

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-5 OF MAY 1, 2015

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. FOUNDATION CO-SPONSORS ANNUAL PTSA PROJECT. Once again this year the Foundation is proud to be co-sponsoring the PTSA's "Treasure Chests" project for graduating seniors. This project randomly awards foot lockers chock full of useful "life tools" for graduating seniors to use as they embark on the next phase of their lives' journeys. The project is especially special because the Treasure Chests are awarded in memory of Surrattsville's fallen heroes. Here's a great message we received about this year's project from the very active PTSA at the School:

"The annual Fallen Hornet's Treasure Chests presentations will be held Wednesday May 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. We are inviting everyone to attend, and there will be a small reception after the presentation of the chests.

The SHS PTSA is looking for "Fallen Hornets" (alumni and teachers/administrators/support staff) to whom to dedicate the 2015 Chests. Please send all names with either their graduation year or position to the SHS PTSA via email at surrattsville.high.school.ptsa@gmail.com. We also encourage, but is not mandatory, that you submit a short bio and a photo of the honoree.

We are also hoping to include laptops with each Chest. For those that would like to sponsor a laptop, please click the link below and have the laptop(s) shipped to: Surrattsville High School PTSA, 6101 Garden Drive, Clinton, Maryland 20735. (Or have it shipped to the Clinton Wal-Mart with Candace Leach as the designated pick-up person.) All donations to the SHS PTSA are tax deductible, and you will receive a donation letter for the fair market value of the laptop once the fiscal year (June 30, 2015) concludes.

<http://www.walmart.com/ip/HP-11.6-Stream-Laptop-PC-with-Intel-Celeron-Processor-2GB-Memory-32GB-Hard-Drive-Windows-8.1-and-Microsoft-Office-365-Personal-1-yr-subscription/39073484>

Thank you for all of your assistance! Have a wonderful day ... on purpose! Candace Leach, PTSA President"

2. FOUNDATION CO-SPONSORS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK. This coming week, the Foundation is helping to sponsor various Teacher Appreciation Week activities at the School. The Foundation is proud to be part of this effort to honor the outstanding educators at Surrattsville!

3. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FEATURED IN POST ARTICLE. Some of our readers may have seen this interesting interview of Achievement Award recipient Patrick O’Connell (63) by Joe Heim in the April 3 Washington Post:

“The Chef and Owner of the Inn at Little Washington has a Big Pet Peeve. Patrick O’Connell, 69, is the chef and owner of the Inn at Little Washington, which he co-founded in 1978. He is also the author of the new book “The Inn at Little Washington: A Magnificent Obsession .”

Having dinner at the Inn is an extravagance. Are you an extravagant person? No, no, no, no. I’ve never said that word. It’s a matter of priorities. People need to think differently, I believe, about what a dining experience in a great restaurant affords them. It is — even if it doesn’t succeed in living up to all of their expectations — it is life changing. Just as visiting a foreign country or hearing a great piece of music or experiencing an amazing piece of art: If you open yourself to it you will be changed.

Do you get a lot of odd requests from diners? People these days come with their list of allergies — or imagined allergies. And you sometimes wish you could just call their doctor. [Laughs.] After doing some research on some of these you find that it is completely impossible to be allergic to certain things. My secret fantasy is to come up with what I’m calling the restorative menu. It will be lots of fresh air and spring water, beautifully served.

What do you think when a critic gives a less than effusive review? Well, you find something about it [that] offers you fuel. They are few and far between, but you always consider the source, the motivation, the politics and the fairness. Sometimes you feel more distraught when a regular guest might not like something.

What would you get if you walked into a 7-Eleven? On the road back home there are very few options, Wawa and 7-Eleven among them. So I would go in and make myself a hot chocolate, but I’d use half cappuccino, half hot chocolate. I’d add half-and-half, stir in a little nutmeg and cinnamon and have a decent drink. Then I’d go and get some Doritos and jalapeño dip. If you close your eyes, it would get you home.

That actually sounds pretty great. Are you a good customer when you’re dining out? I’m a sweetheart. I have been given dog food and I’ve eaten it greedily. If someone is doing the best they can and their intentions are pure, food can be wonderful. And food is a gift. The key, if you’re in the business, is finding a way to turn your critical faculty off.

And you don’t tell them you have any allergies? Never! Never, never, never.

[Ed. note: Here’s the link to the article and a nice photo:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/what-the-chef-of-the-inn-at-little-washington-would-buy-at-7-eleven/2015/03/27/1bcd7386-c6ac-11e4-aa1a-86135599fb0f_story.html]

4. CLASS OF 64 REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS. We received this great review of the Class of 64's recent 50th reunion from Class member Ginger Trapanotto: "This is such a late update that I'm almost embarrassed to send it now. However, I have to let everyone reading this e-Notice that please, please never pass up an opportunity to get together with people you graduated with. Even if you insist you really didn't know that many people in high school, just go and have fun - you will never regret it. Way back in September 2014, the class of 1964 had a most fantastic 50th class reunion, which was held in Ocean City at the Commander Hotel on the boardwalk. For three days beginning on Friday night, 9/26, more than 100 of us partied like we were still teenagers! The hotel could not have been more accommodating - we would definitely recommend other classes to hold their reunion there. The weather was picture perfect and everyone had so much fun. Because it was so great, we are already planning a 70th birthday party for everyone! I could go on and on about our reunion, but because of space I won't. If you have questions and want to talk with me, my e-mail is gingersnap699@gmail.com."

