



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Spring 2017

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A few words from Barbara Martin Flint, SHSAA President

2017 New Beginnings! It was my pleasure to serve as your Alumni Board President in 2016. I met many Alumni at our functions that I would probably not have ever met. I also had the pleasure of meeting teachers and students. Bisons are Great!!

I thank the Board for their confidence in electing me the President for 2017. I look forward to another great year. We could not do anything without the continued support of our Alumni. Through your contributions and donations we were able to meet all the schools' Grant Requests; and, we thank you.

We will continue to have the Meet and Greet every 3rd Saturday at El Fenix in Oak Cliff from 2-4:30 p.m. First one will be March 18th. Always check Facebook for any announcements. I look forward to meeting and greeting as many as possible along the Bison trail.

Remember, if you are a former Sunset Student, you are already a member of the Bison Team (Alumni). If you have any concerns or suggestions, contact me (Bflint41@aim.com).

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and what you missed this year



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All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

2016 Platinum \$1000. - \$2499.

1938 Lester Keesee
1959 – Myra Nichol Williams
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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



**David Christopher Allen
Class of 1931**

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Technical Sergeant, David C. Allen, was born on October 20, 1913, the son of Guy Lenton Allen and Frances Ethelda Braddock. David lived at 1005 Kessler Pkwy while he attended Sunset High School during his senior year, having transferred from Oak Cliff (Adamson) High School.

David enlisted in the army on October 8, 1942. He served in the European Theater of Operations in the 852nd Bomb Squadron, 491st Bomb Group. On January 5, 1945 David and other crewmen were killed during squadron assembly for a mission when their aircraft "Rage in Heaven", a B-24J, #44-40165, exploded, then crashed and burned near Swaffham, England.

TSgt Allen received the Air Medal with a three Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation, European, African, Middle Eastern Theater Service Ribbon with one Silver Star and Certificate of Valor. TSgt Allen's final resting place is at the Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge England in Plot D, Row #3, Grave #80. Find A Grave Memorial# 56287329.



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.



SHSAA is in need of a webmaster. If interested contact Barbara Flint at bflint41@aim.com

SUNSET 2016 GRANTS

Our Alumni Board enjoys representing you as your voice for making the best decisions for our students and faculty at Sunset.

Some of you may not know that the district only allows a certain amount money per teacher each year, which by no means covers our students' educational needs. Our teachers spend their own money for supplies and request our assistance through grants to help them provide the best learning experience possible for their students.

In order to continue helping our school and students, we need your assistance, we are asking for donations (contributions), to help in providing grants for our faculty and students each year.

**Please make donations or contributions to
Sunset High Alumni Association
P O Box 225276**

Dallas, TX 75222-5276

Please designate if you wish your contribution to go to a specific department.

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

Donations are greatly Appreciated!

It is not too late to get your tax deductible donation in by the end of this year! On the last page is a form you can complete or you can go to our website www.sunsetalumni.com and use credit card or PayPal.

Also, many companies will match an employee's contribution 100%, especially involving educational programs.

We appreciate everyone that has donated no matter the size of the contribution!

Gathering of the



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Class of '62

We will be having our 55th reunion this year. Following are the dates, times, and events:

Thursday, October 12, 1017 at noon:

For those interested, we plan to meet on senior's day at the State Fair of Texas. Thursdays are free to seniors. The only cost for this is the entrance fee into the parking lot on the fair grounds. Be in front of Big Tex for a photo op at noon. Then everyone can go about doing their own thing.

Friday, October 13 at 12:00:

We will have a pre-reunion get-together at La Calle Doce on 12th Street in Oak Cliff. Everyone orders and pays for their own meal.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.:

The reunion will be at the HQ. Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) on Loop 12 in west Oak Cliff. The cost of Saturday after reunion event is \$40.00 per person.

Sunset Class of '67 – 50th Reunion

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 19, 2017 for our 50th Reunion; plans are underway for a great event at the Tower Club in downtown Dallas. The view is spectacular and they have wonderful service.

