

NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS
Kiowa Class of 1961

April 2008

General Information

Welcome to issue #5 of our newsletter. First of all, 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.

Joanne Srack Mead and I tackled the time-consuming, but fun job of calling every name in our alumni data base to update contact information. We made a big dent, however, too many of the phone numbers and addresses were wrong so we are asking for your help. **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

Carolyn (Corky) Warfield Justice is featured this month.

Happenings

Richard McDowell and his wife, Barbara, of Carlsbad, California are hosting a Kiowa Class of '61 golf tournament in October. We'll let you know as soon as the dates and golf course have been finalized. It will probably take place around the same time as the ALL CLASS REUNION so that alumni traveling from out of town can attend both events.

Remember, you gals are invited as well as spouses. And you don't have to play golf to share in the fun because there is plenty to do in the Carlsbad-North San Diego County area.

Regina (Gina) Johnson Nash is deceased, but her husband, Bill Nash of Baldwin Park, knew many of you in high school when he was dating Gina and would love to hear from you. He's inviting our class to the Baldwin Park High School Cal Rods Car Club annual picnic on the first Sunday in May. You are all welcome to bring your treasured vehicles and park them in the lot for "Show and Tell." You can reach Bill at bnash@uia.net for details.

From Azusa High

There will be an **ALL CLASS REUNION (1959-1969)** on October 25 in Azusa that will coordinate with high school homecoming activities on October 24. The reunion committee will be sending out a special announcement with detailed information soon. This should be a fun event. I hope you can make it..

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

Special Reports

April 21, 2008 **Roger Whiteley** held a Kiowa Class of '61 golf tournament at the Shadow Hills course in Indio, California. The course proved to be a challenge for the men, however the women's team thought it was a piece of cake and ended up walking away with the first place trophy. **Nita Matthews Hardin** was caught between two sand traps when she announced that she was going to lay-up and instead ended up on the green. Good strategy, Nita! **Roger Whiteley** inched out 1st place team winner, Sally Mason (**Louie Mason's** wife), for the longest drive of the day while **Louie Mason's** team finished last---mumbling something about putter envy and performance anxiety. Bob O'Connor won a prize for having the most color-coordinated golf outfit. He may have come in 3rd, but he looked good.



*Kiowa Class of 1961 Alumni
Palm Desert – April 20, 2008*

The day before the tournament golfers and non-golfers gathered around the Whiteley's salt water swimming pool in Palm Desert and munched on Rosa's tasty tostadas and appetizers while a few brave ones tossed down **Richard Montes'** famous tequila shooters. We passed around Roger's yearbooks and reminisced about our days at Azusa High. With his arm around **Sonny Rau's** shoulder, **Richard Montes** gave a teary-eyed toast saying how lucky we are to have such an active class and how fortunate we are that we all enjoy each other's company so much. *Right on!*



Louie Mason



Richard Montes & Fred Aguirre



Mike Rawlings

Monday morning turned out to be ideal golf weather in the desert. Warm, but not hot, with a slight breeze. As usual the skill levels on the golf course ran from "really bad" to "really good." Unfortunately, I was in the first group. **Roger Whiteley** kept telling me it didn't matter how well I played—that the focus of the tournament was on getting together and having fun (easy for him to say since he played a good game, even with a bent putter). It really was a lot of fun and as **Richard Montes** poignantly said, "This is what it is all about, friends with friends having a great time."

Now for the news you've been waiting for. The tournament winners are as follows:

1st place team: **Nita Matthews** Hardin/Sally Mason/Cathy Eby/Rose Montes

2nd place team: **Jeff Eby/Richard Montes/Fred Aguirre**

3rd place tie: **Tom Roberts/Jim Jernigan/Richard McDowell/Bob O'Connor** and **Butch Lightfoot/Bill Reeves/Richard Rubio/Joe Martinez**

4th place team: **Mike Rawlings/Sonny Rau/Cheryl Dillard/Roger Whiteley**

5th place team: **Louie Mason/David Hartley/Chuck Hardin**



*1st Place Team – left to right - Sallie Mason,
Cathy Eby, Rose Montes, Nita Matthews-Hardin*

The trophy is being held by **Nita Matthews** Hardin until the next golf tournament in October, since Nita is the only woman on the team who attended Azusa High School. Currently the trophy is touring the country with Nita and Chuck.

Others who attended the golf outing were **Barbara Hawley** Hartley, Patti O'Connor, Barbara McDowell, Joy Rubio, **Neal Sparks** and Joan Sparks, **Norma Steeve** Calvi, Mary Lightfoot, **Joanne Srack** Mead, and **Carol Roberts**.

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

Illnesses, etc...

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Neal Sparks** who is battling lung cancer.

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.

Corbin Hensley's email address is corbinhensley@msn.com

Larry Kupillas' email address is yiwenjinkupillas@hotmail.com

Pat Key Hedding's address is 15026 N. Chesapeake, Mead, WA 99021 and her email address is countrybuddies@comcast.net

Ethel de Graaf's email address is honeill@att.net

News Updates

Larry Kupillas and his wife, Yiwen, are expecting their first child in September

Pat Key-Hedding has been married 46 years and has 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren

Marcia Hill is a registrar for vintage and open wheel car races

Ethel de Graaf is semi-retired and enjoys stenciling, tole painting, and her husband of 44 years, Eugene

Ginger Conrad Muckey does volunteer work, gardens, works out at a gym, and is involved with bible study

Norma Steeve Calvi sells real estate and lives in La Quinta, CA

Karen Gerharz is a registered dental assistant and loves to travel the U.S.A.

