



# NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Winter 2019

## Officers

**Barbara Martin Flint** 1962  
President

**Donna Thompson Johnson** 1968  
Vice President & Secretary

**Dixie Thomas Laney** 1966  
Treasurer

## Directors

**E. John Ward** 1962

**Ed Hilscher** 1962

**Cindy Womble Billman** 1967

**Doris Murphy** 1970

**Maria Gonzales Maldonado** 1971

**Alma Valdez Rubio** 1983

## Faculty Liaison

**Denise L. Tucker**

### **MEMBERS EMERITUS**

**Mitch Womble** 1964

**Stephany Pitt White** 1968

**Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik** 1969

**Bruce Nance** 1974

**Jerry Boyd** 1976

## Co-Founders

**Lynn Bergoon DeWitt** 1950

**Joseph D. Whitney** 1967

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*A few words from Barbara Martin Flint, SHSAA President*

### MISSING IN ACTION!!

Hello Alumni. Have you noticed the Newsletter has been Missing in Action? WE ARE BACK!!!! However, if you believe you might be interested in being the new Editor of our Newsletter so we can continue with the Newsletter, please let me know. If you have any interesting articles for the upcoming Newsletter, please let me know.

So much has happened since we last circulated a newsletter. Grants given to the Kathleen Hood for Excellence awards. You can see the recipients on the Sunset Web cite; also the Ivan Greenhaw for Outstanding Athlete; 2018 Graduation that has been posted on our Facebook Page.

We do not charge for membership; we only ask you think about Sunset High School students and how your contributions are allowing students to continue to receive supplies, uniforms, baseballs, footballs and other supplies as needed throughout the school year. Please think about assisting with any contributions you feel possible; they are tax deductible. We are strictly volunteers and try to

make the best possible decisions for the faculty and students throughout the year.

We will continue have our monthly Mix & Mingles the 3rd Saturday of every month at El Fenix Restaurant at 120 W. Colorado from 2-4:30 p.m. with the exception of December we will have the Christmas Party, at La Calle Dolce on December 1st . Be sure to check for the latest information on the Facebook Page. If you are not on Facebook, you can always send me an email at bflint41@aim.com.

As you know, to be part of the Alumni you must be a Sunset graduate. We encourage you to attend all our functions so we can reconnect with new and old alumni.

See you along the Bison Trail; stay connected.

Reconnect *Stay*  
*Connected*

# CONTRIBUTORS

*All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated*

## **Double Diamond \$5,000-\$9,999**

1939 – 1945 The War Years Group

## **Diamond \$2,500-\$4,999**

1967 – Dr. Ron Luke

## **Platinum \$1000. - \$2499**

1967 – Thomas Russell

1970 – Doris L. Murphy

1977 – Beth Morgan Whitaker

## **Gold \$500. - \$999**

1964 – E. John Ward

1966 – Dixie Thomas Laney

## **Silver \$250. - \$499**

1962 – Barbara Martin Flint

1962 – Sue Batchelor Beaty

1962 – Ed Hilscher, Jr

1965 – Pam Newnam Williams

1968 – Stephany Pitt White

1968 – Donna Thompson Johnson

1978 – Virginia McAnally Boucher

1978 – Roxanne Gragg Kujanson

## **Century Club**

1946 – John E. Eisenlohr, MD

1948 – Charles B. Morton

1954 – Leslie M. Lowrie

1954 – Thad Woodruff

1955 – William Jenkins, Jr.

1956 – Sandra Thomason Bozman

1956 – James Robert Bozman

1956 – Robert Eshleman

1958 – William (Bill) Melton

1958 – Charles & Nuel Ledford

1960 – Alice Mount Ramsey

1961 – Claude B. Prestige, MD

1964 – Mitch Womble

1964 – Leonard Robertson

1965 – Steven Bowers

1967 – Danny Wagner

1967 – John Roger Warden

1967 – Cindy Womble Billman

1968 – Stephany Pitt White

1969 – Kathleen Kempher Lee

1970 – James Guthrie

1970 – Charles Stierhoff

## 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!



## CALLING ALL VETERANS

We need your stories for our Newsletter. Pictures are very much appreciated! Email to [sunsetbisons@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetbisons@gmail.com) or send to SHSAA, P.O. Box 225276, Dallas, TX 75222

## MIX *and* MINGLE

**WHO:** All Sunset Alumni

**WHEN:** Generally, the 3rd Saturday of each month

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We encourage Alumni from all classes to attend. We even have Adamson Leopards & Carter Cowboys.