Thanksgiving Tower,

1601 Elm St., 48th floor, Dallas, TX 75201.

7:30 pm – 11:30 pm

The dress is casual, hors d'ourves will be served, and there will be a cash bar for adult beverages. There is no charge for coffee, tea, and soft drinks. The DJ will be playing music of the 60's, taking requests and dedications, and playing our favorite tune, Wolverton Mountain. More details coming soon. Please note that we are not hosting an event on Friday night this time around. We encourage you to reach out to fellow classmates to meet informally on Friday evening or Saturday for brunch or lunch. If anyone in the class wishes to organize additional activities for the class, let me know and we'll announce it in future emails. We want our reunion to have a big turnout to toast the Class of 1967. It will be a wonderful evening to reconnect and reminisce with friends. Hope to see you there!

Dwayne Trammell, 214.718.9700, orthodoc44@sbcglocal.

Cindy Grigis Miller, 972.567.5316, cindy@mgroupinc.net

A SUNSET *love* AND *favorite teacher story*

Patricia Stuckey O'Block, Class of 1952 sent this heartwarming story to us.

In 1950 her father, Dr. Lewis Stuckey became the pastor at Tyler St. Methodist Church, the year that she began her junior year at Sunset. As some of you will remember, the first class of the day that you reported to was your homeroom. Her homeroom teacher was Louise Allen, music teacher. On the second day of school Patricia asked if she were married and she replied "no". Patricia's mother, Mary Barr Stuckey, had passed away in 1948. Patricia, playing matchmaker, told her dad that she had found him a very pretty and talented wife. As fate would have it, Louise & Lewis were married 2 years later!

Patricia had great admiration for her singing and teaching and Louise had become a valuable blessing to the family. She inspired and encouraged so many students to the music field. Louise were happily married for 25 years before Dr. Stuckey passed away. Louise would not join him until 1999. Beyond all measure this was Patricia's favorite teacher at Sunset!

53rd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Barbara Martin, Class '62 and James Flint Adamson Class '62

will celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on March 20, 2017. They were married at Beverly Hills Baptist church by Pastor Howard Conaster. After a short honeymoon to Austin and Galveston they lived in a new apartment on



Cedar Hill Avenue in Oak Cliff. In 1965 they attended the World's Fair in New York City. It was Barbara's first airplane ride and her first experience with a microwave where she burned her sweet roll to a crisp. Before New York the visited Washington, DC where they toured the Smithsonian Institute, the Pentagon, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Arlington Cemetery President John F Kennedy's eternal flame burial site before it was moved. They have lived in Oklahoma and now reside in Carrollton, TX



ALONG THE BISON TRAIL

AUTHORS AMONGST US

Elizabeth M (Vansyckle) Moreland, Class '65,

just released her first book titled "This is Why" Hospice Stories of Love & Transformation. And in her words, "I think all of us who are blessed to be able to work in hospice are asked. "Why?" Why do you feel called to this type of patient care? Where do you find the emotional strength? How can you be with people as they die? These wondrous souls, I am sharing with you, show not only the healing and transformation they found, but I found as well. The prose is mine and comes from the depth of understanding that found my heart and added to the journey I was privileged to take with them."



Elizabeth Vansyckle is a retired nurse who was a hospice nurse throughout her forty-year career. Raised in the Salvation Army as a young child, she learned the greatest person you can be is one of service. As a United States Army veteran, she found being a hospice nurse made her the very best possible nurse in any setting. Throughout her career, she also was a surgical nurse. She feels the ability to ease a patient's fears in the few minutes before surgery came from that place in hospice of holding the calm space and giving that sense of quiet and trust. She welcomes you to her blog: [Healing Energy movetowardhealing.blogspot.com](http://HealingEnergyMometowardhealing.blogspot.com)

I spoke with 'Beth' and even her voice was calming! I admire people like Beth who do this because I never could and it is a tribute to all the Sunset Alumni, who in some way or another, has reached out or touched others!

CONGRATULATIONS!

George Cisneros, Class '93 Valedictorian and winner of the Honorable Ray LaHood Award!

