



ALUMNI BEAR NOOZ

Arvin High 60th Anniversary Celebration

The Week of October 19th – 24th Arvin High celebrated with activities for the students at the high school. On Thursday afternoon there was a Parade up Campus with class floats, the football team, the AHS Band, AHS Cheerleaders, and Alumni that ended with a rally in the campus quad. Arvin High gave tours around the school on Thursday Night and Saturday Morning. They also had a booth showing the items that are being made from the old gym floor.

If you would like to purchase one of the items check the Alumni Website at www.arvinalumni.org

Friday Arvin played Shafter high at the homecoming game. The parade around the football field was held between games and at half-time. There were class floats, Arvin Alumni that had representatives from 1954 to 2009. Cheerleaders and former Homecoming Queens were also in the parade along with classmates of 1964 who were having their 45th reunion.

On Saturday the Alumni Association held their 8th Annual Golf Tournament and an Alumni Luncheon at Sycamore Canyon Golf Course. Everyone attending was having a good time reminiscing. At the luncheon Dr James "Fizzer" Young and Mary Sams Durham honored Arvin Alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Distinguished Alumni Service Award. Starting with this year there will be two awards presented. One for service to the community and one for recognizing accomplishments in their chosen field or in business. Certificates for Distinguished Alumni were presented to those in attendance and Mary Sams Durham will deliver the certificates to those unable to attend.

Those being honored were:

Blanca Cavazos – Class 1977 – AHS Principal, Sandra Gong Hosey – Class 1973 - Dentist, Larry Hallum – Class 1961 – Teacher who started the Constitution Team, Faye Wimbish Holbert – Class 1956, Joe Holbert – Class 1956, Jennifer Johnson Holbert – Class 1981, Ron Holbert – Class 1981 – Co-owners of JORONCO Rentals, James Kennedy – Class 1964 – Major League Baseball, Calvin Meek – Class 1955 – Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director – Arvin High, Barry Pearson – Class 1976 – Distinguished Military Career – A True American Hero, Daniel Rodriguez – Class 1972 - Lawyer, Sylvia Rugnao Cariker – aka "Casey McBride" – Class 1966 – DJ KUZZ, and Mack Wimbish – Class 1961- Law Enforcement – CHP, Kern County Sheriff.

It took a lot of people to help with the Saturday event and thanks to "Fizzer" Young the 2008 and 2009 Constitution team members that were there all day long it was a success. Thank You. Constitution members helping were 2008 team - Erica Hernandez, Faye Dean Ramos, Jazmin Robles, Lupita Gallardo, and Maria Lopez. 2009 team members were Eleazar Gutierrez, Thomas Baltazar, and Jesus Alonso. Thank you to Sam Aguilar – Class 2005 who helped all weekend

Thank you to Bear Booster Members, and classmates of 1964 that also put in long hours for the celebration weekend.

Distinguished Alumni Service Award Recipients 2009



Dr James "Fizzer" Young

Linda Gonzaga



Linda Leary

Two Alumni were presented with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award for service to Arvin High and the community.

"Fizzer" Young presented The Distinguished Alumni Service Award to Elinda "Linda" Gonzaga – Class 1968 and to Linda Killian Leary – Class 1967.

Linda Gonzaga and Linda Leary have been serving the communities of Arvin and Lamont through volunteer work for over twenty years. In addition to volunteer work at the local schools, including Bear Boosters, Friends of the Fine Arts and more recently (the last eight years) the Arvin High Alumni Association they have actively participated in their local sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, for over thirty years. Linda Leary has served as Alumni Association Treasurer since the Association began and Linda Gonzaga has been the Secretary until recently but now has the important job of the Alumni Newsletter. Linda Gonzaga worked for 34 1/2 years at Kern Community College District before retiring in 2005. Linda Leary works for Green Valley Packers and is proud of her four sons that graduated from Arvin High, went to college and are doing very well! Husband Rick serves as the current Alumni Association President.

Golf Results for the Alumni-Frank Barle Memorial

1st Place Carter's Automotive (Score 58)

Ray Burns, Jerry Ann Carter, Jimmy Graham,
Steve Hallum, and Charles Studer

2nd Place ENOVA Solutions (Score 59)

Mike Abapo, Scott Borders, Mike Minner, and
Ron Richards

3rd Place 3Way Tie – (Score 60)

Kennedy Family Don Kennedy, James
Kennedy, Junior Kennedy, and Ronnie Weeks

McNeill – Jordan McNeill, Kenny McNeill, Jae
Nuñez, and Danny Henderson

Campbell – Nolan Campbell, Connor
Campbell, Craig Campbell, Casey Eads

6th Place Class of 1956 (Score 61)

Chuck Allen, Ralph Coughran, Raul Duran,
Eddie Ederra, and Gary Knecht

7th Place 3Way Tie – (Score 62)

Nakata (Class of 1968) Dennis Frick, Grant
Frick, Bill Nakata, Kay Parker, and Randy
Parker

Meek Family – Terry Bernardin, Tony
Bernardin, Cal Meek, Cliff Meek, and Janice
Meek

McKee Electric – Doug Grider, Keith Grider,
Rod Porterfield, and Greg Sugener

Closest to the Hole Men

Hole - 8 Carl Pearson

Hole - 17 Ray Burns

Closest to the Hole Women

Hole - 8 Shelly Hendrix

Hole - 17 – Judath Lefebvre

Longest Drive

Men - Jae Nuñez

Longest Drive

Women - Pat Brantley-Siemens

Winner-Putting contest - Darren Scott

Winner of 50/50 Drawing
Steve Hallum

1st Place Team Carter's Automotive



2nd Place team ENOVA Solutions

Golf Tournament Sponsors

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A Teacher, Mentor, Friend William R Dolan 1912-2009

William R Dolan – Mr. Dolan was born on a ranch in Traver CA. He was a teacher at AHS for twenty-four years. He taught Journalism, and Spanish. Mr. Dolan was also a policeman, an investigator and a county sheriff. He was also active in the Arvin Exchange Club until he gave up driving. Even after his retirement he continued to attend the AHS Friday night football games that his granddaughter drove him to.

MEETINGS

If you would like to attend our meetings, They are held on the second Wednesday of the month. We usually meet at El Pueblo Restaurant in Lamont at 6:30p.m. If you would like to help on a committee or be a representative for your class or would just like to see what's going on please come to a meeting. We need help with membership, fundraising, and the newsletter

WE THE PEOPLE

Watch the local newspaper for information on the AHS Constitution Team and their journey to win the County and State Competitions.

MEMORIALS

***Gone but not forgotten.
Once again we are sorry to report
the passing of former***

Classmates and teachers.

*Marvin E Harris – Class of 1953
Ray Roberson – Class of 1953
Robert M Sabovich – Class of 1970
Martha Ortiz – Class of 1976
Justo Lugo – Class of 1982
Curtis Sinden – Class of 1986
Deon Stephens – Class of 1986
Toby McCuen – Class of 1987
Sunny Johnson – Class of 1989
Claire J Larsen – Librarian
William R Dolan – Teacher*

WEBSITE

*Check Reunion information and
general information about the Alumni
Association. www.arvinalumni.org*

*Beware of scam websites advertising
Arvin High Alumni.*

*The above website is the **Official** and
Only Website for the Arvin High
Alumni Association.*

MEMBERSHIP

ARVIN HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ EMAIL _____

Annual Membership (\$25) _____ Life Membership (\$500) _____ Other _____

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