



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Fall 2013

Officers

Doris Murphy President	1970
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Dixie Thomas Laney Treasurer	1966

Directors

Lynn Bergoon DeWitt	1950
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Jaime Contreras	1999

Members Emeritus:

Stephany Pitt White - 1968
Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik - 1969
Bruce Nance - 1974
Laura Schuller Lockwood - 1985

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*Edward and Edwin Griffith
Two of the first students to attend
Sunset High School in 1925*

in the SPOTLIGHT... Edward & Edwin GRIFFITH

My father Edward M. Griffith and his twin brother Edwin T. Griffith were born in 1907 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Col. George B. Griffith and Fannie S. Griffith. The twins were two of fourteen children. The family moved frequently and their final move was to Oak Cliff in early 1900's where they bought a home on Canterbury Court in Kessler Park in 1923.

The twins attended Oak Cliff High School (W.H. Adamson) two and a half years then Sunset when it opened in the Fall of 1925. W.H. Adamson, Principal of O.C.H.S. chose students with surnames of the first half of the alphabet and told them to report to Sunset that afternoon. Some students walked and others took the Jefferson streetcar to The Boundry, (Jefferson and Marlborough Streets) and walked in the cold to Sunset. Principal W.H. Adamson was the first Principal of Sunset and finished out the year as Principal of O.C. H. S.

My father Edward and uncle Edwin graduated in June, 1927 from Sunset after playing football on the first BISON team. The teams of the first years won many trophies in all sports to start a great BISON tradition!

Our family boasts over 300 cousins many Sunset graduates or children of Sunset graduates.

BISON proud,
Edward M. Griffith, Jr.
An ole BISON, Class of 1960

2013 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

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1953 Joe Brooks
1957 J. Scott Holyfield
1967 Ron Luke
1970 Elizabeth (Beth) Robertson
1971 Don Weempe
1977 Beth Morgan Whitaker

Silver: \$250-\$499

1966 Dixie Thomas Laney
1967 Joe Whitney
1970 Doris L. Murphy
"OC Sistas"

Century Club: \$100-\$249

1943 Raymond Philley	1961 William E. Roten
1944 Inez Hunter Amirkhan	1961 Mary K. Wiese Wallace
1946 John E. Eisenlohr, M.D.	1964 Mary Ashworth Phillips
1947 James Brumit	1964 Michael "Mitch" Womble
1948 Charlie Buddy Morton	1965 Barry Hutcheson
1949 F. Clark Williams	1965 Thomas J. Palmer
1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt	1967 Cindy Womble Billman
1958 Bill Melton	1968 Kathy Kempher Lee
1959 Robert G. Bluethman	1968 Marsha Thigpen Brown
1959 Jean Ann Park Remley	1968 Donna Thompson Warner
1961 Steve Bonner	1969 James Hinton
1961 Rick Sikes	1985 Jay Barrientos

Memory Gifts

In Memory of Donald Clark Minnis - Class of 1947
by Albert Glenn Wamble - Class of 1947
Friends for 77 years

In Memory of Ron DeFate - Class of 1969
by Kathy Kemper Lee - Class of 1969

Carolyn Estep - Class of 1968
by Donna Johnson Warner - Class of 1968

Thank You for Your Support!

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center
Les Studdard, Class of 1963, and General Manager

Dallas Summer Musicals
Michael A. Jenkins, Class of 1960
For your generous donation to the Sunset Dance Company

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



Harvey Harrison Tilford Jr.

PFC Harvey
Harrison Tilford Jr.
Class of 1943

Harrison was born on February 8, 1926 in Dallas, TX and the only child of Harvey H. Tilford and Nell Ethel Ray. He was living at 1302 Hollywood while attending Sunset where he was a 1st Lieutenant in the Regimental Staff in the R.O.T.C., Dallas Camp, Officers Club, El Sol and the Ice Skating Club. PFC

Tilford joined the U.S. Marine Corps shortly after high school. In 1945, PFC Tilford was "killed in action" during the battle for the island of Iwo Jima as a member of the 21st Marine Regiment. PFC Tilford was laid to rest at Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas, TX near his parents.

Or sincere appreciation to Ron Harris Class '56 for his continued dedication to preserving the memory and service of our WWII Sunset Boys!

Catching Up

Thanks for the recent newsletter, you are truly doing a fabulous job and I want to thank you for your dedication! Reading the newsletter is like being a Bison all over again for me and my classmates.

My husband was an earlier Adamson grad and we met when I went to work for Texas & Pacific Railroad in downtown Dallas. He worked in the rate department for the Auditor of Revenues while I was in a stenographic pool upstairs. We met returning or delivering his mail. He finally invited me to go to our alma maters' annual basketball game--and that was after he played in a company basketball game. It was a real test, but not bad when you're enjoying a new adventure. We married in 1955 and are fortunate to still be "dating" 58 years, 5 children and 3 grandchildren later! We are expecting our first great-grandchild soon. We thank God for all his blessings.

