



# NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Spring 2014

## Officers

<b>Doris Murphy</b> President	1970
<b>Joseph Contreras</b> Vice President	1999
<b>Robert Castillo</b> Secretary	1997
<b>Dixie Thomas Laney</b> Treasurer	1966

## Directors

<b>Lynn Bergoon DeWitt</b>	1950
<b>E. John Ward</b>	1962
<b>Mitch Womble</b> Co-Chair Project SOS/ Sundial CD's Project	1964
<b>Cindy Womble Billman</b> Newsletter Editor Project SOS/Historian	1967
<b>Joe Whitney</b> Project SOS	1967
<b>Donna Thompson Warner</b>	1968
<b>Janelle Chandler Bates</b> Sunset Faculty Liaison	1971
<b>Daisy Gonzales Palomo</b>	1994
<b>Jerry Boyd</b>	1973
<b>Luis Paloma</b>	1997
<b>Jaime Contreras</b>	1999

### Members Emeritus:

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

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## in the **SPOTLIGHT...** Louise **LATHAM**



*1940 Class Picture*



*1940 Cheerleader*

Stage and film actress, Louise Latham was born Johnie Louise Latham on September 23, 1922 in Hamilton, Texas.

Latham graduated from Sunset in 1940 where her accomplishments listed were: Most Popular Senior Girl, cheerleader, Thespians secretary, All Around P. E. Girl, National Honor Society member and was a part of the Senior and one-act plays. She was also a Linz Pin recipient.

Latham was a stage actress on Broadway until the early 1960s, where she made her film debut in 1964 as Bernice Edgar in Alfred Hitchcock's "Marnie". She also appeared in over 150 television programs that included "Perry Mason," "Bonanza," "Gunsmoke," "Hawaii Five-0," "Murder, She Wrote," "ER," and "The X Files".

Most recent, Latham appeared as Mrs. Perky Sugarbaker, the mother of Suzanne and Julia Sugarbaker on "Designing Women" and in 1991 Latham appeared in "Crazy From the Heart".

Ms. Latham resides in California.



## 2014 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

*All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated*

### Diamond: \$2500+

### Platinum: \$1000-\$2499

1967 Buddy Ham (Delmar Disposal Co.)

### Gold: \$500-\$999

1974 Beth Morgan Whitaker  
1967 Ronald Thomas Luke

### Silver: \$250-\$499

1960 Michael A. Jenkins  
1971 Cynthia Rambo Mitchell

### Century Club: \$100-\$249

1944 Inez Hunter Amirkhan  
1948 Charlie B. Morton  
1946 Joan Reinhardt Phipps  
1949 F. Clark Williams  
1949 Peggy Ann Thompson Lerner  
1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt  
1950 Gordon Rea  
1954 Thad Woodruff  
1957 Donald Ray Burden  
1958 Bill Melton  
1958 Maxine Patton Burden  
1958 Robert M. Richards  
1960 Kenneth Ray Johnson  
1960 Lyndy Santerre  
1962 E. John Ward  
1964 John M. Hardy  
1964 Mitch Womble  
1966 Karen Ratliff Pearce Smith  
1967 Ralph Kelly Coker  
1967 Mark G. Snyder, CPA  
1967 Joe D. Whitney  
1968 Edward Owen Pollard, Jr.  
1974 Gail Neal Harris  
1991 Joe C. Whitney

### Memory Gifts

Johnnie Cartwright Pearce Ratliff - Class of 1931  
by  
Karen Ratliff Pearce Smith - Class of 1966  
In honor of her mother for the SOS Historical Project

