

# NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

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

November-December 2009 & January 2010

## General Information

Welcome to issue #15 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](mailto: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](mailto:okayjan@hotmail.com) and her mailing address is 8670 Robles Dr., San Diego, CA 92119.

## Kiowa Spotlight

There are two people in the spotlight this month.

Alumnus **Sheila Ann Garver** Hansberger is featured along with former teacher and football coach, **Darwin Waterman**.

## Happenings

The next Kiowa Class of 1961 Golf Tournament weekend will take place Friday, May 21 through Monday, May 24 in Palm Desert, California. The Golf Tournament will be held Sunday May 23 at Shadow Ridge Resort and the family get-together will be on Monday, May 24. The reception and family get-together will be within walking distance to downtown Palm Desert and Shadow Ridge. The cost is \$110.00 and covers golf, food, drink and fun. Please mail your checks to: Bob O'Connor, 36342 Mirar Vista Dr, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. You can contact Bob at 949-364-0792.

## From Azusa High

Homecoming weekend is October 15 & 16 this year. The alumni football game will take place on Friday, October 15.. There will a dance in the gym immediately following the game. October 16 activities will be announced later.

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

Here are new email addresses for the following alumni:

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## News Updates

In December **Pam Schwab** Huffstutter and her husband, Bill, vacationed 22 days in Australia and New Zealand. They spent one week on Australia's Gold Coast, and then took a 12-day cruise around Australia and New Zealand, starting at Sydney and ending in Auckland. They stayed three days in Auckland before flying home. They were hoping to meet up with Larry Brockman, who now lives in Melbourne, but due to port security, they weren't able to get together.

The photo on the right is of Pam and Bill in front of spectacular Russell Falls in the Tasmanian rain forest. After leaving the falls on the trail back to the visitor center, while crossing a bridge they saw a platypus swimming in the creek. An hour later in a wildlife park they fed and petted kangaroos and a wombat. They also saw Tasmanian devils, a koala and an emu.



*Pam & Bill Huffstutter*

**Dennis Smith** and his wife recently visited Belize for the second time. They love the country and may buy a place there to use 4-5 months a year. They said that it's a great place with nice people, no crime, slow pace and great fishing and diving. Dennis plans to retire in March and shortly after will be heading south to visit folks in Arizona.

**Walt Ashborn & Janice Quick** Ashborn have been spending some quality time at their daughter's second home on the Colorado River. Here's an excerpt from Janice's email *"Here we are looking out of the windows across the vanishing edge pool into the river with the desert brush and mountains as a backdrop. The weather is cool, crisp at night and sunny with a few clouds"*. Sounds nice. Be sure to read Janice's humorous story about her Thanksgiving dinner by clicking on: [http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/Ashborn\\_Thanksgiving2009.pdf](http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/Ashborn_Thanksgiving2009.pdf)

In January, **Bob O'Connor** and his wife, Patty, took their son, Ben, and their grandchildren, Dustin and Brittney, to Hawaii. During their two-week trip they toured the islands of Oahu and Kauai, played some golf and relaxed around the hotel swimming pool. You can read Bob's travel story and view some beautiful photos by clicking on the following link: [http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/Bob\\_O'Connor-Hawaii2009.pdf](http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/Bob_O'Connor-Hawaii2009.pdf)

**Sandy Smith** Reid lives in St. George, Utah, about 30 miles from Zion National Park. She has seven children and 29 grandchildren. She was married for 46 years to Steve Reid, class of '59, who passed away in November.

**Susan Butt** Nelson recently retired and has been enjoying spending time at home. Read her holiday story here at [http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/Susan\\_Butt\\_Nelson\\_Holidays2009.pdf](http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Stories/Susan_Butt_Nelson_Holidays2009.pdf)

**Sue Weatherwax** Maxwell and husband, Tom Maxwell, class of '59, just bought a three-year-old Cats Merada cutting horse for Tom to ride. Glad to see that Tom is back in the saddle again after being laid up last year for a short while.

