

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2014-10 OF OCTOBER 1, 2014

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. FOUNDATION FUNDS AUTISM PROGRAM CRISIS ROOM. Some of our readers will remember that last year the Foundation funded a field trip for students and parents to visit Towson University's internationally recognized autism program for college students. The trip was a great success, and as a result 2014 valedictorian Montel Medley selected Towson as his university. (In a prior e-Notice we covered a lovely Washington Post article about Montel's extraordinary academic career, which continues at TU.)

The Foundation Board has just approved another grant to the School's Autism Program, this one to create a crisis/therapy room for the autistic students. The Foundation grant was used to purchase a sofa, a chair, and a weighted blanket for the crisis/therapy room which was needed so students in the program can have a safe place to retreat when they are in panic mode or under stress.

The Foundation is proud to support this important, and highly successful, program at the School.

2. PTSA T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES; FOUNDATION A LEAD SPONSOR FOR 2014. We received this note from the PTSA about sponsorship opportunities: "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 October 18."

The Foundation is proud to have signed on as a lead sponsor for this year's t-shirts in support of the work of Surrattsville's outstanding PTSA. What a great way for members of the greater

Surrattsville community to advertise their businesses or organizations while supporting a great cause.

3. GOLF OUTING A GREAT SUCCESS. The September 5 Surrattsville Golf Outing at Twin Shields Golf Club in Dunkirk was a great success. The weather was hot but sunny and dry, the competition was fun, and a significant amount was raised for the Foundation.

Many thanks to organizers Lauren Foley Johnson (74) and Alan Johnson (72), the Class of 74, all the participants, and the staff at Twin Shields for making this such a wonderful event.

A group photo taken at the event can be found on the Photos page on the Foundation's web site at www.surrattsville.org. The link is <http://surrattsville.org/photos/gen2014.shtml>

4. WRESTLING REUNION ALSO A GREAT SUCCESS. The September 14 reunion of wrestlers from the Coach Lew Jenkins era also was a fantastic success. Wrestlers from 1968-1976 attended, and traveled from such exotic locales as California, Florida, Texas, Lusby and Waldorf.

Three photos taken at the event can be found on the Photos page on the Foundation's web site at www.surrattsville.org and a complete "album" of photos can be found on the Foundation's Facebook group called "Surrattsville Alumni." Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like to be added to the list for announcements about future wrestling reunions.

5. FOUNDATION NOW A PARTICIPANT IN AMAZON SMILE. 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 and designating the Foundation as its charitable recipient. 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.

6. 1969-1970 LITERARY MAGAZINE ADDED TO FOUNDATION ARCHIVES. Thanks to Alecia Marra Haman (76), the Foundation's Archives – tirelessly accumulated and maintained over the decades by our Archivist Shelby Lee Oppermann (79) -- now contain a copy of "Visions," the 1969-1970 literary magazine published by the National Honor Society and featuring stories, poems, essays and reviews by members of the Classes of 69, 70 and 71. (Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like a pdf copy.)

7. 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 ... Not only did the Class of 1939 endure, they also clung over the years to their Southern Maryland roots and, through regular reunions, to each other, providing a familiar frame of reference in a transient metropolitan area. "A majority of us are just plain home folks," said Audrey Gemeny Smith, 62, who organized the 45-year reunion and still lives in Prince George's.

Indeed, 23 of the graduates still live in the county, nine in the Clinton-Camp Springs area. There were 41 graduates in the Class of 1939 (three more who did not graduate with their class still attend the reunions) compared with 322 graduates this spring. And they graduated after only 11 years of school, a common practice throughout the South, including Maryland. Their yearbook was modest: mimeographed pages with photos pasted and bound in a scrapbook. Several are related to each other. All are white, educated in a racially segregated system. The closest high school for blacks was 15 miles away, in Upper Marlboro. A total of 589 seniors graduated from county public schools that year, 535 from the 13 white, and 44 from the three black schools.

