



NEWSLETTER

Sunset High School Alumni Association

Summer 2013

Officers

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

Directors

Lynn Bergoon DeWitt	1950
E. John Ward	1962
Mitch Womble Co-Chair Project SOS/ Sundial CD's Project	1964
Cindy Womble Billman Historian/Newsletter Editor/ Co-Chair SOS	1967
Joe Whitney Project SOS	1967
Janelle Chandler Bates Sunset Faculty Liaison	1971
Roy Burchfield Partners in Education (PIE)	1973
Jerry Boyd	1973
Luis Paloma	1997
Jaime Contreras	1999

Members Emeritus:

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



Class of 1955

Awarded **Lifetime**

Achievement Recognition

Carolyn Hester is a noted Folk Singer from the 60's Greenwich Villiage Folk Scene. She appeared on the cover of the "Saturday Evening Post" in the May 30th, 1964 issue and has been remembered in many books including "Chronicles", Bob Dylan's autobiography, as being the person who was most instrumental in Dylan's signing to Columbia records - the label that took an unknown singer-songwriter and elevated him to super-stardom.

Hester is known for her angelic voice and her repertoire of traditional English ballads mixed with an original selection of contemporary folk. She has recorded more than fifteen albums in her fifty years of performing. She was signed to the Decca/Coral label in 1957 by her manager-

producer, Norman Petty. Also under Petty's influence at that time, was a hip entertainer and friend of Hester's, Buddy Holly. Throughout the '60s, Hester was well-established in the Greenwich Village folk scene where she met a young, Bob Dylan.

Since 1972, Hester has played almost annually at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Kerrville, Texas and served as a member of the board of directors for most of that time. In 1992, Hester was asked to perform at the Bob Dylan tribute at Madison Square Garden which celebrated Dylan's 30th year recording for Columbia. Hester has appeared as a guest artist on many albums including the Grammy-Award winning album by Nanci Griffith, "Other Voices, Other Rooms" recorded in 1993.

In 2002, Hester was remembered as a major player in David Hajdu's, "Positively 4th Street: The Lives and Times of Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Mimi Baez Farina and Richard Farina" in part due to her ties with Dylan, the folk scene in general and her first marriage to Richard Farina. Her second husband, David Blume wrote the hit-song "Turn Down Day" by the Cyrkle and played as Hester's side-man for more than 30 years before his passing in March of 2006. Blume and Hester's two children are both musicians and have taken over the role of backup players for Hester's concerts. The Blume girls also have their own rock band called the RBIs, so the tradition continues. The threesome will be recording a new folk album to be released in June 2008.

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World War II Memoriam



Captain George Cooke Brundrett

Captain George Cooke Brundrett was born on June 25, 1911 and the first child of George T. and Fannie Cooke Brundrett. His parents moved to their new home at 311 N. Windomere in 1925 where George would spend his high school days. After graduating from Texas A & M in 1933, he joined the Army and he married Valree Fisher. They had two daughters, Dixie Lee born in 1936 and Bonnie Belle born 1942 in Wichita, TX.

During the war he was assigned to the 440th Ordnance Co. and was stationed at Clark & Del Monte Airbase in the Philippines. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese and survived the Bataan Death March which began on April 9, 1942. (After a 3 month long Battle at Bataan – the Japanese Imperial Army forcibly transferred 60,000-80,000 Filipinos and Americans and the death toll was in the thousands. Their designation was 80 miles to Camp O'Donnell. The atrocities were later judged by the Allied Military Commission as Japanese War Crimes.)

Having survived this horrific march, Captain Brundrett was transported as a POW to Camp Jinsen, (Ichon) Korea by a ship that was torpedoed 3 times before it reached Japan and the survivors of the Death March. Captain Brundrett would survive another 3 years before, malnutrition, disease and conditions finally took their toll on his body. He died, ironically, on July 4, 1945 of beriberi at the age of 34.

Captain Brundrett had buried his footlocker at Cabantuan Prison Camp, the contents, which included letters and diaries were given to his wife, Valree, after the war. He never knew his youngest daughter, Bonnie Belle.

On March 11, 1949, Captain Brundrett was laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. Section N, Site 289.

Or sincere appreciation to Ron Harris Class '56 for his continued dedication to preserving the memory and service of our WWII Sunset Boys!

