school system.

Family

Pam and Bill have a close woven family. They each have one sibling, and Pam's brother, Dave Schwab – class of 64 married Bill's sister, Kathy Huffstutter – class of 66, who live in Washington State.



Pam and Bill with kids and grandkids – 2008

Pam and Bill have two children. Their son Randy and his wife are both aerospace engineers and live in Torrance with their two children. Their daughter Robin has a Masters in linguistics and works for a legal research company in San Francisco. Every year Pam's and Bill's family have a family reunion with their brother and sister and their kids and grandkids

Play

Pam's favorite past times include working in the garden, attending live concerts at Buck Owens Crystal Palace, square dancing, traveling, and eating Japanese food such as sushi once a week. They have square danced for 20 years and now enjoy square dancing all over Kern County and the state of California.



Pam & Bill – Cancun, Mexico



*Pam & Bill - square dance at
Lake Isabella, California*

Pam still loves traveling and some of her favorite places they vacationed with their kids include Mammoth, Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, house boating on Lake Powell, and 22-day motor home trip across the U.S. They took a 16-day trip through Central Europe (Germany, Poland, Hungary, Austria and Czech Republic) where they visited their daughter who was in the Peace Corps for 2 years teaching English in a high school in Poland. They saw such historic treasures as remnants of the Berlin Wall and Auschwitz Concentration Camp. They continue traveling now with different friends. Some of Pam's more recent favorite trips are Washington D.C.; Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; St. Croix; Trinidad & Tobago (where she learned to scuba dive); Cancun; Victoria, Canada; and the Hawaiian Islands.

Now that they are retired, they plan to spend more time with their grandkids, square dance as often as possible, and they have already planned four trips for this year.

You can read Pam's bio and all previous alumni bios anytime at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/bios.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!

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Josephine	Acero			Muriel	Lathrop	
Julianna	Ardelean	Parker		Robert	Lee	
Roberta	Armstrong			Leslie	Long	
Kathy	Arnold	Houlthouser		Elvira	Lopez	
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	
Gary	Campbell			Patricia	Paquette	
Tom	Campbell			Janet	Parker	
Joan	Carson			Jerome	Pollock	
Susan	Chambers			Bert	Putsey	
Lucy	Chavira			James	Ralley	
Marie	Chavira			Herbert	Reynolds	
Donna	Coholough	Flemens		Phil	Rix	
Herbert	Cross			Albert	Rocha	
Richard	Davolos			Richard	Romero	
Judy	Deanes			Norma	Rust	
Lorraine	Defosses			Janet	Schnute	
Eleanore	Dominguez			Mary	Sever	
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	
Peggy	Hofold			Charlotte	Wilson	
Robert	Hooper			Pamela	Wise	
Joann	Harrell			Elizabeth	Woods	

