

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-11 OF NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. FOUNDATION CONTINUES FIRST-EVER “CLASS CHALLENGE” ANNUAL CAMPAIGN.

As previously reported, thanks to a suggestion from one of our readers, the Foundation’s 2015 Annual Campaign features for the first time a “Class Challenge.” If you support the mission of the Foundation – or simply enjoy these monthly e-Notices – why not consider contributing to this year’s Annual Campaign. Of course, no contribution is too small (or large) to help make a real positive difference in the lives of the great kids at Surratts. Many thanks to the generous donors to the 2015 Campaign listed below!

2. CLASS OF 97 PLANNING 20TH REUNION. We received this email from Jim Wilkinson (97) about the Class’ upcoming reunion plans: “As part of our planning for the upcoming 20 year reunion, we are looking to update our contacts information. Please email me at jwilktnl@gmail.com if you have any information on Class of 97 members. Thank you!”

3. VERY EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL’S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM.

We received this very exciting update from Valerie Dent, instrumental music director at the School: “It has been a very busy school year so far. The Surrattsville High School Music Department renovation is finally complete! The new Band Room and renovated Chorus Room are updated, state-of-the-art and beautiful! The old Band Room was 31' x 37', and the new Band Room is 37' x 61'. We have smartboards in both rooms and new equipment and instruments are coming every day. The renovation included new equipment and instruments but not new uniforms, so we are raising money for new uniforms and welcome any donations.

October 10, 2015 was Senior Day and Class of 1965 building visitation day! It was truly great meeting students from the Class of 1965. They toured the building, talked to band students and were all truly amazed at the new Band Room and how clean the school was! The Marching Band was having a dress rehearsal in front of the school before the football game. The members from the Class of 1965 were excited to see so many kids out on a Saturday!

The Music Department also is proud to announce the beginning of the New Piscataway Philharmonic! Surrattsville will be the rehearsal and performance site. These professional musicians will be coming from various states to participate in this great music venture! The first concert is scheduled for January 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. Please spread the word and come out to support the Surrattsville Instrumental Music Department. Professional musicians will be coming to Maryland the week of the concert to present master classes and give free lessons to the instrumental music students at Surrattsville.”

4. REUNION PLANS FOR CLASSES OF 61, 62 AND 63. We received this update on the upcoming 61/62/63 Reunion: “The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn in Solomon's, MD. The dates are August 26 - 28, 2016. The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes a buffet dinner, music and entertainment, and a cash bar. If you are planning on attending, please contact your class contact person with your contact information, address, phone number and e-mail address, ASAP. Information letters will be mailed out in the near future.

Class of 61 - Richard & Darleen (Mabry) Andresen, NYPD1158@gmail.com

Class of 62 - Jerry Spence, jnsspence@comcast.net

Len Owens, lowens@nc.rr.com

Class of 63 - Jeanette McKenna, twojmac@comcast.net

Karen Byroads, towerhill00@hotmail.com

Your reunion committee is working very hard to make sure that this reunion will be an unforgettable event.”

5. FOUNDATION ARCHIVES ACQUIRES PRICELESS TREASURES. Duke Coleman (53) recently donated to the Foundation's Archives a number of copies of an early SHS student newspaper, the “Green Light.” Those editions provide a fascinating glimpse into student life at Surrattsville during the 52-53 academic year, 63 years ago!

[Ed note: Some of our readers may remember that Duke is the artist who created the very large “HORNETS” sign on the wall of the gymnasium that is visible in various shots in Boomerangs from that era.]

Here are some excerpts from the September 26, 1952 back-to-school edition of Green Light:

“Faculty Tea Sponsored the 18th. On Thursday afternoon at the close of school, the senior home economics girls happily sponsored a Tea for the faculty. The elaborate refreshments included canapes, thumb pies, and grape punch. The colored meringue on the pies provided quite a conversation-starter, and the teachers enjoyed the ‘pause that refreshes’ – being most grateful to Mrs. Merritt and her senior girls, including Pat Moffet, Helen Robinson, Margaret Canter, Roberta Padgett, Shirley Taylor, and Charlotte Friel.”

[Ed notes: Roberta was honored with a Foundation Achievement Award in 2003. See: <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2003.shtml>. And when was the last time you had canapes in school?!]