### Corporate Sponsors



## 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



Charles William Bauman  
Class of 1935

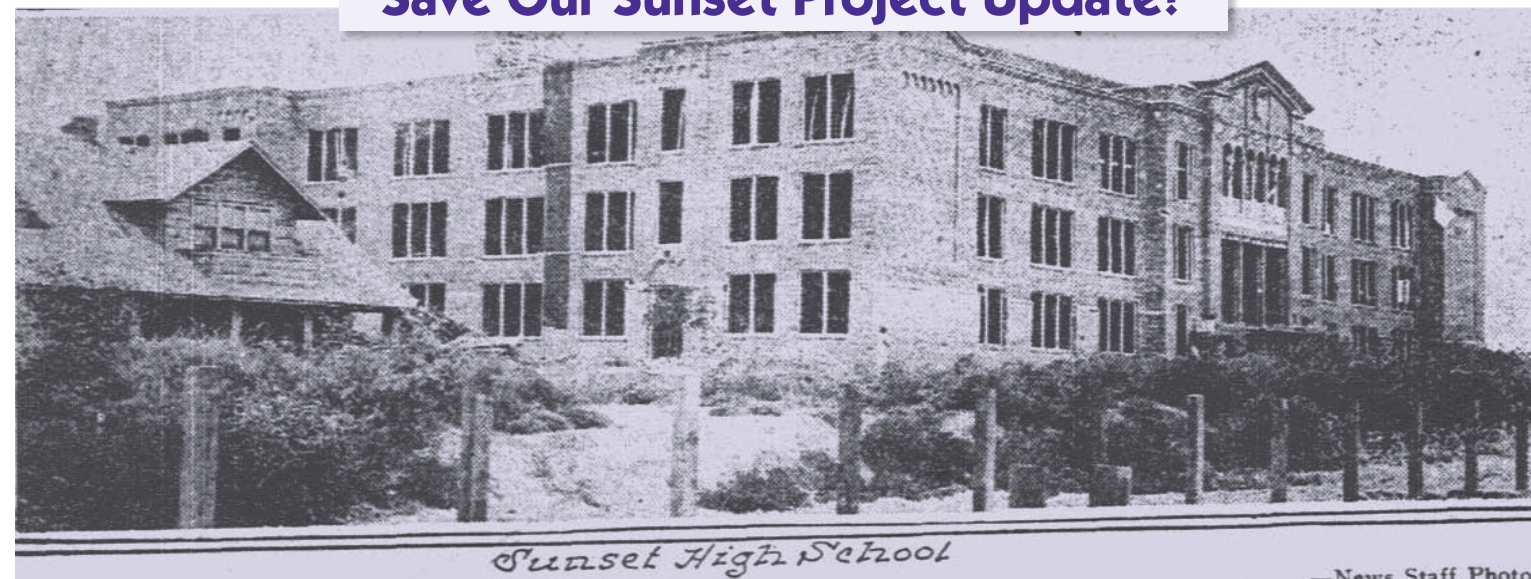
First Lieutenant, #O-666121, United States Army Air Corps Charles William "Bill" Bauman was born on October 31, 1917, the son of Mr. C.Z Bauman and the husband of Margaret S. Bauman, 633 Stewart Drive, Dallas, Texas.

Lt. Bauman was the Command pilot of a B-24H, #42-52366, named "The Spirit of Hollywood," in the 766th Bomb Squadron, 461st Bomb Group. On April 13, 1944 Lt. Bauman, was in the deputy lead position, attacking the target of the Duna Tokol Aircraft Components Factory, Budapest, Hungary. His aircraft was hit in the wing by flak and 1/3rd of his wing broke off causing the aircraft to spin out of control crashing into another B-24 in the formation.

The Missing Air Crew Report is #3973. Lieutenant Bauman and his entire crew were buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri in Section #82, Site #30B.

*Special thanks to Ron Harris, Class of 1956 for his dedication and research of all our Sunset WWII heroes.*

## Save Our Sunset Project Update!



*An almost open Sunset High School as seen in the Aug. 31, 1924, edition of The Dallas Morning News. (The Dallas Morning News)*

The \$500,000 Sunset High School opened in September 1925, adding a center of teaching and learning in rapidly growing southwest Oak Cliff. On Monday, March 3, 2014, a weather cancellation left the campus on Jefferson Boulevard empty. But at City Hall, an effort to honor and preserve the school gained some headway.

The city Landmark Commission unanimously backed a request to designate Sunset a city historical landmark.

The matter now goes to the Dallas school board for approval and then on to the City Plan Commission and City Council for a final decision. Word is, the DISD is favorable to the idea unlike its failed opposition to landmark status for Adamson High School. Word also is, the district doesn't want the landmark designation protecting Sunset's western facade from future expansion.

If approved Sunset would be the last of the city's eight oldest high schools to gain landmark status.

Preservation architect Marcel Quimby compiled and wrote the nomination document with an assist from Alumni Association Board members.

"This is the most thorough designation report I've ever seen," Katherine Seale, the landmark commission chairwoman, said. "DISD should be very proud to have all this information."

*Excerpted from Roy Appleton, Dallas Morning News Education Blog*

*Note: The entire nomination document can be accessed at: [www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)*





# Gathering of the HERD

## Reunions

### Class of 1969, 45th Reunion

June 27-28, 2014  
Hilton Anatole Hotel  
2201 N. Stemmons Freeway  
Dallas, Texas 75207

## 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

## Meet the Teacher...



Leah Longoria-Huggins  
Varsity Cheer Coach and  
Sunset Dance Company Director

Leah Longoria-Huggins was raised in McKinney, TX, where she grew up cheering and dancing for McKinney North High School. As a member of the drill team the North Stars, Leah served as Junior and Senior Lieutenant. She was awarded Most Outstanding Student in the dance department from McKinney North High School and became an American Dance and Drill Team All-American.

