



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Spring 2016

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Barbara Martin Flint 1962
President

Doris L. Murphy 1970
Vice President

Cindy Womble Billman 1967
Secretary

Dixie Thomas Laney 1966
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Mitch Womble – 1964

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Stephany Pitt White – 1968

Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik – 1969

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Laura Schuller Lockwood – 1985

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Please welcome Barbara Martin Flint, SHSAA New President

Hello Sunset Alumni,

My name is Barbara (Martin) Flint. My husband, James and I have been married 52 years this March 20th. We have one daughter, Tracey, who is married to Shawn Smith, a Baptist Pastor. They have one son, Kyle and reside in Newnan; GA. Kyle is now 20 and the sunshine of my life.

I grew up in Oak Cliff and attended school at Rosemont and Stevens Park Elementary, W.E. Greiner Jr. High and graduated from Sunset in 1962. I attended Draughan's Business College. After college, I worked at the Dallas Public Library as secretary for the Coordinator of Adult Services until the birth of our daughter in 1967.

In 1976, James accepted a new management position in Oklahoma City. I was a stay at home Mom until 1982. I, then went to work for a law firm as a legal secretary and then as a Legal Assistant to the Senior Partner.

In 1993 my husband was in a position to return to Dallas as the Manager for an International power tool company. This enabled me to care for my elderly parents until they passed in 1998. I, then went to work for an International Telecommunications Corporation in the Legal Department as an Executive Assistant to the Vice President and his Associate Counsels. I retired in 2013 and have been enjoying every minute.

Over the years I have been involved in several organizations as a Leader, Secretary, Treasurer and District Representative. I

support various charities, primarily, Breast cancer Survivors, being a seven-year survivor.

We need your support to be successful. Please visit our website at www.sunsetalumni.com and on Facebook, Sunset High School Alumni Association, to keep up with our scheduled activities and to stay in touch. The website lists the contact person for your class. FB keeps you informed of upcoming events and interesting articles relating to Oak Cliff. It is also where we all share our different memories, reconnect with old classmates and, sorry to say, obituaries of recently Departed Bison. "Reconnect to Stay Connected"

I would like to thank the Alumni Association Board for their confidence that they have placed in me as your new President. I ask for your guidance and support through Spirit, Knowledge and Friendship.

I hope to meet and greet many of you on the Bison Trail. Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions or concerns at sunsetbisons@gmail.com or bflint41@aim.com



Barbara Martin Flint, Sunset Bisonette and New SHSAA President

2016 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

Diamond \$2500. +

Platinum \$1000. - \$2499.

1959 – Myra Nichol Williams

1967 – Buddy Ham (Delmar Disposal)

Jeffrey Price – Supporter of Sunset

Gold \$500. - \$999.

1967 – Dr. Ron Luke

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1951 – Ronald Garrett-Roe, PhD.

1956 – William Marvin Sams

1967 – Mark G. Snyder, CPA

Century Club Donors - 2016

1941 – Truett Huffstutler

1946 – James P. Bolton

1949 – Ann D. Hogue

1954 – Eugenia T. Williams

1954 – Thad Woodruff

1958 – Bill Melton

1959 – Jean Park Remley

1960 – Alice A. Mount Ramsey

1964 – Mitch Womble

1967 – Cindy Womble Billman

1967 – Betsy Everitt Taylor

1970 – Doris L. Murphy

Corporate

Methodist Health Systems

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



**Sgt. Norbert Owen Finks
Class of 1939**

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Sgt. Finks was born on December 2, 1918 in Addison, Dallas County, Texas to William Louis Finks and Pearl Denton Finks. While a student at Sunset he lived at 131 W. Ohio St. He entered Sunset High School for Tech High in 1937. He was a member of both the Military and

the Purple & White Bands, Orchestra Contest in '38 and the One Hundred Per Cent Banker in '37 & '38.

Sgt. Finks enlisted in U.S. Army Air Corps on July 2, 1940 as a Private. He was a crew member of a B-24D, #42-40645, "Virginia Belle" of the 42nd Bomb Squadron, 11th Bomb Group. The aircraft was lost off of Funafuti, an Atoll in the Island Nation of Tuvalu, on Report is #1073. His name is listed on the "Tablets of the Missing", National Cemetery of the Pacific, November 13, 1943. Wreckage was sighted by two Navy PB4Y's but they found no survivors. The Missing Air Crew Honolulu, Hawaii. Sgt Finks was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart posthumously, his body was never recovered.