Please check Facebook for any day or time changes

**FREE**

## Ways to **Help**

Do you shop on **AMAZON**? Great! You can help us help Sunset. Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Here you will be able to choose a charity of your choice. Please choose "Sunset High School Alumni Association". Then the next time you shop just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and then shop as you usually do. A % of the sales will come back to us. We use this for Grants for Sunset!

Do you shop at **TOM THUMB**? Tom Thumb has the Good Neighbor Program. They give a % back to the charities that are in the program. You simply fill out your Tom Thumb card number at the store and include our name: **SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - NUMBER: 12830**. You can Google Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program and fill out your information to take into the store if you prefer.

We will have information on Kroger in our next issue, after everything has been firmed up.



## MEET THE TEACHER

**Sunset JROTC is lucky to have  
Major James Simpson as their Senior Instructor.**

Major Simpson has been at Sunset more than three years. When asked what he likes most about Sunset, Simpson replied "The students are committed, and ROTC is a good choice of professional men and women to serve as Cadet staff and on special teams". He also tells us, he likes the culture and is continually working to improve his Spanish skills.

Major Simpson is a native Texan, hailing from Lindale. He is married to Deanne and has a son James and daughter Cadence. Simpson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Technology Management and proudly served in the Army for 26 years. His first assignment was as an Air Traffic Controller, then as a Signal Officer after completing Officer Candidate school. He has traveled the U.S. and world including tours in Germany and Iraq. When he's not instructing, he enjoys running, fitness and maintaining his yard and garden.

Note: If you would like to support ROTC with your donation, just include "ROTC" in your check or PayPal memo field.



# ESP

## Equipped to Succeed Program



A few years ago, Dixie Thomas Laney (66) and Doris L. Murphy (70) established E.S.P. which stands for Equipped to Succeed Program. This was put into place when they found that many of the students didn't have some of the basics to even make it to school. Girls are still missing days because they don't have feminine hygiene products. This is horrible in other countries. Deplorable in Dallas, Texas. Counselors are buying snacks out of their own funds because students simply don't have food at home.

Nora Garcia has established "The Closet". A small utility closet where she accepts donations and students can stop by for items like toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, snacks and even donated clothing.

Unfortunately, Sunset has students from very low-income situations and even homelessness. The goal of E.S.P. is to furnish these students with the bare necessities, so they can come to school and succeed.

We are so fortunate that Alumni Association Board of Director Member Ed Hilscher (62) is the Chairman of the Equipped to Succeed Project. He is more than willing to work to help the students. For further information, you can reach Ed at (972) 977-6040.

If you would like to shop online and have items sent to Nora Garcia directly, we suggest shopping at [www.DollarTree.com](http://www.DollarTree.com) or Amazon. These can be sent to:

Nora Garcia  
Sunset High School  
2120 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75208

Please then drop us an email at [SunsetBisons@gmail.com](mailto:SunsetBisons@gmail.com) with a list of what you have donated, and we will furnish a tax receipt.



### WE ARE IN NEED OF VARIOUS SPECIALITIES!

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

This person will be gathering news items for the Newsletters. We have a "Roadmap" that was put together as a guide. There is no layout involved. Items are sent to Curry Printing who graciously prints our newsletters for us. This can be done from anywhere in the country. Our Newsletters are our livelihood and the goal is 3-4 Newsletters per year.

#### FUND RAISING COORDINATOR:

This is a "Hands On", take the "Bison by the Horns" position. This person(s) will be responsible for fund raising efforts. This is NOT an idea position. We've had folks who have all kind of ideas on what to do. We need to have someone who will take charge and get the funds rolling in so that we can remain in existence.

#### GRANTS COORDINATOR:

We know that there are Grants out there. We just don't have the people power to make the necessary applications.

If genuinely interested, please contact us at:  
[SunsetBisons@gmail.com](mailto:SunsetBisons@gmail.com) or write us at:  
Sunset Alumni Association  
P. O. Box 225276  
Dallas, TX 75222-5276



## Our Alumni wants to hear from YOU!

We love pictures along with your stories too!! If you would like to submit a story about yourself please email us at:  
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Dallas, TX 75222



To the classes from 1939-1945 who called themselves the "War Years" for their generous donation of \$7, 229.11 which has them reaching the Double Diamond Contribution Level! For many years, they created and distributed their own newsletter to their members and those members would always chip in to help defray the printing and postage costs. Over time, they could no longer sustain the newsletter, the money remained.