Leah attended Collin College in Plano and was a part of the resident modern/contemporary dance company, Collin

Dance Ensemble (CDE). CDE exposed Leah to the world of modern and contemporary dance which allowed her to artistically explore and express herself. At CDE, she performed throughout the DFW area and received the Directors Choice Award.

In 2010, Leah completed her Bachelor's Degree in Dance, dance certification, and cheerleading certification from Texas Woman's University. Leah was a staff member with Prodigy Dance and Performing Arts Studio in Plano for three years and has been a competition judge for Danceline Productions. Leah has and continues to choreograph solos and team routines for such schools as Amon Carter Riverside, Plano West, Plano Senior High, McKinney Boyd, and McKinney North.

Leah is currently dancing professionally with the Dallas Dance Company which is comprised of men and women in the dance field who perform at various venues all over the DFW area. Leah has been the dance instructor, varsity cheerleading coach, and dance company director at Sunset for the past four years. As of March 7, 2014, Leah became a newlywed when she married Rylie James Huggins.

past, present  
always...  
we will remain  
**BISONS**

## Roaming of the

# HERD

### Class of 1963 50th Reunion Weekend



The class of 1963 had a weekend of fun with their 50th reunion on October 10th through 13th, 2013.

22 Bison posed in front of the new Big Tex on Thursday, October 10th and 15 people enjoyed The Lion King musical later that evening at the Music Hall at Fair Park.

20 golfers gathered at the Stevens Park Golf course for a golf outing hosted by Scott Hunt and Susan Moore Hunt Friday morning and that evening 100 people attended the mixer at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel, including about 70 Bison from 1963.

On Saturday morning, 28 former "Senior" Bisonettes from 1963 enjoyed a brunch hosted by Joan Bailey Johnson and Susan Moore Hunt and Saturday evening and 175 people partied at the Golden-Year Gala at the Old Red Court House including about 110 Bison from 1963.

65 people (at least 40 '63 Bison) enjoyed a Sunday morning brunch together at the Hyatt Regency Dallas while looking at pictures, reminiscing, and singing "happy trails until we meet again."

On Sunday afternoon, a few '63 Bison went on the Old Oak Cliff Fall Home Tour where they saw eleven remarkable houses—including one classmate's childhood home and one classmates' son's home — and had a wonderful time cruising around reminiscing about how lucky they were to grow up in Oak Cliff.

# 1926



## Girl Reserves

Girl Reserves strive to fulfill the ideals of body, mind, and spirit. Health, service and morality, as well as pleasure are stressed in the club. The spirit of the Girl Reserves has mingled with and helped to establish the spirit of Sunset High School. They helped to liven the school in its baby year to be recognized as an established institution, for wherever they went, they were not only Girl Reserves, but they were Sunset Girl Reserves.

### Purpose of Club

**G**racious in manner

**I**mpartial to judgment

**R**eady for service

**L**oyal to friends

**R**eaching toward the best

**E**arnest in purpose

**S**eeing the beautiful

**E**ager for knowledge

**R**everent to God

**V**ictorious over self

**E**ver dependable

**S**incere at all times



## 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](mailto:sunsetbisons@gmail.com)



## WOODS & WATERS REUNION

October 10-13, 2014

Mr. Allen's Ranch  
(outside of San Marcus, TX)

For more information contact:

Laura (Schuller) Lockwood  
Class of 1985

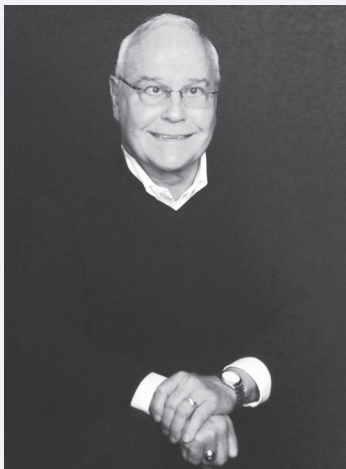
Cell/Text: (214) 232-5752

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Bisons In the News...



Bill Lott, Class of 1954 is a published author who writes under the pen name of 'Blake Dawson'. Bill wrote "Timing", a fictional work about the Oklahoma City bombing. Bill currently has a novel underway about the 12 disciples plus Paul.

