

## 2007 SUNSET ROUNDUP

**When:** September 15, 2007.

**Where:** The Golf Club  
(formerly known as Oak Cliff  
Country Club)  
2200 W. Red Bird Lane

**Registration:** 10:30 a.m.

**Lunch Served:** Noon

**Cost:** \$17.00 per person

Plan to come early and stay late.

There will be plenty of opportunity to talk and reminisce with old friends in pleasant surroundings. A reservation form is on page seven.

This will be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Class of 1937, the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Class of 1942 and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Class of 1947. It is hoped that a sizeable number from those groups will turn out to celebrate. All classes will be recognized. Plan to come out and see your classmates.

### How to get there:

Red Bird Lane intersects Hampton Road at about the 6200 block. This is near the south side of the old Red Bird Airport. Also, there are exit signs for Red Bird Lane if you are on U.S. Hwy 67 (Marvin D. Love Freeway).

Go east from Hampton Road for about two blocks and you should see the Country Club on your right. See you there. Be aware of the name change.

Look for the reservation form on the next to the last page. Mail it with your registration fee to:

**Webster Feild**  
**1042 N. Edgefield**  
**Dallas, Texas 75208**  
**214-942-5564**

Several volunteers are needed to help with the registration. If you

would like to help, contact Web Feild.

## DALLAS LUNCHEONS

The **Third Saturday** group meets at Luby's Cafeteria at Hampton and Ft. Worth Avenue at 11:00 a.m. The **Last Saturday** group meets at the Celebration Restaurant at 4503 W. Lovers Lane near Love Field.

## BIG D REAL ESTATE

The Kessler area is one of the hottest real estate areas in the Metroplex. The fine old homes there have always been popular.

A new project called Kessler Woods is attracting much attention these days. Roughly bounded on the west and south by Oak Cliff Blvd. and Davis street the area is the site of new homes with prices in the range of the \$140s and upward.

The development project at Hampton Road and Fort Worth Avenue is still on schedule although there is no construction activity yet.

These things are kind of "iffy" until the dirt actually starts flying. Chances are that it will happen because the City of Dallas has created a tax incremental district (TIF) for the area along Fort Worth Ave. We used to call it the "Cutoff" because it was a short cut from downtown Dallas to Fort Worth. Prior to the building of Ft. Worth Ave., it was necessary to go over the Zangs Viaduct to Davis Ave. to get to Ft. Worth. That was the route of old U.S. 80, which ran

right through downtown Dallas.

The cabin of Dallas' founder John Neely Bryan is moving again. The old building has been on wheels so many times that they should begin calling it "John Neely Bryan's Mobile Home."

In April it was loaded on a truck at its temporary home near the city jail west of I-35 and moved to a permanent site at Market and Elm streets near where it had been located for years. It had to be moved two years ago while a new underground parking garage was being built.

A plaque that has long been associated with the structure was changed to eliminate claims that the building was connected to Mr. Bryan.

It has long been identified as the pioneer home built by Mr. Bryan when he founded Dallas in 1841. Recent research has revealed that it is no such thing.

The cabin was constructed for the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition. It was made of logs from old buildings in Central Texas. During the Exposition, John Neely Bryan, Jr. would sit in the cabin and welcome visitors.

Despite its bogus history, John Neely Bryan's descendants insist that the old cabin retain his name and be on display where it is instead of being moved to Heritage Village, formerly known as Old City Park.

Earlier this year, employees of the City of Dallas' public works survey section were poking around in the city's Oak Cliff service center (Oak Cliff Bank Building) making an

inventory of the city's holdings and discovered a set of old drawings of Dallas' first city hall.

The building was built in 1889 and was located at the corner of Commerce and Sycamore streets (later renamed Field). The building was sold in 1910 to Adolphus Busch, the beer maker. Busch tore it down and built the Adolphus Hotel, which is still operating.

