



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

SUMMER 2007

THE CLASS REUNION

Every ten years, as summertime nears,
An announcement arrives in the mail:
“A reunion is planned; it’ll be really grand;
Make plans to attend without fail.”

I’ll never forget the first time we met;
We tried so hard to impress.
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair – the whole class was there.
It was held at a fancy hotel.
We wined, and we dined, and we acted refined –
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first
To achieve great fortune and fame.
Meanwhile, their spouses described
their fine houses,
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen (who once had been lean)
Now weighed in at one ninety-six.
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,
And the cheerleaders could no longer do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd
Who’d guided a spacecraft to the moon;
Or poor little Jane, who’d always been plain -
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we’d decreed “most apt to succeed”
Was serving ten years in the pen;
While the one voted “least” now was a priest;
Just shows that you’re wrong now and then!

They awarded a prize to one of the guys
Who seemed to have aged the least.
Another was given to the grad who had driven
The farthest to attend the feast.

They took a class picture: a curious mixture
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.
Tall, short, or skinny, the style was the mini:
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether
They impressed their classmates or not.
The mood was informal -
a whole lot more normal
By this time we’d all gone to pot!

It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw and beans.
Then most of us lay around in the shade
In our comfortable t-shirts and jeans.

By the fortieth year it was very clear
We were definitely over the hill.
Those who weren’t dead had to crawl out of bed
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can’t wait: they’ve set the date,
Our fiftieth is coming, I’m told.
It should be a ball. They’ve rented a hall
At the Shady Rest Home for the Old.

Repairs have been made to my hearing aid;
My pacemaker’s turned up on high.
My wheelchair’s oiled,
and my teeth have been boiled,
I’ve bought a new wig and glass eye.

I’m feeling quite hearty, and ready to party -
I’m gonna dance ‘til dawn’s early light.
It’ll be lots of fun! But I just hope there’s one
Other person who can make it that night!

-Author Unknown

Thanks to Lynn Bergoon DeWitt ('50) for sharing this.



Board of Directors:

Joe Whitney President	1967
Lynn Bergoon DeWitt Vice President	1950
Shirley Young Sutton Secretary	1950
Dixie Thomas Laney Treasurer	1966
Edwin Mole Database	1966
Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik Newsletter	1969
Doris Murphy Memoriam	1970
Bruce Nance Webmaster	1974
Laura Schuller Dorenbecker Special Projects	1985
Janelle Chandler Bates Sunset Liaison	1971
Steve Levine	1960
Layne Vincent	1981
MEMBERS EMERITUS:	
Weldon Finney ('50)	
Don Moore ('50)	
Bill Smith ('57)	
Ed Cullum ('58)	

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We again offer our warmest thanks to **Paula Roe McCown** ('70) for the donation of her labor in restoration of the National Honor Society photo boards. (Described in January issue.)

A LOOK Back in Time



Robyn Irby Harran (1981) saved some issues of the Sunset Stampede from her tenure as Editor. A 1980 issue offered a look back in time from that date:

- 1931: Bison head was donated by Agnes Edwards, a Sunset Latin teacher
- 1931: Sunset Bison band was the largest in the city of Dallas
- 1931: Cool water fountains installed
- 1933: Tennis courts added
- 1933: Science room explosion, killing a custodian
- 1933: First intercom installed
- 1943: Coach J. C. "Abe" Barnett ("Mr. Sunset") joins faculty as line coach
- 1940-45: Bisons reign in football!
- 1947: Golfers win fifth straight City title
- 1947: Cost for lost books ranged from ten cents to \$1.80
- 1950: First State title in football
- 1952: Bison spoke for the first time, in the Adamson pep assembly
- 1962: Bison basketball finished season 10-0
- 1962: Bison head replaced, donated by C. M. Bantley, Jr.
- 1975: Sunset celebrated 50th Anniversary
- 1978: Renovation of school building begins
- 1979: Pipe bursts in basement, shorting out electrical system. School continues all day without power or heat
- 1979: Renovation continues

Keep in Touch!

