

## Class of 1972 Updates Archive 04\_10

04/22/10 **April Class Luncheon:** Each month we have been trying to get together for a lunch at various places a round the county. Next Friday, April 23, 2010, we are going to be meeting for lunch at The Rice Bowl in Bakersfield, CA. Former Arvinite and current 'Arkie', Millie Collins is expected to be in attendance to meet with old friends from the area. These lunches are a great way to re-connect and to catch up with old friends. They are 'Dutch Treat', so you can eat and drink as much or as little as you want to. We'll get underway about noon and we'll end when people get tired or the management runs us off...Hope to see you there!

04/14/10 **Friends & Family of Steve Hallum Raise Funds:** The latest word we have is that the yard sales last Saturday to benefit our classmate Steve Hallum raised over \$2,000. Special thanks to everybody who donated money, yard sale items, or their time to make this all possible. The good news is that Steve was allowed to go home last week after many months in the hospital. There are still some hurdles ahead of Steve, but he's a fighter and he's doing everything he can to make a full recovery.

04/12/10 **Congratulations Nancy 'Velasco' Raymond:** This past week Nancy 'Velasco' Raymond celebrated 30 years at the Borton & Petrini law firm in Bakersfield. Her colleagues surprised her with a party, flowers, and other tokens of their appreciation for all she's done there over the years. Nancy is not retiring just yet, but she can see retirement somewhere up ahead. Nancy, if you stay with it you can get to 40 years at just about age 65. But don't work so long that you don't have time to enjoy a retirement.

04/10/10 **Become A Facebook Fan of The Arvin High School Class of 1972:** For the past ten 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, even before 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 2,000 active Arvin High School alumni on Facebook and about 50 of those now are from our own class. The number grows each month. We have been adding a couple every week 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](http://www.facebook.com)

04/07/10 **Gary Lockett Suffers Heart Attack:** On Gary's birthday last year I told him that if he wanted to go hit golf balls with me, I had an extra set of clubs. We exchanged emails and phone calls and then in early March he called and told me he'd get back to me in a few days so we could confirm a time. When he didn't call back, I figured he just got busy and forgot. He called me yesterday afternoon to explain that on March 16th he had a massive heart attack caused by three blocked arteries and was in the CCU for two weeks. The Cardiologist put in two stints and plans to do another one as soon as Gary is well enough to handle it. He's home now and trying to work his way back into a normal routine. He tells me that he can go into the office for a few hours a day, but he can't exercise yet. Keep Gary and his wife in your prayers and if you want to send him a card, mail it to 1712 St. Clair Court; Bakersfield, CA, 93304.

04/04/10 **Out & About:** I ran into Mike Abapo (AHS 72') and Roger Burns (AHS 71') this week and got to talk a little with both of them. We are all aging and health issues are

something all of us seem to be dealing with one way or another. Mike is going to try and make it out for the 'Class of 1972 Get Together' on June 12th, but told me that he follows his grandkids soccer in Los Angeles and they always play on Saturday at that time of year, so he wasn't making any 'firm' promises. Roger is still working at Tiger Tank, but has relocated to a 55+ community out at Rio Bravo. He said he's done mowing laws and fighting with landscape. He's gonna let someone else handle that from here on out. We all should reach out to one another while we can and while there is still time. None of us are getting any younger, and any of us could be the next name added to the memorial pages...