



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Winter 2015

Officers

Doris Murphy 1970
President

Donna Thompson Warner 1968
Vice President

Robert Castillo 1997
Secretary

Dixie Thomas Laney 1966
Treasurer

Directors

Lynn Bergoon DeWitt 1950

E. John Ward 1962

Cindy Womble Billman 1967
Newsletter Editor
Project SOS/Historian

Joe Whitney 1967
Project SOS

Janelle Chandler Bates 1971
Sunset Faculty Liaison

Alma Valdez Rubio 1983

Members Emeritus:

Mitch Womble - 1964
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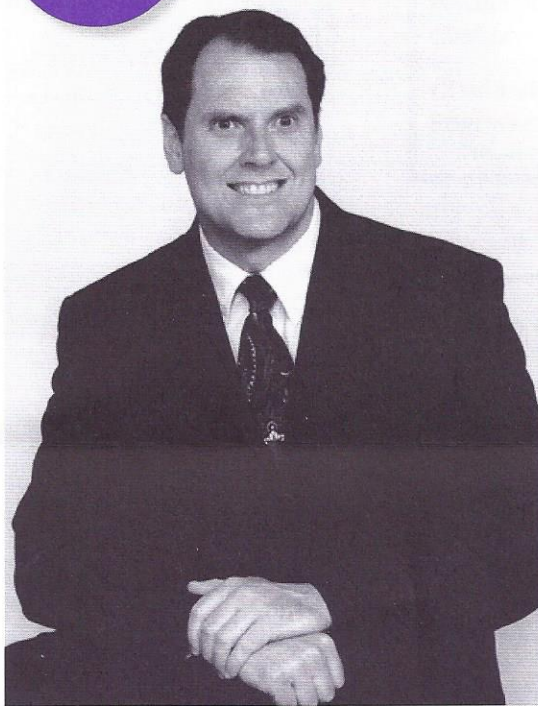
Stephany Pitt White - 1968

Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik - 1969

Bruce Nance - 1974

Laura Schuller Lockwood - 1985

in the **SPOTLIGHT...** Monty Ousley Weddell



Monty attended Winnetka Elementary, Greiner Jr High and graduated from Sunset in 1962, while at Sunset he was involved in the Student Council, Tri-Sci Club and was a track letterman. He furthered his education at the University of North Texas. In 1965 he married the former Vicki Ellis (Class '66) and they have two children, Brad and DeAnna.

Monty was and still is very active (even though he claims to be retired!) as a business owner, community activist, and enjoys art, antiques, fossil collecting, archeology, paleontology, poetry, genealogy history. His most recent activities since retirement has been completing the largest volume of genealogical archival history ever published on his various families, which to date consists of 14 volumes and 7,000 pages.

He is the former AAU Mr. Dallas Bodybuilding Champion (M. Div. '87), a U.S.P.F. power lifting

champion, He is listed in "Who's Who" in two fields. He was also selected to TEAM USA in Powerlifting.

Artistically, Monty is influenced by several types of art. He usually expresses himself and his art through the use of form and color and most often is non-representational. He inherits the role of "next generation" of Abstract Expressionism as both an "action" and "color field" painter. His modernism wall sculptures are in wood, aluminum, and mixed mediums. His art works compare to Pollock, Motherwell, Still, Rothko, Krasner, Nevelson, Mondrian, and many others.

Monty's current project involves producing a series of original art works in acrylic, oil, pastels, aluminum and even concrete celebrating "Why We Fight", with individual works memorializing The Holocaust, Pearl Harbor, World Wars I & II, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and other subjects. Many of these art works are considered his most interesting and sometimes may be politically controversial.

Since the original establishment in 1972, Thee Art Gallery has showcased a wide selection of American contemporary art, artists, painters, and featured one of the widest varieties of quality popular fine art in numerous styles and mediums for individual collectors, art investors, museums, and corporate entities.

Monty was a Republican candidate to the Texas State Legislature three times. He also participated and consulted in dozens of candidates' campaigns and currently lectures on Political Science, which includes conservative philosophy.

Congratulations to Monty and Vicki as they will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year!

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2015 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

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1949 F. Clark Williams
1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt
1954 Thad Woodruff
1956 Mary C. Golden Pyke
1958 Bill Melton
1958 Charles D. Ledford
1961 Steve Bonner
1964 Mitch Womble
1967 Cindy Womble Billman
1967 Joseph D. Whitney
1967 Thomas K. Russell

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Delmar Disposal, 1967 Buddy Ham

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**past, present
always...
we will remain
BISONS**

Mission Statement

We exist to preserve Sunset's place as a significant educational and social place in northern and western Oak Cliff while recognizing achievements through its students, graduates, faculty and staff.