Troy Kinsey is a commercial plumbing contractor and WWII history buff

Dianne Oki retired in 2005 as President of the State of California Compensation Insurance Fund

Thomas Contreras is a Viet Nam Vet and member of the AM Vets California Honor Guard

Corbin Hensley, Jr. was a Mojave Arizona sheriff's detective and owned a sanitation business before he retired

Carol Justice Roberts retired in October from PacificCare Dental and Vision

Patrick Rueter is alive and well and enjoying his retirement in Sutherlin, Oregon

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

Theresa Asbury Bence

Gary Pollard

Keith Hunt

Mary Arbuckle

Billy Estrada

Henry Pedroza

Mike Walters

Gary Bielke

Kenneth MacDermott

Kenneth White

Kenn Crafton

DonRay Logan

Joe Contreras

Ronald Dunkle

Ken Navarro

Ray Nakama

Geraldine Diaz Kinsey

Harry Kimura

Les Frieberg

Joseph Mora Jr.

Regina Johnson Nash

Thanks to **Chuck Hardin** for providing team photos of **Roger Whiteley's** golf tournament. I hope to hear from more of you soon! Be sure to send me your stories and information about our fellow classmates to include in our April newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)

Spotlight on Corky Warfield Justice

Life after Azusa High School

After graduation in 1961 Corky married Dick Ward from the class of 1962 and moved with him to Washington DC where their daughter, Becky, was born. When Dick received orders for a 13 month tour of duty in Korea, Corky and Becky moved back home with “mom & dad” until Dick returned home.

Corky and Dick had four children, two boys and two girls, and they were married for 37 years before he passed away in 1999. During their marriage Dick was involved with the California Highway Patrol and a few other law enforcement agencies. He was also on active duty as an Army Reserve Officer. His work took him to many locations including Tennessee, New York, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky so the family moved around a lot while the children were young.

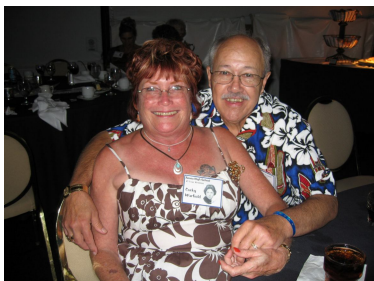
Work

Corky was fortunate to be able to stay home and raise the children until the youngest entered kindergarten. Then out of boredom she took a few college classes and worked until she retired in June 2006. Her last employer was the City of Modesto Police Department where she worked as a Records Clerk for 22 years, with assignments in the Detective Division and the Stanislaus Drug Enforcement Agency.

Love

With the 40th high school reunion approaching Corky decided to get on Classmates.com and look up Bob Justice, Carol’s brother. Since **Carol Justice** Roberts and Corky were friends throughout high school Corky thought it was okay to contact Bob. After a couple of phone conversations he drove up to Modesto to see Corky and together they made several visits to **LoRee Hodge** Smith before she passed away.

When Bob retired in 2003 he moved to Modesto to be with Corky. They’ve been together for five years and married for two. They have eight children and 18 grandchildren between them.



Corky & Bob – 45th Reunion



Corky & her kids



Bob & his kids

When Corky retired she and Bob wanted a small town environment and found it in Exeter, California. With a population of about 10,730, Exeter is located 15 miles east of Visalia en route to Sequoia National Park, in case any of you would like to visit.

Play

Corky and Bob are enjoying their retirement by keeping busy and having fun. They remain healthy by staying active and sharing a positive attitude. They use their vacation time-share to travel the United States. Every May they stay in South Lake Tahoe for a week to celebrate their birthdays. They’ve also taken trips to Monterey, Clear Lake, Angel’s Camp, Las Vegas, Bass Lake, Oceanside, Klamath Oregon and Eagle Crest Oregon.

Corky is an active member of our reunion committee and is also helping Bob who is on the class of 1960, reunion committee. Bob is trying to compile a contact list because the alumni list for 1960 has disappeared. Corky said, “It’s time-consuming, but I (we) are having fun talking to everyone.” She wants to thank **Janice Quick** Ashborn for volunteering Bob to be the 1960 class representative.

Corky and Bob really enjoy connecting with our former classmates and they would love to hear from you. Their email address is bobncork@verizon.net

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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Julianna	Ardelean	Parker		Elvira	Lopez	
Roberta	Armstrong			Judy	McDowell	
Kathy	Arnold	Houlthouser		Glenda	Majors	
Larry	Bailey			Paul	Malenfant	
Jessie	Balandran			Janice	Mann	
Linda	Beavers	Ponce		Olivia	Mardis	
Jeanne	Becker			George	Marquez	
William	Behounek			Dennis	Miller	
Carol	Brown			Mary	Monson	
Vernona	Buckner			Judith	Morski	
Diane	Burns			Deanne	Noriega	
Harriet	Bush			Patricia	Paquette	
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Tom	Campbell			Durwood	Poff	
Joan	Carson			Jerome	Pollock	
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Carrie	Farrell			Patricia	Smith	
Roberta	Fike			Marilyn	Snyder	
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Darwyn	Freed			Hedwig	Szatmari	
Arlene	Hirota	Rojas		Shirley	Thorgerson	
Joy	Gammill	Zelvitz		Phyllis	Tom	
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Barby	Gibson			Carol	Turner	Seiverson
Mary	Guzman			Darlene	Villar	
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Peggy	Hofold			Judith	Waten	
Sandra	Hoggarth			Johnny	Watley	
Robert	Hooper			James	Weber	
Joann	Harrell			Linda	Werner	
Bill	Hawley			Charlotte	Wilson	
Jerry	Jarett			Pamela	Wise	
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Barbara	Juniper	Phillips		Carolyn	Worthey	
Isabelle	Kelly			Robert	Wright	
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