

# NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

**AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS**  
Kiowa Class of 1961

**June-October 2009**

## General Information

Welcome to issue #14 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](mailto:rainymail@yahoo.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 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](mailto:okayjan@cox.net) and her mailing address is 8670 Robles Dr., San Diego, CA 92119.

## Kiowa Spotlight

**Bill Reeves** is featured this month.

## Happenings

There will be another Kiowa Class of 1961 Golf Tournament next spring. We will notify you of the time and place as soon as details are confirmed.

## From Azusa High

Azusa High celebrated Homecoming on October 2 at the Citrus College Football Stadium. Festivities began at 6 pm with a parade acknowledging the contribution made by AHS alumni classes of the '60s, introduction of the 2009 Homecoming Queen candidates, performances by the Aztec Spirit Dancers and the Aztec Marching Band. The Azusa Aztec football team played against Bassett High School and during halftime ceremonies the 2009 Homecoming Queen was crowned. There was no homecoming dance this year.

To view photos of the 2008 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](mailto:okayjan@cox.net). She will let me know and I shall put the changes here.

Here are new email addresses for the following alumni:

**Hank Garcia:** [hankgarcia@roadrunner.com](mailto:hankgarcia@roadrunner.com)  
**Tony Rubio:** [1rubio@charter.net](mailto:1rubio@charter.net)  
**Connie Heaslet Mace:** [maceinface2@yahoo.com](mailto:maceinface2@yahoo.com)  
**Jeff Eby:** [ttym4us@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ttym4us@sbcglobal.net)  
**Finn Moller:** [finn@jetfleetinternational.com](mailto:finn@jetfleetinternational.com)  
**Doug Louis:** [pueblogrove1@frontier.com](mailto:pueblogrove1@frontier.com)  
**Beverly Church Beasley:** [bev.beasley@hotmail.com](mailto:bev.beasley@hotmail.com)  
**Joan Sparks (Neal Spark's widow):** [jksparks624@aol.com](mailto:jksparks624@aol.com)

## News Updates

**Chuck Hardin & Nita Matthews Hardin** teamed up with **Tom Roberts & Carol Justice Roberts** to host the semi-annual Azusa High Class of 1961 Golf Tournament on Monday October 19 at El Dorado Park Golf Resort in Long Beach. The weekend before the tournament attendees enjoyed an afternoon BBQ and get-together at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club where Chuck is a member. The highlight of the day was Chuck's fun and relaxing boat tour. At the helm of his Boston Whaler, he piloted groups of classmates around Alamitos Bay and through the canals of Naples Island. On Monday four teams competed for the golf tournament trophy. The winning team of **Roger Whiteley, Richard McDowell, Hank Garcia** and Vincent Love (husband of classmate **Patty Smith Love**) ended up with a cash prize and the trophy. **Jim Jernigan** had the longest drive.. To see more photos of the weekend BBQ, boat ride and the other golf teams go to: [http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/photos\\_and\\_video.html](http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/photos_and_video.html) and click on **Long Beach Golf Tournament – October 2009**



*1<sup>st</sup> Place Team: Vincent Love, Rich McDowell, Hank Garcia and Roger Whiteley*



*Chuck Hardin's Boston Whaler bay tour*

**Walt Ashborn** and **Janice Quick** Ashborn had a great time on their annual motor home trek across the U.S. and luckily for us, Janice kept a journal of their fun adventure. Here's an excerpt from her first entry: "The motor home and our trusty little Toyota truck have chugged along providing the A/C, Satellite TV with DVR, XM radio and TomTom GPS that spoil us on these trips. That's my idea of camping..." Read more at: <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/bios.html>

**Don Foltz** and his wife, Marny, recently attended Marny's 45th high school reunion. Her Anaheim High graduating class of '64 had 700 students. The reunion committee held a meet & greet Friday night, a tour of the Anaheim High campus hosted by the Assistant Principal, a dinner dance, and a family picnic on Sunday.

