

ANNUAL GRANTS AWARDED BEFORE VETERANS DAY PRESENTATION

On November 12, the Alumni Association presented checks totaling \$5,937.00 representing annual grant awards to eligible school organizations and programs. Grant recipients for 2007 were:

Art Dept.	\$150	Counseling Services	\$700	Lady Bison Track	\$300
Bisonettes	\$500	Debate Team	\$400	P.E. Department	\$250
Business COOP Program	\$250	Honors Committee	\$250	Science Dept. AP	\$350
Chess Club	\$250	Key Club	\$250	Tennis Team	\$250
College Counseling	\$287	Lady Bison Softball	\$500	Soccer	\$250
Character Counts		Let's Talk About It"		WW II Plaque	
Drug-Free School Program	\$250	Counseling Program	\$150	Restoration	\$600

Following the grant presentations, a special ceremony was held to recognize Sunset's fallen heroes, with the unveiling of the restored plaque commemorating those service persons who attended or worked at Sunset and who were killed during World War II. The plaque, originally erected by the Dad's Club, had been damaged during a renovation of the school building. It has now been hung in the student entrance of the building near the Bison statue.

Some 75 alumni and veterans attended the event. The invocation was offered by **Mike Steindorf** ('53), National Anthem by **Nancy Crosby Ostroff** ('50), and celebratory address given by **Sonny Kemble** ('43). A U.S. flag which flew over the national Capitol was obtained by Brigadier General **Dennis Wilkie**, U.S. Army, Retired ('51) and presented to principal Anthony Tovar by ROTC Instructor Lt. Col. William Lemons. All WWII veterans present were invited to join in unveiling the plaque. The Sunset ROTC participated with the Presentation of Colors, and a Sunset trumpeter offered "Taps" to close the program. The Alumni Association Board is grateful to others who participated on this occasion, including liaison **Janelle Bates** ('71), **Cecile Ramsey Payne** ('51), **Don Martin** ('52), Assistant Principal Barbara Amie, Linda Rice and the International Cuisine students, and Band Director Rametria Smith. Special thanks to the members of the Board who were involved in the renovation and commemoration.

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
Mike Conway Resource Advisor to Classes	1968
Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik Newsletter	1969
Doris Murphy Memoriam Database	1970
Bruce Nance Webmaster	1974
Laura Schuller Dorenbecker Special Projects	1985
Janelle Chandler Bates Sunset Liaison	1971
Steve Levine	1960
Mitch Womble	1967
Jerry Boyd	1976

MEMBERS EMERITUS:

Weldon Finney ('50)
Don Moore ('50)
Bill Smith ('57)
Ed Cullum ('58)



Warm thanks to all those who have made donations to the Alumni Association. Those donations make possible these annual grants. The students and faculty at Sunset are grateful for our help and support.

With apologies to Rodgers and Hammerstein

If you haven't seen the parody of the song "My Favorite Things" that has been floating around the Internet for several years now, we'd like to share it for the benefit of those of us who have reached the golden years, or are rushing toward them. Bruce Nance ('74) offers a slight amendment to the rhyme to give it the Bison touch. Come on, you know the tune, so sing it in your head as you read:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fillings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings;
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel so bad!

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions;
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short, shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache
When the hips break
When the eyes grow dim,
I remember the great Sunset life that I had -
And then I don't feel so bad!

PROM DRESS DRIVE

Cyndi Gregory Crowe ('79) learned that there was a need for prom dresses for some current Sunset students. Cyndi enlisted her Wednesday night Ya Ya Sisterhood group, class contacts and others, and in short order had rounded up nearly 40 dresses that were delivered to the school the week before Homecoming.

Dresses that were not suitable for prom wear were donated to the Drama Department. It was a terrific effort undertaken in a short period of time, and Cyndi wants to continue it in the future.

If you have gently-used formals that you'd like to donate to help a Sunset student, contact Cyndi at ccrowe38@yahoo.com.



Please Consider a Contribution to the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association budget is derived solely from contributions. The membership year is from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Your contribution as early as possible in the new year helps the Board with financial planning. Contributions of any amount are gratefully appreciated, and will be put to good use.

Alumni Board Welcomes New Members

The Alumni Association Board is pleased to report the addition of three new board members: Mitch Womble ('64), Mike Conway ('68), and Jerry Boyd ('76). We look forward to great work from these Bisons in the coming years. We bid farewell to retiring Board member Layne Vincent ('81) and thank him for his service.

Alumni Events

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

A general meeting of alumni was held at the school on Saturday, September 29. Assistant Principal Mark Ramirez met with the group and shared the school's goals for the coming year, which included: meeting or exceeding performance standards; aiming for a 90% graduation rate; increasing parental involvement (aided by the addition of a new Community Liaison); and achieving a 95% attendance on TAKS testing day. Mr. Ramirez noted that Saturday school is offered for students still needing to pass TAKS, and expressed a wish for science and math tutors. This year's enrollment exceeds 2,200 students.

