

Bison Spirit Newsletter



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Oldest living Bison returns to Sunset

In celebration of homecoming the Sunset Alumni Association hosted open house and a tour of additions and remodeling of Sunset High School. The open house was represented by a large gathering of alumni to include the classes of 1927 thru 1974. During the tour, which was led by current members of the student body, old friendships were renewed and memories shared. All present stated that they enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other alumni and looking forward to the next meeting.

Elizabeth Baumann Post returned to Sunset 78 years after graduating in 1927, in celebration of the homecoming and tour. She is thought to be the oldest living graduate of Sunset High School.

Elizabeth Baumann Post, class of 1927 as told by her daughter Edith Stone Smith, class of 1959.

Mother was born in Childress, Texas July 26, 1909. Her family moved to Dallas and lived on Sunset Street until around 1918. They moved to 211 N. Montclair where I lived while going to Greiner. My grandparents sold the house in the early 60's then it burned to the ground.

Mother attended Rosemont and then went to Adamson while Sunset was under construction. Then she went to Sunset and was a member of the chemistry club called the CACO3 Club ran by Papa Chalk. After she graduated, she took classes at Sunset in typing and home economics.

My Dad, Amos Luther Stone was also a member of the Class of 1927 and a member of the ROTC. They married in 1929. Mother got a job at Maytag but when the depression hit, my Dad lost his job, and they moved to Chicago for a while. Mother tells bitter stories of the times they were there. Someone stole their clothes and she had one outfit that she washed and then dried over the radiator. They ate soda crackers and buttermilk as there was no money. To this day Mother is unable to waste food or basically anything else.

My Mother remembers many names of her classmates and who married who, but that would be another story. She remembers Genevieve Williams for one, and she can to this day, point out who lived where. It makes her sad to visit Montclair, and I have not taken her there in years. She can tell you all about old Oak Cliff, the Boundry, down on Jefferson and who owned the general store, etc. like it was yesterday.

We bought a book about old Oak Cliff and she has told us so many stories about businesses and Lake Cliff Park etc. She can also tell you where the Speak Easy was on Bishop Ave. Listening to her is like living an old movie. She can bring those days back to life as they were in her memories.

My Mother is "old school" and brought up the hard way. She is a great lady even today and still has red hair (and always will).

Oh, my Mother's sister, Edna Mae Baumann, was of the Class of 1928 and lives in Ohio. Her Brother, William Atwood Baumann, graduated in the 1930's and her younger sister, Harriette Ditman Baumann, also is a graduate of Sunset but I have no idea of what year.

Aunt Harriette is deceased but the other two are still living although not in good health. My uncle has advanced Parkinson's and lives at Presbyterian Village North.





Alumni Donations



The Sunset Alumni Association has donated a total of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four Dollars to Nineteen Organizations

\$ 1,012.90	Advanced Accounting	\$ 750.00	Ladies Athletic Dept	\$ 1,750.00	Science Dept.
\$ 500.00	Art Department	\$ 300.00	Leadership Training	\$ 1,536.92	Stampede
\$ 2,400.00	Bisonetts	\$ 500.00	Median Crepe Myrtles	\$ 500.00	Tennis Team
\$ 750.00	Business Dept.	\$ 500.00	National Honor Society	\$ 200.00	Theater Dept.
\$ 255.00	Cheerleader Banners	\$2,050.00	New York Field Trip	\$ 350.00	UIL
\$ 500.00	Student Council	\$ 700.00	Peer Mediation		
\$ 1,000.00	Key Club	\$ 300.00	PTA		

The Alumni Association has made a difference and touched a lot of students. More can be done with your help.

Century Club Yearly Contributors

Contributed \$100.00 or more



The Association would like to welcome all members of the Century Club as of this date. Anyone who makes a contribution of \$100 or more each year becomes a member of this club. However, no gift is too small and all donations are greatly appreciated by those benefiting from your generosity.

Jan Smith Tarrana class of 50	Nelson Smith class of 45	Weldon Finney class of 50
Esta Davis Stewart class of 42	Marie Powers Tuttle class of 50	Ann Ball Walker class of 50
Peggy Starling West class of 57	W.B Baxter class of ?	

Ribbon Cutting at Sunset

Sunset will celebrate it's new additions and classrooms with a ribbon cutting program, reception and tours Monday January 19th 2006 at 10:30 am. All Alumni are invited. For more information, call Sunset Assistant Principle Barbara Amie 972-502-1531.

Good news from the IRS

Your contributions to the Sunset High School Alumni Association are now tax deductible. The Alumni Association received tax exempt authority September 19, 2005 and is classified as a Public Charity..... SOoooo, don't hold back,..... give until it feels good.

The students of Sunset need your help.

