

NEWSLETTER



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AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS
Kiowa Class of 1961

June-August 2011

General Information

Welcome to issue #20 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 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 and her mailing address is 8670 Robles Dr., San Diego, CA 92119.

Happenings

AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 50TH REUNION

Please plan to attend our 50th reunion! Held at the Marriott Hotel in Irvine, the location is right next to the John Wayne International Airport with shuttles available to the hotel and back to the airport. The official address is 18000 Von Karman, Irvine, CA. The reunion event will begin on Sunday night, October 16, 2011 at 5:00 pm with "no host" cocktails. It will move to the dining hall with seating to begin at 6:00 pm. Music will be provided by John Baumann from our own class. This is an "open collar event" so ties and jackets are not necessary for the men. Ladies 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 and Valet Parking at posted rates.

Our Event Price is \$90.00 per person. Just print and complete the event registration form in this newsletter. Send it along with your **check 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.**

Complete your registration today and get it in the mail!!! 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.

50th Reunion Event Dinner Menu

Champagne Toast
Basket of Breads
Mediterranean Green Salad
Raspberry Balsamic Chicken
Reduced Balsamic Vinegar, Demi-Glaze and
Raspberry Preserves
And
New York Strip
With a Wild Mushroom Glaze
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Tiramisu

Dinner is served with Starbucks coffee and Tazo teas

SATURDAY NIGHT “MEET & GREET” EVENT

You are also invited to attend our Meet & Greet event in the Hospitality Room on the 17th floor of the Marriott Hotel, Irvine. This will be held on Saturday night, October 15th, 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 50th 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 you call the Marriott to make a room reservation and say you want the \$89 special rate, if the rooms are not available, do not make a reservation at a higher rate. Instead, email Janice at okayjan@hotmail.com or call her at 629-466-7949 and let her know. She will call our event manager and get more rooms added as our rate is guaranteed until Sept 30th. After that date, there is no special rate guarantee. Please keep in mind that we will have an additional reunion gathering on Saturday night, October 15th 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. Marriott Irvine website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/laxir-irvine-marriott/>



REUNION - NEW REQUESTS: Elaine Fitzgerald Fafilek is providing a display for our 50th Reunion and would appreciate any photos you may have of classmates who are no longer with us so that we may honor them. Please mail the photos to **Elaine Fitzgerald** at 5236 Charing Cross Rd, Westminster, CA 92683. You may call her at (714) 893-1664 if you have any questions. All photos will be photocopied and returned. **Burt Franks** is collecting AHS Class of '61 memorabilia to display at the reunion. Please contact Burt at (909) 997-2940 about anything you'd like to display. His mailing address is 5264 Willow Walk Rd., Oceanside, CA 92057.

FIFTY YEARS – YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY It's been over 50 years since we celebrated our graduation from Azusa High School. Over the past five decades, each of us has had an interesting life story that would be of great interest to our classmates. At our 50th Reunion, it would be wonderful to read about what has happened in your life since 1961. We are providing two options for you to complete a one-page personal biography of your life. All biographies will be displayed at the Reunion and will eventually be posted on our website.

Option 1: Complete the biographical and personal information questionnaire provided below. Simply print the page, fill in any information you wish to provide, select a photo to accompany the questionnaire and mail both to **Elaine Fitzgerald Fafilek**, 5236 Charing Cross Road, Westminster, CA 92683.

Option 2: Write a one-page “free form” biography about what has happened in your life: employment, family milestones, travel adventures, and/or leisure activities. You could choose to focus on specific interests, activities, or events that have significantly impacted your life. If at all possible, include a photo. Provide your name (include maiden name, ladies) and email address. Please email your completed biography to Elaine at Fafilek@aol.com

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:

_____ 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

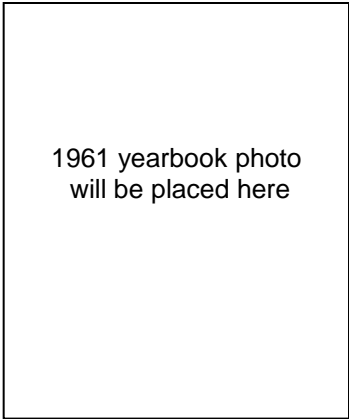
Any questions: Call Janice at 619-466-7949 or e-mail: okayjan@hotmail.com

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.