On January 16 **Corky Warfield** Justice and husband Bob Justice, class of '60, celebrated Corky's mom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Tom Johnson** and his wife, Kay celebrated 43 years of marriage on December 23. They have two daughters, two sons-in-law and five grandchildren.

On November 30 **Troy Kinsey** officially retired and closed his commercial plumbing business. In December he sold the Huntington Beach home he had lived in for 37 years, donated most of his furniture and household goods to charity and moved into a nearby apartment until he decides what he wants to do.

**Ken Gradoville** and his wife, Debby recently rescued a little Chihuahua they named Sadie. They didn't know anything about the dog except that she seemed sweet and adorable and liked to ride in cars—or so they thought. They soon discovered that whenever they started the windshield wipers Sadie turned into a ferocious beast, growling and trying to bite the wipers through the glass.

**Carol Ladewig** is very proud of her daughter, Phoebe Bronstein, who co-authored her first book with two friends. The title of the book is When Ninjas Attack. Carol said that it's hilarious... a tongue-in-cheek, slightly informative guide book about what to do if ninjas attack. It's available in stores all over the country and at amazon.com.

**Tom Roberts & Carol Justice** Roberts took a fishing trip January 14-18 to Santee Lakes. Tom landed a 5 ½ lb trout and Carol caught a 1 ½ lb trout. She also caught a bass, but it's catch and release so she had to let it go. Their grandson, Tommy, helped his grandfather land the trout by netting it for him. Tom and Carol are very proud of little Tommy their two granddaughters, Payton and Kaylee. Tommy received the MVP award from his soccer team and is trying out for the all star team. Payton scored the winning goal for her soccer team in the Albion Cup and is now headed to the State Cup. Kaylee scored the winning goal in her last soccer game helping her team win the tournament.



*Kaylee, Tommy and Payton*



*Tom Roberts and little Tommy*

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 [cheryl.tango@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.tango@gmail.com).

### **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.

**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 on the road to recovery. You may send cards and letters to Barbara at 35570 Cold Springs Rd., Lebanon, OR 97335. Her e-mail address is [coldspringstrees@msn.com](mailto:coldspringstrees@msn.com)

**Bill Reeves** recovered from two skin graft surgeries on his right foot, but then developed an ulcer on the outside edge of the same foot near his fourth and fifth toes, which later became infected. Surgeons had to remove the affected toes because the infection had reached the bone. He is recovering nicely at home and is looking forward to playing in the next golf tournament. Cards may be sent to Bill at 681 Diamond Way, Vista, CA 92083 and e-mails to [SF4T9RS@cox.net](mailto:SF4T9RS@cox.net)

**Henry "Sonny" Rau** was diagnosed with prostate cancer in December and started noninvasive treatment the first of this year. You can send cards to 565 Sparks Blvd, #862, Sparks, NV 89434. Sonny's phone number is 775-972-7060,

**Jimmy Rozance** has still not fully recovered from his surgery and subsequent strokes he suffered last year. Although he is now able to drive, there appears to be some residual damage from the strokes 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

The past year has been a difficult one because we have lost some of our former classmates. Gone, but not forgotten, they will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

January 24 **Mike Rawlings** lost his battle with cancer and passed away peacefully with his family at his side.

On January 2, after a long and painful struggle with diabetes-related health problems, **Karol Ruffing** White passed peacefully at home surrounded by family.

In October **Frank Moreno** suffered a heart attack and underwent open heart surgery. Complications developed and he passed in the hospital a few days after the surgery.

Jean Barta, former Azusa High School employee and the mother of **Nancy Barta** Emch and Kathy Barta, passed away on January 3 at the age of 89. She had a full and active life in the city of Azusa. Many of you remember her when she worked at the Azusa High snack bar. Jean was a band booster, supported all school activities, and was active in the PTA. She even attended Azusa High's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Nancy and her family moved from Central Los Angeles to a home in Azusa in 1955 and Nancy's mother was still living in that same home when she passed.