If you change your address, phone or email, be sure to let your class contact person and the Alumni Association know of the change!

THE SUNSET FOUNDATION has been HARD @ WORK

We are pleased to share with you some of the activities of the Sunset Foundation, which awards scholarships to Sunset grads and teachers. On May 2 the Foundation awarded five scholarships totaling \$7,000. To date the Foundation has made 60 awards totaling \$55,000 in scholarships to 47 seniors. Pep assemblies involving the classes of '47 and '57 were held at the school on May 5 to raise money towards the Foundation's efforts.

The annual Sunset Lettermen & Friends annual golf tourney is planned for October 29th at Thorntree Country Club in DeSoto. Learn more about the Sunset Foundation at www.sunsetfoundation.org.

Our ALMA MATER

Ed Cullum (1958) was present for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1957, and writes that the highlight for him was singing the Alma Mater. He shares his thoughts about significant words and phrases:

Glorious:

We have an outstanding history of producing leaders.
We have ties that span generations.

Victorious:

We have produced winners in many fields,
both academic and athletic.

Undying Loyalty:

I looked around the room and saw what that meant.
People from all over the country united by loyalty to Sunset.

Guide us, stand beside us:

We were successful in life because of the preparation
we received from our parents and teachers.

Devoted faith in Thee:

We have faith in Sunset, the faculty and students,
to continue the school traditions and pray that in 50 years,
today's students will be experiencing what we feel today.

Thank you, Ed, for reminding us all that the powerful words of this song unite us all in spirit across the generations.

Alumni Events

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Bisons from the Classes of 1947, 50, 51, 52, 57, 60, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 74 were present for the last Alumni Association General Meeting on March 10. The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$8,503.64. As of that date, we had received \$850 in contributions to the NHS Picture Board project. Don Martin discussed the Ivan Greenhaw award (see description on page 7).

All Alumni are invited to attend the Homecoming game against Seagoville at 7:30 pm Friday, Sept. 28 at Sprague. If you'd like to help man the Alumni Association table outside the stadium's West gate, contact Bruce Nance ('74) at brucenance@sbcglobal.net. You can visit with other Bisons and pass out copies of our newsletter.

Mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend the next General Meeting of the Alumni Association in the Sunset cafeteria at 10 AM on Sat, September 29.

CLASS OF '47 CELEBRATED 60th

The Class of '47 met on May 5, 2007, with a visit to the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field and dinner at Lakewood Country Club.

REUNION ON HORIZON FOR CLASS OF 1962

Celebration time is drawing near for the 45th Reunion of the Class of '62. A get-together will be held on Friday, October 19, 2007 beginning at 6 PM at the Piano Bar in the main lobby of the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. Food and beverage available at your own expense. The reunion will be on Saturday, Oct. 20, 5 PM to midnight at the Skyline Club, 6th floor of the Army & Air Force Exchange, 3911 S. Walton Walker in Oak Cliff. Entrance will be through the security gate off Exchange Service Drive. Ticket cost is \$45 per person, with replies postmarked no later than October 1. Ticket purchased at door will be \$55.00 per person. Make checks payable

to "Sunset '62 Reunion" and mail to Sunset '62 Reunion, c/o Melinda Kocian Leath, 2241 Black Champ Rd., Waxahachie TX 75167. For those who cannot attend, a reunion directory will be available for \$5 to Sunset Bisons only.