As a Bison, Lott was a track letterman, Sports Editor of the "Stampede", participated in the Senior Play, was a member of Quill and Scroll and the Good Scholarship Clubs.

Bill earned a business degree and worked in the printing business for 40 years and has owned his own company for the last 12 years. He is a 5th generation native Texan and has been married for 57 years to Betsy Palmer Lott and has three children: Jill, Julie and Thomas. He's the proud grandfather of six: Heather, Hayley, Brooke, Blake, Lauren and Will. In his spare time, he enjoys travel, golf and spending time with his wife. Contact Bill at: blott@grandecom.net



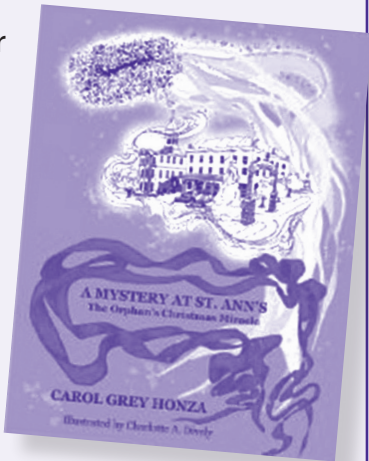
Carol Grey Wakeham Honza was born and raised in Dallas and graduated from Sunset in 1958. She has been married to fellow Bison, Jerry Honza for 54 years. After they raised their family, she went back to school, and graduated with a BBA in Management from Northwood University in

1997. Her primary career focus was in real estate, as broker-owner, and manager of an independent real estate firm for over 30 years. Following that career, she worked numerous years for the federal government and retired in 2001.

Honza began her writing career as a business editor for a local newspaper in 1991. Later, she expanded her focus to include providing freelance writing services, thus becoming a freelance journalist for numerous newspapers throughout North Texas.

Honza's book, "A Mystery at St. Ann's", actually evolved from a narrative poem she wrote long ago – the story and scenes were developed from a vivid dream. The poem was so descriptive that she decided to redesign the story into a picture book so that readers could have an opportunity to visually enjoy some of the most outstanding scenes.

Carol and Jerry make their home in Ennis and have four grown children and nine grandchildren. She enjoys: freelance writing – especially human interest articles; the thrill of finding that unique antique treasure; and fishing---in no particular order.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our newsletter editor retired from our board due to family health issues. We need help in order to keep the newsletter going so if you like to write, have an interest in keeping the Alumni Association going, we need your help. We also need volunteers to help raise money to cover our newsletter postage and publication costs and help us continue to support our teachers through our grant program. We also need volunteers to help out with events, a graphic artist, alumni liaison, webmaster and more. Put your talent and love of Sunset to good use. Contact us at: sunsetbisons@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.

\* If both are Sunset Alumni, please complete separate forms

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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 newstetter. 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)

Class '35	Lida Dixon Linn Vaughn	Class '50	Donald Ray Green	Class '60	Florence Neil Brown
Class '37	Robert Marion Campion	Class '50	Georgina Tait Crisp Grigg	Class '61	Ben Charles Allen
Class '37	Billie Paul Mount	Class '50	David A. Smith	Class '68	Norrel Douglas Connally
Class '41	Helen Manila Black Nelson	Class '51	Theresa Elaine Curtis Kantenberger	Class '69	Dennis Eugene Miller
Class '41	Gilbert Lee Packer	Class '52	Carolyn Burks Hall	Class '69	William Bernard Dougherty
Class '43	Dorothy Inez Wood Riddle	Class '54	Everett DeWitt	Class '71	Tommy Hielt
Class '44	Margaret Monnette Dalton Folsom	Class '57	Janice Cawthon Flynn	Class '72	Randy Hobbs
Class '45	June Grace Beach Galarneau	Class '57	Michael Franklin Tharp	Class '74	Lucky M. Tolliver
Class '47	Robbie Jo Wills Calhoun	Class '58	Carol Mash Walker	Class '76	Brian Ray Bielefeldt
Class '47	Miriam Jeannine Merritt Van Noy	Class '59	Sue Brown Mahanay	Class '78	Edward Bailey
Class '47	James Norman Powers	Class '59	Joleen Pearson Reynolds	Class '78	Dianna Marie Gonzales Gamez

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 2014 Bison Spirit Newsletter*

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phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses without  
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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.

# sunset trivia

## Two Graduations?

Sunset had two graduating classes from  
1926 until 1958 with one in January  
and the other in June.

**Alumni Website**  
[www.sunsetalumni.com](http://www.sunsetalumni.com)