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	Frank Moreno	Karol Ruffing White
Mike Rawlings		

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.

Please email news and photos to [cheryl.tango@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.tango@gmail.com) and address changes to [okayjan@hotmail.com](mailto:okayjan@hotmail.com)

*Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)*

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## Spotlight on Sheila Ann Garver Hansberger

### Life after Azusa High School

Three weeks before the start of our Senior year at Azusa High my mom was transferred by her employer to San Bernardino, so our family moved and relocated to Yucaipa where I attended Yucaipa High School as a Senior. (We had previously lived in Yucaipa when I was in elementary school and still owned a home there which we had rented out during the years we lived in Azusa.)



*Sheila Ann Garver Hansberger*

After high school I attended community college and worked part-time. I married in 1965 and my husband and I remained in Yucaipa where we raised our three children. We owned an apple orchard in Oak Glen (Snow-Line Orchards) in the foothills above Yucaipa and sold direct to the public every autumn to the thousands of visitors that make the seasonal trek to the mile-high tourist area. When it wasn't apple season, I worked as a free-lance commercial artist and eventually used my talents while I worked for a printing firm as their in-house artist. Since the 1980's my career has gone in the direction of fine art, in watercolor. I create paintings which are sold through galleries and art shows. No, I do not yet have a web-site, but it's coming. My work has been featured on the web and in various magazines and is a part of several permanent collections owned by institutions such as the National Orange Show, Mt. San Jacinto College, the San Bernardino County Museum, various banks, medical centers and other enterprises.



*Cedar mill at Snow-line Orchards – painting by Sheila*

In 2006, my husband of 41 years passed away from cancer. I was devastated. It's strange how much my life changed. It was hard to focus on creating art, so I didn't for a couple years. My faith, my family and my friends have kept me going. I'm blessed to have three grandchildren; they are the light of my life and I often drop everything to be with them. My career has been on hold for quite awhile, but in the last year I have started re-building my inventory and accepting requests to teach classes and workshops and I'm looking forward to some upcoming shows and art events.



*Sheila & her grandchildren*

More paintings by Sheila



*And a Box Full of Beans*



*Rose Window, Smiley Library*



*Yellow Adirondacks*

You can read this bio and all previous alumni bios at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/bios.html>

## Spotlight on Darwin Waterman

former Azusa High history teacher and football coach



*AHS Coach Waterman - 1959*

I taught the 6th grade at San Dimas Elementary for 1 1/2 years (1956-1957) and then at Azusa High for two years (1957-1959). I moved to Duarte High School where I taught history and continued to coach. I left Duarte in 1965 and worked as a school psychologist until 1972. Then I made the big move to Oklahoma City where I taught education and psychology courses at the University of Central Oklahoma until my retirement in 2000. I graduated from L.A. State (Cal State L.A.) in 1956 with a major in history and minor in physical education. I graduated with a Master's Degree from Pasadena Nazarene College in 1965 and went on to earn a doctorate at the University of Tulsa in 1973. Since 2000 I have pursued a limited practice in psychology and enjoy working at a few schools and assisting lawyers.