Thank you for letting me share.
Shirley (Tyra) Palmer, 1952

SUNSET ALUMNI

Open House

H•E•R•D G•A•T•H•E•R•I•N•G



Where: Sunset High School

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m., Coffee & Bison Mingle, Lunchroom
10:00 a.m. Bison Gathering, Auditorium

- Come see school renovations
- Meet our new principal, Dr. Luz Martinez
- Visit with past principals
- Class of 1972 Gift to School
- Hear the Purple & White Band and more!
- School tours available

All classes are welcome!



Gathering of the



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Reunions

Class of 1963, 50th Reunion

October 11-13, 2013

www.sunsetbison63.com

Class of 1973, 40th Reunion

September 21, 2013

www.sunsetbison1973.myevent.com/index.php

Class of 1954, 60th Reunion

April 26, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

El Fenix, McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX

Contact: Thad Woodruff at 281.556.5563

or woodrufftj@aol.com

Mixers

Class of 1969

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 7pm

Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum

For complete details go to: www.sunsetclassof69.com

Lunches

Classes of the 1930's and 1940's,

2nd Monday lunch bunch

Where: El Fenix in Oakcliff

Time: 11a.m.

Contact: Cornelia Chancellor Spencer at: (214) 339-9671

Classes of 1938 - 1945

Last Saturday of the month

Where: Celebration Restaurant

4303 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75208

Contact: Naoma Crisp Rozelle '42, 972-234-8189

Class of the 50's and 60's

Yearly Meeting & Golf Scramble

Where: Midway Point (Midway & LBJ)

Contact: Mike Dunn at dunnjwc@hotmail.com

Cruises

1951-1952 Sunset Bison & Friends Cruise Group

April 5, 2014 to April 12, 2014

Contact: Ed Garliardo at: 972-276-2080

or 800-949-6638



THE ORIGINAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL IS BACK!



Where: Historic Texas Theater in Beautiful Downtown Oak Cliff

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person if paid in advance on our website
\$15 at the door

Free parking at Centre & Madison behind Bank of Texas

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Sunset Alumni Association

www.sunsetalumni.com

Remember...what happened in the balcony, stayed in the balcony!

All proceeds benefit the Sunset Alumni Association
in support of Sunset High School

Questions? Email us at: sunsetbisons@gmail.com

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This musical is rated PG-13, PG-13 (for sexual content including references, teen smoking, drinking and language)



Roaming *of the*

HERD



Nannette Reese, Class of '43



Bison Hello from New Jersey!

Nannette Reese, '43 was President of National Thespian Society, VP National Honor Society and Good Scholarship Club, Secretary of Pen Pals, French, Dramatic and Speakers Clubs, involved in Chorus and Student Council, received the Linz Pin and performed in the Senior Play and Senior Day skit. So at 86,

it should come as no surprise to hear she enjoys playing piano for a singing group, vesper services and the like. She also enjoys orchestra, chamber music, opera and ballet in Philadelphia which is close by but she remembers her Sunset days and Bison friends very fondly.

Some of her Bison buddies were Marian Bucklin, Marion Gauldin, Anita Golman, Lina Allen Briggs, Billy Huckaby, and Monte Huckaby for starters.

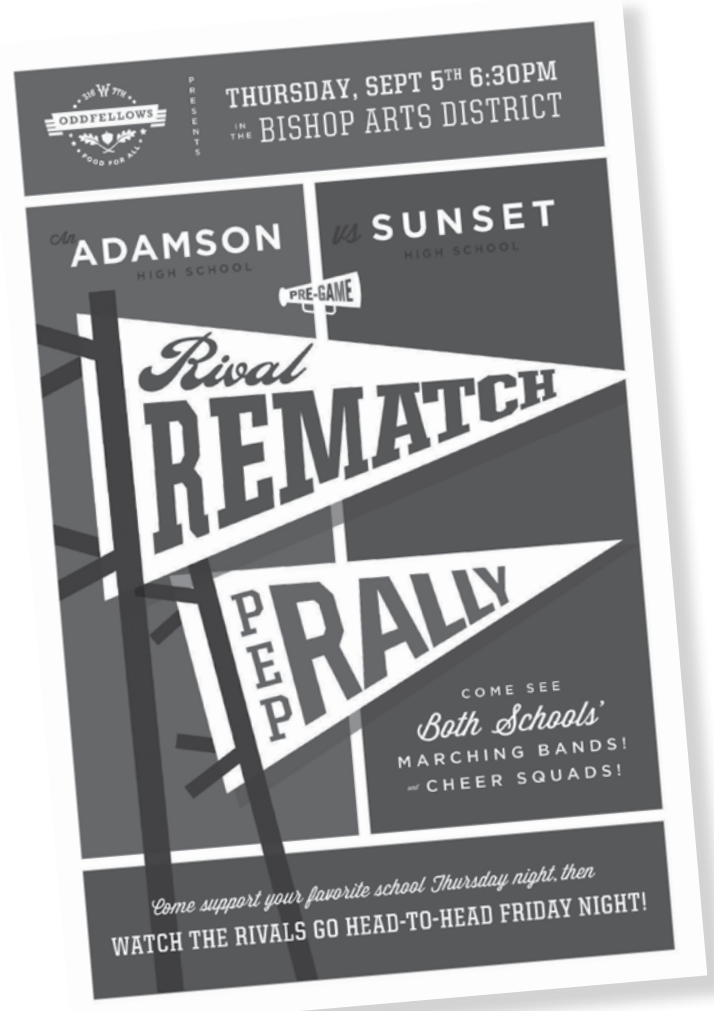
She and her husband lived in Detroit for a while and then two years in Boston while her husband finished Harvard Law School. Nannette takes pride in her two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.