Our sincere appreciation to Ron Harris, Class '56 for his dedication to preserving the memory and the service of Sunset's WWII boys who gave their service and their lives.



THE SUNDIAL

The Sunset Sundial Staff is in need of donations to help with the publication costs. They do not receive funds from DISD. Any donation is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Michael A. Jenkins, Class of '60



Michael A. Jenkins – Class '60- is an ongoing supporter of the Alumni Association and Sunset students.

He is President and Managing Director of the Dallas Summer Musicals and was recently honored at the 17th annual Roaring Lambs Hall of Fame Celebration this past November. He has been the President of the Dallas Summer Musicals for the past 22 years and 43 years as President of Leisure and Recreation Concepts and a former Vice President of Six Flags Over Texas.

Roaring Lambs gathers to honor men and women who have used their professional and personal lives as a platform to share the life-changing truth of Jesus Christ at the Roaring Lambs Hall of Fame.

Michael joins such notables as Dallas Cowboys Head Coach, Tom Landry, author Bob Briner and Christian Comedian Phil Glasgow.

Gathering of the HERD

Reunions

Class '61 – 55th Reunion on Oct 15, 2016

Class of '51/'52 65th Reunion

We've reserved the DoubleTree by Hilton Dallas Campbell Center for our 65th Reunion for June 3rd and 4th, 2016. More information to come. We have reserved the hospitality room Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th, there will be a special luncheon. To reserve a room, call 214-691-8700 and ask for Sunset 65th Reunion rate, which is \$105 plus hotel tax, rooms must be reserved before May 13th, 2016. Not interested in the reunion? Please email, Cecile at: crp33tp@gmail.com We will keep you on our e-mail lists for future events.


Class '66 – In the planning stages:

Class contact is Jack Miller

Class '71 – 45th Reunion

Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2016:


Contact Steve Wilson at sc777wilson@yahoo.com or for to FB page Sunset High School Class of 1971 for more details.



SUNSET'S OWN

Yvonne Joyce Craig
May 16, 1937 -
August 17, 2015

Best known as
BATGIRL



An Oak Cliff Teenager's 1940 Diary

an excerpt from Flashbackdallas.com
by Paula Bosse

Robert Wilonsky of the Dallas Morning News wrote an interesting article about a black-out imposed by the city of Dallas in January, 1942, just a few weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. In the middle of it, he linked to a diary entry written by a 14 year-old describing the event. The most interesting thing about Wilonsky's piece was the fact that someone had transcribed diary entries of a teenage girl growing up in Oak Cliff.

The teenager in question is Sunset's own, Muriel Windham, who grew up in Oak Cliff and attended Peeler Elementary, Greiner Jr. High and Sunset High in 1944. She was a top student who was involved in lots of extracurricular activities. After her death in 2005, Muriel's son, David began transcribing his mother's teenage diary – exactly as written, misspellings and grammatical errors."

While at Sunset, Muriel was in the National Honor Society, Editor of the Sundial, Lettered in Interscholastic League Spelling Contest, Student Council, Good scholarship Club, Soa\ldalitas Latina, El Sol, Junior Historical Society, Biology Club, One Hundred Per Cent Banker, Candidate for Everts Award, Helper in Dean's Office, Candidate for Special Linz Pin, Staff Sergeant in Girls Military.

After high school, Muriel went on to obtain her BA from SMU then her MA and an MLS from UNT. She married George W. Brown and they had three children; Lawrence, David and Leslie. David is the son who has been transcribing her diaries.

Muriel spent 22 years with the Dallas Public Library where she was head of the central library children's room and the Children's Literature Specialist, playing an integral part in building their extensive children's and young adult rare books and reference collection. She received numerous awards and honorary societies, co-wrote and helped compile bibliographies for several books .
We will update you on David's progress with his mother's diaries.



MURIEL WINDHAM (1926-2005)
Class 1944

SUNSET ALUMNI CHRISTMAS MIX & MINGLE

December 5, 2015 at El Fenix



SUNSET ALUMNI MIX & MINGLE

Please join us for food, fun and friendship at one of our Mix N Mingle's - all classes are welcomed!

WHEN: March 19, 2016
WHERE: El Fenix
20 E. Colorado Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75203
TIME: 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

You are responsible for your own meal & drink tickets.
You can buy raffle tickets for one of our drawings.

We try to schedule the Mix N Mingle's to be on the third Saturday of the month but please join us on our Facebook page SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION for updates.



Photo by Eric Cowan

SUNSET HISTORICAL DESIGNATION

It's official! This historical marker now stands proudly
in front of our beautiful and proud school!