George Cisneros, PE, CFM has over 19 years of experience in the planning and design of transportation, water resources, public works, and land development projects. He is a Professional Engineer with HNTB and has been with the firm for eight years. George was the recipient of the HNTB 2014 Employee of the Year award. George is

the definition of what this award stands for. He has been and currently is an active member of the WTS Greater DFW Chapter and is on the leadership team as the Professional Development chair. George is the first and only male to sit on a committee and actively participate in monthly board meetings and leadership retreats. He attends monthly meetings, special events (Annual Golf Tournament, Annual Awards Banquet, etc.), and the WTS International Annual Conference (in a sharp tux to boot).

(From the WTS – Women's Transportation Seminar of Dallas)

74th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Lester Keesee, Class '38 and

Mary June Adams – Adamson Class '40 celebrated their 74th Wedding Anniversary

on January 1, 2017. The high school sweethearts dated for 3 years and were married January 1, 1943 at the Clarendon Drive Baptist Church in Dallas. At the time of their wedding Les was on a 3-day pass from the United States Air Force. He flew on the B-24 Liberator four engine

bombers in World War II and worked for the Navy. The couple postponed their honeymoon until after the war was over and then took an 8-country tour of Europe. Les retired in 1981 from Sears following 35 years of service as a sales manager. He was also a real estate agent for 42 years. June spent time making a loving home for her husband and 2 daughters.



Besides their 2 daughters Brenda Raye and Carol Reid they have 5 grandchildren. They also have 4 great grandchildren. Les & June's hobby is world travel and they are members of Hilcrest Baptist Church. 96-year-old Les and 94-year-old June have had a wonderful life and loving family and look forward to celebrating their 75-year anniversary! (The Suburban Newspaper – Duncanville)

ON A DIFFERENT NOTE

We are saddened to announce the passing of **Mary Etta**

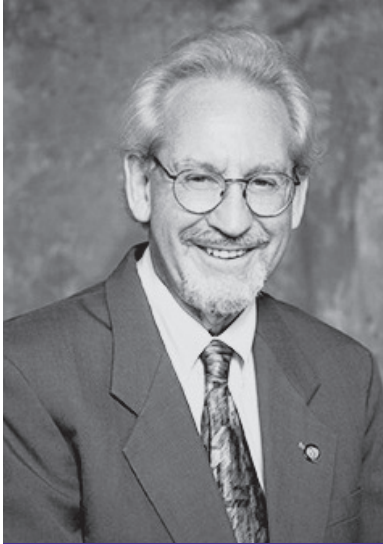
McGowen Perkins, Class of 1932, on February 17, 2017.

We spotlighted Mary in our Summer of 2016 Newsletter.





Dr. Harvey Solganick



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Dr. Solganick teaches Humanities courses at The College at Southwestern. He has also taught Philosophy and English, both in the traditional undergraduate program in The School of Arts and Sciences, and as a Master Faculty in the Graduate and Professional Studies (GAPS) division, at LeTourneau University, Longview, Texas. Previously, he was professor of English,

Philosophy, Religious Studies, and coordinator of the Honors Capstone Program at Missouri College, St. Louis. Administratively, Dr. Solganick was a former Division Chair of Communications within the Dallas County Community College District and was the originating, founding Headmaster for Prestonwood Academy of Dallas. He serves as coordinator of Discipleship University as a member of First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, his parents were Russian and Rumanian Jews, who immigrated to America in 1914. Dr. Solganick's spouse, Elaine, formerly served as a professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology at Texas A&M University-Commerce, and taught Sociology at Brookhaven College, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Solganick's further studies include: Criswell College; Certification in Biblical Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary; Oberstufe Certification in German Language, Philosophy, and Culture, at The University of Heidelberg, and Mittelstufe Certification at Goethe Institute, Germany; Humanities Fellow at Cornell University; Master of Liberal Arts, S.M.U., Dallas; and Master of Education, The University of North Texas, Denton. His Ph.D. from The University of

Texas at Arlington, Freud's Search for the Soul, culminates from studies at the Freud Museum, London and at The University of Heidelberg where he studied with the late professor of Philosophy, Hans Georg-Gadamer. He has traveled, lectured, and served on missions throughout Germany, Sweden, Russia, the Ukraine, Israel, and China. His publications include Our Holy God and Sinful Man: Truths of the Tanakh and Torah; "Worldview Apologetics," The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization; and Critical Thinking for the Constructive Christian.

