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05/26/10 **Charles Roton Is Alive & Well:** Cyndi Blankenship gave me the new address for Charles Roton. I had sent mail to an address here in Kern County that came back as 'undeliverable' and couldn't locate him through Zabasearch or any of those methods, so I had given up trying to make contact. At any rate, Charles now lives in Mokelumne Hills, California and is trying to make a trip to Bakersfield to be with us on June 12th.

05/24/10 **Ticket Deadline:** If you still want to purchase tickets for our annual get together, you have until Saturday to get your orders in. Tickets are still \$5 per person and we encourage you to bring friends. For \$5 you get chips and salsa, all the tacos you can eat, salads, drinks, and desert. There is not a better bargain anywhere in the county than this one.

05/16/10 **May Class Luncheon at the Getty Museum:** This month to change things up a little bit we are going to make a quick trip from Bakersfield to The Getty Museum, just off the 405 Freeway in Los Angeles. If you want to go along, we are meeting at the old Mervyn's parking lot (Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 9:45 a.m. and we'll be returning about 6 p.m.) just south of the CVS pharmacy and west of the Golden One credit union. We'll carpool to reduce costs. Parking is \$15 per vehicle. Admission is absolutely free. Lunch can be bought at one of several different restaurants, with the cafeteria being the most economical and our choice for this trip. If you want more haute cuisine, that's available there as well. This is a great way to get to see a place that many folks here haven't seen and to do so at truly minimal cost. For more details email me at farrellneeley@aol.com or follow the blue link at the header of this paragraph to go directly to the Getty website.

05/14/10 **Nicky Velasquez Is Alive & Well:** I ran into Nicky Velasquez recently at the FoodMaxx on Niles street. Nicky said he was in town for a family gathering and he was picking up some sour cream and bread. After working as educator here in Kern County for years, he is presently a school Principal in Los Angeles. I gave him my business card with my email and asked him to drop me his address so we could keep him posted on what's going on with the rest of us. I told him about the site and they Facebook page and he asked me to tell everybody he said hello...

05/13/10 **The Rocky Handy Memorial Scholarship:** will be given out in a few days at the Annual Arvin High School Senior Awards program. The early shortfall of about \$375 was overcome by an influx of giving these past couple of weeks to bring us over our annual goal. The SilverTips Alumni Network, composed of Arvin High School Alumni around the world, once again has donated \$500 to the Rocky Handy Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. That brings the endowment solidly above \$17,000. The ultimate goal is to get the endowment to a place where the scholarship is self-funding through interest paid on the endowment principal.

05/06/10 **Gary Luckett Suffers 2nd Heart Attack:** Back in March Gary suffered a heart attack. The doctors placed two stints and planned to place a third once he felt a little better. Before they could do that placement electively, Gary suffered another heart attack and they had to place that third stint immediately. Gary is recuperating, in good spirits, and hoping to be released to work again next month. I know he'd appreciate your prayers and good thoughts. I'll list Gary's email on the '[Archives & Info](#)' tab if you want to drop him an email. If you want to send a card, the address is **Gary Luckett; 1712 St. Clair Court; Bakersfield, CA 93304.**

05/03/10 Carlos Guerrero is Alive & Well: I ran into Carlos Guerrero this afternoon at Costco on Panama Lane. He looked great and I easily recognized him. He had a harder time recognizing the fluffier grayer older Farrell. At any rate, it was good to see him. His Mom and Dad are still living in Arvin and he still lives in Bakersfield and has been in private practice as an addiction counselor for years now. I told him about the get together on June 12th and asked him to come join us for the evening. We all hope he'll be there...