



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Summer 2015

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You Are Cordially Invited To Attend

The 90th Anniversary Celebration

of

Sunset High School

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Festivities start at 9:30 a.m. - Sunset High School Cafeteria

FORMAL DEDICATION OF:

Dallas County Historical Marker

Texas Registered Landmark Designation

Sunset Byron Rhome Field House

Hear the Bison Speak!

Enjoy School Tours and More!

PRESENTED BY:

Sunset High School Alumni Association

All-Alumni Mix & Mingle After Celebration

La Calle Doce | 415 W. 12th Street | Dallas, Texas 75208

1:30 p.m.

Full Menu & bar items will be available for purchase, so gallop on over to graze and gab with fellow Bison!

Please RSVP if attending:

sunsetbisons@gmail.com

2015 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

Diamond: \$2500+

1967 Dr. Ron Luke

Platinum: \$1000-\$2499

1967 Buddy Ham (Delmar Disposal Co.)

Gold: \$500-\$999

1965 Pam Newnam Williams

1977 Beth Morgan Whitaker

1970 Doris L. Murphy

Silver: \$250-\$499

1958 John D. Dodd

1966 Dixie Thomas Laney

1967 Cindy Womble Billman

Century Club: \$100-\$249

1940 Marion Laird Baker

1941 Truett Huffstutler

1948 Charlie Morton

1948 Helen Morton

1949 Ann Hogue Dyer

1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt

1956 Sandra Thomason Bozman

1956 James Robert Bozman

1958 Bill Melton

1958 Robert M. Richards

1960 Roland Haedge

1961 Ruth Ann Hoffman

1964 & 1971 Tim & Jan Kirby

1967 Kathy Knott Manzoor

1968 Donna Thompson Warner

1968 Stephany Pitt White

1971 Janie Patterson Young

Memory Gifts

Don Bazar & Carolyn Estep – Class of 1968

By: Donna Thompson Warner-Class of 1968

Benjamin Cuba Albritton – Class of 1944

By: Mildred Albritton Heslep (his Sister)-Class of 1947

Alumni Business Sponsors

Corporate Sponsors

Norma's Cafe - Oak Cliff

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!

KATHLEEN HOOD PRIZE



for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Kathleen Hood Prizes for Academic Excellence were instituted by the Sunset High School Alumni Association to honor an outstanding teacher who for over 35 years educated, guided and inspired her students with high expectations and love of learning. Each year four cash prizes are awarded to the outstanding graduating seniors in Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics as selected by the Sunset faculty. The winners may use the prize money to fund education beyond high school.

The prizes are funded through an endowment established by Ronald T. Luke, JD, PhD, Sunset Class of 1967, who was one of the students Ms. Hood inspired. With her help and encouragement he was the first in his family to attend college, earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard and the University of Texas School of Law.

By annually awarding the Kathleen Hood Prizes for Academic Excellence, we honor Ms. Hood and we honor “the student members of our school community, in sharing the rewards of jobs well done.” These graduating seniors will soon be Sunset High School alumni whom we hope will continue their education and will be what she described as “the marvelous alumni who carry the name of Sunset High School into every nook of the universe.” She would, we think, encourage the prize winners to be of the same mind as Tennyson’s Ulysses: “To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

2015 PRIZE RECIPIENTS

K’Anna Jewel Poleon – Humanities
Alexis Chavez – Natural Sciences

Margarita Hernandez-Sanchez – Mathematics
Jacqueline Navarro – Social Sciences



From left to right: K’Anna Jewel Poleon, Alexis Chavez, Dr. Ron T. Luke, Margarita Hernandez-Sanchez, Jacqueline Navarro

Dr. Ron Luke and the 2015 Kathleen Hood Recipients

Dr. Luke hosted a reception at La Calle Doce for the recipients on May 20th, their families, principals and Alumni board members. Photograph courtesy of Lety Rabon Woods, Class of 1983

Gathering of the



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Reunions

Class of 1965

Contact Information: <http://www.sunset65.org/>

Bison Anniversaries for May, June and July, 2015

Mike Morgan '69 & Teresa Lanier Morgan '70...39 years!

Mark Laney '65 & Dixie Thomas Laney '66...46 years!

Joseph Contreras '99 & Sarah Smith Contreras '00...8 years!

Ronnie Tucker '66 & Jan Seely Tucker...44 years!

Kay Waddle Moore '67 & Robert Don Moore...44 years!

