

# NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

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

March 2008

Hacho!

Did you know that **Kiowa** is a member of a Tanoan people living in the southwestern United States? Kiowa is also the Tanoan language spoken by the Kiowa people and the word **hacho** is a Kiowa greeting. The name Kiowa is actually an English corruption of the tribal name, Gaigwu. For more information about the Kiowa visit the following websites:

<http://www.kiowaok.com>    <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/kiowa/kiowa.htm>  
<http://www.nativeamericans.com/kiowa.htm>    <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/kiowa>

## General Information

Welcome to issue #4 of our Newsletter. First of all a special thanks to **Joanne Mead (Srack)** for the wonderful work she did on the past newsletters. Because of her busy schedule, Joanne has handed the job of writing and editing the newsletter over to me, **Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)**. Hopefully I can fill her shoes. Joanne will still be involved in proofreading the newsletter, but any news about our fellow alumni should now be directed to me.

We plan to update and email the newsletter monthly, so we will need more feature stories and information from alumni. Also, a new section will be added to the email version only, spotlighting a different Kiowa classmate each month. The email version will also include photos, which is another reason to send us your email address if you haven't done so already. We will continue sending the double-sided single page newsletter via snail mail quarterly until further notice. However, because of rising print and postage costs, we may eventually have to discontinue mailing it.

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 or fax the info to 503-214-6316.

**Kiowa Alumni please update your address. If you have an email address, PLEASE let us know what it is.**

**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

**Chuck Hardin** is featured this month. (email version only)

## Happenings

**Roger and Rosa Whiteley** of Palm Desert are hosting a Kiowa Class of '61 golf tournament Monday, April 21 to be held at the Shadow Hills course in Indio. The cost will be \$90 per player. This includes green fees, cart, range balls and prize money. Early tee times start at 7:00am - 24 tee times total. Please make your reservation ASAP by phone or e-mail. You can reach Roger or Rosa at H. 760-773-0742 or C. 760-390-8101 or e-mail: [paloma43@aol.com](mailto:paloma43@aol.com)

The Whiteley's house will be available all weekend to class of '61 alumni with Rosa's taco party on Sunday. 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 Palm Desert area.

## From Azusa High

There will be an **ALL CLASS REUNION (1959-1969)** in October which will give us a chance to reconnect with other Azusa High School Alumni. The time and place have not been firmed up yet, so watch for a special announcement.

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

## Special Reports

December 2007 **Lloyd "Butch" Lightfoot** held a Kiowa Class of '61 golf tournament in Glendale, Arizona and those who attended had a great time. Butch and his wife Mary graciously opened their new home to fellow alumni from Friday through Tuesday and provided nonstop activities such as billiards and "Round Table" ping pong where the record number of consecutive hits across the table was 26. Butch made sure nobody went hungry by buying out the local meat market and keeping the barbecue going nonstop. Mary and **Rosa Whiteley** prepared scrumptious items in the kitchen with plenty of help from the Kiowa women. Supposedly fairly good amounts of adult beverages were consumed during the weekend to accompany the ongoing "bs-ing".



*A few of our Kiowa Class of '61 alumni  
Lloyd (Butch) and Mary Lightfoot's back yard  
Golf Tournament Weekend -- Peoria, Arizona -- December 2007*

Monday morning stayed dry, but was a little chilly for Phoenix—perfect for playing golf. The skill levels on the golf course ran from “really bad” to “really good.” Most were in the first group, according to sources. “The idea was to have fun and not to take it too seriously.” There was a lot of laughter heard during the tournament, but the belly laughs came later, during the awards ceremony.

While the others played golf, the non-golfing women had just as much fun shopping at the Phoenix area malls.



*Frank Moreno*



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

1<sup>st</sup> place team: **Louie Mason/Roger Whiteley/ Bill Reeves/Joe Martinez**

2<sup>nd</sup> place team: **Butch Lightfoot/Richard Montes/Rich McDowell/David Hartley**

3<sup>rd</sup> place tie: **Sally Mason/Nita Matthews-Hardin/Cathy Eby** and **Jeff Eby/Richard Rubio/Chuck Hardin**  
Way to go Sally, Nita and Cathy!

5<sup>th</sup> place team: **Bob O’Connor/Bobby Miller/Frank Moreno**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Team – left to right - Louie Mason, Bill Reeves, Roger Whiteley, Joe Martinez*

The trophy is being held by the winning team, and shared by each player until the next golf tournament in April.

The awards ceremony seemed to be the highlight of the weekend as the winners posed with Butch’s life-size cardboard cutout of Marilyn Monroe (dubbed the official presenter of the awards). Unfortunately most of the photos would not be suitable for our newsletter. Hmmmm... I wonder if this might correlate with the amount of alcohol consumed. For you collectors... Butch has a “Marilyn Monroe” room—an entire room devoted to Marilyn memorabilia, most of which were gifts from friends and family (including his wife, Mary).

Others who attended the golf outing were **Barbara Hawley-Hartley, Patti O’Connor, Barbara McDowell, Rose Montes, Joy Rubio, Selma Martinez** and **Jesse Balandran-Moreno**.

