



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

90th Anniversary Edition

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Doris Murphy 1970
President

Donna Thompson Johnson 1968
Vice President

Robert Castillo 1997
Secretary

Dixie Thomas Laney 1966
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Peggy Tomlinson van Wunnik – 1969

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Jerry Boyd – 1976

Laura Schuller Lockwood – 1985

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**On Saturday, September 26, 2015,
the 90th Anniversary Celebration was held at the school.
This was the Program for this Special Day:**

Ninety ANNIVERSARY

SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL

Program

Presentation of Colors

Star Spangled Banner

Pledge of Allegiance

Alumni Welcome

Doris L. Murphy, Class of 1970, Alumni President

Emcee

Bill Melton, Class of 1958

Class Roll Call by Decade - All Alumni

Texas Joint House Resolution

Dance Past

Dallas Tap Dazzlers

Under the Direction of Fran Dempsey, Class of 1957

Dallas County Commissioners Court Resolution

Dance Present

Sunset Dance Company

Under the Direction of Leah Longoria Huggins

City of Dallas Resolution

Honorary Bison Awards

DISD Resolution

Sunset Byron Rhome Field House Dedication

Historic Marker Presentations

Texas Historical Marker

City of Dallas Landmark Marker

Bison Speaks

Alma Mater

Sunset Choir

Alma Mater (repeat)

Everyone

Fight Song

School Tours

2015 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

Diamond \$2500. +

1967 Dr. Ron Luke

Platinum \$1000. - \$2499.

1966 Dixie Thomas Laney
1967 Buddy Ham (Delmar Disposal)
1968 Donna Thompson Johnson
1970 Doris L. Murphy

Gold \$500. - \$999.

1951 Ronald Garrett-Roe, PhD.
1957 Nancy Pierce Barber
1965 Pam Newnam Williams
1968 Ki Edwards
1977 Beth Morgan Whitaker

Silver \$250. - \$499.

1944 Inez Hunter Amirkhan
1947 Lewis Lawson
1952 Margaret (Peggy) Hopp Grassel
1958 John D. Dodd
1967 Cindy Womble Billman
1967 Kathy Knott Manzoor
1971 Maria Maldonado
1971 Cynthia Rambo Mitchell
1971 Class of 1971

Century Club Donors - 2016

1940 Marion Laird Baker
1941 Truett Huffstutler
1948 Charlie Morton
1948 Helen Morton
1949 Ann Hogue Dyer
1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt
1950 Patricia Allen Doak
1950 Glenn T. Nelson
1956 Sandra Thomason Bozman
1956 James Robert Bozman
1956 Richard N. Johnston
1958 Bill Melton
1958 Robert M. Richards
1958 William "Bobby" Cashion
1959 Alva Stinson
1960 Roland Haedge
1960 Michael Jenkins
1961 Patricia Crabb Benjamin
1961 Ruth Ann Hoffman
1961 William E. Roten
1962 E. John Ward
1962 Mike Parkins
1964 Tim Kirby
1965 Steve Schellenberg
1967 Sandra Gentry Nolan
1967 Danny Paul Wagner
1968 Stephany Pitt White
1969 Suzi Kimmel Dunn
1970 Steve Jett
1970 Ken Thornton
1970 Howard Walker
1971 Bill Bevers
1971 Janie Patterson Young
1971 Jan Kirby

Corporate

CVS Health

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!

It Takes a Village...

A phrase used frequently in Non-Profit Groups emphasizing how many people it takes to make it work.

For the 90th Celebration, rather than a Village, it was more like a Small Country. We wish to thank our Volunteers & Sponsors. This wonderful Celebration would not have been possible without you!

Bison Volunteers

1957 – Marilyn Harper Bowling
1959 – Evelyn Hicks Darden
1962 – Eddie Hilscher
1962 – Barbara Martin Flint & Jim Flint (Adamson)
1965 – Steve Schellenberg
1967 – Nancy Lamb Bell
1967 – Cheryl Potter Weismer
1967 – Danny Wagner
1968 – Ki Jones Edwards
1968 – Stephany Pitt White
1968 – Richard Summerall
1969 – Mike Morgan
1969 – Doris Parker Suggs
1971 – Mary Carson
1971 – Lana Lanning
1971 – Maria Maldonado
1971 – Doug Pitt
1971 – Barbara Varnell Moore
1971 – Sondra VanWay Stone
1977 – Juanita Jacobo
1977 – Gloria Lechuga
1977 – Victoria Martinez
1983 – Letty Rabon Woods
1984 – Linda Renteria Ali

Sponsors/Donors for the Big Day!

303 Grill
A Sign
Ben E. Keith Co.
Dallas Grilled Cheese Company
Dallas Tortilla & Tamale Factory
El Corazon Vintage Tex Mex
El Fenix-Oak Cliff
El Ranchito
Emergency Ice
Eno's Pizza Tavern
Greek Café & Bakery
hattie's
La Calle Doce
Lone Star
Mama's Diner
Marshal Moody, Inc.
Norma's Café
Nova Eats|Drinks
Oddfellows
PhD Oak Cliff, TX
Pier 247
The Local Oak
Tom Thumb
Veracruz Café
Vera's Bakery Inc.

