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Sunset High School Alumni Association

Summer 2017

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A few words from Barbara Martin Flint, SHSAA President

Hello Sunset Alumni!!!

Can you believe this year is almost over? It is hard to believe that the graduating class of 2017 will become Sunset Alumni the day they graduate, June 2, 2017. We welcome them. May they continue in their lives of remembering our motto, Spirit, Knowledge, Friendship. Always having that Bison Spirit; the Knowledge they learned; keeping the Friendships they made.

Every time I walk the halls of Sunset, I can see and hear that Bison Spirit. The Friendship they show me; the teachers always ready to answer any questions. I was at Sunset this past week at the Senior Awards Assembly, I was remembering many memories of Senior Week, Senior Day, Graduation practice, Graduation, after graduation party I watched the senior students receiving their awards; so many talented students. As I watched each and everyone, I was thinking of what bright futures. I can only hope they have received the tools to meet their futures, My Motto this year. New Beginnings.

Don't forget to stay connected to classmates by attending your Class

Reunions, our Alumni Newsletter, Sunset Alumni Facebook and the Alumni Web site. If you don't know your class contact, check our Web Site.

Sunset continues to be the great school we remember and continues to be because of your continued donations and support.

Again, I look forward to meeting and greeting you along the Bison Trail. Come to our Mix & Mingles that are usually held monthly. Always check the Facebook page for updates, when and where. Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions or concerns at Bflint41@aol.com or sunsetbisons@gmail.com

Reconnect & Stay
Connected

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All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

2016 Platinum \$1000. - \$2499.

1938 Lester Keesee
1959 – Myra Nichol Williams
1967 – Buddy Ham (Delmar Disposal)
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1959 – David Perkul
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- John W Coolidge

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.

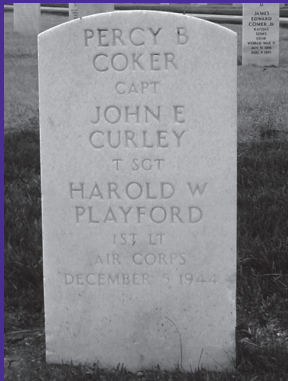


Alumni,

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



Percy B. Coker
Final Resting Place
Fort Scott, Kansas

Percy Burk Coker **Class of January, 1937**

Captain Percy Coker was born on October 14, 1918 in Navarro County, Texas to Willis Daniel Coker and Jimmie B. Hughes. Percy enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps on January 18, 1942. He received his wings at Lubbock Air Field on September 26, 1942. He was a member

of the Army Air Transportation Command that was flying "the Hump" in the China/Burma Theater of Operations. His aircraft, a C-87, 844-39243 crashed during a supply mission to General Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers. His wife, Patricia Smyth, was a WASP pilot, they were married in 1944 and their son was born in February 1945, having never known his dad. Captain Coker and crew are buried at the Fort Scott National Cemetery, Fort Scott, Kansas in Section #2, Site #1826.

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.

SUNSET 2017 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.

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



MIX *and* MINGLE

WHO: All Sunset Alumni

JULY

WHERE: El Fenix
120 E. Colorado Blvd.
Dallas (Oak Cliff)

WHEN: July 22, 2017
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

AUGUST

WHERE: El Fenix
120 E. Colorado Blvd.
Dallas (Oak Cliff)

WHEN: August 19, 2017
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Gathering of the



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Class of '59

The Sunset Class of 1959 had lunch at La Calle Doce on April 24, 2017. It turned out to be a great time! They had 63 to attend. Most were local, however, some came from Abilene, Houston area, Gainesville, East Texas, NW Arkansas, and South Louisiana. This was the second mini-reunion since their 50th. There were lots of hugging as old friendships were renewed. Everyone looked great.

Submitted by Nuel Willingham Ledford



Sunset High School Class of '72 45th year Reunion

- Who:** Sunset High School Class of '72
What: 45th year Class Reunion
A visit to the State Fair of Texas
A tour of our Alma Mater
A Party with Friends and Classmates
When: October 20-22, 2017
Where: Embassy Suites, Love Field (Dallas)
October 20-22, 2017 Dallas, Texas

You can contact the classmates listed below for more information or if you have any questions.
Jackie Hazzard-Weber at: weberj3668@gmail.com, 580-606-2590; Patsy Jo Kelly at: patsyjobodine@yahoo.com, 214-395-8247; John Tracy at: jtracy54@gmail.com, 469-610-7070; Debbie Polley Brown at: debrap.brown@aa.com, 972-989-9023; Judi Ray at: purplemoon0918@att.net, 816-332-1190 AND you can stay abreast of all of our Reunion info on Facebook. Go to: Sunset Bison's Class of 72.

Class of '77 - 40th Reunion

- Date:** Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017
Time: 7:00pm to 11:00pm
Where: Ozona's,
4614 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX

\$30 per person before Sept. 30th

Please contact Sunsetclass77@gmail.com for more info

Class of '62

The Reunion Committee has been working hard to come up with a fun, relaxing weekend for everyone.

