

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2014-12 OF DECEMBER 1, 2014

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. OUR READER CHALLENGE CONTINUES. As reported in last month's e-Notice, we're offered the following challenge to our regular readers: if each of our regular readers who has not been in a position to contribute previously (or lately) to a Foundation annual campaign would contribute \$5 to the Foundation, we calculate that our 2014 Annual Campaign would raise more than double the amount raised in any prior year. So far, it appears that the challenge is bearing significant fruit, as evidenced by the fast-growing list of very generous donors below.

If you would like to donate to show your support of the Foundation's efforts (and this e-newsletter!), and time is a consideration, please feel free to forego completing the Donor Form at the end of this email (and available on www.surrattsville.org) and instead simply mail a check payable to "Surrattsville Foundation" to me at 320 E. Towsontown Blvd, Ste 1E, Towson, MD 21286, and I'll be happy to complete the Form for you and send you a receipt.

Or, simply use the very easy PayPal "Donate" button at www.surrattsville.org to donate on-line.

Thanks for considering becoming a contributor to what we hope will be a record-breaking 2014 Annual Campaign!

2. IF YOU USE AMAZON, PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE. Speaking of the Foundation's increased fund raising efforts, as previously reported, the Foundation is now a participant in the Amazon Smile program (smile.amazon.com), through which the Foundation receives a portion of the sales price of every qualifying purchase made on Amazon through smile.amazon.com that designates the Foundation as its charitable recipient.

It turns out that it is very, very easy to register – you only have to do so and designate the Foundation once -- and you pay no more for purchases made through Amazon Smile than through regular Amazon. (I've done it, and it is such a painless way to cause Amazon to donate to the Foundation every time you make a purchase.)

If you shop on Amazon, please consider registering at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2224546> and making your Amazon purchases through smile.amazon.com with the Surrattsville High School Foundation as your preferred charity.

Here are some details from Amazon: “When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer’s selected charitable organization. The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.”

Thanks for considering taking these easy steps to convert your Amazon shopping to AmazonSmile shopping!

3. ... AND CONTINUING THE FUND RAISING THEME. And the Foundation still gets regular checks from goodsearch.com. This is the internet search engine (that does what google) does, but that allows you to designate the Foundation as your preferred charity to receive a donation for every search you make. Please consider registering on goodsearch.com to do your web searching there with the Foundation as your designated charity.

4. PHOTOS OF FOUNDATION-FUNDED AUTISM DEPARTMENT CRISIS/SENSORY ROOM. Photos of the very nice (and Foundation-funded) crisis/sensory room in the School’s Autism Department are now on the website at www.surrattsville.org. Thanks to all our donors for making this gift possible!

5. RETURNING HORNET VISITS SCHOOL. We received this interesting email from Katherine Dorsey Larrabee (62): “I visited Surrattsville several years ago to take photos for a 50th Reunion booklet for the Class of 62. I met the principal, new at the time. She was inspiring and also welcoming. She invited me to visit an after-school choir rehearsal. Wow! I don’t recall a choir quite like that during my days at Surratts. I came away feeling very proud of the SHS of today. The building and grounds look good too! Katherine”

[Ed Note: A number of returning Hornets have made similar comments to us, including similar comments about Surrattsville’s outstanding Music Department. And we’re proud to report that some of the building and grounds beauty may be credited to gifts from, and task forces organized by, the Foundation! If any of our readers get a chance to stop by the School, don’t forget to take a look at the Foundation’s Legacy Hall that runs from the main office down past the guidance office. And try to take a minute to chat with the great kids currently attending Surrattsville.]

6. SURRATTSVILLE SPORTS HISTORY. Two of Surrattsville's most storied sports teams include the 1965 State boys' basketball champs, and the Coach Lew Jenkins wrestling dynasty (especially the years 1968-1973 when the teams went 59-7-1, and it really wasn't that close as the losses were squeakers to much larger schools!). In response to our request for additional bits of Surrattsville sports history, we received this interesting email from Chuck Teubner (64): "In 1962, when I was a sophomore, we won the State A basketball championship. Wayne Eaton, Bob Johnson and Jim Byroads were the stars. Wayne Eaton got a basketball scholarship to High Point University, and a few years later Bob Vaughn, the coach, got the head coaching job there. Although we played mostly JV, Larry Munyon, Bob Riley and I got to dress for the state tournament games – very exciting for 15 year olds. In 1964 we lost in overtime in the AA semifinals to Towson High School. Our big star and All-Met was Don Rhoades, who was killed the following fall in a car accident in New Mexico where he went to school. Other players were Larry Munyon, Bob (Wease) Riley, Don Evans, etc. and I was the other guard – very large guard for those days at 6'2" and 220 lbs. Other players were Norman Carmichael, our junior, 6'11" center, who was very tall for those times. He played his best game and was the key player in winning the state AA tournament the next year at Cole Field House against Alleghany. I was a spectator at the game as a freshman at Maryland. Regards, Chuck"