We promote an ongoing interest in Sunset High School as one of Dallas's important institutions and recognize and support the historic significance through its students, graduates and physical facilities.

We exist to ensure a continuing place of public education for the people of Dallas, particularly in northern and western Oak Cliff and an ongoing pride in attendance at Sunset High School to celebrate its place in the growth of Dallas.

We continue to preserve and ensure ongoing academic, social and athletic opportunities while developing funding for scholarships and unique co-curricular activities.



Alumni,

If you are a former Sunset student, that means you are already a member of the Bison team! Your Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit and supported entirely by volunteers.

After covering our newsletter postage and email service costs, your generous donations go back to supporting the students, faculty and school through grants each year. We would not be successful without your continued support. Please visit our 'HOW TO HELP' pages to find out how you can support your Alumni Association!

World War II Memoriam



Ensign Earl Roe Donell, Jr.
Class of 1934

school, Earl was involved in the ROTC, Rifle Team, Camp Dallas, Corporal Efficiency, Crack Team, Latin Club and the Ice Skating Club. After graduation, Earl went to the University of Texas where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering. It was during these years that he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He attended flight training in Pensacola, FL where he was awarded his pilot wings.

He was assigned to the Scouting Squadron #6 onboard the USS Enterprise. During an attack, flying a TBD-1, Bureau #0274, on the Marshall Islands, February 1, 1942, he was killed by heavy anti-aircraft fire as he attacked his assigned target. He was awarded the Air Medal for his service and the Purple Heart. In 1943, the U.S. Navy commissioned a ship in his honor the "USS Earl Roe Donnell, Jr" (DE-56) and named in his honor "The Donnell Navy Flying Squadron". His name is listed on the "Tablets of the Missing" National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. There is, also a memorial marker at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX.

(Our sincere appreciation to Ron Harris, Class '56 for his dedication to preserving the memory and the service of Sunset's WW II boys who gave the ultimate sacrifice)

Ensign Earl Roe Donell, Jr.

Earl was born on September 3, 1918 in Temple, Bell Co., Texas to Earl Roe Donnell, Sr and Ruth Lucretia Ayers, he had an older sister named Lucretia Ruth that graduated from Sunset in 1934. The family made their way to Dallas and settled at 1222 N. Winnetka where Earl's father owned and operated Donnell Ice Cream Co. that he started in his home. During high



Do you have SPARE TIME or want to MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We are in **DESPERATE** need of the following:

EVENTS COORDINATOR – organize, plan and implement events for Mix & Mingle, annual All Classes Events & Fund Raisers

MARKETING SPECIALIST – effectively market activities in coordination with the Events Coordinator

COMPUTER DATA – Keep database updated (this can be done from your home)

Please email us at sunsetbisons@gmail.com if you are interested

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sunset dance won the SPIRIT AWARD
out of all the groups at the Liberty Bowl!

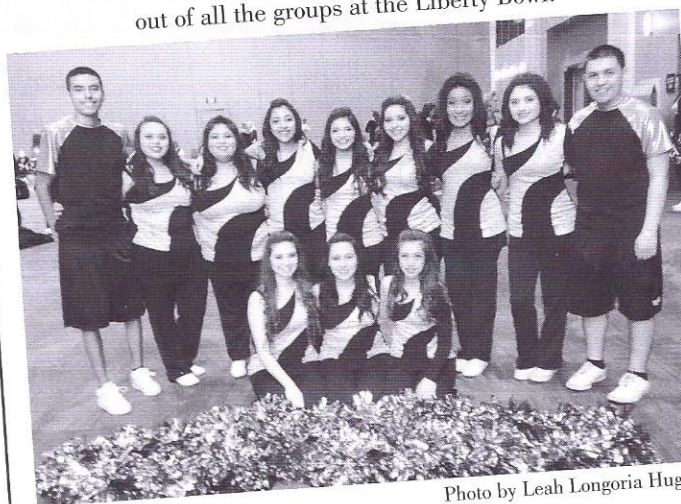
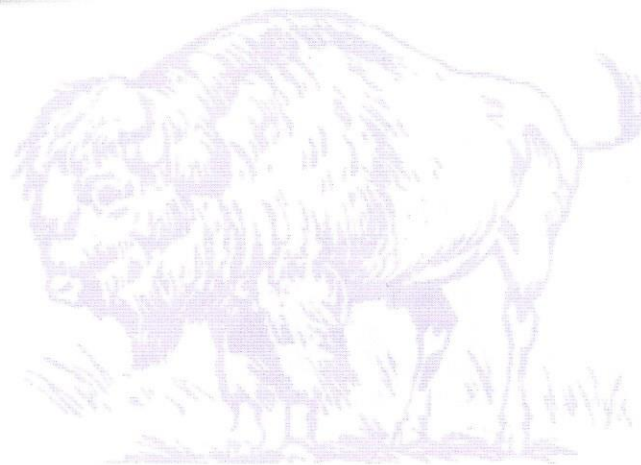
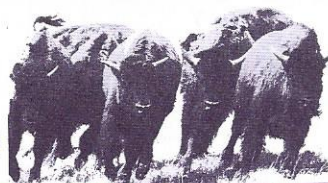