Surrattsville drew students from near the District line clear down to Brandywine. To many, the District, which had the closest movie theaters, seemed much farther away than the 7.6 miles on the map. No four-lane divided highways went there. Instead, there was winding old Branch Avenue, a two-lane road with the same dangerous curves navigated by John Wilkes Booth on his escape through Southern Maryland after Lincoln's assassination. "Everyone thought we were at the end of nowhere," said Loveless, from his bed at Washington Hospital Center. "Nobody had ever heard of Clinton. But the amazing thing was you could, without breaking too many speed laws, get to Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues in 20 minutes. There were no stop lights until you got to the District of Columbia."

Loveless now lives in a Clinton subdivision. The land was once a farm belonging to the Surratt family. John Surratt was a postmaster, giving the town its name until his widow, Mary, was hanged for her alleged role in the Lincoln assassination conspiracy. The government then renamed the place Clinton. When T. S. Klein arrived at Surrattsville High for a 15-year stint as principal in 1926, he boarded for a year at the former Surratt Tavern. "It was a nice rural community of good old stock who lived well and liked to see others succeed," said Klein, who left in 1941 to preside over more cosmopolitan Bladensburg High School. His stern reputation survives among the Class of 39."

[To be continued.]

8. ARTICLE ABOUT EARLY D.C. TV PROMPTS MEMORIES. The item about early D.C.-area TV shows in the last e-Notice prompted this memory from John Previti (72): "I went to the Bozo show with Richard Clifton (72), I guess when we were in first grade. We had RC Cola and Sugar Babies! I was sick all night! I remember Willard as Bozo had a bike horn in his "blouse" that he would squeeze at the same time squeezed my nose. I think Willard Scott was the first Ronald McDonald, as well."

9. ANOTHER CLASS RING SURFACES! It seems that one of the primary functions of the Foundation since its establishment in 2000 has been to reunite Hornets with their lost class rings. (If you're going to lose your high school class ring, it's really helpful to have attended a high school with an utterly unique name like Surrattsville and with a foundation with a very high web presence!) Here's a note we received from Laurie Martin Roberts (74) about the latest recovered treasure: "I've been contacted by someone who, about two years ago and somewhere south of Ocean City, found the Surrattsville ring of Alan Read, who I believe was Class of 72 or 73." If you have any info that might help re-unite Alan and his ring, please email Laurie at ewesa2@gmail.com.

10. MORE MEMORIES OF DONALD ENGLAND (53). We received this note in response to the very touching story about Donald England (53) from Duke Coleman (53) that was included in the last e-Notice: "I remember when this happened. It was so tragic. I believe another classmate died in the accident. I'm not positive, but the name "Allen Burgess" comes to mind. Donald lived near me, and his oldest sister, Rosa, was married at Bell's Methodist. I was pre-teen and it was the very first wedding that I had ever attended. I thought it was beautiful and like a fairy tale. I later baby sat for his sister's children. (By the way, I tried to find the picture of his grave marker but the number given is missing a numeral. It should be "findagrave 114321201".) Nancy Loweth Siehl (57)

11. FOLLOW-UP TO LINK WRAY ITEM. Some of you who are musically inclined enjoyed the item in the last e-Notice by Bill Crawford (62) (bcraw44@gmail.com) about rock n roll pioneer (and Accokeek resident) Link Wray. Bill shared the e-Notice with some of his

musical friends, with this lead, reminding his correspondents about this Accokeek resident's contribution to corrupting middle-American's Caucasian youth! "My high school newsletter included a hastily written little piece I did on R&R and Rockabilly guitar legend, Link Wray. Scroll down to read. Please go to youtube and enjoy Rumble. In my piece I don't mean to imply that Link was the sole reason why Bob Dylan went controversially electric. He did, however, cite the Wraymen several times as important electric guitar influences, as did other guitar greats. Bobby's decision to interrupt his highly scripted concert set in 2005 after Link's death shows more than any words what the greats thought of the Indian twanger from Dunn, NC. The Boss did the same thing. I would give a few thousand dollars for an audio of those two memorial renditions of Rumble! If anybody can find them, make sure I get them. Concert goers reported that in both instances the Big Boys nearly blew up their sound systems with the relentless Wray power chord. Some in the audience had to cover their ears! Link would have loved it. Both artists gave Rumble over ten minutes in booming concert. Not bad for a country boy who hid under his bed while the KKK visited his parents' home late at night to harass them because of their non-white heritage. Link would face later discrimination when mainstream radio banned Rumble amid white American fears that R&R would corrupt the docile white youth safely ensconced in Mid-America. That's exactly what happened to me! My Mom flew across our living room on Horseshoe Drive to violently click off the TV, interrupting a subversive performance by Jerry Lee Lewis. She was so mad at him and me that she uttered several words that I thought only my father knew. I was never the same after that and LW played a big part. p.s. My friend Jim Provencher is attending three Dylan concerts Down Under as we speak. If I were there down front, I would yell out "Tell us about Link Wray." Would Bob break his infamous silence? In my heart, I believe that he would respond only with a driving power chord from my childhood. That chord lives in my mind forever. Bob"