**John Baumann** and his wife, Nancy, hosted a reunion committee meeting and “Buffalo Hunt” BBQ and sing-a-long. To see more photos and video of the fun go to [http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/photos\\_and\\_video.html](http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/photos_and_video.html)



*John at the grill*



*John and friends entertain Kiowa Reunion Committee*



*Kiowa Reunion Committee*

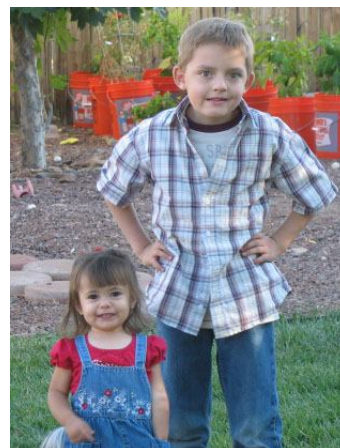


*Buffet line*

**Yolanda Ramos Chittum** and her husband, Jim, retired in January 2009 and are enjoying every minute of it. Since then they’ve been having fun camping in their travel trailer and playing tourist in such places as Bryce Canyon, Zion and scenic Hwy 12. The most interesting part of their trip was touring the Best Friends Animal Rehabilitation Center near Kanab, Utah. They also visited their son, Mark, and his family in Arizona. Yolanda and Jim now have two adopted grandchildren—Micah eight, and Caleb who just turned two. The Chittums also spent time at Yolanda’s brother’s home to celebrate their niece’s 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Yolanda said, “Being retired is the best” and she’s that ready for another road trip.



*Bryce Canyon, Utah*



*Yolanda’s grandchildren  
Abby and Micah*

**Arlene Hirota** Rodriguez-Rojas is very proud of her grandson, Robert Rodriguez, who is a senior at Burbank High School. He is a trumpet player and a member of the Burbank High School Marching Band. Robert recently tried out for the Rose Parade Band and was chosen out of 35 trumpet players to be 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet for the Rose Parade 2010. Arlene will be attending the Rose Parade for the very first time to see him march with the band on New Year's Day. Way to go Robert!

**Kay Winburn** Seale and her husband, Richard, spent the past two months traveling. They went on a friend's wedding cruise to the Caribbean, stayed in Maui for two weeks, Las Vegas for a week, and Washington D.C. for a week. Then they received happy news that their son-in-law unseated the incumbent to become the City of Longmont's new mayor. Longmont is a thriving city with a population of about 80,000 that is located about 15 miles northeast of Boulder, Colorado.

In September **Tom Roberts** and **Carol Justice** Roberts had a wonderful time experiencing the west. First they took an exciting 10-hour boat trip down the Snake River through Hells Canyon. From there they visited the Grand Tetons and hiked up to Heavenly Falls and rode horses to some beautiful mountain lakes that can only be reached by horseback. Next they drove to the Cowboy Bar in Jackson, Wyoming and healed their calluses in some more comfortable saddles. After whetting their whistles they took in a little fishing at Alcova Lake before heading back home.



*Tom & Carol – Horseshoe Falls  
Grand Tetons, Wyoming*



*Carol – Grand Tetons, Wyoming*



*Tom & Carol at the Cowboy Bar  
Jackson, Wyoming*

## **Illnesses, etc...**

During the past few months several of our classmates have struggled through various health problems. Most are still in the process of healing and appreciate our continuing positive thoughts and prayers.

**Frank Moreno** had open heart surgery on Friday, October 23 and is doing much better—in fact if all goes well he may be released from the hospital this weekend. Frank's wife, **Jessie Balandran** Moreno asked that you please send cards to Frank at 1250 N. Dalton, Azusa, CA 91702 and e-mails to [bmasphalt@verizon.net](mailto:bmasphalt@verizon.net).