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



*Bill Reeves, “Marilyn” and Roger Whiteley*

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

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

Lila Clark's email address has been changed to [ibaschieri@comcast.net](mailto:ibaschieri@comcast.net)  
Ladd Biggs' address is 1635 W. 49<sup>th</sup> N, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

## News Updates

**Robert Oliveira** lives in Laguna Niguel with his wife of 45 years. He retired in October 2007 and keeps busy with his own janitorial service. His email address is [oliverbob2@hotmail.com](mailto:oliverbob2@hotmail.com)

**Alex Payton (Rompell)** lives in Reno and retired last fall from the airlines industry.

**Elaine Fitzgerald-Fafilek** retired from Boeing October 2007.

**Jack Frye** recently retired as Fire Chief of Norco, CA

**Corky (Warfield) & Bob Justice** have a new grandson – Bryce Williams. It's the 9<sup>th</sup> grandchild for Corky and 18<sup>th</sup> for Bob and Corky collectively.



*Elaine Fitzgerald-Fafilek  
& Al Fafilek – Sept. 2007*

## 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

Gary Bielke  
Kenneth MacDermott  
Kenneth White  
Kenn Crafton

Ken Navarro  
Ray Nakama  
Geraldine Diaz Kinsey  
Harry Kimura

Thanks to Chuck Hardin for providing information about Butch'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 am looking forward to hearing from you.

*Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)*



*Kiowa Class of 1961 Reunion Committee*

## Spotlight on Chuck Hardin

### Chuck Trivia

- \*Asked **Nita Matthews** to go steady in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She refused.
- \*Next time he talked to Nita was in high school when he signed her yearbook. She wasn't impressed.
- \*Asked Nita out for a date in 1963 when he returned from duty in the Far East. She accepted and they married a few months later, proving that patience and persistence pay off.
- \* When they turned 50 Chuck and Nita cruised the Western U.S.A. on a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle.



Chuck & Nita at "50" Cruisin' the West



Chuck & Nita – Dana Point



Chuck on his Boston Whaler

### Education, Military Service and Work

After graduating high school, Chuck served a tour of duty in the Marines and then went to work at Aerojet for four years before moving with Nita to Minnesota for a year, and Indiana for three. Chuck ran the computer center at Indiana State University at night and attended University classes during the day, studying information services and computer science.

When he and Nita moved back to California, Chuck started working for Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) as a supervisor in the Computer Services, Spaceflight Operations Facility, Main Frame Division. While he was there, the Spaceflight Operations Facility tracked the Viking 1 and Viking 2 Mars Landings, which was pretty exciting. Chuck returned to Aerojet in 1977 and worked as Operations Manager for the next 25 years before retiring in 2004.

### Leisure

Super athlete Chuck enjoys any activity that involves water (liquid or frozen) including surfing, sailing, scuba diving and snow skiing. In his teens he surfed on a long board with buddies **Cliff Thorpe**, **Mike McClellan** and **Finn Moller** at Doheny, San Onofre and Huntington. Now he surfs with his children and grandchildren on a long board that was given to Nita on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. He started scuba diving at 13 with **Sue Weatherwax-Maxwell** and still scuba dives, thanks to Sue. His favorite diving spot is Tahiti, however he spends a lot of time diving in Catalina because it's close to home. Whistler, British Columbia is his favorite ski resort, though he prefers Brian Head, Utah for family trips. Oh, did I mention that he used to race a Hondo 250cc dirt bike?

Sailing is really Chuck's first love (well, second, after Nita). He served as Commodore and Director of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and has competed 18 times in the Newport to Ensenada race, which is the largest international yacht race in the world. Chuck placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Transpacific where he raced from Los Angeles to Hawaii and then sailed all the way back. On the return trip he encountered rough seas with strong winds and 30' waves breaking every 17 seconds. He and his crew were harnessed in and tethered to the boat for three days straight. Chuck said, *"It took me five minutes to put on my underwear, so I just kept them on until the seas calmed down."*



Chuck sailing back from Transpacific Race

Chuck still sails, in fact when he retired in 2004 he cruised to Cabo San Lucas on a friend's 42' sloop and ended up staying there for a month. Nita met him later in La Paz. He's traded his own sailboats for a Boston Whaler, taking occasional trips to Catalina for breakfast, or impressing visitors (like me) with cruises around Naples Island and Los Alamitos Bay. Now that he's retired he and Nita have taken up golf and bicycling. They also enjoy Caribbean Cruises, watching the sunset from the deck of their Belmont Shores condo, and spending time with their six grandchildren.

**Do you know where any of these alumni are? Please include addresses, emails and phone numbers. Thanks.**  
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Melvina Andrieux	Jane Kunkle
Mary Arbuckle	Dorothy Lake
Roberta Armstrong	Muriel Lathrop
Kathy Arnold Houlthouser	DonRay Logon
Jeanne Becker	Elvira Lopez
William Behounek	Leslie Long
Vernona Buckner	Glenda Majors
Harriet Bush	Judy McDowell
Carolyn Caldwell Bolder	George Marquez
James Butcher	Dennis Miller
Tom Campbell	Joe Mora
Joan Carson	Judith Morski
Lucy Chavira	Deanne Noriega
Marie Chavira	Robert Ortiz
Donna Coholough Flemens	Patricia Paquette
Joe Contreras	Janet Parker
Herbert Cross	Henry Pedroza
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