



## ***THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE OF JANUARY 1, 2020***

Hello Hornets!

Here are some items that might be of interest:

**1. FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2019 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT!** We are very proud to announce the recipient of the Foundation's 2019 Achievement Awards.

FOUNDATION FOUNDER/LEADER, EDUCATOR, ENTREPRENEUR. Henry is a proud son of Prince George's County, having attended Capitol Heights Elementary, Tanglewood Elementary, Surrattsville Junior, and Surrattsville High, graduating in 1971. While at Surrattsville, Henry was involved in many athletic and extra-curricular activities, for example having been Class President for three years, having been a Captain of Surrattsville's wrestling team and a member of its varsity tennis team, and having been a member of the Student Council, the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society.

Thanks to the input and counseling of his senior homeroom teacher R.C. Green (SHS '63), Henry next attended his beloved Frostburg State College where he majored in Political Science and Social Science and became certified to be a secondary school social studies teacher. For seven years after college graduation, Henry taught junior high school and middle school social studies in Baltimore County and at a summer GT program at St. Mary's College of Maryland, while completing at night his Master's degree at Johns Hopkins and his law degree at the University of Maryland. After law school, Henry spent seven years as an Associate and three years as a Partner at Piper & Marbury (now DLA Piper) before moving on with some colleagues to establish his own firm, Smith & Downey, where he spent the rest of his 36-year legal career.

In 1999, Henry was approached by a group of SHS alumni with a request that he participate in organizing a "Y2K All Classes/Faculty/Staff Reunion" for Surrattsville. Henry noted that this would be a special opportunity to establish a non-profit dedicated to supporting the School, and he led the effort to pull-off the massive reunion that followed and to establish, maintain and grow the Surrattsville High School Foundation, Inc. He served as the Foundation's President, Board Chair and monthly e-Notice Editor from its establishment in March 2000 until his retirement at the end of 2018. During his 19-year tenure with the Foundation, it made hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of grants to the School, participated in numerous School events, awarded dozens of scholarships and Achievement Awards, sponsored additional reunions and fund raising events, and helped various classes establish their own class-specific networks.

Henry always acknowledges the "thousands of small – and large – kindnesses" he received while a student at SHS as a major cornerstone of his happiness, and counts his work on the Foundation as some of the most enjoyable and gratifying of his life. (An extensive overview of the work of the Foundation's first 19 years can be found at [www.surrattsville.org](http://www.surrattsville.org), including within the monthly e-Notices archived there.)

In addition to his career and Foundation work, Henry taught as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Baltimore Law School, has been involved continuously in numerous civic and philanthropic activities, still plays in a rock and roll band with former SHS Teen Club bandmates, and stays busy with family activities with his parents, siblings, wife Donna Rae Sturtevant Smith ('70), their five children, and their six grandchildren.

**2. 2019 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS!** Come watch/help us get better. Check out this highlight! <https://www.hudl.com/v/2CTzZh>. In 2019 we tasted the MPSSAA Football Playoffs, in 2020 we trying to eat! Interested in coaching please contact Head Football Coach Tommy Daniels [thomas2.daniels@pgcps.org](mailto:thomas2.daniels@pgcps.org)

**3. 2020 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS.** The Foundation is proud to announce the

opening of its 2020 Annual Campaign. If you support the Foundation's mission and enjoy any of its efforts (such as these e-Notices), please consider using the "Donate" button on [www.surrattsville.org](http://www.surrattsville.org), or the Donor Form below, to participate in the 2019 Annual Campaign. Remember: because the Foundation has no overhead, no donation is too small (or too large!) to benefit the Foundation. And please check to see if your employer has a matching donation program.

Thanks in advance for considering joining this very special initiative!

#### **4. PAINLESS (I.E., FREE) WAYS TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FOUNDATION.**

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And thanks to those of you making your internet searches using the goodsearch search engine. It uses the yahoo search engine (which we're told rivals google and apparently has never failed any Foundation user) and, like [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/), makes a contribution to your designated charity for every internet search. Here's the link: <https://www.goodsearch.com/causes/surrattsville-high-school-foundation>.

#### **5. DON'T FORGET THE FACEBOOK GROUPS OF THE FOUNDATION AND OF EACH CLASS YEAR.**

More and more of the communications about the Foundation, Surrattsville generally, and about individual Class year activities, have moved to the applicable Groups on Facebook. The Foundation's general Surrattsville Group, called "Surrattsville Alumni," is now approaching 2100 members, and the various Class Groups – such as "Surrattsville 1969," "Surrattsville 1973," etc. – are growing vigorously. To stay in touch, and to see a regular parade of interesting photos and info about dear ol' Surratts, please consider joining the Surrattsville Alumni Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/49215776591/>) and your own Class Group.

#### **6. BLAST FROM THE PAST. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS FROM JANUARY**

**200. LONG LOST RING UNITED WITH ITS OWNER.** Thanks to the efforts of Jackie Kaiser-MacBryde (71), Ruth Stout Maitland (72) has been reunited with her long lost Surratts ring. Thanks to Jackie for getting this very special holiday gift to Ruth!

Thank you all for your continued support over the past two decades. I am looking forward to seeing this wonderful foundation grow for many decades to come. Thank you Henry for this legendary legacy.

Wishing you hornets a safe, fun, and Happy New Year.

Best,

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#### **AND MANY THANKS TO DONORS OF THE 2019 CAMPAIGN!**

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