About two years ago, Roy Kinslow, '43 contacted Doris Murphy on the Alumni Board to discuss how to handle the excess money. He advised, the remaining members agreed they would love to donate to the Alumni Association for the benefit of scholarships/education. There was a slight problem though as they needed to find a key person who could sign off on the balance---but they had lost contact with him over time.

Once again, Roy reached out to Doris seeking assistance with locating Albert Rawlings, aka "Shorty". Doris was able to track down Shorty in Tennessee and put him in touch with Roy. The rest is history.

We sincerely appreciate their generosity and passion for supporting our baby Bison!



## WHERE DOES THE



## GO?

The Sunset High School Alumni Association is a 501 (c ) (3) All Volunteer Charitable Organization. All of your donations are Tax Deductible.

Donations go to fund yearly Grants for the Faculty and Students of Sunset. The teachers, coaches & counselors submit Grant Requests at the beginning of the school year. The maximum allowed per request is \$500. The Board of Directors of the Association does reserve the right to award more than the \$500 if it is believed to be a worthwhile cause.

A few years ago, the Association voted to up this limit for one request in order to replace the Mascot Uniform. It was in such bad repair that the cleaners would not even take it in for cleaning!

The Board then reviews each application and depending upon the funds available then grants the requests. (DISD has really cut back on funds throughout the years and many of the staff buy items personally for their needs. We hope to eliminate this as much as possible.)

Then comes the work! Barbara Flint, our President, does the ordering of the items requested. This year a couple of the other Board members assisted. DISD is limited to what vendors can be used. The Board of the Association is not limited, and we can usually get more for our money by smart shopping. The items are then delivered to the requesters at the school.

### SOME OF THE AREAS THAT WERE HELPED BY THE GRANTS FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDE:

- Algebra
- Audio Visual
- Advanced Placement: Economics, Government & Science
- Athletics: Basketball, Girls Soccer, PE & Volleyball
- Biology/Anatomy
- Bisonettes
- Bison Belles
- Community Outreach for Parents
- Dance
- Debate
- English
- Geometry
- JROTC
- Library
- Math
- Special Education

## 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)

_____ Individual Membership.....\$25.00	_____ Silver Level.....\$250
_____ Couple Membership.....\$40.00	_____ Gold Level.....\$500
_____ Century Club Membership*.....\$100.00	_____ Platinum Level.....\$1000
_____ Other Amount.....\$ _____	_____ Diamond Level.....\$2500
_____ 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](http://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](mailto:newsletter@sunsetalumni.com).

For a complete list of Departed Bison, please visit our website at [www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)