12. MANY THANKS TO RICH GRACE! The Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to Rich Grace who has volunteered his efforts to relieve our very, very long-serving and extremely talented volunteer webmaster, Mike Gifford (84). Please take a moment to visit ww.surrattsville.org if you haven't in a while.

13. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT RECEIVES ANOTHER MAJOR RECOGNITION. Rick Lifton, M.D., PhD (71), recipient of a 2008 Foundation Achievement Award for his stellar and ongoing career and his receipt of the extremely prestigious Wiley Prize in Chemistry (<http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2008.shtml>), has once again been honored by the scientific community with a major recognition. The organization's press release follows. Congratulations to Rick on this extraordinary achievement (and thanks to Pete Allen (71) for passing this news along)!

"The Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences Foundation announced that Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) investigator Richard P. Lifton of Yale University is among the six scientists awarded the Life Sciences Prize for excellence in research aimed at curing intractable diseases and extending human life. The Breakthrough Prizes recognize pioneering work in physics and genetics, cosmology, and neurology and mathematics. Each prize carries an award of \$3 million. Lifton, who has been an HHMI investigator since 1994, uses genetic approaches to identify the genes and pathways that contribute to common human diseases, including cardiovascular, renal,

and bone disease. He was honored by the foundation for the discovery of genes and biochemical mechanisms that cause hypertension. More than two decades ago, when Lifton first proposed using genetic methods to study the causes of high blood pressure, his approach was not uniformly accepted. Such a complicated condition, critics thought, would not lend itself to traditional genetic tactics, which try to link a disease to alterations in a single gene.

Since then, Lifton has proved his detractors wrong many times over. Lifton has identified more than 20 genes associated with blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, and bone density, and he has characterized mutations that cause either extreme hypertension (high blood pressure) or hypotension (low blood pressure) in people. More significantly, he has shown that severe blood pressure problems can be caused by mutations in genes that regulate the amount of sodium chloride the kidney allows to flow into the blood. When these genes falter in severe hypertension cases, salt levels rise, blood volume increases, the heart pumps harder, and blood pressure surges. With excessive hypotension, the opposite occurs. Today, his findings have changed how doctors treat hypertension, which affects approximately one billion people worldwide and is the most prevalent cardiovascular disease risk factor.

The six winners of the 2014 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences are

James Allison, MD Anderson Cancer Center, for the discovery of T cell checkpoint blockade as effective cancer therapy.

Mahlon DeLong, Emory University, for defining the interlocking circuits in the brain that malfunction in Parkinson's disease. This scientific foundation underlies the circuit-based treatment of Parkinson's disease by deep brain stimulation.

Michael Hall, University of Basel, for the discovery of Target of Rapamycin (TOR) and its role in cell growth control.

Robert Langer, David H. Koch Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for discoveries leading to the development of controlled drug-release systems and new biomaterials.

Richard Lifton, Yale University; Howard Hughes Medical Institute, for the discovery of genes and biochemical mechanisms that cause hypertension.

Alexander Varshavsky, California Institute of Technology, for discovering critical molecular determinants and biological functions of intracellular protein degradation.