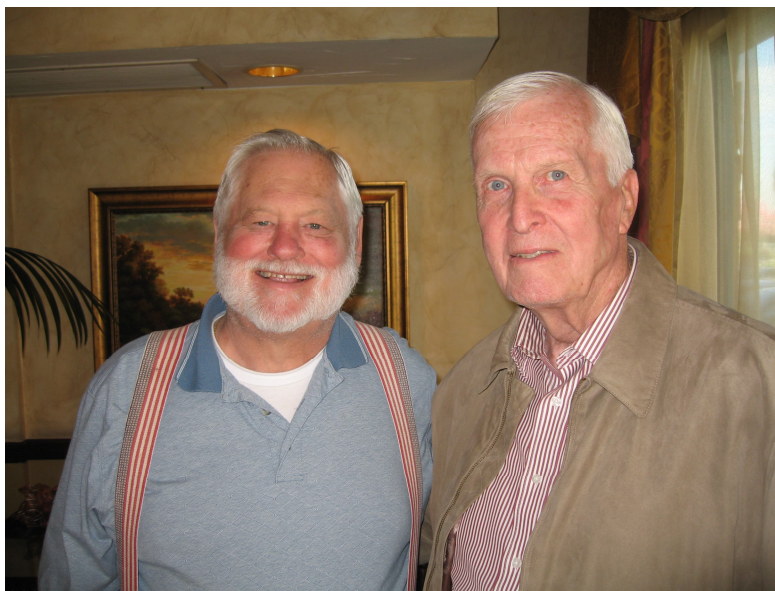
*AHS faculty - 1959*

As you can see, the years since leaving Azusa High have been mainly work and going to school. However, Carolyn, my wife of 23 years, and I love to travel and we have been to England, Germany, Italy, France and Hawaii. Carolyn and I take small touring groups to Europe and will be leaving for Paris in March.

We live in Bethany, Oklahoma and have two children. My daughter, Paula, lives near us in Bethany and teaches middle school in Oklahoma City. My son, Stephen, is married with three children and lives in Rowlett, Texas. He is busy in the computer world.

Carolyn and I are both retired, but find ourselves very busy. Carolyn has a small booth at an antique mall and teaches writing at Southern Nazarene University here in Bethany, Oklahoma. I am still licensed to do mental health work and do part-time testing at a local charter school and sometimes get involved with the court system. We enjoy going to Dallas to see my son's family, living near our daughter in Oklahoma City and taking care of our two great dogs. We seem to be in good health.

I have many fond memories about my two years teaching at Azusa High School and had a great time at the last reunion.



*Cecil "C.V." Romero and Dr. Darwin Waterman  
'60s Reunion - 2008*

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	Acerio			Mary	Kluter	
Delores	Alonzo			Alice	Konopasek	Pipping
Anne	Alvarez			Jane	Kunkle	
Julianna	Ardelean	Parker		Robert	LaFata	
Roberta	Armstrong			Dorothy	Lake	
Kathy	Arnold	Houlthouser		Robert	Lee	
Bertha	Ascencio			Patricia	Lenschmidt	
Larry	Bailey			Leslie	Long	
Charlette	Barnes			Elvira	Lopez	
Linda	Beavers	Ponce		Paul	Malenfant	
Jeanne	Becker			Janice	Mann	
William	Behounek			Olivia	Mardis	
Ladd	Biggs	Merwin		George	Marquez	
Jeanne	Boese			Josephine	Martinez	
Joanne	Boss	Turner		Sandra	McFadden	
Carol	Brown			Dennis	Miller	
Larry	Brown			Judith	Morski	
Diane	Burns			Bobby	Nakatani	
Harriet	Bush			Sharon	Nolen	
James	Butcher			Deanne	Noriega	
Gary	Campbell			David	Nunez	
Tom	Campbell			Melody	O'Brien	
Joan	Carson	Woodward		Janet	Parker	
Susan	Chambers			Judith	Peterson	
Lucy	Chavira			Jerome	Pollock	
Marie	Chavira			John	Powell	
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Kenneth	Clement			James	Railey	
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Robert	Cummins			Pauline	Rheault	
Richard	Davolos			Phil	Rix	
Judy	Deanes	Greene		Albert	Rocha	
Lorraine	Defosses			Elizabeth	Romero	
Eleanore	Dominguez	Manqueros		Richard	Romero	
Rubin	Dominguez			Walter	Roy	
Charlotte	Dotson	Ryan		Norma	Rust	
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