“Locker Room Lowdown. What has happened to the cheerleaders this year???? (huh girls) It's not too early to start. Think the Hornets will be buzzing this year? Ask John Yerkie what he thinks. We hear several of the Jrs. skipped practice to go bowling on Tuesday. Sonny Simpkins

is suffering from a gashed eye obtained in his gym class. He had to have a couple of stitches to take care of it, but he came to practice anyway. Lawyer Wise's head did the damage. The line the Hornets feature this year will have to be in great condition for they lack ample reserves. Leror Thomas and Billy Eckard are now working with the club and promise to bolster the strength of the line. Lowell Hinchcliffe doesn't want any part of the goal tending job! (Why not, Lowell?) Well, in two weeks the Hornets encounter their first foe of the season in a preseason game with LaPlata. Last year the LaPlata crew decisively drubbed the Surrattsville booters in the later part of the season."

[Ed note: I imagine many of our readers remember Mr. Hinchcliffe from his subsequent counseling career at SJHS.]

"Class Editors: Senior-Georgene Gonzales, Junior-Helen Bovbjerg, Sophomore-Marian Dermott, Junior High-Margaret Dennison, Catherine Moody"

[Ed. note: Helen was honored with a Foundation Achievement Award in 2009. See: <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2009.shtml>]

6. YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM FOUNDATION. The Foundation has yearbooks available for \$10 (including shipping) from these years: 1991, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2006. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like one.

7. FALLEN HEROES PLAQUE AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS. Here's an update from Bob Jeter (64) on the Foundation's Fallen Heroes Plaque that hangs in the Foundation's Legacy Hall at the School alongside the American and Maryland flags that flew over the U.S. and Maryland Capitols in its honor. "The Fallen Heroes Plaque is available for display at class reunions or any other worthy functions. Feel free to contact me, Bob Jeter, 904jeter@gmail.com or 410-315-9403, preferably well in advance of the date so transfer arrangements can be made. Bob"

8. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT TO PERFORM IN COLLEGE PARK IN 12 DAYS. As we previously reported, Achievement Award recipient Gordon Hawkins (76) -- <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2002.shtml> -- will be performing at the University of Maryland's Clarice Center on November 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://theclarice.umd.edu/events/2015/gordon-hawkins>. It's always a rare treat to have an opportunity to hear this world-renowned and globe-trotting Hornet in the D.C. area. Here's the text of the University's announcement of Gordon's upcoming performance:

"A proud graduate of the University of Maryland School of Music, Gordon Hawkins began his career in the bel canto roles of Italian opera. His luxuriant baritone is equally at home on the concert stage as in the opera house, in repertoire from Wagner to Gershwin to Beethoven. Acclaimed by audiences and critics alike for his roles at the Metropolitan Opera, Houston Grand Opera and Seattle Opera, Hawkins' homecoming recital is sure to inspire. See more at: <https://theclarice.umd.edu/events/2015/gordon-hawkins#sthash.X0gcrFnQ.dpuf>"

Best wishes to Gordon for this performance at his alma mater!

9. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK-OUT THE FOUNDATION'S VARIOUS YOUTUBE VIDEO PROGRAMS. Thanks to the tireless efforts and creative talents of the Foundation's youtube master, Foundation Board member Sandra Smith Simmons (70), the Foundation's youtube channel now features many programs of interest, such as programs featuring the Foundation's Fallen Heroes Plaque that was conceived and executed by Bob Jeter (64), the 2015 Achievement Award recipients, and the 2015 Scholarship recipients. The programs can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SurrattsvilleFDN>

10. CLASS OF 61 PLANS 55 YEAR REUNION. We received this item from the Class of 61: "The SHS Class of 1961 is in the beginning stages of planning for its 55th Class Reunion next year (2016). We have been asked by class members of the Classes of 62 and 63 if they might also be able to participate. We are in agreement, and feel the more the merrier. All interested people should email their contact information to Richard and Darleen Andresen, NYPD1158@gmail.com, so the planning committee can get an approximate count for attendance. The location, and dates, will follow."

11. CLASS OF 71 PLANS 45-YEAR REUNION. Here's the final info on the Class of 71's upcoming reunion from reunion planner Darlene Monaco: "Surrattsville Class of 1971 Reunion – May 14, 2016! We are excited to announce that our 45th Class Reunion will be held at Peaky's Rooftop! Enjoy the panoramic view from Peaky's Rooftop located on the penthouse 8th floor of the Fenwick Inn Hotel, an Ocean City landmark. The address is: 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842, and the phone is 410-250-7663. Tickets are \$70 per person which includes buffet dinner and cash bar. DJ Dar will be spinning tunes so bring your dancing shoes! The festivities begin at 7:00 pm. Dress is casual. If you'd like to stay at The Fenwick Inn Hotel, they are reserving a block of rooms for us at \$89 per night. It is located a block from the ocean on 138th Street. 410-250-1100. Please make a check out to Darlene Monaco and send to 125 Longfellow Drive, Millersville, MD 21108. Include an email or phone number, and your name at graduation. We need a minimum of 50 people to hold the room so PLEASE reserve NOW!"

