



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

2019 Vol. 2

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Barbara Martin Flint 1962
President

Donna Thompson Johnson 1968
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E. John Ward 1962
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MEMBERS EMERITUS

Mitch Womble 1964
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Bruce Nance 1974
Jerry Boyd 1976

Co-Founders

Lynn Bergoon DeWitt 1950
Joseph D. Whitney 1967

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A few words from Barbara Martin Flint, SHSAA President

Hello Sunset Alumni!!!

Can you believe this new school year has started? It is hard to believe that the graduating class of 2019 has become Sunset Alumni. 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.

We awarded the Kathleen Hood for Excellence Awards to the four outstanding students in Mathematics, Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science in May of 2019. We also awarded the Ivan Greenhaw award for the outstanding athlete. Be sure to check the Alumni webpage for recipients.

Remember we do not charge for membership; we only ask you think about Sunset High School students and how your contributions are allowing students to continue to receive supplies, uniforms, baseballs, footballs and other supplies as needed throughout the school year. Please think about assisting with any contributions you feel possible; they are tax deductible. You can designate how you want your contribution utilized. We are strictly volunteers and try to make the best possible decisions for the faculty and students throughout the year.

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

Don't forget to stay connected to classmates by attending your Class Reunions, our Alumni Newsletter (YES IT'S BACK), Sunset Alumni Facebook and the Alumni Web site. If you don't know your class contact, check our Web Site.

Again, I look forward to meeting and greeting you along the Bison Trail. Come to our Mix & Mingles that are usually held monthly on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at El Fenix on Colorado in Oak Cliff. We will not have a November Mix & Mingle. We will have the Christmas Party on December 7th at El Fenix on Colorado. Always check the Sunset High School Alumni Facebook page for updates, when and where, or if you do not have Facebook you can always contact us at SunsetBisons@gmail.com.

Reconnect & Stay
Connected

CONTRIBUTORS

All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

Double Diamond \$5,000-\$9,999

1967 - Dr. Ron Luke

Diamond \$2,500 - \$4,999

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1962 - E. John Ward

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1942 - Virginia Russell

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1948 - Charlie Morton

1953 - Joe Brooks

1954 - Connie Benatti Rowell

1954 - Thad Woodruff

1954 - Roger Wicker

1956 - Terry Orr

1957 - Julia Ahlfinger

1958 - William (Bill) Melton

1959 - David R. Dunnigan

1959 - Jean Ann Park Remley

1959 - David Pekrul

1961 - Ruth Ann Kelley Hoffman

1961 - Nancy Philpott

1962 - Barbara Martin Flint

1963 - Gwen Karney

1964 - Leonard Allen Robertson

1966 - Dixie Thomas Laney

1967 - Gary Perkins

1967 - John Warden

1968 - Donna Thompson Johnson

1969 - Lee Williamson

1970 - Doris L. Murphy

1974 - Janet Hooten Kampen

1978 - Wendy Mercado Baker Sexton

1981 - Kelly Kaye Baumgardner

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!

2019 Kathleen Hood Prizes 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.

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.

The Kathleen Hood for Excellence Award Reception was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm at La Calle Doce for the 4 recipients in Humanities, Mathematics, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences along with their family and friends. Also in attendance were Ms. Sarah Luke Thomas, 1969 Sunset graduate & sister of Dr. Ron Luke, Mr. Jarriod Moore - 12th Grade Principal, Ms. Valarie Jarrett- Humanities, Ms. Victoria Vercammen - Natural Sciences, Mr. Gary Dimanh - Mathematics, and Board Members Barbara Martin Flint, 1962 - President, Dixie Thomas Laney, 1966 - Treasurer and Maria Maldonado, 1971.



Our thanks to Mr. Andy Lowe (guest of Ms. Thomas) for providing us with this picture.

The recipients are:

Natural Sciences

Juan Vazquez Miralrio

Mathematics

Magaly Raymundo

Social Sciences

Nathalie Ornelas

Humanities

Cynthia Ruby Guel

MIX *and* MINGLE

SAVE THE DATE

December 7, 2019

**The Sunset Alumni Association
Holiday Jingle Mix and Mingle Fundraiser**
Watch for the location and time

**Please check Facebook or look on our website:
SunsetAlumni.com**



2019 Greenhaw Outstanding Athlete Award

The Ivan Greenhaw Award was established by the Sunset Alumni Association to recognize the outstanding Senior Athlete.

The Sunset High School Alumni Association awarded the Ivan Greenhaw scholarship to the outstanding athlete at the Senior Awards luncheon, May 28th, to Meagan Shaw. Thank you to Coach Castillo and his coaches. Congratulations to Meagan.