Thank you all who devoted their time
and money to help make this happen!

2016 CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS

Let's kick off the 2016 year to be even bigger and better than 2015! And it all begins with you. No matter the amount, every penny benefits the students at Sunset, our alma mater!

Last year the Sunset HS Alumni Association was able to fulfill every grant which came to over \$10,000! We could not have done this without your generous donations. And your donations are tax deductible.

Go to our website www.sunsetalumni.com Click on "How To Help" then click on "Donate Money" or you can complete the form on the last page and mail it to us.

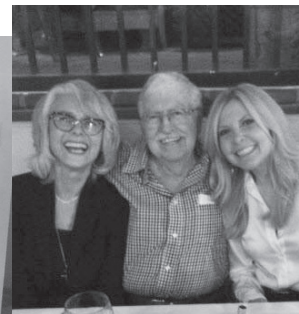
We do not charge a membership fee, we rely entirely on you, the Sunset Alumni. If you attended Sunset, you are an Alumni!



CLASS OF 1954 - OCTOGENERIANS (THE 80'S BUNCH)



Don Nelson and Sylvia Smith



Roger Wicker with his wife and daughter



Jane Heath



Grover C. Smith



W.G. (Dub) Thomas and Wife



Oliver Murray with his 5 kids



Richard Lavender



SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOPS

the First-Ever Robotics Program
for Students with Special Needs!

Sunset High School's robotics program has developed a Functional Life Skills (FLS) robotics team modeled on the FIRST Robotics FTC League concept. Sunset's FLS Team made it's first official appearance on February 20th at the FIRST Robotics FTC North Texas Regional Championship at the University of Texas at Arlington. It is believed Sunset's FLS Robotics Team is the first such team in the world!

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.	

Do you want your contribution to go to a specific area, sport, Dance Team, JROTC, Science, Theatre Arts, etc.?

If so, please specify: _____

* 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

1937 Walter Eugene Judge
1938 Adele Francine (Buder) Morris
1939 Katherine (Rand) Trewitt
1940 David Otto Eisenlohr
1940 Arra Jean (Buntin) Hoffmeister
1941 Elinor Jeanette (Preuitt) Johnk
1941 Jessie J (Coleman) Bilhartz
1941 William Edward Spowls
1942 Nina Belle (Byrom) Zapffe
1943 Dorothy (McDaniel) Phipps
1944 Laur Mackoy Crannell, Jr
1944 Ruth Ann (Lowry) Ahlfinger
1944 Juanita (Morrill) Wilkinson
1945 Irene (Phillips) Aldridge
1946 Nelda (Rakes) Morrison Massey
1947 Patsy Marie (Cunningham) Caldwell
1947 James Floyd Brumit

1948 Lessie (Green) Calahan
1949 Robert L. Heath
1950 Doris Ann (Stewart) Manly
1950 Dolores Ann (Snell) Baxter
1950 Eloise (Kilgore) D19Amore
1952 Peggy (Money) Hilliard
1953 Annie Lou (Armstrong) Barber
1954 Bertha (Benham) Choi
1955 Anita Gay (Hancock) Conrad
1955 Kay (York) Mayne
1957 Robert Doyle Bates
1956 Lee Roy Carpenter
1958 Sally Jo (Philbrick) Smith
1958 Thomas D Munroe
1958 Linda Gail (Parker) Dixon
1959 Ruth Ann (Altman) Minshaw
1960 Warren Casey Jones

1960 John Franklin Teer
1961 Gordon W Pledger
1961 Billy Earle Hamilton
1961 Monte Jean (Redfern) Toles
1963 John William Warlick
1964 Hugh Thomas Snodgrass
1966 James Floyd Fannin, Sr
1967 Robert Allen Wellborn
1968 Connie Jean Kounas
1969 Linda Jean (Anderson) Gigowski
1969 Jackie Kae (Hall) Herndon
1973 Patricia Ruth (Johnston) Marshall
1974 Don Edward Murray
1984 Trina LaQuiez Drake
1985 Karlyn Marie (Perkins) Sugg

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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Supporting Sunset Students is Our Mission

POSTMASTER: RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Check us out at
www.sunsetalumni.com**

Spring 2016 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.

Fact or Fiction?

SUNSET was originally SUN SET

Nope, fiction...Seems like this was misinterpreted when some early diplomas had SUN * SET - a star was used to split the name to indicate that their high school years at Sunset began with the rising SUN of the first day of school and now that they were graduating and leaving school, their days at school had SET.

Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com