Photo by Leah Longoria Huggins

REMEMBER THAT
THE MOST VALUABLE
ANTIQUES
ARE DEAR OLD
FRIENDS



Gathering of the



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Reunions

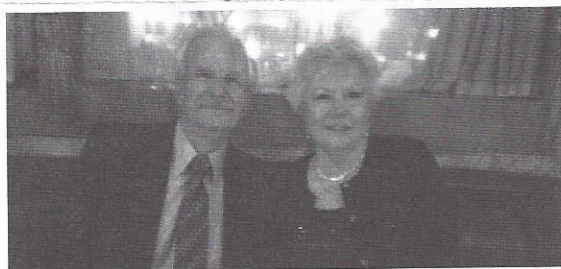
1951-1952 Sunset Bison & Friends Cruise Group -
April 26, 2015 to May 3, 2015

The Navigator will be sailing roundtrip April 26, 2015 from Galveston, to Falmouth, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico, returning to Galveston May 3, 2015. Passports are needed. Please go to link <http://www.sunsetalumni.com/2015---cruise.html> for more information

Sunset Class of '85 will be celebrating it's 30th Reunion June on Saturday, June 13th at the Local Oak on Zang, in Oak Cliff. Other classes are welcome as well.

Bison Anniversaries

James Flint (Adamson Class '60) and Barbara Martin Flint, Class '62 - celebrating 51 years!



William "Tommy" Miller - Class of '79 and Lori Nafe Miller - Class of '81 - celebrating 33 years on April 17th

Rick Wagner, Class '71 and Mona Wagner celebrating on February 14th

David and Brenda Scarborough - 43 years in February

Fred Ramos and Patricia Villagomez Ramos, Class '80 33 years in April.

Larry Monreal, Class '83 and Janet Monreal Class '85 30 years in May.

Lonny Landry, Class '67 and Sandy Landry - 41 years!

Charlotte Lynn Langford O'Daniel, Class '90 and Alton Langford - 26 years in March

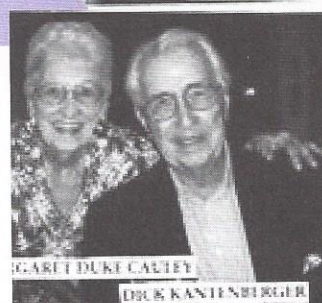
Cindy Womble Billman Class '67 and Chuck Billman 26 years in April

Sunset Alumni Mix & Mingle

We are having monthly Mix & Mingles (usually the 3rd Saturday of the month) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a local Oak Cliff Restaurant. Please check out our Facebook page for details search Sunset High School Alumni Association and/or website www.sunsetalumni.com for the latest events and news!

Sunset and Adamson Class of '73 have joined together to host a Spring Mixer for classes '72, '73 & '74 at El Fenix Downtown on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 6:00PM.

1950's Luncheon



MARDI GRAS IN OAK CLIFF

For those that did not make Mardi Gras this year, you missed out on a great time! Can't wait until next year!