**Karol Ruffing** White is on the mend after having had her lower leg amputated. She is frail and trying to build up her strength and muscle mass, but it's a lot of hard work after being bedridden for so long. Fortunately her spirits and sense of humor remain high. Cards may be sent to Karol at 604 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364

**Mike Rawlings'** surgery on September 23 revealed several malignant tumors that indicate pancreatic cancer and possibly kidney cancer. Most likely he will receive weekly chemotherapy treatments along with pills taken daily to improve his quality of life. He is home from the hospital and back on a regular diet, but he tires very easily and has lost weight. Despite the dire news Mike and his family remain optimistic toward life. Cards may be sent to Mike at 1047 N. Starcrest Drive, Covina, CA 91722. His email address is [rawclan@earthlink.net](mailto:rawclan@earthlink.net)

**Barbara Hawley** Hartley has been in and out of the hospital because of serious infections that developed while having a kidney dialysis port installed in her arm. She is home now and is tolerating dialysis treatments quite well—in fact she and David were able to attend the Long Beach golf tournament last month. You may send cards and letters to Barbara at 35570 Cold Springs Rd., Lebanon, OR 97335. Her e-mail address is [coldspringstreets@msn.com](mailto:coldspringstreets@msn.com)

**Bill Reeves** is almost fully recovered from third-degree burns and subsequent skin grafts to the bottom of his right foot. He's home now after a long stay at the VA hospital in La Jolla where he "received excellent care." He's still unable to drive because the wound on his foot has not completely healed, so it's difficult for him to get to and from medical appointments. Please send cards to Bill at 681 Diamond Way, Vista, CA 92083 and e-mails to [SF4T9RS@cox.net](mailto:SF4T9RS@cox.net)

**Jimmy Rozance** has still not fully recovered from his surgery and subsequent strokes he suffered last year. There appears to be some residual damage and so his sister, Tootsie, has asked that all e-mails directed to him be sent to her at [mingo99@aol.com](mailto:mingo99@aol.com)

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

## In Memoriam

In September our former principal, Dr. Nelson C. Price passed away. His memorial service was held at Oakdale Cemetery in Glendora, California. He was a great principal and a good friend to many.

**Beverly Church** Beasley's husband passed away on August 24 from kidney and bladder cancer. Condolences may be sent to Beverly at [bev.beasley@hotmail.com](mailto:bev.beasley@hotmail.com)

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
Neal Sparks	Paulette Waltz McMurtrey	Doug Morris
William McKenzie		

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](mailto:rainymail@yahoo.com) ASAP.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

*Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)*

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## Spotlight on Bill Reeves

I was born on April 15, 1943 in Riverside, California at Riverside Community Hospital. Up until I was 11 years old my family and I lived on a small ranch with minimal livestock and a huge garden. In 1954 we moved to Azusa so my father could be closer to his work in Los Angeles.

I attended Valleydale School through grade eight. In 1957 I enrolled at the new Azusa High School and graduated in June 1961. I had many enjoyable times at Valleydale and Azusa High, but my fondest memory is of time spent in the California Cadet Corps.

In my freshman year I began at the rank of Cadet. Four years later I graduated from Azusa's 146th Battalion as its Battalion Commander with rank of Senior Lt. Colonel in the State of California by order of the Governor. My experience in the Cadet Corps set the stage for active service in the U.S. Marine Corps and a future career in law enforcement.



1961 – California Cadet Corps.



1962 – PFC Infantry Training

### Life after Azusa High School

After high school I attended Mt. San Antonio College, worked some minor jobs and in 1962 I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

I went through twelve weeks of basic training at MCRD San Diego and then on to Camp Pendleton for six weeks of Infantry training. Upon completion I was sent to a staging area to await orders to a new duty station in Kaneohe, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. By then I had been promoted to Private First-class. Upon my arrival at Kaneohe Marine Air Station I was assigned to a Mortar platoon in 3rd Battalion 4th Marine Regiment of the First Marine Brigade. After a few short months I was reassigned to Brigade Schools at Guerilla Warfare School and was soon promoted to Lance Corporal. I became an assistant instructor and driver for the commanding officer, Major Archie Van Winkle, who was a Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War. Sometime later I was promoted to Corporal and given full instructor status.