The Treasurer reported a general fund balance of \$7,871.91; \$1,000.00 in Trust Fund; and \$1,475.00 in NHS Restoration Project fund.

The Alumni Association Board met on Oct. 11 to evaluate grant applications, resulting in the awards reported on page 1 of

this Newsletter. The Board takes this responsibility very seriously, and is so grateful for the generosity of our alumni in making these awards possible. We do not solicit membership dues, but remind all Bisons that your continuing annual support makes grants and special projects possible that the school could not otherwise afford. Our expenses are minimal, primarily for newsletter postage. We again acknowledge the wonderful generosity of **Curry Printing (Cody Curry '67 and Larry Curry '70)** in donating newsletter layout and printing.

If you have any business to bring to the Board, please contact us through the website, www.sunsetalumni.com.

CLASS REUNIONS HELD

152 Bisons from class years **1935 through 1947** met at the Oak Cliff Country Club in September for a time of reminiscing and fellowship. . **The Class of 1969** held a mixer on Oct. 20. . **The Class of 1972** held its 35th reunion at The Turner House in Oak

Cliff, with some folks staying at the restored Belmont Hotel (formerly Travelodge) on Ft. Worth Ave. Bison **Steve Holleman** has scanned his 70, 71 and 72 Sundials into PDF files and burned them to CDs, and had football film from several games transferred to DVD. Proceeds of sale of CDs (\$10 each) or DVDs (\$20) will go towards a class project. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy may contact Steve at 7xchamps@cox.net.

ALL ABOARD!!! THE BISON REUNION CRUISE SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 - OCTOBER 5, 2008

Cheryl Cunningham Gray ('66) of Zoe's Travel Service in Grand Prairie has been hard at work organizing a 7-night hotel and cruise package on the Carnival Conquest, sailing from Galveston to the western Caribbean. The package includes a room at the Commodore on the Beach hotel the night before sailing, optional dinner at Gaido's, free parking during the cruise, transportation to and from the hotel to the cruise terminal, comprehensive travel insurance, six nights aboard ship, \$100 per cabin shipboard credit for purchase made on the ship during the cruise ((for reservations made by 4/15/08) and a \$25 per person donation to the Sunset High School Alumni Association. Not only can you have a great time cruising and visiting Montego Bay, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel with friends and family, you'll be supporting your Alumni Association as well! Package prices range from \$710 to \$985 per person, double occupancy. Cruise information is posted on the alumni website at www.sunsetalumni.com, at www.zoestravel.org, or you can contact the cruise agents for details: Cheryl@zoestravel.org, 214-674-7693 or toll-free 866-373-5767.

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

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!

Who's Keepin' Up With Your Class?

Contact information provided here is for the use of Sunset Alumni only in communicating with class representatives. Class Contact persons are asked to refer fundraising requests to the Alumni Association Board for determination as to the appropriate response. For corrections to info shown below, contact Bruce Nance at brucenance@sbcglobal.net.

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2000	Pascual Vargas	sunsetbison2000@gmail.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.

Hilma Bess Rogers Green	est. 1929	Jane Rolater Conover	1947	Dennis R. Harris	1956
Eileen M. Brown Davis	1930	Doris Jean Powledge Fain	1947	Lavonne Orman Smith	1956
Mary Lois Carter Strain	1933	William Freberg	1947	Bryan Walker Wilmoth	1958
Gus Moore	1935	Barbara Heitzman Fullwood	est. 1947	June Trammell	1959
Martha Murray Moore	1936	Helen Seaman Jordet	1947	Susan McKay Gray	1960
James Hall Jr.	1937	Serena Miller McWilliams	1948	Barbara Brantley	1962
Winnie Bauman Hensarling	est. 1938	Doris O'Neal Montgomery	1949	Victor Jensen	1962
Charles Joseph Robinson	1939	James Allen Ramsey	1949	Joe Stubblefield	1962
Ila Jo Parsons Seay	1939	John C. Farrell Sr.	1950	Jon Anthony Seaton	1962
John P. Carter	1940	Mollye Wagner Hubbard	1950	Edmund Johnston III	1964
Marjorie Jean Adams Parrish	1941	Harold Ottensman	1950	SueAnn (Christy) McVey	1965
Robert Lantz	1941	Peggy Shores Shideler	1950	Jeffrey T. Scott	1965
Jewel F. Drew Bretel	1943	Barbara Harrington Tabor	1950	Robert Bickley	1968
Cynthia Blair Croft	1943	Robert Ballard	1951	Roy Elliott	1968
Terry Southern	est. 1943	James T. Kee	1951	Ned Russell	1968
Billie L. Waters Sparks	1943	James E. McKee, Jr.	1951	James Michael Burns	1969
Dorothy Gadberry Young	est. 1943	Carolyn Dodge Ottensman	1951	Roger Burton Franklin	1969
Margie White Murphy	1944	James Sterling	1951	Patrick Harold Seay	1971
Walter Floyd Albritton	1945	Shirley Cleghorn Thomas	1951	Jimmy (Jack) Schuler	1974
James Ditch	1945	Truett Walton	1951	Marcus Skierski	1974
Jack Wilson Self	1945	Joanna Fisher West	1951	Julie Billert Mott	1976
Johnny Douglas Gimarc	1946	Delwyn Ellis	1952	Julie Billert Mott	1976
Floyd Argo	1947	Charles Sheppard	1954	Wesley Fallwell	1978
Martha Jackson Cavender	1947	Ann Melugin Williams	est. 1955	Michael Mobley	1979
David Roby Chamberlain	1947	Lula Maud Box	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...