Alumni Spotlight

Jody Seay



I describe myself as a Texan who fell in love with Oregon, and an Oregonian who'll always be just a little bit in love with Texas. – Jody Seay (Photo Credit – Sarah Neyhart)

Sunset's own Class of '67 Wittiest Senior Girl, Jody Seay, has had a big couple of years, so far. In October, 2018, she launched her third book, *ALMOST A MURDER*, a tale she co-authored with her friend and client, Jim Lloyd, the attorney who actually lived the story. Right after that, she flew to Texas to be inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame at the ceremony in Kilgore. At that same event, she received the 2018 SAMMY AWARD for Outstanding Women in Texas Radio Broadcasting. This was for work she did at KZEW-FM (THE ZOO) back in the '70's, shortly after the earth cooled.

Just recently, Jody and Jim learned that *ALMOST A MURDER* won First Prize in the Reader Views Literary Competition and was chosen as the Reviewers Choice for the Classic Fiction Category. In this case, "Classic" means any work copyrighted prior to 2018. Their book was copyrighted in 2017. In addition, *ALMOST A*

MURDER was a 2019 Finalist for the Montaigne Medal in the Eric Hoffer Literary Contest.

Jody is no stranger to literary awards. Her first book, a novel called *THE SECOND COMING OF CURLY RED*, won First Prize for Fiction at the Mendocino Coast Writer's Conference in 1999, prior to publication; then, after it was published, went on to become a Finalist in the prestigious Oregon Book Awards in 2000.

Jody has lived in Oregon since 1988. She has written three books and a musical and produced and hosted a TV show for ten years where she interviewed authors. Her Texas Radio Hall of Fame acceptance speech can be viewed on Youtube.com by typing in Jody Seay TRHOF. Jody says she has to keep writing or she will break out in a rash. She also still says, "Yea, Bo!"

ESP

Equipped to Succeed Program

We mentioned the ESP Program in our last newsletter. The response was very much appreciated! The needs are very much ongoing, so we are bringing this to your attention once again.

A few years ago, Dixie Thomas Laney (66) and Doris L. Murphy (70) established E.S.P. which stands for Equipped to Succeed Program. This was put into place when they found that many of the students didn't have some of the basics to even make it to school. Girls are still missing days because they don't have feminine hygiene products. This is horrible in other countries. Deplorable in Dallas, Texas. Counselors are buying snacks out of their own funds because students simply don't have food at home.

Nora Garcia has established "The Closet". A small utility closet where she accepts donations and students can stop by for items like toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, snacks and even donated clothing. Just think of every product that you use from the time you get up in the morning until you leave your home. We never stop to think how many products we actually use. All of those items are needed by our students on an ongoing basis.

Unfortunately, Sunset has students from very low-income situations and even homelessness. The goal of E.S.P. is to furnish these students with the bare necessities, so they can come to school and succeed.

We are so fortunate that Alumni Association Board of Director Member Ed Hilscher (62) is the Chairman of the Equipped to Succeed Project. He is more than willing to work to help the students. For further information, you can reach Ed at (972) 977-6040.

If you would like to shop online and have items sent to Nora Garcia directly, we suggest shopping at www.DollarTree.com or Amazon. These can be sent to:

Nora Garcia – ESP Program
Sunset High School
2120 W. Jefferson Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75208

Please then drop us an email at SunsetBisons@gmail.com with a list of what you have donated, and we will furnish a tax receipt.



CALLING ALL CLASS CONTACTS

Please help us out! We need to make sure that we have all Class Contacts and their current contact information. We would appreciate it if you would contact us at SunsetBisons@gmail.com or you can PM Dixie Laney or Doris Murphy on Facebook. Thanks ever so much!!!

ARE YOU SUNSET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER MATERIAL

Can only Alumni from the 60s & 70s be Board members?

No! We have only one Board Member from the 80s (others are from the 60s & 70s) and we would love to have members from the 80s and later!

Will I be able to actually DO something, not just come to meetings and have my name on the letterhead? Absolutely!

We want you to tell us what you would be excited about contributing. Such as fund raising, assisting or being Editor of the Newsletter, organizing and running the Mix & Mingles, managing and auction, etc. Just drop us an email at SunsetBisons@gmail.com.

I don't live in the Dallas area, could I still be a Board Member? We require our Board Members to attend the Board Meetings (approximately 5-6 per year). However

many Volunteer opportunities can be done from outside of the DFW area such as fundraising, contacting Alumni, editing the Newsletter, keeping up with Class Contacts, etc.

Do I have to be a Sunset Alumni to be a Board Member?

Yes, this is a requirement set forth in the original Bylaws.

I really don't want to be a Board member and be required to attend meeting, is there anything else I can do? Yes! We are

open to Volunteers who want to participate in the above mentioned activities. Again, just let us know by email to SunsetBisons@gmail.com.

Any other question please email us.
Thank you so much!