CLASS OF '68 PLANS 40th REUNION

The 1968 Reunion Committee is hard at work planning next year's get-together. The sleuths in the bunch have tracked down all but about 50 of their classmates! If you'd like to join the '68 Bisons for a weekend of memories, set aside the dates of July 18-20, 2008 for a gathering at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre Hotel. The reunion will include a Friday night mixer, a golf scramble, a tour of the school, a breakfast buffet, and a Saturday main event. For information, contact Anna Barclay at annabarclay@hotmail.com, or Mike Conway at m_conway1@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF '88 PLANS CRUISE

The Class of '88 looks forward to its 20th reunion next June, and are making plans for a 4-day cruise out of Galveston. Class contact info is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

CLASS GET-TOGETHERS

Classes of 1935 and 1936 meet at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at Luby's Cafeteria, Hampton Rd. and Ft. Worth Ave. All class years welcome! Contact: Cornelia Chancellor Spencer 214-339-9671. Classes of 1938 through 1946 meet at 11:30 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Texas Land & Cattle Co., 3130 Lemmon at Cole. The Last Saturday Group (formerly the '42 Girls) meets for lunch on the last Saturday of the month at Celebration Restaurant, 4503 W. Lovers Lane.

ALUMNI BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH @ 7:00 PM

If you have any business to bring to the Alumni Association Board, feel free to contact us through the website, www.sunsetalumni.com

Class Websites and Websites of Interest

Sunset High School Alumni	www.sunsetalumni.com
Class of '50	www.bisons1950.org
Classes of '56	www.sunsetspirit1956.com
Classes of '57-'58	www.theherd.net
Class of '61	www.sunset61bison.com
Class of '65	www.sunset65.org
Class of '67	www.sunsethighschool1967class.org
Class of '69	www.sunsetclassof69.com
Class of '70	www.shs70.net
Class of '88	www.myspace.com/sunset1988
Class of '89	(link through Alumni Assn. website)
Class of '94	www.geocities.com/sunsethigh1994
Sunset Bison Band	www.members.aol.com/thesunsetband
Sunset Foundation	www.sunsetfoundation.org

Who's Keepin' Up With Your Class?

The Alumni Association is pleased to provide a list of class representatives with whom you may correspond concerning events planned by those classes. If you know of additional contact information, please notify Bruce Nance at brucenance@sbcglobal.net or Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik at soprano1225@tx.rr.com.

1935	Cornelia Chancellor Spencer	RobertS847@aol.com	(214) 339-9671
1936	Evelyn Holtzheuser Richardson		(972) 438-8113
1938-42	Roy Kinslow ('42)	rkinslow@flash.net	(972) 661-1941
1943-46	Bettye Brewer Olive	bolive@comcast.net	(972) 438-1983
1947	Glenn Wamble	glennwamble@yahoo.com	(972) 437-2345
1950	Denese Arnold Hinde	deneseh@tx.rr.com	
1951-52	Sandra Young Julien	sj34ok@aol.com	(972) 709-7832
1953	Yvonne James Fritz	YJFritz@aol.com	(972) 235-1718
1954	Thad Woodruff	woodrufftj@aol.com	
1955	James Rutledge	jamesmaryrut@yahoo.com	(214) 520-3500
1956	Ron Harris	Ronald.I.harris@comcast.net	(972) 224-8762
1957	Nancy Pierce Barber	hotdot57@hotmail.com	(214) 333-4230
1958	Edward Cullum	ed.cullum@comcast.net	(972) 881-9169
1960	Derwood Winfree	bisons1960@yahoo.com	(972) 235-2669
1961	Raylene Wright	rae13gad@hotmail.com	
1962)	Judy (Terry) Hanson	hansonjats@sbcglobal.net	(817) 516-9356
1962)	Melinda Leath Kocian	kocian@iqcisp.com	
1963)	Margaret Evans Bradley	sunsetbison1963@yahoo.com	
1963)	Keith Packer		(972) 223-7376
1964	Penny Peters Wilson	misspenny03@aol.com	(972) 437-3568
1965	Rita Harden	rita.harden@denbury.com	
1966	Jack Miller	ejack.mgroupinc@att.net	(972) 867-1235
1967	Jim Cox	info@SunsetHighSchool1967class.org	
1968	Anna Lyle Barclay	annabarclay@hotmail.com	
1969	Jack McClure	jlmclure@consolidated.net	(832) 721-6554
1970	Doris Murphy	bisons@shs70.net	
1971	Bill Vansyckle	billvansyckle@hotmail.com	(972) 470-3595
1972	Steve Holleman	7xchamps@cox.net	(918) 272-9287
1974	Bruce Nance	brucenance@sbcglobal.net	(972)647-2121
1976	Greg Powell	gregpowell@aircanopy.net	
1979	Cyndi Gregory Crowe	ccrowe38@yahoo.com	
1984	Linda Renteria Ali	ali@buz.net	(972) 248-1622
1985	Laura Schuller Dorenbecker	ldorenbecker@crai.com	(214) 599-8345
1988	Letty Mota	letty0720@sbcglobal.net	(214) 437-8950
1994	Daisy Gonzales	sunset94@sbcglobal.net	(214) 314-7009
1997	Sandra Guerrero/Priscilla Navarro	shsbison1997@aol.com	