It is thought that the set of blueprints could be one of the oldest sets of plans for a government building in Dallas. Also found was the oldest known plat of the town of Highland Parks and some aerial photos of Dallas before the Trinity River levees were built.

The plans have been digitized and are posted on the Dallas City Archives web site at: [www.ci.dallas.tx.us/CSO/archives/CityHALLS.htm](http://www.ci.dallas.tx.us/CSO/archives/CityHALLS.htm).

## AROUND BIG D

Workers placed the cupola to top off the Old Red Courthouse on June 29th. Old Red, which now houses a museum, reopened to visitors on May 15th.

The Highland Park Cafeteria is back. Not the original one on Knox Street but the one in Casa Linda Plaza where our Third Saturday group formerly met.

The original Highland Park Cafeteria at Knox and Henderson opened in 1925. It later had a location in Casa Linda which closed in 1996. It was known as the Casa Linda Cafeteria when it re-opened in 1997. It lasted a few years and then closed for good. At least that's what everyone thought.

A Dallas native, who had bused tables at the old cafeteria when he was in high school, decided something had to be done. He had worked his way up to general manager when the closing came.

He rounded up as many of the old

hands as he could and reopened the place the first part of June.

One of the features of the original cafeteria were the framed portraits of U.S. presidents that lined the walls next to the serving line. A search was made as to their disposition when the place shut down. The pictures were found to have been donated to Highland Park High School. The school agreed to lend them to the new cafeteria for copying. Soon, patrons will be able to look at the newly hung pictures again as they wait to be served.

We have told this story for years and people have always thought we made it up. Finally, we have confirmation and we have Joy Coleman Bilhartz '41 to thank for it.

Joy was featured in a news article in April about how Tyler Street Methodist Church was locked out of its church building by creditors on Easter 1932.

It's true. The *Dallas Morning News* ran a headline that said "Church closed by creditor on Eve of Easter." The *Dallas Times Herald* headline said "Worshippers Driven out of Temple by Money Lenders."

Tyler Street Methodist opened in 1912. Within ten years it had a membership of over a thousand. This was a period of high growth in Oak Cliff.

About 1922 the church moved from its white frame building to the brick substructure of its current home. The members quickly paid off the loan for the substructure. They then borrowed over \$100,000 to build the top three floors. And a beautiful structure it was with its massive white columns in front, curved wooden pews inside, a domed ceiling that looks like a Tiffany lampshade, spectacular

stained glass windows and one of the biggest organs around. It was considered an early mega-church before there was such a term. It grew fast and optimistically with its similarly fast growing community.

Then the stock market crash of 1929 hit. It was equally as hard on churches as it was for church members. If members could not afford to tithe, the church could not pay its bills.

On March 25, 1932 the loan holder sent a collector to take possession of the church. Church leaders turned over the keys and arranged to hold Easter services in the Rosewin Theater. During the following months the congregation would meet at Sunset High School for morning services and at various other Oak Cliff churches for Sunday evening services.

Church leaders managed to get the church back on a rental basis by the fall of 1932. The Methodist North Texas Conference helped Tyler Street get financing to buy back the church building. It would take several years before the loan was paid off but the church continued to grow in the interval.

Since then it has helped found Methodist Hospital, founded Tyler Street Christian Academy and a senior citizens' home where several former Sunsetters now live. It also has a successful outreach program to help to those who are down on their luck. Perhaps the church remembers when it faced hard times.

The church has had other close calls in the intervening years. In 1957 a tornado barely missed the church. In 1966 there was a fire in the sanctuary that caused \$100,000 damage.

Church membership is somewhat less today than it used to be due to changes in the neighborhood. Average attendance is about 300 for Sunday services.

Troy Dungan, WFAA TV Channel 8 weatherman, gave his last forecast on the ten o'clock news the evening of Wednesday, July 18, 2007. In typical fashion, Troy quipped "If my forecast is wrong, what are they going to do – fire me?" When he signed off, he was wearing his trademark bow tie. Although he had hundreds of bow ties over the years and had been given hundreds more by fans, he only had an inventory of less than fifty at any one time.