Glenn Wamble ('47) was featured in the Oak Cliff Tribune in October. Glenn and a group of AT&T Pioneer volunteers distributed 122 English and 110 Spanish/English dictionaries provided by AT&T to 3rd and 4th graders at Harrell Budd Elementary School, Glenn's grade-school alma mater Glenn says that he has received letters and pictures from 63 of the grateful students.

Carolyn O'Brien Wacker ('50) and her husband Charles celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 25 with a trip to the Texas Hill Country. . **Bill D. Smith** ('57) was selected by the American Institute of Architects Dallas Chapter to receive the AIA Dallas Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to him in October. The AIA Dallas Award has been presently only five times in the past.

Dallas Summer Musicals President **Michael Jenkins** ('60) was in the news recently with stories about the extensive renovation/restoration of the Texas Theater on Jefferson Boulevard in Oak Cliff. A sold-out screening of a PBS production, "Oswald's Ghost," was held at the theater on November 19.

Reed Higgins ('69) was featured in a lengthy Dallas Morning News story on July 22. Reed is the Dallas police officer who for many years has coordinated police funerals for the Dallas PD. . **Cheryl Lyn Hawk Walker** ('73) was profiled in the Austin-American Statesman in October. Cheryl is a professor of carcinogenesis at M.D. Anderson Research Center near Smithville TX, where she is studying the mysteries of why some people get cancer and some don't. She says her playground in the woods

behind her Oak Cliff home helped inspire her interest in biology, and credits her excellent Sunset biology teacher for nurturing that interest.

Eric Conde ('83) was the subject of a Cliff Dweller Magazine story "From Cop to Ice Cream Shop" about his ice cream store in the Bishop Arts District of Oak Cliff. . . **Manuel Angel Sarmiento** ('93) was profiled in the Dallas Morning News for his metal sculpture which incorporates recycled materials. Manuel's work is featured in the Bishops Arts District.

OAK CLIFF REAL ESTATE TIDBIT: Remember the old Moore's Meat Market at the corner of Montclair and Taft streets? It was converted to a 2-bedroom single family dwelling of approx. 2800 square feet, and was on the market this summer for \$599,000.

*Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Joe Huey**, who coached basketball at Sunset for 19 seasons. Coach Huey died in August 2007.*



One of the first....

James (Jimmy) Hague, Jr. went to Sunset the year it opened. He would have graduated three years later, but took off the last semester of his senior year to work for the Texas Company (later Texaco) where his father worked. Jim started back to school after the summer and graduated in 1929. Jim loves his memories of Sunset and of Oak Cliff. He is now 98 years old and lives in Westminster, Colorado. Until the last few years, he wrote articles for his local Pipefitter union and Westminster newspaper. Jim's sister, **Anita Hague Stinchcombe** ('42) and niece **Karyne Stinchcombe Schindel** ('67) visited with Jim this past August and shared this picture with us.

Students Today...

Advanced Placement coordinator Thomas Spring reports that Statistics, Music Theory, and Comparative Government will be added as AP classes for the 2008-09 school year. Many AP teachers take week-long summer institute courses to better prepare them to teach these demanding classes. 2007 graduate **Gonzalo Careaga** and senior **Carlos Gonzalez** were the first Sunset students to receive 5's in Calculus AP. Careaga was the first Sunset student to receive a 3 in AP Chemistry and a 4 in AP Physics B. 2007 grad **Yadira Ortega** was the first Sunset student to pass AP Psychology. Vines, Gonzalez and '07 grad **David Sanchez** were the first to pass AP Microeconomics.

2007 grad **Noemi Beltran** passed 10 AP tests, more than any other student at Sunset has ever accomplished.

& Alumni Voices...

Miguel A. Villanueva (2000) wrote to say how proud he is to be a Sunset alumnus. He and his wife, **Anna Rodriguez Villanueva** ('01) met at Sunset in 1999 and have been married for 6 years. Alumni Assn. President **Joe Whitney** ('67) remembers that former Sunset principal **Richard Marquez** obtained the white Bison head in 1987 from donor Phillips Petroleum Co. in Oklahoma.



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 _____

Are you willing to receive the Alumni newsletters by email? Yes _____ No _____

** (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 Second Half 2007

Sincere thanks are expressed to the newest members of the Century Club of 2007. 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.

Nancy Pierce Barber57
Jerry Boyd75
Patricia Doak50
Tom House/69
Julie Burris House73

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The Alumni Association thanks you!*

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