1936 - Robert Harmon Campbell II	1946 - William W. Kempe, M.D.	1954 - Milton Eugene Massey	1966 - Thomas Neal Caldwell, Jr.
1936 - Margaret Adele Long Wallace	1946 - Beth Streetman Neal	1954 - Verna Kay McShane Bowling	1966 - Cathy Louise Vaughn Chandler
1938 - Leslie William Bray, Jr.	1947 - Zephene Loy Keith McMackin	1954 - Oliver Harwell Murray	1967 - Naomi Rose Heider Matney
1938 - Clarence Edwin Duncan	1948 - John Harold Benton	1954 - Charles Patterson Slayton	1967 - Steven Allen Howard
1939 - Roy F. Davidson	1948 - Peggy Jo Malone Gunter	1954 - Lela Daphene Terry Rollins	1968 - Joyce Nell Darr
1939 - Eva Jacobson Raskin	1948 - Sidney Junior Tanzy	1954 - William G. Thomas, Jr.	1968 - Sandra Lynn Holdcraft
1940 - Mary Cole Farrow Long	1948 - Richard Leroy Westlake	1955 - Joseph Albert Davis	1968 - Ronald Howard Miles
1940 - Mary France Cone Burnham	1949 - Lottie Sue Clanton McWilliams	1956 - Lucian Russell Boone	1968 - Terry Lynn Shelton
1940 - Geneva Ruth Hall Scott	1949 - Woodie Hugh Ray	1956 - James Robert Bozman	1969 - Donna Sue Sosebee Sharp
1940 - Louise Latham	1950 - Laura Bell Houck Zercher	1956 - William Major Greene	1970 - Carol Diane Norvell Campbell
1940 - Mary Eva Reitz Bee	1950 - Ella Jeanne Whitis Thoma	1956 - Jack Emmett Ivey	1970 - Richard Harold Wainwright
1941 - Lona Belle Chambers Evans	1951 - Mary Lou Blount	1956 - Lawrence E. Sellers	1970 - Timothy Ray Wright
1941 - Byron Eugene Johnson	1951 - Mary Anne Johnson Mounger	1956 - Jacqueline Sue Stotts Dickson Merriman	1971 - Mary Martha Clayton Breaux Reason
1941 - William Alfred Rollwage	1951 - Ronald Clifton McClure	1958 - Nancy Helen North Curd Stanley	1971 - Darrell Duncan
1942 - Henry C. Dial	1951 - Gary Pursley	1959 - Earle Lewis Jones, Jr.	1971 - William Edward Robinson
1942 - Mildred Mayme Fallis Brady	1951 - Claude B Sutton	1959 - Mickey Jones	1972 - Michael Corley
1942 - Horace Ray Kemble	1951 - Robert Everett Williams	1959 - James Clifton Minyard	1972 - Stephen Roy Parramore
1942 - Mary Sue Lynn Hooten	1952 - Berta Ann Embry Reed	1959 - Sandra Joy Rushing Hester	1972 - Frank Zaccarello
1943 - Venita Kathleen Easter Hooten	1952 - James Dero Henry	1959 - Gaylon Doyle Shiel	1973 - Justina Helen Blackbear
1943 - Helen Hughett Barton	1952 - Bobby Clark Holder	1959 - Ronnie Steven Stone	1973 - Cindy Cox Dement
1943 - Audrey Williams Miller	1952 - William Gordon Kiblinger	1959 - Francis Marion (F.M.) Trapp	1974 - Carolyn Sue Poyntor
1943 - Walter Louis Robertson	1953 - Shirley Ann Corbitt	1960 - Daurice Cody Shine	1975 - Terry Lynn Gallion
1943 - Evelyn Sims Youngblood Bryan	1953 - Carolyn Elaine Davis Bevans	1960 - Kerryn Dwain Cox	1976 - Victoria Lynn Strickland
1944 - William Jay Becker	1953 - Billie Louise Landrum Cain	1960 - Albert Matthew Ferris	1976 - Tommy Ray York
1944 - Richard Erl Hasty	1953 - Cyra Louise Melton Collier Richardson	1960 - Edward McKee Griffith, Jr.	1977 - Kenneth Lee Skierski
1944 - Robert Walter Martin	1953 - Farrar Kyle Read	1960 - Richard Marshall McWhirter	1979 - Margarita Cortes
1944 - Jack Marvin Thomas	1953 - Lee H. Smith	1960 - Forrest Dewey Tennant	1979 - Sheila Marie Maxwell Webb Bulgawitz
1945 - Audrey Ann Achilles Yarbrough	1954 - Wanda Faye Alfinger Franks	1962 - Pamela Woolridge Aycock	1980 - Randall Ray Foster
1945 - Allen Bentley Huckabee	1954 - Charles Ellis Ames	1962 - William Aubrey Crawford	1983 - Debby Marez Ruiz
1945 - Pete Atkins Peabody, Sr.	1954 - Frances Elaine Brandenburg Strickland	1963 - Elizabeth Eleanor DeLange Freeman	1985 - Robert Lynn Flair, Jr.
1945 - Marion E. Spitzer	1954 - Don Epps	1963 - Edward Lee Meallo	1984 - Sandra De La Fuente Gonzales
1945 - Mildred Virginia Vandiver Miller	1954 - Donald Everett Franks	1964 - Charles Melton Bailey, Jr.	1992 - Stephanie Denise Noahubi
1946 - Mary Nell Burns Westmoreland	1954 - Kay Sharon Halliburton	1964 - Lauran Litton McCaullum	1995 - Heather Ann Garcia Arredondo
1946 - Charles Austin Crow, Jr.	1954 - Marilyn Donal Houston Emmel	1965 - Ronald Gene Smith	2003 - Enrique Fuentes
1946 - Lula Jo Hicks Hundahl	1954 - Bobby Darrell Martin	1965 - Martha Frances Tucker McCrary	Principal, Tony Lara Tovar, Jr.

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](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)**

*Winter 2019 Bison Spirit Newsletter*

## Editorial Policy...

Have an article for the newsletter?  
Send it to: [Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

## *We Appreciate You!*

Without your continued support,  
The Sunset Alumni Association  
Will Cease to Exist.  
**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**Alumni Website**  
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