Love is in the air

SUNSET MARRIAGES BETWEEN BISON

We asked on Facebook for our Alumni to furnish their Bison to Bison Marriages. If you would like to be included, please let us know at SunsetAlumni@gmail.com

DeWitt T. Haden '54 – Linda R. Winfree '58 – 9.19.59

Dennis Deady '55 – Myra Harris '56 – 6.7.56

Murray Hardy '60 – Betty Jo Sheffield '60 – 6.23.62

Wayne Hoover '61 – Mary Jo Caldwell '64 - 9.5.65

Kevin Tidwell '64 – Teresa Vaughan '65 – 3.18.85

Mark Laney '65 – Dixie Thomas '66 – 7.19.69

Wade Hulcy '66 – Jessica Siebel '66 – 12.28.70

Tom Snyder '66 – Linda Kay Sorrels '67 – 11.23.79

Gary Perkins '67 – Mary E. Williams '67 – 3.3.16

Wade Hampton (late) '67 – Paula Cotton '65 – No date given

Dennis Rogers '69 – Janice Curry '68 – No date given

Mike Morgan '69 – Teresa Lanier '70 – 5.29.76

Michael Clayton '69 – Dee Olive '72 – 6.7.74

Bill Moore '71 – Debbie Morrison '71 - 1972

Jon Fain '71 – Missy Echart '71 – 10.27.72

Thomas Wilkes '71 – Linda Hill '71 – 1991

Jackie Dickey '72 – Brenda Jurecka '74 – 1974

George Cooley '74 – Becky Kenngott '74 – 9.12.75

Rip H. Wright '75 – Stacye Cook '77 – No date given

Robert (Bobby) Martin '75 – Leslie Ailes '75 – 6.23.93

Ronny Thompson '77 – Audrey Robertson '77 – 3.18.77

Rudy Segovia '79 – Paige Barrett '81 – 7.19.82

Russell Williams '80 – Sylvia Ann Craig '78 – 6.28.80

Scott Walraven '82 – Lisa Dalton '83 – 9.6.86

Larry Monreal '83 – Janet Hinguanzo '85 – 5.11.85

Sammy Valderas '83 – Mary Anna Earnest '83 – 8.5.89

Rocky Vallejo '85 – Melodie Tamez '85 – 2.7.86

Sam Valdez '85 – Lisa Mendoza '85 – 12.19.94

David Casarez '90 – Janet Ortiz '85 – 1994

Rudy Cipriano, Jr. '91 – Bernadette Gutierrez '91 -2.14.98

Edward Figueroa '92 – Emalie Sanchez '93 – 1.27.01

Joseph (Joe-d) Carlile '92 – Michelle Torres '92 – 6.17.93

Robert Soto '92 – Mayra Rodriguez '93 – 8.24.92

Joseph Contreras '99 – Sarah Smith 2000 – 7.7.07



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 7, 2019

The Alumni Association will be furnishing
FREE Appetizers and Iced Tea.

Menu items will be available for purchase
for those who want additional yummys and
adult beverages!

Monetary donations will be graciously
accepted for the Grants and fulfillment of
needs for the Students of Sunset.

We will accept Cash, Checks & Credit Cards.
Tax receipts will be immediately available!

LOCATION

El Fenix, 120 E. Colorado Blvd., Oak Cliff
Time: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Watch Facebook,
Sunset High School Alumni Association or
Email: SunsetBisons@gmail.com
for continuing updates.

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

1944 Mary Anne Grossman

1960 Eunice Mae Dickey

1944 Marilyn Hays

1958 Glen Alan Waggoner

1944 Inez Hunter

1961 John Robert Ivy

1945 Rosemary Fisher

1959 Joe Bryan Forbes

1945 Roy Appleton

1963 Fred Allen Bryant

1946 Jewell Alene Morriss

1959 Mollie Ann Humphreys

1946 Walter David Dwinnell

1963 Donny Eugene Moffeit

1947 Jimmy C. Green

1959 Gary Cowell Gallatin

1947 William Drake Patterson

1964 Leonard Allen Robertson

1947 Margaret Jean Golden

1959 Charles Rogers Humphreys

1947 Donald Maurice Dorward

1965 Donald Lee Cranford

1950 John Crawford Lunsford

1962 Linda Marie Walden

1949 Dorothy Virginia Truly

1966 Kathleen Elaine Davis

1951 Marianne Sexston

1963 Carolyn Marie Burgess

1952 Kathryn Grubbs

1970 Jeffrey Kidd Chandler

1954 Norma Jean Wall

1965 James Douglas Hock

1954 Wilbur Ray Hester

1973 Stephen Austin

1954 Violet Sandra Edwards

1971 Gary Lynn Adkins

1958 Sandra Sue Seat

1934 Ione Bernice Brewer

1956 Sharon Fay Liindsay

1976 Margaret Lynn Holliday

1959 Manzy (David) Lamore Mooney

1936 Arjorie Viola Weaver

1957 James Sharpe Gallatin

1977 Marc Russell Marchant

1959 Zachariah Ellis Coombes

1944 Joe Foley Roberts

1958 James Gilbert Chron

1984 Karen Elaine Roberts

1959 Elizabeth Olrahya Harris

1944 Jacqueline Ann Westerfield

1958 Louis Athol Teague

1994 Federico Joel Salazar

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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Editorial Policy...

Have an article for the newsletter?

Send it to: SunsetBison@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.



SAVE THE DATE!

December 7, 2019

See inside for details on our
Christmas Mix and Mingle!

Alumni Website

www.sunsetalumni.com