In Memoriam

Following are the names of Bisons whose deaths occurred since our last newsletter, or of whose death we were made aware since the last newsletter. If the graduation year is not known, it is shown as "est." If any reader knows correct dates, please contact the Editor at soprano1225@tx.rr.com.

Frances G.Youngblood Watts	(est.) 1929	Daniel Browne Stuart Sr.	(est.) 1946	Jerry Cobb	1957
Frances Hester Bumpas	(est.) 1930	Beryl Willingham Baker	1946	Pansy Charline Hoehn	1957
Thalia Summers	1930	Jeanine Springer Coleman	1947	Max Maris	1958
Rufus Albert Gossett	(est.) 1932	John Ewald	1947	Michael Lewis McElroy	1958
Thomas Frank Gossett	(est.) 1934	Don H. Morris	1947	Patricia Ann Willis Henderson	1960
Barbara Council Holloway	1935	Bobby Lee Caldwell	1948	Steven A. Cox	1962
Reba Mae Blalock Campbell	(est.) 1936	Barbara Murphy Chaney	1950	Robert Oldham	1962
Quoquece Smith Cobb	(est.) 1936	John Garvin	1950	Thomas Britton	1965
Christine Potter	(est.) 1936	Celia Ann Scales	1950	Ronnie Housewright	1967
Sammy Benjamin Harrington	1936	Wesley Alexander	1951	Virginia Darlene Ragle	1968
Robert B. Kilmer, Jr.	1937	Walton Daniel Bailey, Jr.	1951	Billy Shepherd	1968
Gordon Byron Compton	1939	Kirby Eberhart	1951	Kevin Jeff Herrick	1969
Jack W. Gossett	(est.) 1939	Jimmie Lee Reese Standifer	1951	Cynthia Rodriguez	1970
Nancy Tanner Slover	1940	Shirley Watson	1951	Deborah VanMeter Allen	1970
LaVern Stallings Harvey	(est.) 1941	Gordon Berry	1953	Delicia Gay Pevytoe Butler	1976
Dorothy Quiram Klenk	1941	Martha Niendorff Gilmore	1953	Johnny Zito	1976
Tom Hays	(est.) 1942	Nancy Walker Huey	1953	David Adam Pina	1980
Jeffie Beddingfield Eubanks	1944	Annette Marie Zeck Stevens	1953	Michael Dale Chappell	1982
Mary Lou Holmes Farrow	1944	Barbara Ann Foote	1954	Rosalio Ibarra	1988
William Huggins	1944	Janice Horsley Smith	1954	Jesse Jimenez	1988
Alfred Patrick Prendergast	1944	Gretchen Smith Truitt	1954	Jeremiah Rodriguez	1988
Valera S. Axt	(est.) 1945	Paul Vincent Truax	(est.) 1955		
Darwin Ray	1945	Barbara Arnold McPherson	1956		
Ward Laird Remele	1945	Sue Kegerreis Thomas	1956		

They will not grow old, as we who are left grow old...
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn...And at the setting of the sun, and in the morning...
 We shall remember them.