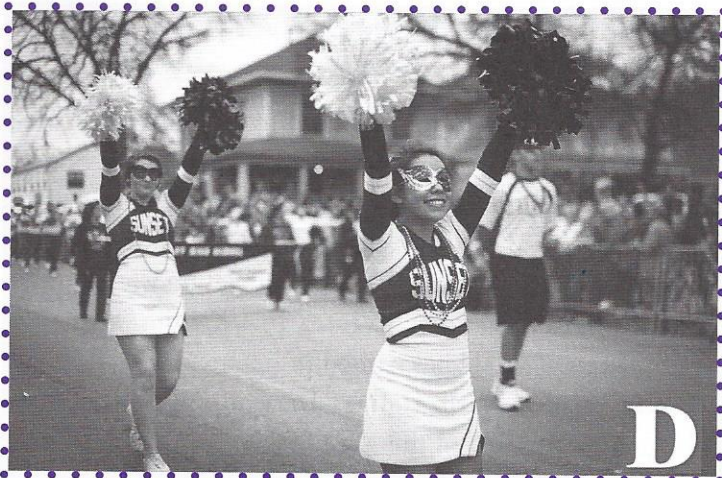


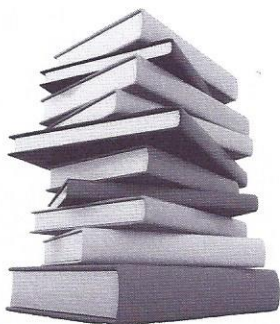
Photo courtesy of D Magazine

Dear Sunset Alumni and Friends,

We are working on developing an area in the library to highlight Oak Cliff and Sunset's past. We have a nice start with some books about Oak Cliff and Dallas that were generously donated to the library by our alumni. We would also like some pictures of Oak Cliff, Sunset and Dallas to put with the book collection. We want to use this section to teach our students about Oak Cliff and Sunset and the people that grew up in Oak Cliff and made important contributions to Dallas. If you have photographs of Oak Cliff and Sunset that you would like to donate permanently with the school, we would like to include them in the section.

Sincerely,

Michelle McCutcheon
Sunset Librarian
972-502-1561



Note from The Alumni Association:

If you items that you would like to Mail to the school, please address them to:

Sunset High School
Attn: Michelle McCutcheon – Sunset Librarian
2120 W. Jefferson Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75208

If you have larger items, please contact Michelle McCutcheon at the phone number above. Thank you very much!



CLASS CONTACTS

We are still needing class contacts for the following classes: **1963, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014**

If you are the designated contact, please email us at:
sunsetbisons@gmail.com

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Have you moved?

Updated your email?

It is important that you update your contact information current to save on postage costs and to continue to receive alumni information.

Go to the Contact Information on our website to update your info!



Ways to Help

Don't forget that every time you shop at Tom Thumb, Albertsons and Kroger a percentage of your grocery purchases can go to the SHSAA.

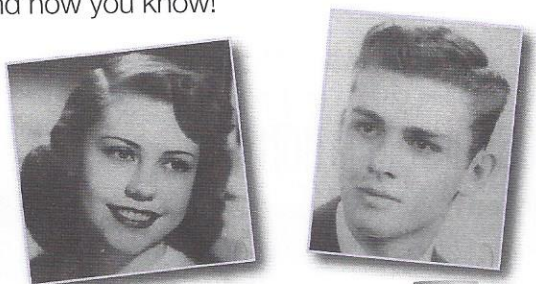
For more information go to our website under "How to Help" – "Free Ways to Help" or email: **sunsetbisons@gmail.com**



RANDOM LITTLE TIDBITS

Mr. Handsome & Miss Beautiful

Did you know.... The Most Beautiful Girl and The Most Handsome Boy for the Class of 1954 was chosen by Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball. The Co-Editors of the Sundial, Bettye Yancey and Corinne send photographs and asked the famous couple if they would select the two. They replied and chose Sandra Spring as the Most Beautiful and Charles Ervine as the Most Handsome. The runners-up were Barbara Cowherd and Jimmie McDougal. And now you know!



FORGOTTEN CLASSES AND CLUBS



Did you know in 1927 the following classes were offered at Sunset but no longer exist?

The Nutrition Class – the purpose of this class was to help girls who were eight or more pounds underweight to drink a cup of sweet milk or a cup of hot chocolate along with two graham crackers. It was reported that the average girl would gain 5 pounds within 18 weeks. Really? How about a hot fudge sundae every week instead?!

Sunset Dippers - the purpose of this class was to prepare the girls for passing the Life Saving Course and fifty-nine girls enrolled and went “dipping” every Tuesday and Thursday at the YWCA.

Hiking Squads – an emblem in the form of a Bison was awarded to the squad of ten girls who hiked the most miles. There were five squads with ten girls in each squad. The squad that won had hiked 116 miles in one day.

THE SUNSET HALL OF FAME

In 1950 Sunset selected Dr. Warren Travis White into the Hall of Fame for his outstanding accomplishments in education. Dr. White had been a principal at Sunset for ten years and in January, 1950 achieved national recognition as President of the American Association of School Administrators. While at Sunset he was known affectionately as “Papa” White. In 1964, he was honored with a new high school named in his honor, W. T. White High School in North Dallas. Dr. White passed away on November 3, 1987 at the age of 91.