[Ed. note: Congratulations to the Class of 64 on that great event, and please keep those reviews of Class events coming!]

5. INTERESTING MUSICAL MUSINGS. We received this interesting bit of Surrattsville trivia from Bill Crawford (62), bcraw44@gmail.com: "Doo-Wop - A Definition of the Genre: I love Doo Wop music. The term has been diluted by its overuse and commercialization. For example, the PBS "Doo-Wop" specials conflate some serious genre tunes together with great non-Doo Wop sounds like those of the Four Tops and other Motown stars. Wonderful music but Motown succeeded Doo Wop--it was never part of the genre. One of the greatest experts on authentic Doo Wop lives today and always in my hometown, Clinton, Maryland. I refer of course to the quixotic Ralph "Champagne Arky" Whittington (63). Our love of true Doo Wop fostered his intense life-long curation of one of the best genre collections in existence. It is so expansive and downright great that the Library of Congress has accepted it for exposition. As you read the attached definition of Doo Wop just know that you can instantaneously pull up most of the songs given as examples on youtube. I often groove to these tunes on my iPad singing bad falsetto until I am hopelessly hoarse. One of my favorite Doo Wop classics is "My True Story" (1960) by The Jive Five. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glOMdK8gfbo&app=desktop>) Here's the definition of Doo Woop: http://www.shsu.edu/lis_fwh/book/roots_of_rock/Doo-Wop2.htm

[Ed. Note: One of Bill's photos, "Flying Laundry," provides the cover for the 2015 Pfeiffer University Literary Journal. That issue of the Journal also included his remembrance "My Last Day With Ollie Noonan: A Combat Photographers's Remembrance" that we included in a previous e-Notice. Crawford is a social worker, photographer, and writer who lived in Asheboro until recently. Bill is a 1966 graduate of Pfeiffer. His photo can be viewed here: <http://www.pfeiffer.edu/news-media>]

6. CLASS OF 75 STARTS 40TH REUNION PLANNING. We received this message from the Class of 75: “Our committee, aka Search Party of Eight and Growing, is scheduled to meet at Ledo’s Pizza in Dunkirk, MD on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. to plan for the October 17 and 18 reunion events. If you are interested in helping the planning committee, please email Debbie Long Kilby at dlongkilby@aol.com, and/or Lorraine Frank Kerr at lorrainefrank1@gmail.com. Based on the comments exchanged between the planning committee members the past few days, it sounds like our meeting at Ledo’s on April 23 is going to be very entertaining as well. We hope you can join us.”

7. 2015 SURRATTSVILLE GOLF OUTING BEING PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 14!

Thanks to the efforts of Lauren Foley Johnson (74) and Alan Johnson (72), another golf outing to benefit the Foundation is being planned for September 14. Here’s the official announcement: “Save the Date! Monday, September 14, 2015, Twin Shields Golf Course, Annual Surrattsville Golf Outing to benefit the Surrattsville Foundation! All Classes invited! We are looking for volunteers for our Planning Committee. Please contact Alan Johnson ajohnson@dchweb.org or Lauren Foley Johnson lmfriley@comcast.net if you are interested. More details to be shared as they become available. Thank you for your support of the Surrattsville Foundation!”
[Ed note: Previous golf outings were great successes, and outstanding fund raisers for the Foundation. Many thanks to Lauren and Alan for once again donating their superb organizing talents to this great event!]

8. CLASS OF 65 PLANS 50TH! We received this exciting notice from Judy Gordon (65): “The great Class of 65 will celebrate their 50th Reunion on October 9-10, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Old Town Alexandria. Contact Judy Gordon (judygordons65@gmail.com) to add your name to the email list and receive regular updates.”

9. IF YOU USE AMAZON, PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE. Many of our readers have checked-in to report that they are now using the Amazon Smile program (smile.amazon.com) for their Amazon purchases, designating the Foundation to receive a portion of the sales price of every qualifying purchase made at smile.amazon.com. And, as a result, the Foundation just received its first donation from Amazon Smile!

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 a totally 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.

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10. ... 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.

11. DON'T FORGET THE FOUNDATION'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL. The Foundation's great and previously mentioned youtube channel contains a number of interesting programs, including a program on last 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!

12. CLASS OF 95 PLANS REUNION. The Class of 95 will be celebrating its 20 year 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).

13. RECENT YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL. The School has an inventory of yearbooks that it is selling at a deep discount. They are from 1984, 1987, 1989, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Please contact Azalia Stephens at the School at azalea.stephens@pgcps.org if you would like more information.

14. CLASS OF 70 "\$45 FOR OUR 45TH" PROJECT. We received this email from Class of 70 ORC Leslie St. Clair: "Hello again Class of 70. We have just a few more days to make a donation to the fund raiser in memory of our 45 years since graduation to fund a scholarship to a graduating senior this year. You can make a donation via the foundation website, or using the donation form below. Please consider any amount -- it will be put to great use! Thank you, Leslie"

Here's hoping you are all experiencing the full flower of Spring!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

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