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.

Website, Facebook and Newsletter Content Policy

The Alumni Association exists not only to fulfill the defined Mission Statement of the organization, but we also are the channel and conduit for communication to ALL alumni in ALL classes---not just a few. We strive to ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date as much as possible.

Any content information provided to the Alumni Association for reunions, lunches, events, school events, pictures or other school artifacts become the property of the Alumni Association unless otherwise agreed upon.

If you have an upcoming reunion, lunch or get together we will post your information on our website. It will also be included in our newsletter if we receive enough advance notice to meet print deadlines.

If you have any questions, please email to:
SunsetBisons@gmail.com

2013 Year To Date CONTRIBUTORS

All gifts no matter the size are greatly appreciated

Diamond: \$2500+

Platinum: \$1000-\$2499

Gold: \$500-\$999

1953 Joe Brooks
1957 J. Scott Holyfield
1967 Ron Luke
1970 Elizabeth (Beth) Robertson
1971 Don Weempe
1977 Beth Morgan Whitaker

Silver: \$250-\$499

1966 Dixie Thomas Laney
1970 Doris L. Murphy
"OC Sistas"

Century Club: \$100-\$249

1943 Raymond Philley	1961 Mary K. Wiese Wallace
1944 Inez Hunter Amirkhan	1964 Mary Ashworth Phillips
1946 John E. Eisenlohr, M.D.	1964 Michael "Mitch" Womble
1947 James Brumit	1965 Barry Hutcheson
1948 Charlie Buddy Morton	1965 Thomas J. Palmer
1949 F. Clark Williams	1967 Cindy Womble Billman
1950 Lynn Bergoon DeWitt	1968 Kathy Kempher Lee
1959 Robert G. Bluethman	1968 Marsha Thigpen Brown
1959 Jean Ann Park Remley	1968 Donna Thompson Warner
1961 Steve Bonner	1969 James Hinton
1961 Rick Sikes	1985 Jay Barrientos

Memory Gifts

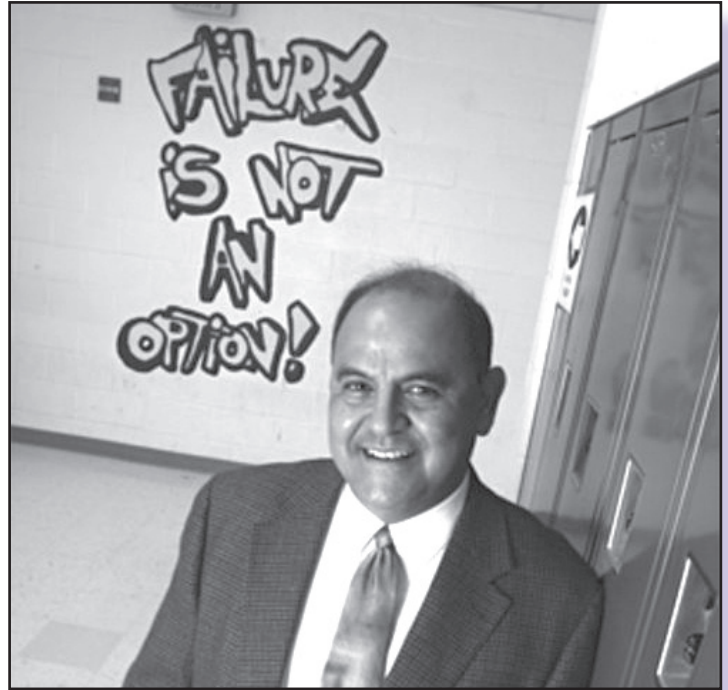
In Memory of Donald Clark Minnis - Class of 1947
by Albert Glenn Wamble - Class of 1947
Friends for 77 years

In Memory of Ron DeFate - Class of 1969
by Kathy Kemper Lee - Class of 1969

Thank You for Your Support!

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center
Les Studdard, Class of 1963, and General Manager

Dallas Summer Musicals
Michael A. Jenkins, Class of 1960
For your generous donation to the Sunset Dance Company



Sunset Principal Retires

After seven years as Sunset's principal and thirty five years with DISD, Anthony Tovar has announced his retirement. Hired in 2006, Mr. Tovar was the 10th principal in 16 years.