Currently, Dr. Solganick is writing a book on C. S. Lewis's Influence on Evangelism and Discipleship: Lessons from C. S. Lewis.

His favorite teacher was Hattie Hornbeck, his English teacher who drove in from Waxahachie every day, inspired him to major in English in college.

And for those that remember, Harvey's family owned Flowerland that was across the street from Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Solganick knew so many of the teenagers over the years and came across as stern but she loved everyone. I used to 'hang out' with Harvey's younger brother, Louie, and was at the flower shop many times. I still remember the perfume scented air in the shop and Mrs. Solganick's very distinctive voice as she warned Louie he better be back in one hour after he took me home! Sadly, Louie passed away a few years ago and I didn't meet Harvey until last year. He is almost as funny as Louie was!

Seriously, it is because of our Mix & Mingles and our Class Reunion Lunches that I have had the pleasure of meeting so many of our alumni and I love talking to them!

(We are always looking for articles for the newsletter, whether they be Class Reunions, milestone anniversaries, heartwarming or fun stories that are Sunset or Sunset Alumni related. Please send to Newsletter@gmail.com)

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

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

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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

1932 Mary Etta (McGowen) Perkins
1941 Duanna (McGinnis) Stephenson
1941 Janice (Becker) Haley
1941 Anne Sophie (Hunter) Grigis
1941 James Reece Kinser, PhD
1962 Donald Edwards
1944 Carol Joy (Schmidt) McEwan
1945 Mary Jo (Fowler) Harris
1945 John Paul McElroy
1948 Robert Benton Mote
1948 John Coolidge Wilson, Jr
1949 Frances Lou (Champion) Albritton
1949 Albert Jerome Dulin
1949 Dan E. Fulbright
1950 Mary Jo (Christopher) Lowrey
1950 Jan (Smith) Terrana
1950 Dorothy (Williams) Webster
1950 James Miller

1951 Charmian (Burroughs) Choate
1952 Samuel David Wharton
1952 William H. Ruth
1952 Clifton Arnold Harrington
1953 JoAnn (Jennings) Siegfried
1953 John David Robb
1954 Paula Jann (Erdwinn) Benson
1954 James Voorhies
1954 Daniel Truett Odom, III
1954 John Patrick Truly
1954 Patricia (Dunn) Mayes
1954 Charles P. Atwood
1956 Jerrell Rosamond Gleaves
1957 Jeannine Joyce (Negethon) Lute
1959 Edna Arlene (Kelton) Layne
1959 Larry Dee Sample
1959 Jacqueline (Linville) Cavanaugh
1960 Douglas H. Burden

1961 Cecil Etheridge
1961 Celia (Thomas) Mitchell
1961 Dr. James Fred Graham
1962 Donald Edwards
1963 H. Richard Morrill, Jr
1963 Margaret (Evans) Bradley
1966 Gary Arnold Adkins
1967 Charles Edward Horn
1969 Sonja (Best) Brehm
1970 Susan Clanton Vaughan Becker
1970 Sanders William Stuart
1970 Shelley Ann (Hall) Jaramillo
1972 Richard Daniel Flowers
1975 Bryan Reed
1988 Jami Stacy
Music Teacher, Frederico H. Cisneros

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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Spring 2017 Bison Spirit Newsletter

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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.

Did you know?

The Sunset Robotics Team competed at the 12 State South Super Regional competition in Athens, Georgia. They competed against the top robotics teams from Texas all the way to North Carolina and Florida. The best 72 teams from these states played this past week and Sunset finished in 11th place! Qualifying for the World Championship Competition on April 19-22. The students did a great job representing Sunset and Dallas ISD. They are the FIRST team in Dallas ISD to ever make it to the World's stage, which is the highest stage possible in FTC robotics. If you see these students please congratulate them for all of the hard work that they've put into the engineering, mechanics, math, physics, programming, project management, gaming, and outreach we do in robotics.



Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com