

3/28/10 **Lending a Helping Hand:** There is a yard sale being planned for Saturday, April 10, 2010 to benefit Steve (AHS 72') and Susan Hallum. As many of you are aware, Steve suffered a debilitating stroke some months ago now and he has been in the hospital ever since. Steve is presently at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Bakersfield. If you want to donate items for the yard sale, you can contact John Hallum (Steve's Uncle) at 661-397-6566 or Mary Durham at 661-836-9887. The yard sale will be held at John's house at 3601 Planz Road, Bakersfield, CA on Saturday, April 10th. Any donation will be appreciated and all proceeds go to Steve and Susan.

03/23/10 **Upcoming Class of 1972 Events in April, May, & June:** We have some exciting stuff coming up over the next 90 days and I wanted to be sure that all of you were aware so you could participate if you choose too. On **Friday, April 23, 2010** we will be getting together for Lunch at **The Rice Bowl** in Bakersfield. Millie Collins, who lived in Arvin and went to school with many of you until 1968, will be visiting from Ash Flat, Arkansas. If you want to visit with Millie and a bunch of your old classmates, plan to be there. On **Sunday, May 23, 2010** we will be caravanning to **The Getty Museum** in Los Angeles for lunch and some art appreciation. We'll carpool, entry is free, and the only expense is parking and whatever you want to buy for lunch. If you've never been or even if you've been there 20 times, come join us. On **Saturday, June 12, 2010**, we are having our 'Annual Class of 1972 Get Together' at **Marlene 'Leary' Baughman's** home in Bakersfield. We are expecting a big turnout this year, so be sure to get tickets and show up. The cost for that event is a very reasonable \$5 per person and includes a taco bar, drinks, and dessert. If you have questions, drop me a line at farrellneeley@aol.com

03/11/10 **Steve Hallum Continues To Make Gains:** James Williams and I went by HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital yesterday afternoon and visited with our classmate Steve Hallum. As most of you know by now Steve suffered a serious stroke several months back and has been hospitalized or in rehab ever since. Last month Steve underwent a Carotid Endarterectomy to clear a build up of plaque out of his right Carotid artery. There has been clear improvement in Steve's cognitive functions since the last time we visited. Steve told us that another procedure is planned for the near future to clear the plaque out of the left Carotid to further enhance blood flow and help Steve regain critical functions. Steve shared that he is now able to walk some with the help of a walker and he's continuing to work hard to regain mobility so he can get out of the hospital and back to his life in Arvin. If you want to visit, he is in room 306 now and afternoons are better than mornings because he is in rehab during the morning hours. Keep Steve in your prayers!

03/10/10 **Jolene 'Harris' Mendoza:** Our classmate Jolene is out of the hospital and continuing her recuperation from pneumonia at home in Delano. She says they are giving her prednisone for the bronchial inflammation and that keeps her hungry all the time, but beyond that she's doing better and expects to make a full recovery.

03/05/10 **A Classmate's Parent's Passing:** Many of us know the parents of our classmates because we ran around with them and spent time at their homes or we knew them from church or other community functions. Our classmate and the owner of Lamont's General Store, Donnie Carr, lost his father this past week after a long battle with failing health. Donnie's Mom & Dad have been living in Oklahoma for the past several years as their health began to fail; Donnie's Mom is still alive. Our condolences go out to Donnie and his entire family. As I recall Donnie's Dad was Choctaw and Donnie's grandfather was an original signatory on the Dawes Roll.

03/04/10 **Jolene 'Harris' Mendoza:** has been in the hospital this past week in Delano, fighting pneumonia. In Jolene's case this is more serious than it sounds due to some underlying health issues that have set her back in recent years. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers so she can recover get back to her family, and be able to join us for next month's class lunch.

03/01/10 **Become A Facebook Fan of The Arvin High School Class of 1972:** For the past nine months we have been building our class page on **Facebook** and want you to drop by whenever you are there. It's '**Arvin High Class of 1972**' and we want you to become a fan so you can receive updates as soon as they post here on our website. Be sure to let other classmates and other AHS alums know about it because it's such a good way to stay connected.

If you haven't already joined **Facebook**, you should at least consider it. It's fun, it's free, and it's a great way to keep up with old classmates, their kids, and grandkids. Currently there are about 1,900 active Arvin High School alumni on Facebook and about 40 of those now are from our own class. The number creeps up a few each month. We have been adding a couple every two weeks and we need to pick up that pace. If you find you don't like Facebook after you try it, you can always disconnect... www.facebook.com