Thursday, October 12 – The State Fair of Texas - Thursdays are Senior Day and admission is FREE. We plan to meet in front of Big Tex at 11:00 a.m. for a photo opt.

Friday, October 13 – A Day in Downtown Dallas – We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas School Book Depository (Kennedy Building) at the 6th Floor Museum. The price is \$14.00 for seniors (65 and up). You can buy tickets at the door or on line. Lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 1815 N. Market St. in downtown Dallas at 2:00 p.m. (after the lunch crowd). Please RSVP. You will be responsible for their own food and drink.

Saturday, October 14 - Because of your years of support to the '62 Reunion committee, we would like to show our appreciation by hosting a FREE luncheon buffet at La Calle Doce 415 W. Twelfth St, Dallas, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Alcoholic beverages are not included.

Please RSVP for Spaghetti Warehouse and La Calle Doce to Barbara Martin Flint at bflint41@aim.com. The deadline to RSVP is September 8th.

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'oeuvres 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. 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. Hope to see you there!

Dwayne Trammell, 214.718.9700, orthodoc44@sbcglocal.net
Cindy Grigis Miller, 972.567.5316, cindy@mgroupinc.net

ALONG THE BISON TRAIL

AUTHORS AMONGST US

Laura Porterfield Angaroni, recently published a book titled "Lowly", it is a Christian fiction on the ups and downs of a teenage high school student.

Laura graduated from Sunset where she was a Bisonette for two years and was a captain in her senior year. She was born at Methodist hospital, making her a true Oak Cliffite! Her favorite teacher was Marilyn Patrone, a choir teacher and Laura was a piano accompanist for the Concert Choir for two years where she enjoyed participating in musicals with Mr. Petty.



Laura loves to read and was inspired by the works of Jane Austen, especially her novel, "Emma".

"Lowly" is scheduled for release on December 29, 2017. We wish Laura lots of success with her book and can't wait to read it!

Don Allen Nelson, Class of 1954 has a new book out titled, "The NASA Letters." Don was with NASA for 36 years and has an extensive knowledge of our nation's space exploration. This book presents a paper trail of letters and emails that disclose why our human space endeavors always end on a trajectory to cancellation. The reader is challenged not to remain silent after reading The NASA Letters.



YOU DID IT! WE'RE PROUD!

**NOW YOU ARE OFFICIALLY A SUNSET ALUMNI!
PLEASE JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:
SUNSET HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME D E C E M B E R 1 9 4 2

I got up early the day after Christmas 1942. Sunset was to play Austin High for the state championship football game in Austin. And Dallas to Austin was about four hours away.



It was war time and the Sunset Band could not go to Austin because of gas rationing. But the father of Ed Farrow offered to take a group of Bison on two of his flatbed trucks with benches attached and a tarp to put over us. Someone donated enough gas coupons to get us there and back. We left the Farrows on Kings Highway around 5 am and headed for Austin. Some of us were in the band and, I believe, some in the pep squad—not a large group. But we wanted to cheer our team.

The ride was a challenge. The benches were not a comfortable two hundred mile ride and the tarp had to be retied down periodically. A short break in Hillsboro (but not at Grimes Garage) and we arrived in downtown Austin in mid-morning at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel where we had a pep rally with small band and cheerleading.

The rest of the day was downhill. The game was played at Memorial Stadium. We did our best to cheer the team to victory but we lost 20 to 7. It was a cold depressing ride all the way back to Dallas. It would have been nice if a time machine would tell us that no matter what happened today, we would win the State Championship in 1950.

Richard Robertson
July 2015
Memoirs/State Football Championship



THE IVAN GREENHAW AWARD

The Sunset High School Alumni Association awarded the Ivan Greenhaw Award for outstanding athlete at the Senior Awards ceremony to Makayla Barrientos. She will be attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University - Athletic Scholarship - soccer.



Makayla Barrientos
& Mrs. Margie Greenhaw

Ivan Greenhaw was a 1951 Sunset Graduate and was All American, All State for Sunset High School when they won the State Championship. Margie Greenhaw is a 1954 Sunset Graduate.



Coach Bob Castillo,
David Greenhaw, Jr, Makayla
Barrientos & David Greenhaw

CONGRATULATIONS SUNSET ROBOTICS TEAM

The Sunset Robotics Team won the State Championship in the First Tech Division 5A-6A. The University Interscholastic League Contest was held at the Austin Convention Center, May 20-21. The team members designed, built, programmed and operated robots to compete head to head.



Congratulations to the Coaches; Gary Dimanh, Calvin Harris, Jacob Soto and Lakisha Farrow along with team members; Alexander Alonzo, Valerie Alvarez, Maria Diaz, Jesse Estudillo, Karen Garcia, Ivan Martinez and Nick Moncado.

The Kathleen Hood for Excellence Awards

The Sunset High School Alumni Association held the 3rd annual reception for the Kathleen Hood Awards for Excellence on May 17, 2017 at La Calle Doce Restaurant in Oak Cliff. The awards recognize outstanding graduating seniors and each recipient will receive \$1000.00.

