

# NEWSLETTER



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

May 2008

## General Information

Welcome to issue #6 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](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.

**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

**Tom Roberts and Carol Justice Roberts** are 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.

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.

## From Azusa High

The **ALL CLASS REUNION (1959-1969)** reunion will take place on October 18 at the Etiwanda Gardens in Etiwanda, California near Ontario. Be sure to send in your check right away to reserve your spot at the reunion. For more information about the reunion and where to send your payment visit: <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/events.html>

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

We now have our own website at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com> compliments of yours truly. The site was created so that alumni news and information can be found at one location. Here you'll be able to access past

newsletters, alumni bios, completed questionnaires, digitized yearbooks, links to alumni blogs and websites, reunion photos, alumni events and much more. The site will be updated frequently as I receive new alumni information.

Remember to complete your questionnaires and return them to me so that they can be added to the website. Also, if you have a blog or a website that you'd like to share with our alumni, just send me a link and I'll add it to the site. Once again, my email address is [rainymail@yahoo.com](mailto:rainymail@yahoo.com)

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

**Richard McDowell's** new email address is [rich@r-mcdowell.com](mailto:rich@r-mcdowell.com)  
**Richard Montes'** correct email address is [rmontes7@verizon.net](mailto:rmontes7@verizon.net)

## News Updates

**Mary Kay Hanson** Mittag retired after teaching for 30 years in the Azusa schools. Her husband, Dale, was the track and cross country coach at Azusa High School and retired after 32 years. They live in Upland and would like to hear from classmates who are in the area. They're in the phone book and their e-mail address is [dwmkm@aol.com](mailto:dwmkm@aol.com)

**Joan Zoda Cresci** is planning a three-week trip to London, UK in December.

**Dennis Smith** and Barbara, his wife of 13 years, are planning to visit Belize, Peru and China within the next few months. He hopes to retire this fall.

**Chuck Hardin** and **Nita Matthews** Hardin are touring the country with their pop-up tent trailer and the golf trophy that Nita's team won at **Roger Whiteley's** golf tournament last month. Check out their entertaining travel blog at <http://chucknitatravels.blogspot.com/>

**Corky Warfield** Justice and Bob Justice celebrated their birthdays this month with a trip to Lake Tahoe

## 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  
Laurie Wittich Taft

Gary Bielke  
Kenneth MacDermott  
Kenneth White  
Kenn Crafton  
DonRay Logan  
Joe Contreras  
Ronald Dunkle  
Mary Ann Connor

Ken Navarro  
Ray Nakama  
Geraldine Diaz Kinsey  
Harry Kimura  
Les Frieberg  
Joseph Mora Jr.  
Regina Johnson Nash  
Darwyn Freed

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 June newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)*

## Spotlight on Tom Roberts and Carol Justice Roberts

### Life after Azusa High School

Tom Roberts and Carol Justice attended elementary school together and graduated from Azusa High School in 1961. They started going steady when they were 16 and in June of 2008 they will celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary. They have two children, a boy and a girl, plus two granddaughters and a grandson.



Tom and Carol are both survivors. Their strength and faith have helped them overcome many obstacles in life. When they were 29 years old they were in a horrible dune buggy accident in San Felipe, Mexico. The dune buggy caught fire and Carol suffered third degree burns on 55% of her body and second degree burns everywhere else. She was treated in the burn unit of the hospital for over three months and had to undergo several skin grafts and months of painful physical therapy. Tom was also hospitalized for burns, although his were not as severe as Carol's.

Several years later Tom was thrown off his motorcycle and landed at the bottom of a rocky canyon in San Clemente after he hit a tree branch that extended over the roadway. It took nine months for his bones to heal. He showed up at a job interview wearing a cast and bandages on his head, arms and legs. He got the job.

For the past several years Carol has suffered from rheumatoid arthritis, and a few years ago had knee replacement surgery because her joint was damaged beyond repair. Even though it's painful when she does the activities she enjoys so much she's truly an inspiration to everyone. In a recent email she said, "To do any of the things I do anymore is very hard on the RA (rheumatoid arthritis) as it is always very painful, but the joy and happiness I get out of doing these things outweighs the pain. It's kind of a mindset thing."

### Work

After graduating high school Tom worked for Carol's father for seven years as an apprentice bricklayer. From there he went to work for a beer distributing company for the next 22 years. He was Executive Vice President when the company was sold, but he continued working at the distributing company, under the new ownership, for two more years. After a short sabbatical Tom landed a job as a sales rep for one of the nation's largest distributor of packing materials and moving and storage equipment. His territory is Phoenix, Las Vegas and Southern California. He loves his job and probably won't retire for at least a couple more years.