[Ed Note: We'd love to have more stories of Surrattsville's athletic past. And some of our readers might recall the article we ran in May about the ground-breaking Towson High star of the 1964 game mentioned by Chuck, Billy Jones.]

7. ... AND MORE RECENT SPORTING NEWS! We are very proud to report that this year's football team traveled to Cumberland on November 28 to play in the State championship semi-final game. Although the Hornets lost to Ft. Hill High, they scored 20 points in the effort to cap yet another fantastic season and to finish fourth in Surrattsville's league in the entire State.

Congratulations to this year's gridiron scholar-athletes on an absolutely outstanding season!

[Ed. note: The Foundation-funded new uniforms could not have hurt!]

8. 1954 GRAD RECEIVES MAJOR MUSIC AWARD. We recently learned that Helen Bovbjerg Niedung (54) recently received the the first Florida State Music Teachers Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award. Recipients of this new award must have been a member of the Florida State Music Teacher's organization for at least 20 years, have served in positions at the local, district and State levels, and have had students who have won various competitions through the years. Helen earned her music degree at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, a pursued post-graduate studies in Germany and Italy. Helen also had an international opera and concert career, and taught at the collegiate level and privately. Helen's students have won countless vocal competitions.

Congratulations to Helen on this extraordinary recognition from her musical peers!

9. NEW PROGRAM FEATURED ON FOUNDATION'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL. The Foundation's great youtube channel now contains a new program on this year's extraordinary Achievement Award recipients. <http://youtu.be/GTywsh4I4Jw>

Many thanks to Foundation Board member Sandra Smith Simmons (70) who creates the Foundation's youtube content!

10. CLASS OF 39 FEATURED IN POST ARTICLE, con't. Here is a continuation of an item in the last e-Notice about a June 25, 1984 Washington Post article by Eugene Meyer sent in by Paul Monaghan (59):

“Class of '39 Surrattsville High Recalled ... County students were tracked then in academic, commercial and general courses. Few aspired to college or the professions. Strayer's Business School in Washington actively recruited Surrattsville graduates, mainly girls, who almost invariably took commercial courses. They hoped for what Jean Hurley Wilhelm described as a “big-paying government job” as a typist or secretary. She wanted to teach but became a school cafeteria worker instead. Long after graduation, at least three of the women got nursing or related jobs.

Some who left the farm went to work at the Navy Yard in Washington. Eugene Tayman was a mailman there. John Zajic (whose tap dancing skills earned him the high school nickname “Fred Astaire”) worked at the torpedo factory in Alexandria. Only “Junior” Loveless, whose father was postmaster and also sold candy and Philco radios, went directly to college and graduated. “John [White] and I wanted to be G-men,” said Ken Smith, who was the class athlete and married Audrey Gemeny. “We were -- garbage men,” running a regular garbage route in the District to get feed for the White family's pigs.

Within three years of graduation, most of the men in the Surrattsville Class of 39 had gone to war. Hans Warffemius joined the infantry and came home with a shrapnel wound and a Purple Heart. Loveless became a naval officer, but remained stateside. Ken Smith joined the Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor. Jim Tippet was a glider mechanic who prepared the planes for D-Day. Barrow Neale flew 50 bombing missions over Europe as a B-24 pilot. Joe Edelen got to see the world but has never again lived anywhere but the home farm outside Clinton. Hartwell Trueman had “right bad” stomach ulcers and was classified 4-F. Sgt. Eugene Tayman was killed in action in Germany in March 1945, leaving a wife and two young children.

On the home front, Christina Gwynn worked at the draft board in Upper Marlboro. During a vacation to Virginia Beach with classmate Lois Hogue she met a Coast Guardsman whom she later married. Opal Price met her band leader husband while she was working as a statistician for the British Ministry of Supply in Washington. In the immediate postwar era, Tippet bought

a new Cape Cod subdivision house with a 4 percent VA loan. Warffemius went to the University of Maryland on the GI Bill, but quit after two years. John White and his brother, both veterans, opened G.I. Liquors in Morningside near the Andrews base.”