Prize recipients are invited to serve on the selection committee to select recipients of future prizes. Last year, HHMI investigators Cornelia I. Bargmann at the Rockefeller University, Charles L. Sawyers at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Bert Vogelstein at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine were awarded the Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences. Founded in 2013, the Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to advancing breakthrough research, celebrating scientists and generating excitement about the pursuit of science as a career. The Foundation was founded by Sergey Brin

and Anne Wojcicki, Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan, Jack Ma and Cathy Zhang, and Yuri and Julia Milner, and is chaired by Arthur Levinson, who is also chairman of Genentech and Apple.”

[Ed. note: Photos and bios of the 37 absolutely extraordinary Achievement Award recipients to date can be found on the Foundation’s web site at www.surrattsville.org.]

14. FOUNDATION YOUTUBE PROGRAMS NOW NUMBER 12. The Foundation’s youtube channel now features a significant amount of varied content, all of it interesting and some of it fun! The main page is at <http://www.youtube.com/user/SurrattsvilleFDN>. Please consider viewing the short programs and subscribing to the channel.

Heartfelt thanks to Sandra Smith Simmons (70) for creating and maintaining this great video outlet for the Foundation.

15. FALLEN HEROES PLAQUE NOW FINAL. Thanks to the hard work over many months by Bob Jeter (64), the Foundation’s Fallen Heroes plaque is now complete and ready for installation in the Foundation’s Legacy Hall at the School. Bob reports: “The plaque will be displayed at class reunions and at the Clinton VFW on Veterans Day, and we are currently making arrangements for a display at the Clinton American Legion. The plaque was displayed at the Class of 64’s recent reunion and was a big hit. We will continue to entertain requests for other appropriate displays. When hung in Legacy Hall, the plaque will be flanked by triangular folded American and Maryland flags in matching glass cases with certificates below each flag indicating the dates they flew over the U.S. Capitol and the Maryland State House, respectively. Many thanks to Alicia Watson of the office of Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller (60) for arranging for the Foundation to acquire the flags. We also will make an attempt to have a Boomerang page dedicated each year for some of the heroic combat accounts. We can always take additions and/or corrections to the list of Surrattsville’s Fallen Heroes. Many thanks to all who provided info, or just support of this effort. Please ponder the sacrifices these heroes made and remember those who lived who had their lives terribly changed forever by their loss. Also, please remember the horrible possibility that more may be added. Bob”

Please contact Bob at 904jeter@gmail.com if you have any questions about this extremely appropriate effort to honor these Hornets who made the ultimate sacrifice for the benefit of the rest of us.

[Ed note: A photo of the plaque, and photos of the Foundation’s Legacy Wall, can be found on the Foundation's web site at www.surrattsville.org. The photos don’t do either justice, however. And thanks to Mike Miller (60 – and the Foundation’s inaugural Achievement Award recipient!) and his colleagues for their assistance with the flag portion of this important display.]

16. 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).

17. 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 lorrainefrank1@gmail.com, or Cindy Shaffer Kluth on Facebook, if you are interested in the Class of 75 event.

18. CLASSES OF 83/84/85 REUNION. And we received this notice from the Classes of 83, 84 and 85: "Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 11, 2014 for our Classes of 83/84/85 Reunion. Please email Debbie O'Clair MacKenzie at Debbiemackenzie45@yahoo.com to be placed on the mailing list (if you have not already received the "save the date" email). If you have questions about the event, contact your Class representative:

1983—Becky delVillar Levin: bdellevin@gmail.com

1984—Gary Stallings: gstallings@yahoo.com

1985—MaryBeth Klick: mbklick@aol.com"

19. NEW PHOTOS CONTINUE TO BE ADDED TO FOUNDATION'S FACEBOOK GROUP. Thanks to the on-going work of Foundation Historian and Archivist Shelby Lee Oppermann (79) and a number of members of the Surrattsville community, the large collection of wonderful historical photos with Surrattsville themes on the Foundation's Facebook Group, "Surrattsville Alumni," continues to grow. (Naturally, the Foundation would love to have any Surrattsville- or Clinton-themed historical photos or videos you might wish to share.) The Group now has over 1830 members.

Here's hoping your Fall season is off to a great start!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

MANY THANKS TO THESE EARLY DONORS TO THE 2014 CAMPAIGN!

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