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

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY FORM



Name: _____
(Maiden)

Address: _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website Address: _____

Are you married? _____ How many years? _____ Married to a classmate? _____

Do you have any children? _____ How many? _____ What are their ages? _____

Grandchildren? _____ How many? _____ Ages? _____ Great-grandchildren? _____ How many? _____ Ages? _____

Favorite class, sport, or activity in high school: _____

Favorite movie of all time: _____ Favorite book: _____

Colleges/Universities attended: _____

Are you still working? _____ What is your job? _____

Employment history: _____

Are you retired? _____ Favorite retirement activities: _____

Current interests: _____

What aspect of your life would surprise classmates? _____

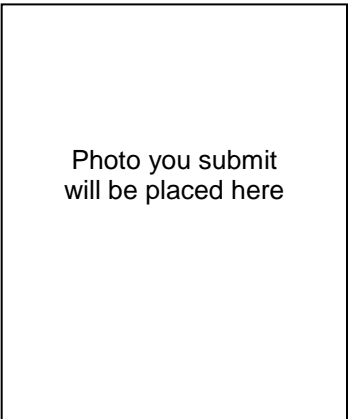
Best travel/adventures/vacations: _____

Organizations, charities, community events with which you have been involved: _____

Awards, achievements, recognition you have received: _____

What are your plans/goals for the future? _____

Personal comments to 1961 classmates: _____



News Updates

Connie Heaslet Mace and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, followed by a party given for them by their daughters on June 12. Connie and her husband have two daughters, a son, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Congratulations Connie!

Joan Zoda Cresci had surgery on August 17 to install a new generator to run her 8-line spinal cord stimulator for pain control. Joan said, "They had to tunnel the wires from my left rear to the front of my waist (about 12 inches). I am bionic once again." The surgery went well and she's now pain-free and on the road to recovery. Heal, Joni, heal!

This summer **Chuck Hardin** and **Nita Matthews** Hardin visited **Cliff Thorpe** (class of '60) and his wife, **Maureen Denning** Thorpe, at their home in Arvada, Colorado. On their way home Chuck and Nita stopped to visit Tom Maxwell (class of '59) and his wife **Sue Weatherwax** Maxwell at their ranch in Templeton, California.



Maureen Thorpe and Nita Hardin



Cliff Thorpe and Chuck Hardin



Tom & Sue Maxwell – Templeton, CA

In May, **Tom Roberts** and **Carol Justice** Roberts had a wonderful time on their adventure-filled two-week trip to Costa Rica. They went zip lining, rode ATVs and wave runners and walked through the beautiful Manuel Antonio National Park. They stayed in a condo at Manuel Antonio where they enjoyed a spectacular view. This summer Tom and Carol took their three grandchildren to Lake Havasu for five days. They rented a pontoon boat and a "big blow up" and Carol said that the kids "had a ball."



Tom & Carol Roberts – Costa Rica



Carol Roberts – Costa Rica



Carol Roberts & Zip Line Guide

In August **Rachel Pille** Roth, her husband Terry and their two dogs traveled 2,300 miles through Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Washington in their 23' Jamboree Searcher RV. The highlights of their trip centered near the borders of Washington and Oregon. They golfed at the Husum Hills Golf Course and the Skamania Golf Course, went on a Sternwheeler Dinner Cruise on the Columbia River, saw some "incredibly beautiful scenery (Mount Hood, Mount Adams, and Mount Evans), as well as the quaint small town of Trout Lake" where they met up with some friends who winter with them at the same community in Arizona. Rachel and Terry also went berry picking and enjoyed some homemade

huckleberry pie. They bought “melt-in-your-mouth” cheeses at Cascadia Creamery, stopped by the Pendleton Mills and watched windsurfing in Hood River.



Echinacea and Mount Adams



Terry & Rachel Roth – Hood River, OR



Devil's Slide rock formation

In August yours truly, **Cheryl Burlingame** Dillard, attended a five-day classic jazz festival in Costa Mesa with 87-year-old Uncle Dave, who is a jazz aficionado. While there, **Chuck and Nita Hardin** and I joined **Don Funk** and his wife, Uta, for lunch on Lido Peninsula in Newport Beach. A few days later my granddaughters, Opal and Violet, visited me from Portland, Oregon. We had a fun-filled and exhausting week without a break in activities. We enjoyed hiking at the top of the Aerial Tram, 3-D movies, the Living Desert Zoo, the Living Free animal rescue facility, Knott's Soak City, and my favorite-- Idyllwild. The temperature was in the triple digits while they were here so we spent most afternoons in the swimming pool where Violet demonstrated her lifeguard training skills. They loved my new '57 Chevy golf car, which came in handy for driving them around the 55+ community (it isn't very fast, but it has the “cute” and nostalgic factors going for it). I just need some angora dice.



Opal & Violet – Idyllwild, CA



Opal & Violet – Palm Desert, CA



Cheryl's “cute” '57 Chevy golf car

In Memoriam

Gone, but not forgotten, our former classmates who are no longer with us will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

Alumnus **Jim White** passed a few years ago. He lived in Kingman Arizona on a 160 acre farm where he raised cattle and Arabian horses. He also ran a small tourist stop called the Outpost, on Route 66, just east of Kingman. Unexpectedly, Jim passed away from a heart attack in the spring of 2002 at the age of 59 while working cattle on his property.

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.

Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)

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