Troy came on the TV weather scene along about the time the three pioneers of local TV weather reporting were fading out. Warren Culbertson, Harold Taft and Dale Milford set the pattern for weather reporting and forecasting. This was in the days when they had to draw their weather maps by hand. A lot of their reporting time was taken up with teaching viewers what the weather terms meant. Like, upper high, warm front, cold front, dew point, etc. Now it's all done by computers and there is constant competition between the channels to see who can have the latest graphics and animation on screen. Sometimes the weather reporters get pretty frantic in their presentations.

But not old Troy. His calm manner let the viewers know that no matter how scary the weather report seemed, everything would be all right.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

Quoting from an old news story dated February 19, 1898, "The Oak Cliff female university, a nonsectarian school now being established in a beautiful suburban addition to Dallas, is meeting with the greatest encouragement from the leading citizens of Texas, who believe that the South is in need of such a school."

Anybody have any info on this school? Small colleges came and went with regularity around the turn of the twentieth century and on into the early

1900s. Nearly every town of any size boasted a church or private college. Most had under 100 students and died out fairly quickly. Few remain today under their original name.

April 16<sup>th</sup> was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the waterfront explosion that leveled a good part of Texas City in 1947. The trigger for the blast was a cargo of explosive ammonium nitrate fertilizer on a French-owned ship that was docked at the port. The blast took 576 lives and is considered the nation's deadliest industrial accident. The Morrison brothers of Sunset answered an appeal to the public to help rush aid to the stricken city. The Morrisons used their family aircraft to aid in the relief effort. We have lost contact with the Morrisons in the intervening years. Anyone with knowledge of their whereabouts, please let us know.

## PEOPLE WE'VE HEARD FROM

Jim Neal of Dallas called us and asked for a copy of the newsletter. We failed to make a note of his class. Jim said he was a 19 year-old medical corpsman at Iwo Jima during WW2.

We had an email from Rosalie Smith Worsham '41 in which she reminded how this newsletter began back in 1992. The late Topy Hill '41 had a meeting at the cafeteria in North Park Shopping Center to create the newsletter he had promised and collected funds for several years previously. It was to be primarily for the 1941 class but quickly expanded to other classes over the next few years.

The people that had computers at the time volunteered to help. Alva

McDonald had obtained a list from the DISD of all members of the 1941 graduating class. Alva developed the first issue and helped edit the newsletter for a long time.

Kathryn Gillmour Fox '41 and her husband, Paul, were to help and keep records for the paper. Kathryn became ill and Paul was killed in an auto accident just two months later so Rosalie began handling the money and paying the bills.

For that first issue, 400 newsletters were mailed out. Our mailing list now contains over 2,500 names from the classes 1941 through 1947 with a few other class members represented.

Another outcome of that meeting at North Park was the initiation of an annual fall reunion to benefit other classes.

The newsletter is now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year. Alva died unexpectedly soon after the newsletter got started. Kathryn is not physically able to participate anymore. For many years, however, Kathryn collected information, news and changes of address for readers, who seemed to be constantly moving. She could track down "lost Bisons" using only the most meager of clues. Rosalie has health problems of her own. Of course, Topy has been gone for several years now. We owe a lot to these unselfish people who had the vision and tenacity to get make our paper a reality. Through it we are able to put out news of Sunset to former Bisons all over the U.S. and in several foreign countries.

The newsletter is supported entirely by voluntary contributions of its readers. We have not made an appeal for funds since 1996. The response at that time was embarrassingly heavy. The sending of occasional gifts from readers and the tight fist manner in which Rosalie Worsham Smith '41 kept control of the money, has allowed us to operate without further appeals. Not that we turn down

contributions, because we don't. We welcome them and ask that they be sent to Web Feild.