Tovar graduated from Texas Tech in 1978 and took his first DISD job teaching history and coaching baseball and football at Woodrow Wilson High School. He moved on to teach and coach at Skyline before spending many years as an assistant principal at Adamson and principal at Molina before coming to Sunset.

Mr. Tovar has been a great supporter of the alumni association and a true Bison at heart. We appreciate his service and dedication to the kids at Sunset. He will truly be missed.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 28, 2013

Alumni Open House
stay tuned for more details!

Gathering of the



HERD

Reunions

Class of 1963, 50th Reunion

October 11-13, 2013

www.sunsetbison63.com

Class of 1973, 40th Reunion

September 21, 2013

www.sunsetbison1973.myevent.com/index.php

Class of 1983, 30th Reunion

August 10, 2013

4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Park Lane Ranch - 8787 Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75231

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

When friends come
together...

VOLUNTEER NEWS



The Alumni Association is happy to announce we have an alumni association volunteer staff photographer!

Lety (Rabon) Woods has generously agreed to use her photography talent by taking pictures at Alumni and school events as her schedule permits.

Lety, Class of 1983 was voted as Most Athletic Senior Girl for her love of swimming. Lety lives and works in Grand Prairie, her day job is as a VP for Grand Bank of Texas and uses her love of taking photos as a stress reliever. She is the mom of two wonderful boys, Matt and Luke. When asked why she wanted to volunteer, she said, "to take pictures to help encourage others to get involved with the Alumni Association and school organizations at Sunset. I feel that even though I graduated, the school and kids can use and see our support."

1954 Football CITY CO-CHAMPIONS

SUNSET 26	SAN JACINTO	13
SUNSET 27	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	6
SUNSET 7	TYLER	14
SUNSET 20	HILLCREST	7
SUNSET 34	CROZIER TECH	0
SUNSET 34	FOREST	20
SUNSET 14	S.O.C.	23
SUNSET 21	NORTH DALLAS	13
SUNSET 34	ADAMSON	7
SUNSET 28	W. WILSON	0

Roaming *of the* **HERD**



Richard Miller, Class of '53

After Sunset, he attended Arlington State for 2 years, then Texas A&M '57 Petroleum Engineering and worked in the oil patch for a short while. Richard ended up working for Hercules Powder Company for 35 years in the solid rocket motor business in Salt Lake City building the Polaris, Minuteman, Delta and Trident rocket motors. More recently, he has spent the last 17 years here in the carbon fibers business as a consulting engineer at Hexcel. The connection of the two careers is that in the 1970's, we changed fabrication of the rocket motor cases from fiberglass to carbon fibers to reduce weight.

Lisa (a pharmacist) and Richard have six children, 18 grandchildren and live in a small town (North Salt Lake) about 10 miles due north of Salt Lake City, Utah on the edge of the Eaglewood Golf Course. Richard works in a suburb of Salt Lake City known as West Valley City. His main duties are fiber line design, building design, equipment procurement, project management, etc.

Yvonne and Mike Steindorf (college buddy) are his life lines to all those Bisons he knew so many years ago.

Charles E. Ames, Class of '54

Charles enjoys a multifaceted career and family life. He is a business graduate of SMU and holds a Juris Doctorate degree from Texas Wesleyan School of Law. He is a commercial pilot with over 5000 hours and an avid amateur radio operator. Charles is one of the few photographers in the world to hold the coveted Certified Professional Photographer (CPP) designation.

Married to Kathy for nearly 50 years, the two share mutual interests in photography and travel. Daughter Laurie, the mother of two of the "greatest grand kids in

world," is a licensed professional counselor specializing in children's play therapy.

Together, Charles and Kathy base their professional photography studio in Carrollton marketed under the umbrella of aPerfectFOTO. (See www.aPerfectFOTO.com). The company specializes in family and commercial imaging ranging from portrait, landscape, media, advertising and special events.

Travel includes destinations ideally suited for photography. Europe is a target destination and results in photojournalist travel publications, many of which are entered in local and national print competitions. Both Charles and Kathy have gained numerous awards, first and second places, for outstanding competition photographic prints.

Charles is the recent past president of the Dallas Professional Photographers Association and the affiliate liaison to the Professional Photographers of America and the Texas Professional Photographers Association.