The awards are funded through an endowment established by Ronald T. Luke, JD, PhD and Sunset Class of 1967. Kathleen Hood inspired and encouraged Dr. Luke to obtain his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard and the University of Texas School of Law.

The recipients are:

Janet Gamez,

Kathleen Hood for Excellence Award in Social Sciences

Maria Diaz,

Kathleen Hood for Excellence Award in Humanities

Irving Felipe,

Kathleen Hood for Excellence Award for Natural Sciences

Rafael Gonzalez,

Kathleen Hood for Excellence Award for Mathematics



From left to right: Dr. Ron Luke, Recipient Maria Diaz, Recipient Irving Felipe, Recipient Rafael Gonzalez, Principal Claudia Vega



Makayla Barrientos, the Ivan Greenhaw Award Outstanding Athlete (soccer); Janet Gamez, Kathleen Hood Award in Social Sciences; Barbara Martin Flint, President, Sunset High Alumni Association; Maria Diaz, Kathleen Hood Award in Humanities; Irving Felipe, Kathleen Hood Award in Natural Sciences; Rafael Gonzalez, Kathleen Hood Award for Mathematics

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

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

1933 Jennie Louise (Alsworth)	Sonnenburg	1955 Rev. Dwight Milton Ashmore	1966 James Charles Collier
Crews Coleman Munroe	1948 Augusta Meredith Fox	1956 Wendell Robert Carr, Jr.	1967 Cynthia Diane (Ford) Loner
1936 William Lloyd Duncan	1948 Billy Ray Powers	1957 Janis Marilyn (Fisher) Frederick	1967 Marlene Lucia Lancione*
1939 James W. "Red" Johnson	1948 George Alfred Holland	1957 Nancy Carol (Farnsworth) Murphy*	1967 Ruth Ann (Bailey) Johnston*
1942 Betty Jayne (Tucker) Ueckert	1949 Dan E. Fulbright	1958 Edward Earl Cullum	1967 Donald Linton Ferguson*
1942 Milton Ray Worth	1949 Rev. Wallace Bassett Cobb	1958 Sandra (Solomon) Henry Belcher	1967 Russell Dan Jett*
1943 Jeanne (Karnes) Hutchinson	1951 Nancy Virginia (Campbell) Fox	1958 Beverly (McLarty) Wiedeman	1967 Pamela Sue (Jenkins) Valdez *
1944 Albert A. Ingels	1951 Eugene Smith, Jr	1958 Barbara Ann (Griffeth) Armon	1967 David Scott Kreig
1944 Mickey Jo (Bradley) Lowry Greer	1951 James Paul Council*	1958 Nancy Joyce (Buchanan) White	1967 Robert Gray Parker*
1944 Martha Drucilla (Looney) Kiker	1952 Wayne Douglas Nailor	1959 Rachel (Kirk) Yeats Steel	1967 Patricia Ann LaRoche
1945 June Elizabeth (Dee) Peel	1952 John McDermott	1960 Richard Alan Pfeil	1967 Ann Reis (Sebastian) Black
1946 Flora Margaret (Crabtree) Ingram	1952 George Allen Butler	1961 James Paul Council	1967 Kenneth Wayne Cole*
1946 Warren Findley	1952 Barbara Yvonne (Housewright)	1962 Lynda Joyce (Britton) Brown	1974 Gerald Edward Boatwright
1947 Doris Lanelle (Coward) Oler	Howard Lawton	1963 William Michael McCoy	1976 Andy Davis (est)
1947 Gretta Alana (Parker) Staton Pfeil*	1953 David Hudgins	1963 Virginia Sue (Daniel) Phelps	1984 Nicholas L. Esparaza
1947 Elizabeth (Harris) Moseley	1953 Elizabeth Ann (Howard) Winters	1963 Rodney Jon Davenport	*Indicates not a recent death,
1947 Caroldene (Fields) Brock	1954 Lloyd Ernest Faulkner	1964 Edward Bridges Bounds	just recently notified of their death
1947 Thomas Allen Crow	1954 J. Vance Jones	1964 Edgar "Eddie" Wooten	
1947 Sydonia Katherine (Gilbert) Lain	1954 Clinton Dean White	1964 Johnny L. Gatlin	

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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Summer 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?

That back in 1960 many students at Sunset staged a "lunchroom revolt" for 2 days in what they considered unfair punishment for an infarction. It seems that every time a glass or dish was dropped to the floor, whistling noises were done in unison. The students were warned not to do this but it happened again. Frank Guznick, Assistant Principal, cleared the boys from the lunchroom, some were disciplined and one was suspended but later allowed to come back. Finally, Mr. Guznick apologized, the students settled down and all returned to normal again. But it did bring attention to the school as this incident was written up in the Dallas Morning News. And thanks to Steve Bonner for posting this article on our Facebook page. It was quite entertaining to read!

Wonder if there is anyone who was at Sunset in 1960 that would like to admit to being a part of this disruptive whistling?!

Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com