Bob Ledbetter '57 emailed us from Nashua, NH wanting to know the date of the 1957 class' 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Unfortunately, our notes don't show if we ever answered his request, But, we'll give him a call as soon as we finish this paragraph.

Now this is just about as bad. We can't read our notes. Margaret Helen Smith Graham '42 called us from New Jersey to let us know she was receiving a second copy of the newsletter addressed to Margaret Webb at the same address. She doesn't know anyone by that name. She has been living in New Jersey since 1966. Before that she had lived in Michigan for 16 years. Her husband, Ron, was a chemical engineer and had work at Corning Glass and also as a rocket scientist at Wyandotte Chemicals.

Bruce Nance '74 of the Sunset Alumni Association forwarded to us an email from Cheryl Kirkland '71 about her parents Wesley Kirkland '42 and Ruth Pendleton '45. Wesley's name is on the bronze plaque in the front hall at Sunset as one of the boys who joined the Navy early to fight in WW2. Wesley died 9-5-64 and Ruth died 1-31-84. We went all through grade school with Wesley starting at George Peabody in 1932. Wesley had a younger brother, Jimmy, who played basketball and football at Texas A&M and Army, if we remember right. Jimmy now lives in College Station, Texas.

An email from Ruth Jean McGuckcin '44 was forwarded to us. In it she told of riding to the Texas Centennial Exposition at the State Fair Grounds in 1936. It was just she and her little brother. Ruth was nine and

he was seven and a half. As often as they could scrape up 31 cents, they would take off to the fair grounds. They would walk over to the end of the street car line on Pierce St. and ride all the way to the front gates for three cents each. They had to save back three cents for the ride back home that night. That meant they had 25 cents each to blow on five rides. They took along a sack lunch. At the end of the day, they would get back on the street car and sleep all the way home. They knew the conductor would wake them and make them get off at the end of the line. Imagine two little kids doing that in today's world.

Mary Reitz Bee '39 contacted us about some old clippings she had loaned to us to be digitally scanned. Her daughter needed the news clips for work she is doing with the Winnetka Heights Homeowners Assn. The group is planning a celebration this fall commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Winnetka Heights. That's all the info we have at this point.

We had a note from Clay Stephenson '39 and Duanna McGinnis Stephenson '41 from Macon, Georgia. They wanted to make sure they were still on the mailing list and sent along a donation.

Beth Brundrett Davis '41 wrote to tell us the circumstances of the passing of her husband, H.H. "Snooky" Davis on 1-25-07. Check the In Memoriam section. When Snooky retired from Dallas County District Henry Wade's office as chief investigator, he and Beth bought a ranch in Kaufman County southeast of Dallas. She still lives there and her son has a

ranch nearby.

Ann Franks Winkleman '41 called to make sure she is still on the mailing list. She is.

We had a nice letter from Fred Loe '42 now living in Savannah, Georgia. As a result of his college days and travels with a major oil company plus 21 years of retirement, he has lost contact with his 1942 classmates although after 65 years they are still remembered vividly. Fred and his wife, Nancy, are heavily involved in a Savannah outreach group called Local Outreach Volunter Educations, or L.O.V.E. They mentor "at-risk" school children, primarily helping with their homework. Find out more about L.O.V.E. on their web site [www.lovementors.org](http://www.lovementors.org).

Hilton Hagan '46 read our last newsletter and deduced that we are related to a guy he worked with at the Dallas Morning News back in the 1950s. Pleading guilty, we put the two in touch with each other and they have been happily emailing each other reliving old times.

Lyda Jane Bassingthwaight Keel '38 wrote to us from Jacksonville, Florida. She had tried to contact us online but could not connect for some reason. She said that though she has been gone for Dallas for 19 years, she still misses the place. Of course she does. Lyda is third generation Texan. She sent along a contribution for the newsletter. Lyda graduated with our brother, Kenneth.