Charles' law practice is based in Addison and specializes in plaintiff consumer class actions. (Yes, he is one of those "d... plaintiff lawyers"). But, the fun of the practice now is to help other lawyers with photographic evidence preservation and presentation. He is a supporting member of EPIC, the Evidence Photographers International Council. (See www.CharlesAmes.com). Charles' contact information is Charles@CharlesAmes.com or (214) 390-8111.

Gerald Brown, Class '53

Gerald and wife, Clotilde operate a health food store and recently returned from a Nature's Sunshine managers' convention. They were at the Hilton Hotel in Salt Lake City; attended lecture-presentations to boost their knowledge. While there, they rented a car and drove to Bryce Canyon, stayed at the lodge; walked the rim and took some, great photographs. They drove to Zion Nat'l Park for a half day of sightseeing. They had snow through the night and the following morning was a winter-wonderland. The weather warmed above the freezing mark, so they drove to Park City and stayed at the Waldorf Astoria. After a day of touring, including lunch at the Stein Ericson Ski Lodge, they flew back home and reported to work at A & B Health Foods. They say with much cheer that "Life is good!" Their website: www.mynsp.com/abcsofherbs



Bison Bits...

Thank you to Robert G. Bluethman, Class of 1959. He's our first matching gift donation by his employer, IBM!

Carl W Tyner, Class of 1960 was the electrical Project Manager when the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center was built. The project was awarded the 'Project of the Year' award by his company, Electrical and Special Systems, Inc.

Bisonettes... Calling all ex-Bisonettes and anyone looking to make a difference. A group is being established to help support and mentor current and future Bisonettes. Contact Suzy Kimmel-Dunn, Class of 1969 for more details: Bisonettealumni@dunndds.com

JOIN US!

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!

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Hall
and
Les Studdard, Class of 1963

Close to 700 people attended A Night at the Meyerson concert presented by the Sunset Band and Choir on May 1st.

Thank you to Les Studdard, Class of 1963 and General Manager of the Meyerson for helping to create this opportunity for our students and many thanks to Rametria Smith, Band Director and Jon Sarver, Choir Director for all you do for our Bisons!

We appreciate everyone who attended to help make this a success and help raise money for the booster clubs.

Sundials On CD Project



The Sundials on CD project is now complete! All 86 Sundials from 1926 to 2012 were scanned at a cost of \$4500. We sent out a call to action and you responded by donating to help underwrite this important project. The Alumni Board would like to thank each of you who stepped forward and donated. We could not have done this without your generous support.

Special kudos to Mitch Womble, class of 1964 for negotiating the price per book scan with his former employer, Cogniserve and all the many trips he made to carry Sundials from the school to scan and back. Thank you to Janelle Chandler Bates, class of 1971 our school liaison and Sundial sponsor for your assistance and support to help us locate copies that were missing. To date, we have sold almost 70 CDs!

This was a very important step to capture and preserve our long history and heritage for all Bisons, past, present and future.

Thank you again for all of your support.



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.	

* 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? ☐ Yes If Yes, Year? _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____ @ _____ Phone (_____) _____

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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 '32 Mary Elizabeth (Shannon) Hargis

Class '34 Gordon Donald Gayle

Class '39 Hazel Kathryn (Bell) Steward

Class '41 Marilyn (Park) Blakeney

Class '43 Elton E. Reinhardt

Class '45 William Peterson Bandy

Class '47 Billie Catherine (Widner) Hardisty

Class '47 James W. McWilliams

Class '49 Bennie Standifer

Class '50 Jere Mac Scott

Class '51 G. W. Kreiter

Class '53 Sarah Evelyn (Windham) Sorrells

Class '56 Sybil Lee (Herbst) Julo

Class '57 Donald Wayne Brooks

Class '59 William McCain Lively III

Class '60 Ronald Paul Bohannon

Class '81 Sherry Lyn (Vargas) Arismendez

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 2013 Bison Spirit Newsletter

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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. Besides
with email you will receive it sooner. And remember, if
your email or address changes, please let us know.

sunset trivia

**What Dallas high school did
Coach Abe Barnett graduate from??**

Answer will appear in the Fall Newsletter

Answer to Spring Trivia:
1966
Congratulations if you got this right!

Alumni Website
www.sunsetalumni.com