A few months after that I was returned to my Mortar Unit and shipped to Okinawa en route to South Viet Nam in 1965. We landed on a beach near the old capitol city of Hue and held a perimeter around a large Airfield for couple of months, then moved on to other assignments. After my tour of duty I returned to the States and was stationed at El Toro, CA and was soon promoted to the rank of Sergeant. I worked briefly as a Brig Warden and finished my enlistment at Camp Del Mar as a troop handler and barracks Sergeant at the School's Battalion for the new kids on the block who were headed for South Viet Nam. I was Honorably Discharged in Nov. 1966.

For a while I worked with the Southern Pacific Railroad as a brakeman and then enrolled at Pasadena City College where I studied Police Sciences. Upon graduation I was hired by the City of Glendora and sworn in as an Officer on April 2nd, 1969. I later attended and graduated from the L.A. County Sheriff's Academy and was assigned to the Patrol Division where I worked as a patrolman for a couple of years.



1984 – Glendora Police Department

Then I reenrolled at Mt. San Antonio College and received an AS Degree in Criminal Justice. Soon I was promoted to Police Agent and Training Officer where I trained eleven regular officers and four reserves including two of Burton Franks' brothers. Not too long after that I was promoted to Detective.

In 1979 I left Law Enforcement as it became too much for the family to handle, and I pursued a career in the related field of Industrial Security. At first I worked as a security agent for a large market chain and then entered the field of Private Investigation in San Diego for a while. In 1989 I accepted a job in Mall Security at large regional mall in Escondido where I eventually became the Asst. Security Director. In 1991 I was promoted to Security Director and was transferred to a large regional mall in Carlsbad, California The next few years proved to be a great experience for me and I enjoyed it immensely. Needless to say I am very proud of my accomplishments during my tenure.



1997 – Carlsbad Mall Security



2002 – Rancho Santa Fe Security

I was later employed by the Rancho Santa Fe Association, along with nine other officers, to patrol and maintain security for one of the wealthiest communities in the U.S. Our department was charged with protecting the residents who were mostly comprised of celebrities, sports figures and notable political personalities. My security career recently ended on April 18th, 2009 when I elected to retire from the Association.

It was a very enjoyable and rewarding career-- being able to help those at their time of need and protect them from potential harm. In closing I am proud to have served my country and the communities in which I have resided. Now it's time to relax. I'm looking forward to playing more golf, fishing and traveling the country. I also plan to spend more time with friends and loved ones.



1995 – Bill and Ninja



2003 – Green River fishing trip

You can read this bio and all previous alumni bios 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			Jane	Kunkle	
Julianna	Ardelean	Parker		Alice	Konopasek	
Roberta	Armstrong			Dorothy	Lake	
Kathy	Arnold	Houlthouser		Robert	Lee	
Larry	Bailey			Leslie	Long	
Linda	Beavers	Ponce		Elvira	Lopez	
Jeanne	Becker			Paul	Malenfant	
William	Behounek			Janice	Mann	
Carol	Brown			Olivia	Mardis	
Diane	Burns			George	Marquez	
Harriet	Bush			Dennis	Miller	
James	Butcher			Judith	Morski	
Gary	Campbell			Deanne	Noriega	
Tom	Campbell			Patricia	Paquette	
Joan	Carson			Janet	Parker	
Susan	Chambers			Jerome	Pollock	
Lucy	Chavira			Bert	Putsey	
Marie	Chavira			James	Ralley	
Herbert	Cross			Herbert	Reynolds	
Richard	Davolos			Phil	Rix	
Judy	Deanes			Albert	Rocha	
Lorraine	Defosses			Richard	Romero	
Eleanore	Dominguez			Norma	Rust	
Joann	Duke			Janet	Schnute	
Sheila	Dunlap			Mary	Sever	
Ruth	Eckes			Judith	Smith	
Carrie	Farrell			Eleanor	Sutherland	
Roberta	Fike			Hedwig	Szatmari	
Virginia	Flewell			Shirley	Thorgerson	
Joy	Gammill	Zelvitz		Phyllis	Tom	
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