We had a most delightful letter from Doris Gertrude Lutes Hudson '39. It is too long to print in its entirety here but we will give some excerpts. We will post the full letter online. Go to: [www.sunset.drkinslow.com](http://www.sunset.drkinslow.com). Doris lives in Mesa, Arizona. She started

out by saying that the temperature that day, July 15th, was 111 degrees.

Doris was a Trinity Heights girl. She went the first and second grades to Silverstein Elementary in South Dallas at the end of the Ervay street car line. The family moved to the Trinity Heights area and she went there for the third and fourth grade. Then she went to Boude Storey and then to Sunset. Three of her four brothers went to Tech.

She worked for Sears-Roebuck at the big red building on S. Lamar for a couple of years and then worked for an insurance company. When her husband returned from the war, they bought a home built by James Smith (another Sunsetter). They opened Sears stores in Sherman, Texas and Fort Worth.

In 1959 they went to Pagosa Springs, Colorado and built a dude ranch. In 1964 they sold it and her husband ran for county judge and won. He served four more terms. They got tired of the cold and moved to Arizona. Of the eight children in her family, four boys and four girls, only one brother remains. He lives in Richardson, Texas. Read the rest of her letter online.

Fred Holmquist and his daughter, Margaret, wrote us to be sure we knew about the death of Kitty Claire Chalk Holmquist, their wife and mother. We think we carried it in an issue last year but it doesn't hurt to post it again.

Kitty was a very popular member of the 1941 class. Her father, J.D. Chalk, taught chemistry and later was principal at Sunset. Her senior year, Kitty was editor-in-chief of the *Stampede*.

Bobbie Howard of Dallas sent us a notice of the passing of her mother, Thelma Easter Jarolik. She included a note telling us how her mother's eyesight had deteriorated to the point that she was nearly blind just before she died. Bobbie would read the

newsletter to her and she would comment on names and places mentioned. Bobbie is a 1966 Kimball grad and wishes her class had a newsletter like ours. She thanked all who have a hand in it. So, take a bow all you folks. It's a shared endeavor.

Wilbur Roberts '42 dropped us a note to point out that we erred when we said that Doak Walker went to Woodrow. Actually, Doak went to Highland Park. We knew that. We try to be accurate but sometimes we fail. We are never offended when our mistakes are pointed out to us.

Wilbur said Doak was a good friend and they lived in the same apartment building when they were first married. He said he and his wife, Norma, are doing fine and just had their first great-grandbaby last year. Wilbur plans to attend the Roundup in September.

In July Frank Maloney, of Austin, was presented the Outstanding 50-year Lawyer Award by the State Bar of Texas. The State Bar saluted Frank for "his distinguished 50-year practice and for adhering to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession." Milton Rose '41 sent us the news clipping. Milton and Maryann McBean Rose '43 live in Austin.

Art Elder '39, whom we hear from regularly via email, emailed us some information from San Diego about his exchanging WW2 combat pictures he took with a Japanese historian. Art was with USN Bombing Squadron 117 during his third combat tour of the war. The exchange is too long for posting here but it will be on the web page [www.sunset.drkinslow.com](http://www.sunset.drkinslow.com). Art

mentioned running into Ulmer Newman at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal in 1943, Gus Baker at Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii in 1942, Clay Stevenson at Incirlik in Turkey in 1961 and Philip Mindrup at Times Square in 1952. He said he had other great memories of his time living in France, Spain, Turkey, Alaska, Bangkok and Mexico.

*Note: Send your letters to:  
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Dallas TX 75240; or,  
rkinslow@flash.net*

## IN MEMORIAM

We don't know her class, but according to her niece, Tina Stanislava, **Gladys Bryan Goodwin**, died in 2003 in Mineola, Texas.

Likewise, we do not have class info on **Billie Lucille Waters Starks** who died 6-3-07.

**Mary Lois Carter Strain '33** died 7-15-07. She married Mike Addison Strain, Jr. on 8-31-35. She and M.A. lived on Tenth street for nearly 50 years before building a home in Ovilla in 1986.