Our sympathy and caring are extended to the families of these Sunset alumni.

Bisons in the News...

The Dallas Morning News February 22 issue featured a story about the 70th anniversary of realty firm Century 21 Judge Fite Co. The firm was founded in Oak Cliff by Sunset grad Judge B. Fite ('33). In 1975 the firm came under the management of son Jim Fite ('71), president, and daughter Jan Fite Miller ('65), executive vice president. In 1977, Judge Fite Co. signed on with Century 21. In addition to its longstanding Oak Cliff presence, the firm has offices all over the metroplex. It is now the #1 Century 21 company in Texas.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Martha Niendorff Gilmore ('53) upon her death in late June. She taught in Dallas ISD and in the Dallas County Jail, and entered the ministry in a desire to help people solve their problems. During her time in seminary she served as a Methodist Hospital chaplain. In 1977, Martha was the first woman in Dallas to be ordained into the ministry of a Southern Baptist church. She later transferred her orders to the United Methodist Church and served two Methodist churches (including Kessler Park United Methodist in Oak Cliff), and on the SMU staff. She received the Oak Cliff Lions Club Humanitarian Award in 2001.

Join us for Homecoming...

Join other past and present Bisons at the **HOME COMING GAME** on Friday Sept. 28 at Sprague Field. We hope to be able to sit together in the stands and make a strong Bison presence! The next morning, the Alumni Association will hold a general meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Please mark your calendar for that Sat., Sept. 29 meeting.

HELLO

my name is

As the Alumni Board bids farewell to our Sunset liaison Dan Madden upon his retirement from the school, we welcome our new liaison, Janelle Bates ('71). Janelle is in her fifth year at Sunset, teaching Sophomore English II and serving as Sundial adviser. Isn't it great when Bisons come back to their alma mater to teach? The Alumni Association Board looks forward to working with Janelle.

NHS Restoration Project: **COMPLETED**

The Alumni Association's NHS photo board restoration project has resulted in the restoration and reframing of 67 photo boards. Thanks are expressed to project donors to date:

Anna Barclay ('68)
Laura Lee Dorenbecker ('85)
John Eisenlohr ('46)
Carol Hodges
Peggy Thompson Lerner ('49)
Donald R. Martin ('52)
Lillian Rogers Powers ('49)
Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik ('69)

Donations were also received from family members of long-time Sunset principal H.S. Griffin: son Robert Griffin, daughter Mary Elizabeth Griffin Corbin, and grandchildren Jim Griffin, Patty Merrill, and K. K. Kinder. We are grateful for this support.

Although the boards are complete, **we still need your financial support** (especially if your picture is one of those that was restored) to help raise the \$2425 necessary to cover the materials for the restoration. If you'd like to contribute, mail your check to Sunset Alumni Association, P. O. Box 225050, Dallas TX 75222, and mark it "NHS Project." We will have a major "re-hanging" effort to celebrate completion.

Students Today... & Alumni Voices...

The Sunset Academic Decathlon Team had a record year, achieving a new school record at Region X competition. Senior **Jonathan Vines** earned a silver medal in Language and Literature competition, and senior **Leonel Garcia** earned bronze in Art.

The Bison team was the highest-scoring DISD team in its division...Eight Sunset Choir students qualified for State Solo/Ensemble competition...Four of Sunset's Marketing students, under sponsor **Dan Madden**, participated in District DECA competition in Corpus Christi. The DECA Community Service Project making improvements to the student plaza was selected as a District winner.

Students, faculty and staff celebrated the 10th anniversary of "Read Across America" as they read and discussed issues of the day...The **College Board** ranked Sunset No. 1 in the nation for having the most students take and pass the **AP Spanish language test** in 2006. Last year, 268 Sunset students took the test and 194 passed.