Thank You



A special thanks to all our members and contributors, who have made the donations to Sunset High School possible.

Without your support and contributions of time and money, we cannot exist. We will try to keep you informed of all future involvement at Sunset thru a Newsletter to be published twice annually, in the Winter and Summer and our WebSite WWW.sunsetalumni.com.

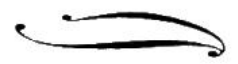
Whether or not you belong to any organization related to Sunset High School, we encourage you to join the Sunset High School Alumni Association as it represents all graduates and former students. **WE DO NOT BELONG TO ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION. WE REPRESENT ONLY PRESENT AND PAST STUDENTS OF SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL AND NOT JUST A FEW CLASSES OR GROUPS.**

If you have not joined the Sunset High School Alumni Association or paid dues for 2006, please refer to the application form on page 8



Upcoming Events

Reunions and Meetings



Sunset Students Travel to New York City

By Dan Madden

Twelve Sunset students traveled to New York City for five days in early December. The students attended marketing and career development conferences that broadened their horizons and inspired them to set high personal goals. They enjoyed Broadway shows, including *Rent*, *Jersey Boys*, *Mamma Mia* and *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. They also mastered the subways as they saw all the sights, including The Empire State Building, The Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Plaza,, Central Park, Grand Central Station and Times Square.

Christinia De Alva, one of the students, said, "I enjoyed all the shows, but my favorite was *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. As a Bisonette, I could really identify with the Rockettes".

Valentine Dominguez, Sunset's Student Body President, looked down from the top of the Empire State Building and said, "Were not in Oak Cliff anymore".

The student's overall favorite musical was *Jersey Boys*, the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Songs like "working My Way Back to you" and "Can't Take My eyes Off You" are once again popular with Sunset students.

The Sunset Alumni Association helped sponsor this trip. Vanessa Savala, Sunset's Student Body Treasurer, said, "We would like to thank Sunset Alumni Association for helping to make this trip possible. Someday we hope to give another group of Sunset students the same opportunity that you gave us"



Classes of 1984 and 85 Reunion

For Planned reunions

Contact:

Laura (Shuller) Dorenbecker
(214) 599-8345

ldorenbecker@cri.com

Classes of 1939,40,41,42,43,44&45

Hold a joint meeting the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Wedgewood Towers in Oak Cliff

Change of Address

Please let us know if your address changes so that you may continue to receive your Newsletter.

Class of 1936 meet 2nd Monday each

month at Luby's Cafeteria, Hampton Rd. and Fort Worth Ave.

Contact:

Cornelia Cellor Spencer
214-339-9671

Class Websites

- Sunset High School Alumni www.sunsetalumni.com
- Classes of 39-46 www.home.comcast.net/~bolive/sunset.html
- Class of 50 www.bisons1950.org/index.html
- Classes of 51-52 <http://groups.yahoo.com/sunsetbisonsclass51and52>
- Classes of 57-58 www.theherd.net
- Class of 61 www.sunset61.com
- Class of 63 <http://www.sunsetbison63.com>
- Class of 65 www.sunset65.org
- Class of 70 www.shs70.net
- Class of 84 www.sunset1984reunion.com
- Class of 94 <http://www.geocities.com/sunsethigh1994>
- Sunset Reunions www.sunsetreunion.com



Other Websites of interest

Echoes

From John Coolidge

Class of 1948

As a loyal and faithful alumnus of Sunset High School, where the seeds of my unending quest for knowledge and relentless search for truth and beauty were firmly planted in me, I wanted to alert you and other dedicated Bisons and Bisonettes to whom I have directed a copy of this email to the following: According to several reliable sources, the contents of the "History, Trivia and Lore" page of the recent (September 2005) Bison Spirit Newsletter contains one of the most famous hoaxes ever transmitted over the internet. The primary source categorically exposing the inaccuracies of these

From Inez Hunter Amirkhan

Class of 1944

My husband and I both enjoy reading the newsletter. I am enclosing a check for the Century Club. I am somewhat disappointed that my cousin, Barbara Harper Braun, who died in 2002 was never listed in the newsletter. I did send her name to you. She was Class of 1944. In the meantime her brother, Thomas Payne Harper Jr., class of 1942 died in July 2005. He was in the Marines and was wounded on Guam. He and his wife, Mary returned about 2 years ago. My brother, Philip Hunter, class of 1945 lives in Longview, and you hear from him on occasion. So there were four of us at Sunset. Our mothers were sisters.

I have spent the last number of years in my husband's business, Oriental Rug Cleaning Co. We are down the street from the DISD and another alumni.

Your efforts and good work with the newsletter are much appreciated, and I know it's hard to please everyone.