**Barbara Council Holloway '34** died 7-21-07 in Duncanville, Texas. She served as church secretary at Tyler Street United Methodist Church, Glen Oaks United Methodist Church, Wynnewood Presbyterian Church and retired from Bishop Dunne High School. She is survived by sisters Dorothy Council Jack '41 and Sara June Council Goode.

**Reba Mae Blalock Campbell '35** died 3-10-07 in Dallas.

**Laura Fisher Sheehan** died 6-7-07 in Garland. She was not a Sunset girl but if she had of been she would have been in the class of 1935. She had many Oak Cliff roots. Her late father was pastor at Tyler Street Methodist Church in the early 1940s. She retired from Republic National Life in 1978. She was preceded in death by a brother, Herschel, and two sisters,

Jean and Dr. Jeffie Fisher Roszel. All were Sunsetters. Jean attended several of our annual Roundups and entertained one year. Jean and Jeffie had a singing act by which they entertained the troops in World war II.

**Christine Fleming Potter '35** died 7-15-07 in Dallas. She was retired from Eastman Kodak and was a member of the Church of Christ.

**Sammy Benjamin Harrington '36** died 5-15-07 in Dallas. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 and was stationed at the naval base in Eniwetok, Japan. He lived in the Lakewood area for 56 years. He was a member of the Lakewood Country Club where he was club champion seven times and runner-up four times.

**Enfrid Emile 'Eric' Eriksson '37** died 5-2-07 in Dallas. He served in the Coast Guard in World War II. After the war he went to work for Sunsetters Vernon and James Smith in the construction business. Later he formed his own homebuilding company. He was chairman of the Dallas Housing Authority from 1976 to 1978. Sent to us by Inez Hendricks Henley '41.

**Winnie Bauman Hensarling '37** died 7-15-07 in Dallas. She and her late husband founded A&W Bearings and Supply Co., one of the best known independent bearing companies in the U.S.

**Robert Bruce Kilmer, Jr. '37** died 5-28-07 in Dallas. He attended SMU on a baseball scholarship. He was a B-17 pilot in the European Theater during the war. He was shot down over France and evaded capture for six months. He was a German POW for the next year until liberated by Gen George Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. Ironically, his younger brother, Sgt. Tommy Kilmer, was one of his liberators.

**Frances Boyer Fields '39** died 12-3-06 in Emelle, Alabama. We were notified by her daughter, Virginia Fields Wheat.

**Margaret Goodman '39** 9-14-06 in

Dallas. This should have been reported in the last newsletter but evidently we missed it. Her brother, Edwin T. Goodman '38, of Kerens, Texas reminded us.

**Robert William Marshall '38** has died but we have no other details.

**Patsy Thompson Kozub '39** passed away 6-17-07. Patsy had MS for many years. Still she took many cruises and did not let a scooter prevent her from traveling. Info was sent to us by Mary Jean Badgett Willoughby '39 and Bill Huber '39.

**John Hubert Livingston '40** passed away 10-9-06 in Dallas. He had been receiving the newsletter in Big Sandy, Texas. He is interred next to his wife, Peggy Schulz Livingston, in Liberty Cemetery, Grayson County, Texas

**Kitty Claire Chalk Holmquist '41** died 11-10-05 in Dallas. She is survived by her husband, Fred, and daughter, Margaret. She previously had been married to Lt. Stanley Tabor who died in the Korean War.

**Snooky Davis '41** died of a stroke 1-25-07 on his ranch near Kaufman, Texas. He had no previous symptoms. In fact, he had worked all the day before on his tractor. Snooky was a Navy pilot in the war and flew Corsairs from carriers.

**Thelma Easter Jarolik '41** died in March of 2006 in Dallas. We were notified by her daughter Bobbie Howard, a Kimball Grad.