Bison **Jerry Cobb** was Co-Captain of the 1957 basketball team that many regarded as the best team in the State. His widow Sharon wrote that Jerry "never forgot the glory days at Sunset. He loved the crowd, the attention, and said those were the best years of his life...His Sunset days were filled with friends, Sivils, cruising, and, most of all, basketball."

On April 28, members of the classes of 1951 and 1952 presented Sunset principal Tony Tovar with the **Ivan Greenhaw Scholar-Athlete Trophy Award** and memorial plaque. Mr. Greenhaw was a standout athlete at Sunset who served as president of the classes until his death in 2006. Beginning in 2008, the trophy will be presented annually to the Outstanding Scholar Athlete. The award is a sundial standing 11-1/2" high, mounted on a walnut base bearing brass plaques for engraving the recipient's name each year. Greenhaw's widow Margie Greenhaw, son David, and daughter Sally Abbott attended the presentation.

Ruth Jasper McGuckin (1944) was talking with a friend and mentioned that she was going to be attending a reunion of the Sunset High Class of 1944. The friend asked if she meant Sunset High of Dallas. Ruth was surprised because the friend grew up in Houston, and asked him how he knew of Sunset in Dallas. He told her anyone who played high school sports in Texas in the early 40's knew about Sunset, because it was "such a powerhouse in football, baseball, golf, track, basketball, and tennis."

Don't forget the
NEXT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING on
Saturday,
September 29th
at 10am in
Sunset Cafeteria.

Membership Application

(Please Print)

Be sure that your membership is current, as your membership is the support of the Association!

Membership year is January to December

Annual Membership Contribution (check one)

- Single Membership \$ 25.00
- Couple Membership \$ 40.00 **
- Century Club Membership \$100.00

I cannot contribute at this time, but please add my name to the Sunset Alumni database for your records.

FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLY: (Circle One) Member information SAME CHANGED

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

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

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

** (if both members of the household are Sunset graduates, please complete separate applications)

Make checks payable to Sunset Alumni Association (please do not send cash)

Mail to: Sunset Alumni Association, P O Box 225050, Dallas TX 75222

Editorial Policy...

Your Alumni Association Board hopes to make this an informative newsletter that will present you with news about current-day Sunset and items of interest relating to Sunset past. Our goal is to help today's students, while remembering that we who went before them laid the foundation upon which their education is being built.

We welcome letters from alumni. Tell us about your years at Sunset, or your memories of the school or of Oak Cliff. Letters or articles may be edited to meet space limitations, and excerpts may be used.

Your privacy is important to us. We will not publish phone numbers, addresses, or email addresses without permission.

We consider all membership information proprietary, and will not release it to any outside organization or individual.

Your continued financial support is needed and much appreciated by the Alumni Association, students, and faculty of Sunset High School.

Century Club Yearly Contributors Spring 2007

Sincere thanks are expressed to the newest members of the Century Club of 2006. These members made contributions of \$100 or more to the Alumni Association since the publication of the last newsletter. All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated by the students benefiting from your generosity.

Inez Amirkhan	1944
Susan Arnold	
Harold K. Boatright	1969
Donald Burden	1950
Lynn Bergoon DeWitt	1950
Patricia Doak	1950
Dorothy Hooser Donley	1940
Laura Dorenbecker	1985
Weldon Finney	1950
Steven Haley	1965
Ronald Harris	1956
James Holbrook	1946
Truett Huffstutler	1940
Michael A. Jenkins	1960
Dixie Thomas Laney	1966
Mark Laney	1965
Peggy Lerner Thompson	1949
Bruce Nance	1974
Jim & Betty Rublee Palmer	1955-1956
Bob Redding	1961
William E. Roten	1961
Glen Waggoner	1958
Peggy Starling West	1957
Joe D. Whitney	1967
Joe C. Whitney	1991
John R. Williamson	1960
Allwyn Wilmoth	1945

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www.sunsetalumni.com

*Is it time to make your contribution for 2007?
The Alumni Association thanks you!*

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