From Carolyn Cass Scott

Dear Sunset Committee, what a great newsletter! and I was very impressed with the donations to the school and it's activities. Good job, one and all! I will be unable to visit the school during homecoming because I will be out of town. I hope to get to do that at another time. Hope I get to see some of you in the future at some of your planned dinners.
Thanks again

"myths" is Chapter 2 (entitled "The Elizabethan E-mail Hoax", pp.60-72) of the recent publication Word Myths: Debunking Linguistic Urban Legends by David Wilton (Oxford University Press, 2004). If you have a chance to buy or borrow this little trade paperback, do so; I think you will enjoy the explanations of the evidence of why these myths (and many others as well) are just that and really have no sound basis in fact you might want to pass this revelation on to the editor or editors of the Bison Spirit Newsletter. And let's hope this embarrassing error is not discovered by alumni of Adamson, Woodrow, and our other former rival institutions.

From Nennett Reese Hanslove

Class of 2004

Thanks so very much for sending the Bison Spirit Newsletter. I enjoyed the History Trivia especially.

Thank you for all the energy you expend to keep us informed and being an association.

I'll try to email a story about Herman Cowley, our football coach in 1942 - 43 who went on to coach at North Texas and later for the Detroit Lions.

From Jan Smith Tarrana

Class of 1950

Hi Gang, Enjoyed the "Bison Spirit" and am enclosing a \$200.00 check for Century Club membership for myself and my brother, Nelson Smith

Keep up the good work!

From Johnny Adcock

Class of 1943

I checked my mailing Label and found I was delinquent Sorry
The newsletter is great.

From Floyd Loupot

Class of 1939

Thanks to all the good people for the good work they do.

Sunset High School Continues to Reach New Academic Goals

Sunset again shocks the district with outstanding TAKS scores. Sunset again is making history with six outstanding students being named AP scholars for the AP test taken in spring of 2005. By passing the exams college credits are earned with advancement to the next level.

Congratulations to:

Rocio Beltran

Jose Roca

Nazar Salas

Anjelica Ruiz

Debora Vasquez

Noemi Beltran

What's goin-on with your class?

The Alumni Association has compiled a partial list of representatives of various graduating classes to keep you informed of coming events of their graduating class.

Listed below are some of those representatives:

CLASS	CONTACT PERSON	EMAIL	PHONE
1938-1942	Roy Kinslow ('42)	rkinslow@flash.net	(972) 661-1941
1943-1946	Bettye Brewer Olive	bolive@comcast.net	(972) 438-1983
1950	Duane Starkey	duane_starkey@sbcglobal.net	
1951-1952	Sandra Young Julien	sj34ok@aol.com	(972) 709-7832
1955	James Rutledge		(214)520-3500
1957	Nancy Pierce Barber	hotdot57@hotmail.com	(214) 333-4230
1958	Ed Cullum	ed.cullum@comcast.net	(972) 881-9169
1962	Judy (Terry) Hanson	hansonjats@sbcglobal.net	(817) 516-9356
1962	Melinda (Leath) Hocian	kocian@iqcist.com	(972) 814-1124
1964	Penny Peters Wilson	misspenny03@aol.com	(972) 437-3568
1965	Rita Harden	rita@denbury.com	
1968	Anita LyleBarclay	annabarclay@hotmail.com	
1969	John McCalib	bo-bison69@sbcglobal.net	(214) 941-1311
<u>1971</u>	<u>Bill Vansyckle</u>	<u>billvansyckle@hotmail.com</u>	<u>(972) 470-3595</u>
1974	Rita Ray Clemons		(972) 222-3688
1984	Linda Renteria Ali	ali@buz.net	
1985	Laura Schuller Dorenbecker	ldorenbecker@crai.com	(214) 599-8345

IF YOU KNOW A CONTACT PERSON FOR YOUR CLASS AND THEY ARE NOT ON THIS LIST, PLEASE SEND US THEIR INFORMATION SO THEY CAN BE ADDED:

Bruce Nance ----- brucenance@sbcglobal.net

Peggy Van Wunnik----- soprano1225@cs.com

Looking for Sundials

Several Sundials are missing from the archives of Sunset High School. The Alumni Association would like to find and replace the missing Sundials.

If you have or know of a sundial that is not in need, we would like to have them. We need Sundials for the years of:

1951,1957,1958,1979 and 1997. If you have or know anyone who would like to donate their Sundials to Sunset, contact:

Weldon Finney 817-261-8729

weldonfinney@sbcglobal.net

or

Lynn DeWitt 214-942-8086

dewittlynn@comcast.net

Sunset Grad Takes over as Managing Editor of Oak Cliff Tribune

Allison Pless, Graduate of Sunset High School will assume the position of Managing editor of the Oak Cliff Tribune.