12. CLASS OF 75 REUNION DETAILS. We received this update on the Class of 75's reunion plans: "The Class of 1975 has scheduled the following reunion events:

October 16th - Meet & Greet

Comfort Inn. Bowie, MD. 7:00-11:00pm

October 17th - Reunion Night

Ticket Price. \$50.00 per person

Pay by PayPal @ 40thshs@gmail.com

By September 7, 2015

Moose Lodge, Upper Marlboro, MD. 7:00-11:00pm

October 18th - Abner's Crabhouse
Chesapeake Beach, MD
12:00 noon-til

Hotel Rooms: We have reserved rooms at the Comfort Inn Bowie, MD. We have blocked for special rate of \$126.00 per night which includes free breakfast. Must call to book rooms by 9/15, and use contract #2163731 when reserving your room. Please contact Debbie Long Kilby at dlongkilby@aol.com or Les Gooding at lbkvik@aol.com for more information.

13. IF YOU USE AMAZON, PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE. The Foundation just received another quarterly charitable contribution check from Amazon Smile. Here's the link to do your on-line shopping through Amazon Smile to help create these regular contributions to the Foundation. (Shopping on Amazon Smile is identical in all respects to shopping on regular Amazon.)

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2224546>

14. ... 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.

15. FOUNDATION AND CLASS "GROUPS" ON FACEBOOK REALLY TAKE OFF. The Foundation's very active Facebook Group, called simply "Surrattsville Alumni" is a constant source of photos, memories and inquiries about the greater Surrattsville community. The Group is currently approaching 2000 members, and grows every day. Similarly, the Class-specific Facebook Groups, like "Surrattsville 1971" and "Surrattsville 1973" are loaded with great Class-specific photos, memories and announcements, and have memberships in the hundreds. Please consider joining the Surrattsville Alumni Group, and your Class-specific Group, to be part of these fun conversations.

Best wishes for a great start to your holiday season!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

In Memoriam

FRANCIS NASH “SKIP” WARD died on October 16 at age 83. Skip was a stalwart member of the Clinton VFD for 53 years, serving as its Treasurer for four decades. On October 28, Skip’s casket was carried to Cheltenham Veteran’s Cemetery in the bed of a Clinton VFD pumper truck, with dozens of pieces of fire equipment participating in the procession. He is survived by, among others his son Jimmy (78) and daughter Connie (81). Additional information about Skip’s life of service can be found at:

http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com/service-detail-page/?ServiceToolId=1345#.ViWR_LmjE0k.facebook

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Cecelia Smith (76-81)

Anne Noyes

1953

Duke Coleman, In Memory of Donald England (53)

1954

Helen Bvobjerg Niedung (54), In Memory of James Lloyd Gates (54)

1957

Vicky Simontacchi Young, In Memory of John Baxter McCall (57) and Dan Wyant (57)

Larry Romjue, In Memory of Lois Osgood (57), “Red Roses for a Blue Lady,” Pat Boone and Dean Martin

1959

Paul Monaghan

1965

Vicki Forsht Williams (and former faculty)

Ray Blosser

Judy Gordon, In Celebration of the Class of 65 50th Reunion

Dave Weber

Chris and Merry Chovan Romine, In Celebration of the Class of 65 50th Reunion

Philip Holmes, In Appreciation to Judy Gordon and her team for the Class’ 50th Reunion

Nancy Oursler Maynard, In Celebration of the Class of 65 50th Reunion
Susan Curtis Sturgill, In Celebration of the Class of 65 50th Reunion

1966

Linda Dorsey Blum, In Memory of my nephews, Ron Ely and Jeff Kaplan

1967

Nancy Miller

1968

Lee Hessberg

1969

J. Paul Rickett
Melissa Gilcrest

1970

Donna Rae Sturtevant Smith
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Sandy Long Martin, In Memory of Brad McNew (72)
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1971

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Mike Blair
Jacqueline Kaiser
Pat McMenamin

1972

Debbie Cox Marr
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1973

Dave DeCenzo

1974

Patricia Williams Makielski, In Memory of Her Sister, Kathy Williams Sheppard (76)

1981

Richard Grace

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