To have your anniversary published in future newsletters, send to sunsetbisons@gmail.com

Events

Please let the Alumni Association know of events that you would like us to publicize at: SunsetBisons@gmail.com



That's right, like me, you may have graduated 50 years ago, nevertheless, good ole Sunset wants you. More specifically we (your alumni newsletter writers) want your memories so that we might publish them in some upcoming edition of the newsletter. So be so kind as to ponder for a spell and then jot that special memory down and email it

to us sunsetbisons@gmail.com. Please double space your memory and limit it to 400 words. We will select and edit, where necessary, a memory for each new edition and publish it under your name. Married women should include their maiden name in their submission, and all submissions should contain the writer's name along with the year s/he graduated.

3RD ANNUAL AN EVENING AT THE MEYERSON

This event was held on April 30, 2015 with the Sunset Band and Choir at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Hall. One of the highlights of the evening was "Junk Funk" where the band used "found objects" such as 5 gallon buckets, plastic cups and other assorted unusual "instruments".

A special "Thank You" to Les Studdard, 1963 Sunset Graduate, for making this happen for the Band and Choir.

2015 IVAN GREENHAW SCHOLARSHIP

The Ivan Greenhaw Scholarship was initiated by the 1951/1952 classes to honor Greenhaw, who was a standout athlete during his years at Sunset. The scholarship began in 2008 and is awarded every year to the schools' outstanding scholar athlete. The 2015 recipient is Gina Robinson.



2015 Ivan Greenhaw recipient, Ms. Gina Robinson with Lady Bisons Basketball Coach Kelan Jones

SUNSET DANCE COMPANY

All Alumni & Friends should be so proud of your Baby Bison! Sunset Dance Company, under the leadership of Leah Longoria Huggins, blew the lid off at competition. They had the highest scores. Sunset was the only high school; whereas the rest of the competition were dance studios in the DFW area. Such amazing kids. Also thank you so much to the Alumni Association's Supporters for donating some new Folklorico dresses and accessories! Ours are 10+ years old, THANK YOU!



Working TOGETHER

Sending the Band to San Antonio

Norma's threw down the challenge and our awesome Alumni made it happen! We raised more than \$1K and Norma's matched the first \$500 bringing the total donation to over \$1600!

Thank you to all our alumni who donated, we could not do this without your giving Bison Spirit. Special kudos to Donna Thompson Johnson Warner who seems to know everyone in the hood for making the contact and to Dixie Thomas Laney for tracking the donations. Special kudos to Ms. Rachel Daneman marketing coordinator, Norma's. We appreciate Norma's support.



Meet the Band Teacher, RAMETRIA SMITH



The Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce selected Sunset High School band instructor Rametria Smith as its high school educator of the year. Smith, who was featured in the Advocate in 2013, graduated from a DISD high school and returned to teach in her hometown. Since she took over the Sunset band program about 10 years ago, it has improved significantly.

There are now two concert bands, a marching band and two ensembles. The marching band practices about eight hours a week outside of class, and they've won many accolades, including the high school battle of the bands.

By Rachel Stone – Advocate Oak Cliff



CLASS CONTACTS

We are still needing class contacts for the following classes: **1963, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014**

If you are the designated contact, please email us at:
sunsetbisons@gmail.com

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Have you moved?

Updated your email?

It is important that you update your contact information current to save on postage costs and to continue to receive alumni information.

Go to the Contact Information on our website to update your info!



JROTC Military Ball Marks

— Retirement of LTC. Lemons —

The JROTC Military Ball was held on May 9, 2015. LTC William L. Lemons gave a most heartwarming speech, marking his retirement. The event was highlighted with Awards and also an inspiring talk from Sunset Principal, Dr. Luz Martinez.

in the **SPOTLIGHT...**

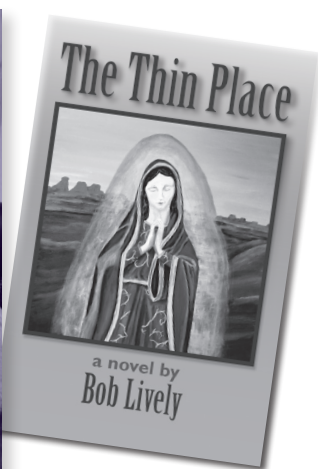
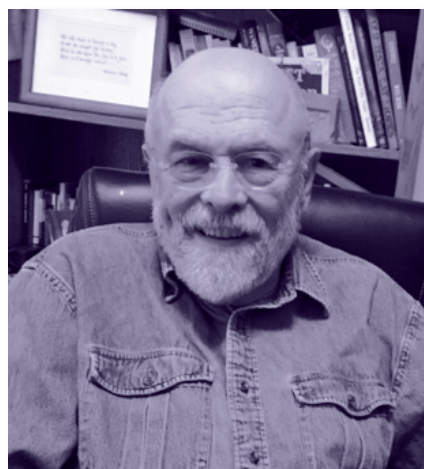
Robert D. (Bob) Lively, Class of 1964

Bob was Co-Editor-in-Chief of the 1964 Sundial, member of the National Honor Society, Good Scholarship Club, Quill & Scroll and Key Club. After graduating from Sunset, he earned his baccalaureate degree from Austin College in Sherman, Texas where he has been named a Distinguished Alumnus. He is an honor graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he is also a Distinguished Alumnus.

A Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Lively is the author of 10 books, including Simple Steps...Costly Choices, God Help Me Through Today...Psalm 23 Revisited, which has now been released in paperback, Waiting for Bluebonnet, and Other Letters to My Daughter About God's Love and A Walk With God Through Forgiveness. His most recent book is his first novel, The Thin Place.

Bob has served the church as an ordained Presbyterian minister for 40 years. In this capacity he has taught on a college faculty and served as a member of the adjunct faculty at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary for 25 years and also as a retreat leader at Presbyterian Mo-Ranch and Laity Lodge. He was instrumental in founding a ministry to the poor and hurting of Dallas that included a soup kitchen (The Stewpot), a battered women's shelter (Genesis House), a housing ministry for homeless families, and a free standing all-night shelter for the homeless. Currently he is an adjunct member of the faculty of the Seton Cove Spirituality Center in Austin,

He is married to Mary Lynn Rice-Lively, Ph.D., who until her retirement was associate dean of the Graduate School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin. They are the parents of one daughter, Sarah, who also works at U.T. and the grandparents of three-year old Henry, who is Bob's fishing partner.



RANDOM LITTLE TIDBITS

Celebrating our 90th Birthday, here is an informative trip down Memory Lane! Had you been a student when Sunset opened its doors in 1925:

You likely knew that:

- Calvin Coolidge was President...
- And that a high school teacher in Tennessee had been arrested for teaching Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution.

But what you may not have known is that:

- The Ford Motor Company had produced its first truck
- And an unknown writer named F. Scott Fitzgerald had published a book about a complex fellow named Gatsby
- A new automobile company called Chrysler had been founded up north
- The population of Texas was just over 5 million
- A petty thief named Clyde Barrow had been arrested in Dallas for car theft
- The average annual family household income in the US was \$5,200

And what you could not possibly have known is that the Southland Corporation would open its first 7-11 the following year only blocks away from Sunset at 12th and Edgefield, and that the stock market would crash just months after your graduation.

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



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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership.....\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level.....\$250
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount.....\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Level.....\$2500
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* 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

Class '30 – Loyce Thompson Gary
Class '32 – Dorothy (Cunningham) Lamberth
Class '37 – Roderick E. Frederick, Jr
Class '38 – Joy (Clark) Philbrick
Class '40 – John R. Ball
Class '40 – Tillman Herbert Dickerson
Class '42 – Kathleen (Nance) Clark
Class '46 – Ralph T. Hosek
Class '46 – Rex Shirley Armour
Class '47 – Mary Alice (Hopper) Caughran
Class '47 – Almer Paul Lloyd
Class '48 – Robert Lincecum
Class '48 – Jack N. Holland
Class '51 – Tommy Glenn Harrison

Class '52 – Carolyn (Bush) Penn Acker
Class '53 – Joanne (Moore) Maples
Class '53 – Lucian Lee Spann
Class '53 – Sylvia Nanette Geoo
Class '54 – Martha (Lipp) Boyette
Class '56 – Margaret Ann (Bluthman) Johnson
Class '58 – Cone J. Golden
Class '59 – Sudie "Sue" (Melton) Hensey
Class '59 – Virginia Suzanne Lyons
Class '60 – Charlotte Ruth (King) Irwin
Class '60 – Sara Lou (Broughton) Pyle
Class '62 – John Quinn Rounsaville, Jr
Class '61 – Mark Shaw
Class '63 – Eleanor Karolyn (Kline) Sailer

Class '64 – Michael Ernest Hurst
Class '64 – Robert Eugene Gaither
Class '65 – Carletta "Corkie" (Connally) Brigance
Class '66 – James "Jay" Russell Armstrong
Class '66 – Janice Rebecca (Hullum) Edwards
Class '66 – Peter Woodfin "Woody" Layne
Class '68 – Steve Pardue
Class '70 – Rebecca Laverne (Pullin) Wentworth
Class '71 – Thomas Roger "Tommy" Heitt
Class '77 – James "Jimmy" Wolfe
Class '92 – Ludyvina (Saenz) Tristan
Class '93 – Edna (DeLeon) Lyon
Teacher – Bonnie Mary Eichorn Winikates

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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by the Alumni Association, students and faculty.



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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 High School
Dallas, Texas**

**Birthday Celebration
September 26, 2015
See inside for details**

Alumni Website
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