Nannette says she is still active and lives in a beautiful retirement community which is Quaker-related and full of gorgeous flowers and trees and a huge arboretum.

If any of her Bison friends would like to contact Nannette, her address is 296 Medford Leas
Medford, New Jersey 08055-2245
Email: Nannettehanslowe@yahoo.com

And if you are really adventurous, Nannette also has a Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/nannette.hanslowe>

Thanks for including me on your mailing list. I do appreciate it very much. Go Bison!



Ways to Help

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

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



Sunset's *Historical Artwork*



In 1934 the federal government's Public Works Administration Art Project commissioned a number of murals in public buildings in Dallas. Among them were two murals in Sunset High School, painted by artist Granville Bruce. Though originally located in a 3rd floor hallway, they became important features in the school library when that space was expanded.

About the artist:

Granville Bruce will forever be known for his depictions of Texas's natural history, landscapes and varied architecture. Though not a Texas native, he was smitten with the state, saying in 1982, "I love this state. I just love to record historic things in it. I love its history, scenery, and people."

Bruce was born in Grand Island, Nebraska and was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There, he attended the Layton School of Art. Bruce later studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. He moved to Texas in 1924, settling in San Antonio.

In the 1930s, Bruce began painting diorama backgrounds for the Dallas Museum of Natural History and became the museum's staff artist.

Granville Bruce's atmospheric and evocative depictions of Texas's rugged terrain, vibrant history and distinctive inhabitants made a lasting and significant impact on the history of Texas painting.

The Dallas Museum of Natural History hosted Bruce's last exhibition in 1982. He died in 1989.

Bison Bits...

Martha Power Wallace, Class '49 passed away on June 26, 2013 – her husband, of almost 54 years, David Wallace passed away the day before on June 25, 2013. How ironic and somehow appropriate that they should want to continue to be together .

Paul James Mansfield, Class '47 passed away on June 8, 2013 was once married to the former blonde bombshell and Hollywood starlet, Jayne Mansfield.

Which Dallas ISD high schools had the biggest academic gains? Woodrow Wilson and Sunset high schools made the biggest gains on STAAR end-of-course exams in comparison to other non-magnet Dallas ISD campuses.

In assessing passing rates in reading I, writing I, algebra I, biology and world geography, Woodrow gained 49.4 (cumulative) points. Sunset High School came in second with a gain of 26.5 points, followed by Bryan Adams High School with a 23.4 gain.

Marjorie Fay Gulick Ross, Class of 1952 reports: We have been married for 58 years....have 4 children, 3 girls, 1 boy and also have 12 grandchildren with 27 great grands...and as you see we now have a dynasty!

past, present
always...
we will remain
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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)

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

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Email Address _____ @ _____ Phone (_____) _____

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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 '39 Harvey R. Herbst

Class '40 Thomas Matthew Lamberth, Jr

Class '42 Marilyn (Park) Blakeney
(corrected class year)

Class '43 Kenneth Dean Blackburn

Class '43 Nannie Lou (Purnell) Huguley

Class '43 James Southerland Wallis

Class '44 Gloria Elizabeth (Turquette) Brydon

Class '45 Donna Ruth (Gillett) Lindsey

Class '47 Betty (Ford) Marsh

Class '47 Paul James Mansfield

Class '48 Grace Elaine (Moomaw) Dugas

Class '48 Mary Ann (King) Butler

Class '48 Sonja Charlene Glossup Farr

Class '49 Bennie Standifer

Class '49 Martha Elizabeth (Power) Wallace

Class '50 Gene McDonald

Class '51 J. Marvin Sexton

Class '51 Anita Kaye (Bishop) Ciardo

Class '53 Karl Howard Snodgrass

Class '53 Mayme Scott Tomlin

Class '55 Billye Rae (Funk) Stone

Class '61 Norman Lee Pender

Class '62 Robert Allen "Butch" Packer

Class '64 Connie Lynn (Bush) Johnson

Class '65 Richard Donald "Don" Aubrey

Class '65 Maryann (Cariotis) Tatakis

Class '69 David Tankersley

Class '72 Judy (Reese) Sallee

Class '94 Carmen Ortega

Class '97 Javier Dominguez

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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Fall 2013 Bison Spirit Newsletter

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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. Besides
with email you will receive it sooner. And remember, if
your email or address changes, please let us know.

sunset trivia

**What year was the Bison Head
first installed at Sunset??**

Answer will appear in the Winter Newsletter

*Answer to Summer Trivia:
Forrest Avenue High School
Congratulations if you got this right!*

Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com