Allison lives in North Oak Cliff and attended Rosemont Elementary and Greiner Jr. High.



If you are not familiar with the works of Steven Wright, he's the famous erudite scientist who once said:

"I woke up one morning and all my stuff had been stolen and replaced with exact duplicates"

His mind sees things differently than we do, to our amazement and sometimes....amusement. Here are some of his gems:

1. I'd kill for a Nobel Prize.
2. Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
3. Half of the people you know are below average.
4. 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
6. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
7. A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.
8. If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.
9. All those who believe in psychokinesis,, raise my hand.
10. The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
11. I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met
12. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
13. How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
14. If everything seems to be going well,, you have obviously overlooked something.
15. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
16. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
17. Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
18. Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now.
19. I intend to live forever, so far,so good.
20. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
21. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
22. What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
23. My mechanic told me, "I couldn't fix your brakes, so I made your horn louder".
24. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
25. If at first you don't succeed,, destroy all evidence that you tried.
26. A conclusion is a place where you got tired of thinking.
27. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
28. The hardness of butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
29. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
30. The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
31. The sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up.
32. The colder the x-ray table, the more your body is required to be on it.
33. Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.

Smile, life is too short to take serious

Remember our Service men and Veterans



- It's the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
- It's the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
- It's the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
- It's the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It's the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to fair trial.
- It's the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

**Real American Heros do not tread the fields of sport nor walk the halls of Congress.
Rather, they lie buried in Military Cemeteries around the World.**

In Memoriam

They will not grow old ... as we who are left behind grow old ... age shall not weary them ... nor the years condemn and at the setting sun ... and in the morning ... **WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM.**



Grady Niblo Jr.	1939	Eugene William VonderHoya	1937	Raymond E. Page	1947
Hubert Weldon Mitcheltree	1958	Elaine Nicholson		Harry Eugene Thompson	1930
Thomas Payne Harper Jr.	1942	Delana Imogene Floyd Holmes	1937	Earl E. Harvey	1939
Barbara Harper Braun	1944	Dorothy Heath Cary	1947	Kelly Douglas Frost	1961
Phil Abbott	1946	James "Duke" Harmon	1948	William Sebre Miller	1934
Claude D. Stephenson	1945	Edgar C. Swain	1931	Margaret Oliver Walker	1936
Jim Sorrells	1950	Eva Jane Teague Carson	1938	Donnal Gail Sims Irwin	1961
Ellrose Evans	1941	Joanne Chapman Bryan	1946	Dorothy Heath Cary	1937
Sandra Hewitt		William Groth	1934	Clabern Foster	1937
James Barksdale	1948	R.L. Shotwell	1939	Helen Thompson Dickey	1929
Doris Davis Patten	1948	Kitty Claire Chalk Holmgvist	1941	Withers Lee Smith	1945
Erma Elizabeth Powell Jackson	1938	Francis Geiger	1931		
Edward Hyndman	1947	Stanley Fredrick Nelson	1945		
Francis Gillette Reid	1940	James Taylor Oznick	1964		

Membership Application (Please Print)

Be sure you are a current member as your membership is the support of the Association

Annual Membership Contribution (Check one) (Fiscal year begins January 1st each year)

Single Membership \$ 15.00 New Membership Renewal Membership
 Couple Membership \$ 25.00 **
 Century Membership \$100.00
 Booster Club

** If both members of the household are Sunset graduates, please complete separate applications.

I do not wish to contribute, please add my name to the Sunset Alumni database for your records.

Membership Renewal only; CHECK ONE: Member information SAME CHANGED

Member Name: First: _____ Maiden/Middle: _____ Last: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Spouse Name: _____ SHS Grad? _____ If yes, yr _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to : Sunset Alumni Association (Please do not send cash)

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Editorial Policy



It is the goal of your Alumni Association to make this an interesting and informative newsletter that will present you with items about Sunset, both past and present. We hope you will find items of historical interest, things that will remind you of your days at Sunset and information about Sunset in the new millennium and how you are helping to make it better.

We will feature a section of letters from the Association members subject to space limitations.

Letters may be edited and only excerpts may be used to tell us about your life after Sunset, memories of Sunset, Oak Cliff, current events at Sunset, etc. Short articles of interest are solicited.

We will not publish phone numbers, addresses, or email addresses without permission.

We consider all information proprietary and will not release it to any outside source. Your continued support is needed by the Alumni Association, Students and faculty of Sunset.

Annual Membership

To continue your help and support, please contribute for 2006

Checks made to the Alumni Association but specified for any project will not be counted as membership.

Single Membership	\$ 15.00
Couple Membership	\$ 25.00
Century Club	\$100.00



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If "06" is not on your mailing label you need to send your contribution for the current year.