HISTORICAL DESIGNATION

We are very proud to announce that in addition to receiving our Dallas Historic Designation last year, the Texas State Historical Commission just approved a Subject Marker to commemorate the history of Sunset High School. We will be celebrating both of these accomplishments along with our 90th Anniversary on September 26, 2015. Thanks to Warren Johnson, Treasa Cope-Goodman who volunteered to help with our State filing process. We appreciate our volunteers!



Electric House

“The first all electric home at NE corner of Colorado and Cedar Hill built by Dallas Power and Light Company in 1936.”

Sunset Alumni Association Contribution/Contact Info Update

Your annual contributions is 501 (c)(3) Tax Deductible and our only source of funding

Contribution year is January 1st to December 31st

This is a: ☐ New Contribution ☐ Renewal ☐ Current Member Info Update

Annual Membership Contribution (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership.....\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple Membership.....\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Century Club Membership*.....\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Level\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount..... \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Level.....\$2500
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to contribute at this time, but please add my name to the Sunset Alumni database.	

* If both are Sunset Alumni, please complete separate forms

A reminder, many employers will match employee contributions 100% and especially to an educational organization.
Just check with your Human Resources/Personnel Dept.

Donations can also be made using **PayPal** on our website at www.sunsetalumni.com

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

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

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

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____ Phone: (_____) _____

May we send you Alumni newsletters by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Mail completed form to:

Sunset Alumni Association, P O Box 225276, Dallas TX 75222-5276

In Memoriam

The following are names of Alumni whose deaths have occurred since our last newsletter or of whose deaths we were made aware of since the last newsletter. If the graduation year is not known, it is shown as "est".

If anyone knows of the correct year, please contact the Editor at newsletter@sunsetalumni.com.

For a complete list of Departed Bison, please visit our website at www.sunsetalumni.com

Class '36 – William F. Valentine
Class '37 – Paul Veach
Class '37 – Betty Jo (Clark) Molnar Jackson
Class '40 – Clara Margaret (Parks) Williams
Class '40 – William Richard "Dick" Goad
Class '42 – Charles L. Cox
Class '42 – William Joseph Lambert
Class '42 – Donald Carr Moreau
Class '44 – Claud Thompson
Class '44 – Patsy Ruth (Hill) Fridrich
Class '46 – Ernest Levert Austin, Jr
Class '47 – Mary Ann (Bennett) Smith
Class '48 – Billy Floyd Nance
Class '48 – Teresa Marie (Harber) Davis

Class '48 – John Daniel Slay
Class '50 – Patsy Ruth (Everts) Hardman
Class '51 – Margaret (Adams) Harshbarger Coyle
Class '51 – Jimmie Lynn (Latimer) Hill
Class '52 – Marjorie Fay (Gulick) Ross
Class '52 – Nila Sue (Maris) Ringler
Class '52 – William Howard Glaze
Class '52 – Stanley Harrison Bills
Class '54 – Kirk Lacy Burke
Class '54 – John Carl Lloyd
Class '54 – Martha Jane (Worsham) Evans
Class '57 – Robert Lee Kildow
Class '58 – Byron Deryl Boucher
Class '59 – Dr. James Alan Noble

Class '59 – William C. Bishop
Class '59 – James Edgar Formby
Class '61 – Mark Jennings Shaw
Class '62 – Barbara Lee (Luckett) Jones
Class '62 – Davis Sidney Hale
Class '65 – Patricia Allene (Williams) Arnolds
Class '67 – Rita Elaine (Vitovsky) Watkins
Class '67 – Eleanor Anne (Fuchs) Brown
Class '68 – Katherine June (Cundiff) Davis
Class '71 – Joe Freeman Taylor
Class '76 – Cathy Suzanne (Quiroga) Haroldson
Teacher – Percy Penn

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.



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Winter 2015 Bison Spirit Newsletter

Editorial Policy...

Have an article for the newsletter?

Send it to: Newsletter@gmail.com We will not publish phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses without permission.

Your continued financial support is needed and appreciated by the Alumni Association, students and faculty.



Sunset is Going Green!

If you have an email please visit our website www.sunsetalumni.com Click on "About Us" for the drop down and then click "Contact Us" and then click "Add to Email List". With rising costs of postage, printing, etc. we need to find ways of reducing our expenses. Also, with email you will receive it sooner. And remember, if your email or address changes, please let us know.

sunset knowledge

**The Spanish Club began when
the school first opened but it officially
became EL SOL CLUB in the 1929-1930
school year and was written in
Spanish in the yearbook!**

Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com