Carol recently retired after working for Pacific Care Dental & Vision for 16 years.

### Play

Tom and Carol are both adventurous and enjoy living life to its fullest. Carol celebrated her 64<sup>th</sup> birthday by jumping out of a plane in San Diego. This skydiving adventure came after she had knee replacement surgery. On her 65<sup>th</sup> she and Tom swam with the dolphins in Cozumel. On her 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday Carol and Tom went whitewater rafting on the Arkansas River in Colorado. They rode quads over the sand dunes in St. George Utah for Carol's 62<sup>nd</sup>, and went hot air ballooning to celebrate another. For her 66<sup>th</sup> birthday she wants to try windsurfing.



Tom started playing golf over 45 years ago at Azusa Greens and has played racquetball for 30 years. In a championship racquetball tournament 12 years ago at Belmont Shores, he and his partner (another old guy) rallied the pants off of a couple of cocky 21-year-olds who thought the old men would be a cinch to beat. The defeated and deflated youngsters went home with their unopened bottle of champagne and group of disappointed fans.



After she recovered from her dune buggy accident – after she was told that she would never be able to lift her right arm again - Carol went on to become a Class B tennis player at her club in Vista, where she played in tournaments for eight years.

Tom and Carol enjoy touring the country in their motor home and have visited many interesting places. They are avid fishers and while vacationing at Clear Lake in Oregon Carol caught a seven-pound bass after a 15-minute fight to bring it in. They enjoyed water skiing for 25 years, mostly at the Colorado River and Lake Havasu, and liked snow skiing at Mammoth and Big Bear

Nowadays they enjoy watching their grandchildren play soccer and T-ball in San Diego.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE ANY OF THESE ALUMNI ARE?						
PLEASE INCLUDE ADDRESSES, EMAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS						
THANK YOU FOR ANY ASSISTANCE.						
<b>THERE HAVE BEEN MORE ADDED SINCE LAST ISSUE!</b>						
EMAIL TO okayjan@cox.net or rainymail@yahoo.com						
MAIL to Cheryl Dillard, PO Box 2413, Lake Oswego, OR 97035						
Cesaria	Accardo			Dorothy	Lake	
Josephine	Acero			Muriel	Lathrop	
Michael	Agnew			Robert	Lee	
Melvina	Andrieux			Leslie	Long	
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	
James	Butcher			Janet	Parker	
Carolyn	Caldwell	Bolda		Oren	Putnam	
Gary	Campbell			Dianne	Peplin	
Tom	Campbell			Durwood	Poff	
Joan	Carson			Jerome	Pollock	
Susan	Chambers			James	Popoff	
Lucy	Chavira			Bert	Putsey	
Marie	Chavira			James	Ralley	
Donna	Coholough	Flemens		Herbert	Reynolds	
Herbert	Cross			Jimmiell	Riddell	
Marion	Cullimore			Phil	Rix	
Richard	Davolos			Albert	Rocha	
Judy	Deanes					
Lorraine	Defosses			Cecil	Romero	
Eleanore	Dominguez			Richard	Romero	
Charlotte	Dotson	Ryan		Norma	Rust	
Joann	Duke			Janet	Schnute	
Sheila	Dunlap			Mary	Sever	
Morris	Dye			Janice	Silvera	
Ruth	Eckes			Judith	Smith	
Carrie	Farrell			Patricia	Smith	
Roberta	Fike			Marilyn	Snyder	
Virginia	Flewell			Sharon	Stroika	
				Eleanor	Sutherland	
Joy	Gammill	Zelvitz		Hedwig	Szatmari	
Henry	Garcia			Shirley	Thorgerson	
Sheila	Garver			Phyllis	Tom	
Donnarose	Gates			Patricia	Tonseth	
Barby	Gibson			Susie	Torrence	

Mary	Guzman			Jay	Towne	
Irene	Helgrud			Carol	Turner	Seiverson
Peggy	Hofold			Darlene	Villar	
Sandra	Hoggarth			Virginia	Vukovich	
Robert	Hooper			Judith	Waten	
Joann	Harrell			Johnny	Watley	
Bill	Hawley			James	Weber	
Jerry	Jarett			Linda	Werner	
Kathlene	Jarrett			Charlotte	Wilson	
Barbara	Juniper	Phillips		Pamela	Wise	
Isabelle	Kelly			Elizabeth	Woods	
Carol	Kirsch			Carolyn	Worthey	
Bob	Klassen			Robert	Wright	
Claudia	Knight					
Jane	Kunkle					
Alice	Konopasek					