[To be continued.]

11. CLASS OF 95 PLANS REUNION. The Class of 95 will be celebrating its 20 reunion in June 2015 at the Colony South and is looking for our classmates. Please send an email to Kenya Samuels Gray at Kenya.Gray@gmail.com if you have any information on 95 grads or members of their family. The Class also has a Surrattsville Class of 1995 group on Facebook. To kick-off the "countdown to 20," on June 11, 2014 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. the Class’s planning committee is hosting a celebrity scoops night at Rita's in Clinton (the old Pizza Hut near the intersection of Woodyard Road and Brandywine Road).

12. CLASS OF 75 PLANS REUNION. The Class of 75 is considering plans for a reunion. (Note that the Class of 75 reunion was not part of the recent Class of 74 reunion as was previously mentioned.) Please contact Lorraine Frank Kerr at lorraineefrank1@gmail.com, or Cindy Shaffer Kluth on Facebook, if you are interested in the Class of 75 event.

13. NEW CONTENT CONTINUES TO BE ADDED TO FOUNDATION'S FACEBOOK GROUP. The Foundation's Facebook Group, "Surrattsville Alumni," continues to grow. The Group now has 1845 members. Please consider joining this group, and your Class’ group on Facebook – called “Surrattsville 1969” and the like – to stay in touch with all things Surrattsville.

14. PTSA SEEKS THOUGHTS FROM OUR READERS. The very active SHS PTSA has regular “Open Conversations” on various topics of interest to the School community. An upcoming Open Conversation will take place on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the School, and will involve the sharing of ideas on how Surrattsville can join Roosevelt High as the top high school in Prince George’s County (and as a top school in the State). The PTSA is encouraging our readers to attend and share their insights, or to send ideas to the PTSA at Surrattsville.High.School.PTSA@gmail.com. Best of luck to the PTSA with this outstanding latest effort!

And, speaking of the PTSA, we received this very nice note from PTSA President Candace Leach: “Dear Foundation: Every time we mention the Foundation in a PTSA publication, we provide a hyperlink to the Foundation's website at www.surrattsville.org! And as always, thank you for the continued support from the *ENTIRE* Surrattsville Foundation body! Please let everyone know that the words that I convey don't even begin to express the appreciation! Let's go Hornets! Candace”

15. PTSA T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN; FOUNDATION A LEAD SPONSOR FOR 2014.

And speaking of the PTSA, as noted in recent e-Notices, T-shirt sponsorship opportunities are available from the PTSA, as noted in this message: “Greetings from the SHS PTSA! We are inviting you to consider becoming a sponsor of our annual SHS PTSA t-shirt. The goal of the t-shirts is to help cover expenses for our various activities that we provide the scholars, teachers and staff, parents/guardians, and school community, such as providing lunches during the “College Bound” college tours, and even celebrating the fathers/male role models during “Men Make A Difference” day, as well as the mothers/women role models during our annual “Muffins & Tea” luncheon. We’d like to thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and for your support. We have several levels and options that you can choose from, to show your support. All sponsors will receive a spot on the back of the SHS PTSA t-shirt, and will also receive a t-shirt. (T-shirts should be available in time for spirit week beginning November 1.) The size of the ad on the shirt will be determined by the level of the sponsorship. Platinum: \$150 (one available); Gold: \$75 (two available); Silver: \$50 (three available); Bronze: \$40 (four available); Copper: \$30 (five available). For questions or to purchase an ad, please contact the PTSA at surrattsville.high.school.PTSA@gmail.com before December 8.”

Here's hoping you are enjoying a great start to your holiday season!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

In Memoriam

GRIFFITH SURCH OURSLER, III (61) passed away on June 15. Griffith was a farmer, farming his family homestead for much of his life. He loved the outdoors, and the water where he spent many hours crabbing, fishing and harvesting oysters. He also loved his dogs; they were his four legged children. His hobby was going to auctions. It wasn't about the item, but the competition. Griffith was a man of few words, but he had a lot to say. He is survived by his children, Danny S. Oursler, Patty E. Murphy, Douglas G. Oursler, his grandchildren, Danny, Jr., Mason, David, Darin, Eric, Jenna and Brooklyn. Son of Griffith Surch Oursler, Jr. and Dorothy Gwynn Oursler, brother of Gwynette, Nancy and Steven, he is also survived by his Aunt, Dorothy V. Oursler. Memorial contributions may be made to Tri County Animal Shelter.

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