**Bob Evans '41** died 5-16-07.

**Dorothy Quiram Klenk '41** died 9-11-06. No other info available. Reported to us by Willard Klenk.

We received a notice from Marilou Decker Smith '42 that her husband, **James 'Bob' Smith '41** had passed away on 5-13-07 in Peachtree City, Georgia. Marilou

and Bob had been married 61 years. In addition to Marilou, Bob is survived by two children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Tom Hays '42** died 4-18-07 in Rockport, Texas. Tom was an all-state football player at Sunset. He and Barbara Horton were married in 1942. Tom joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a pilot. He "flew the hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater in WW2. He completed his education at UT-Austin and was an engineer in the oil and gas industry.

**Thetus Jones Routon '43** died in Newcastle, Texas but we don't have the date.

**Jeffie Frye Bedingfield Eubanks '44**, wife of Dan M Eubanks '44 died 4-3-07 in Heath, Texas.

**John Harper 'Jack' Halfpenny '44** died in Tyler, Texas on 4-1-07. He is survived by wife Norma Mansfield Edge Halfpenny '44

**Ward Laird Remele '44** died 4-13-07. He attended North Texas State University and worked for Southwestern Bell for 42 years. He had served in the Army of Occupation in Japan before going to work for SWB (now AT&T).

**Mary Lou Strong Farrow '44** died 6-3-07 in Dallas. She is survived by her husband Ernest Gene 'Ace' Farrow whom she married in 1947. She also is survived by three sons and a daughter.

**Daniel Browne Stuart, Sr. '45** died 6-1-07 in Dallas. He was a graduate of UT-Austin and served in the Korean Conflict. He was a venture capitalist and provided financing for a number of successful new companies.

**Floyd Argo '46** died 3-30-07. He had been living in Devine, Texas. No other details except that he had lung cancer.

**Johnita Coleman Clements '46** died 4-27-07. No other info known.

**Patricia Anne Rider Manford '46**



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Highland Park United Methodist Church and Kessler Park United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Gilmore, who served on the Dallas City Council.

**Sue Kegerreis Thomas '56** died in Fulshear, Texas on 4-19-07. Reported to us by Tyre Jennings who is a 1939 Adamson grad.

**Michael Lewis McElroy '58** died 4-4-07 in Waxahachie, Texas where he was born. He was a 1974 graduate of the University of Alaska. He served in the U.S. Air Force from May 1961 until August 1964. He was an executive pilot for a number of companies. He also flew for Frontier Airlines and America West from which he retired in 1999.

**Steven A. Cox '61** died in a tragic auto accident on 3-22-07. He served in the U.S. Navy after Sunset. Later, he worked for Braniff Airlines, Trinity

Industries and Metro One Couriers. He is interred at the DFW National Cemetery.

*(Note: We know that we have missed some obituaries of our classmates. As you can appreciate, there is no way we can check all newspapers and other notices. We are grateful for those who send us notices not only from Dallas but other places. We try to honor each of our classmates who has moved on and we would not knowingly omit anyone. If we miss someone this time, we will make up for it next time.)*

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### **THE BIG BLAST**

We had the newsletter ready to go to press on Wednesday, July 25, when a huge explosion occurred at a welding gas distributing company near downtown Dallas. The plant was

located near where I-30 and I-35E intersect. Fortunately, no one was killed but there were three employees injured in the blast.

Flaming welding bottles and hot shrapnel rocketed through the air causing fire officials to evacuate everything within a half mile radius. It resembled a war zone. Both freeways were shut down and the resulting traffic jam was horrendous.

We will cover this in our next issue. In the meantime go to our web site, [www.sunset.drkinslow.com](http://www.sunset.drkinslow.com)

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### **FOR YOUR PRAYER LIST**

And finally, say a prayer for our brave men and women serving in harm's way. Their lives are on hold while they serve to protect our freedom and that of others as well. Sundays and holidays are just another day at the office for them. Danger is their constant companion.

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