Sunset High School

A Special Thank You to the Students,
Organizations, Faculty &
Administration who Participated!

Mike Morgan Photography

Mike has graciously let us use
many of his photographs. He is a
1969 Sunset Graduate.

Curry Printing

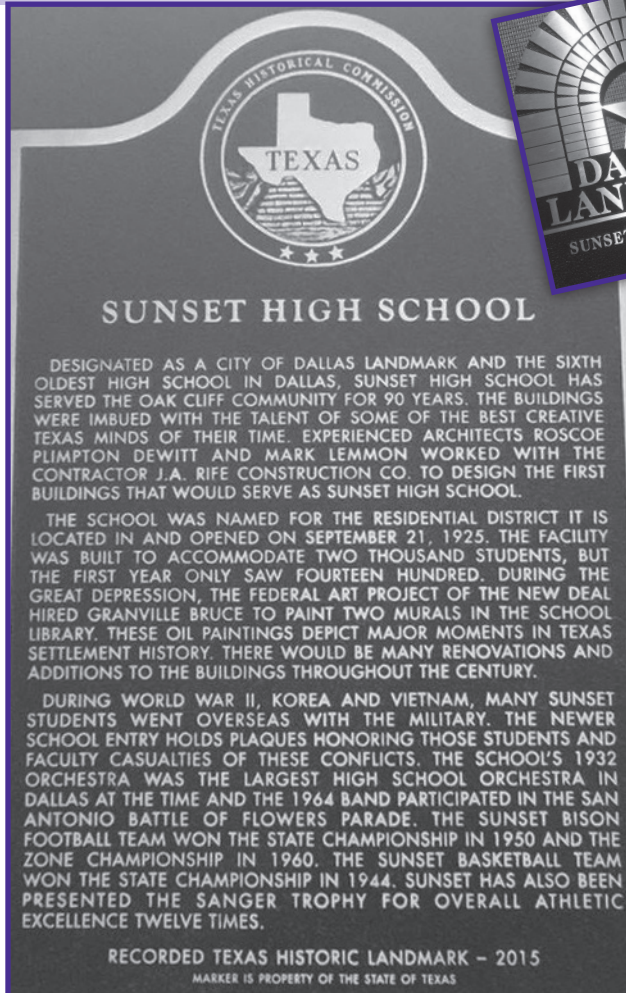
A special Thank You for Cody Curry,
Class of '67 and Larry Curry,
Class of '70 for their continued support and
donating the 90th Program.



Gathering of the



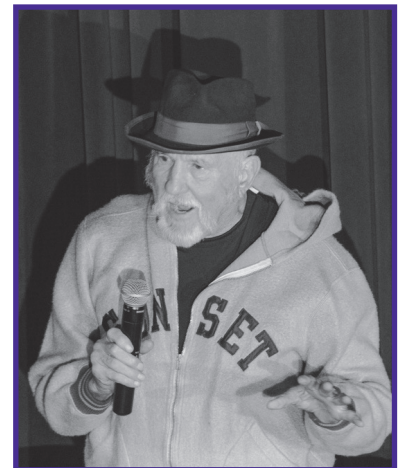
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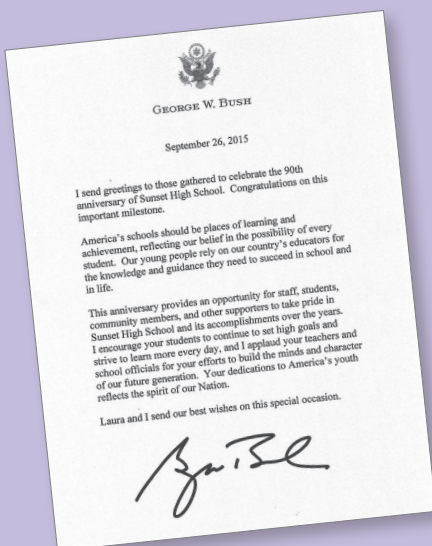
The unveiling of the State Historical Marker and the City of Dallas Historic Landmark Marker represented almost three years and countless hours of doing research, filling out paperwork, meeting with Officials and then waiting breathlessly for the Markers to be delivered in time for the 90th Celebration. The many people who worked to make this happen, are far too numerous to even begin to mention all by name. It did, indeed, take a Village to make this happen!



Emcee for the 90th Anniversary, Bill Melton, Class of 1958 Picture courtesy of Mike Morgan Photography(c)



Jerry Rhome, channeling his late dad, Coach Byron Rhome. Picture courtesy of Mike Morgan Photography(c)



No matter your political affiliation (or non-affiliation), it is still exciting to receive Congratulations from a former President & First Lady of the United States of America!



Dr. Michael Hinojosa Picture courtesy of Mike Morgan Photography(c)

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!



We were honored to have excellent entertainment! The Dallas Tap Dazzlers, under the direction of Fran Dempsey, Class of 1957, did Jailhouse Rock, a Blast from The Past! Picture of Dallas Tap Dazzlers, courtesy of Mike Morgan Photography©



Then we had decades represented by the Sunset Dance Company, under the direction of Leah Longoria Huggins. Everything from Flappers to Present Day Dance was represented! A lot of effort, hours & hours of practice, and a lot of costume changes went into this excellent program!!! Pictures of the Sunset Dance Company, courtesy of Mike Morgan Photography©

Remember the Photo Booths & pictures on a strip?

Two anonymous Alumni, Circa 1996 & 1970, donated the rental fee so Alumni, Students & Friends could remember this Occasion. The cost to our Guests-FREE (although we didn't turn down any donations!!!).



SUNSET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS

The Sunset Alumni Association is unique, in that we do not charge a Membership Fee. The Founders wanted every Alumni to be a Member of the Alumni Association. Therefore, we rely solely on your contributions.

Our greatest expense is the Newsletter. We have "Gone Green" and email the Newsletter to our Alumni whenever possible. However, it is still an expense to have a service that allows us to email in bulk. Plus, we still print and mail approximately 3,000 newsletters.

We are an all Volunteer, 501(c) (3) Organization. We do not pay our Board Members. Your donations are Tax Deductible.

GRANTS – WHY WE EXIST

DISD has cut back drastically on all expenses. In the Fall of each year, faculty, coaches and counselors submit requests for Grants to assist in teaching the students and keeping them in school until they graduate. Our cap is \$500.00 per Grant, although the Board may, at their discretion, give more per Grant if they feel it is warranted.

In 2015, the Grants awarded exceeded \$10,000 and included such items as equipment for the Robotics Team (it's wonderful to know that Sunset has an eye on the future and is training students in this area), Sports equipment, Equipment for the Library, Projector for Business & Technical Group, Geometry supplies for the Mathematics area, Technology for English III to aid the students in learning, contribution toward the JROTC 2016 Military Ball & Awards Ceremony (this is a required activity to keep our standing), practice baseballs and many other Grants which may be viewed on our website www.sunsetalumni.com by the end of the year.

THIS NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter has been devoted to the 90th Anniversary. Any missing features will return in the next Newsletter.

Is your dream to be an Editor? The Newsletter Editor Volunteer Opportunity is available!!!! This Volunteer Opportunity can be done from anywhere in the world, you do not have to live in the DFW Area. Please email SunsetBisons@gmail.com if you would like to be considered for this opportunity!

PHOTOGRAPHS

All photographs on this page are courtesy of Mike Morgan Photography©. Thank you so much Mike, for your excellent coverage of this event!



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
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple Membership.....\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Century Club Membership*.....\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Level\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount..... \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Level.....\$2500
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

1932 Elizabeth (Reid) Gillespie Paxton
1933 Dorothy Grace Queen
1936 Betty Jane (King) Adin
1939 Betty Jane Evers
1940 Harry McClellan Means
1940 David Otto Eisenlohr
1941 Marian (Westbrook) Busbee
1944 Laur M. Grannell
1944 Ruth Ann (Lowry) Ahlfinger
1945 Irene Phillips Aldriedge
1947 Rosemary (Self) Smokler
1947 Joyce Lorraine Box
1947 Patsy Marie Cunningham
1947 James Floyd Brumit Jr.
1948 Betty Jo (Dillard) Armstrong

1948 Barbara June (Blackwell) Wright
1949 Robert L. Heath
1950 Betsy Van Ross Mitchell
1950 Dolores Ann (Snell) Baxter
1950 Doris Ann Stewart
1951 Diane DeGraff
1952 Clifford Alton Watson
1952 Peggy (Money) Hillard
1953 Larry Keesee Crawford
1954 Bertha Benham Choi
1955 Donald Fuller
1956 Elbert Lynn Smith
1956 Martha (Marty) Hayes
1956 Lyndabel Elizabeth (Henry) Martin
1958 Keith Evans Jerden

1958 Sally Jo (Philbrick) Smith
1959 Jerry Lee Patton
1960 Everett Cecil Hullum
1961 Gordon Wayne Pledger
1963 Ray Jerome Morey II
1964 Hugh Thomas Snodgrass
1964 Sandy (Davidson Campbell) Goodier
1965 Leslie Marcelle Lord
1965 Mario Michael Procaccini
1968 Danny Ray Huffman
1969 Linda Jean (Anderson) Gigowski
1973 Patricia Ruth Johnston
1978 Kimberly Jane (Hill) Griffith
1980 Leon Ward Newman
1984 Reuben Garcia

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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Supporting Sunset Students is Our Mission

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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.



It's time to make your Tax Deductible Donation for the Year 2015!

Just be sure you enter in PayPal by 12.31.15
or your check is dated on or before 12.31.15.

The Sunset Alumni Association is a 501(c)3,
All Volunteer Organization. We are not
affiliated with any other organizations.

We do not charge a Membership Fee and
your donations go to assist the students at
Sunset High School. Thank you very much!!

Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com