

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-12 OF DECEMBER 1, 2015

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. FINAL MONTH OF 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. CLASS OF 66 PLANNING 50TH REUNION. The Class of 1966 is holding their 50th reunion in Ocean City at the Clarion Fountainebleau Hotel the weekend of Oct 7-9, 2016. If you are interested in attending please contact Norman Myers at 301-862-1979 normjr@md.metrocast.net or Signe Bush Thrift at 301-218-4210 sannthrift@yahoo.com. The class also has a new website at <http://www.classcreator.com/Clinton-Maryland-Surrattsville-1966/>. All classmates are encourage to join the class website to get the latest information about our upcoming reunion. We plan to finalize our 50th reunion plans in early 2016 and send out letters to all classmates who we have contact information for. If you have not joined the class website and your name is listed in the ‘Missing Classmates’ section please join or contact Norman Myers or Signe Bush Thrift. Also if you see a name on this list and know the status of a classmate please let us know. **DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT WITH YOUR CLASSMATES.**

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. BK MILLER FEATURED IN BANK NEWSLETTER. Former faculty member John Riedesel passed along a page from his bank’s newsletter featuring a historic photo of a BK Miller delivery truck and the following very interesting text:

“BK Miller was started in 1913 as a general store in Clinton, MD by Blossie Keuberth Miller. Through hard work and determination, he saved money to open a general store to serve his community, which had come upon hard times. IN the early 1940s, BK Miller became a developer in Clinton, building the town church, doctor’s office, post office and super market. His business also expanded to wholesaling products to other markets in the area – the products ranged from farm and building supplies to groceries. Eventually, with the rise of chain grocery stores, BK Miller’s changed from a super market to a super liquor store. In response to their customer’s demand for fine meat and poultry, they continued to sell those products in addition to beverages.

BK Miller Meats & Liquors, Inc. is a thriving family owned business that has become a landmark in Clinton. While being highly successful, they still maintain that local General Store feel that has kept them in business for over 100 years. Customers can find everything they need right in the store just as their families had generations before. While changing times may have forced the businesses to operate independently, the Millers continue to be a very close knit family. This family bond is exactly why BK Miller Company, Inc. and BK Miller Meats & Liquors, Inc. will continue to thrive for another 100 years.”

6. MORE MEMORIES FROM THE VIET NAM ERA. Here’s another interest memory from our “Vietnam correspondent,” Bill Crawford (66):

“My Rendezvous with Jane Fonda Didn’t Work Out. Jane Fonda arrived at the barricaded gate of Fort Hood, Texas with a small cadre of long haired ex-GIs fresh from a breakfast rally at the Oleo Strut. Barbarella was just beginning to make her mark as a Vietnam War protester in May of 1970. I abandoned my cluttered desk at the Armored Sentinel to check out the scene. I was a skinny, bespectacled nerd who was coming off an infantry tour in the Nam. The vagaries of the Jungle War had transformed me from a grunt into a combat photojournalist. I was anxiously awaiting discharge in June while writing for the base newspaper.

Fonda had not yet become “Hanoi Jane.” This would come later as a result of her viral photo sitting at the controls of a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft gun in Hanoi. Today, she was leading soldiers that she met at the Oleo Strut, a local coffee house which was an unlikely bastion for the

anti-war movement in the staunchly conservative CenTex. The Strut featured a shadow menu of mind altering substances, and activists printed a counter culture newspaper there. Future film maker, David Zeiger, was a teenage employee. Much later, he chronicled the GI anti-war movement in the decorated documentary film, "Sir, No Sir."

Military Police were everywhere at the gate. A few soldiers like me arrived from work dressed in fatigues. As the protesters were turned away at the barricade, things turned serious inside the wire. MP's began wrestling with GI's. Handcuffs were applied, and some of us were whisked away in trucks to MP Headquarters. We were interrogated in turn, and then we were dispatched to face our individual commanding officers. The full bird colonel in charge of the Armored Sentinel was perplexed to see me. He quickly focused on the Combat Infantry Badge sewed on my fatigue shirt. "Disgraceful," he barked. "Why is a combat veteran like you consorting with those anti-war communists?"

My time in the Green Machine was running short. I wondered if the stockade loomed in my immediate future. Time spent there would not count toward discharge. My escape from the Army might be pushed way down the road. I had to pull something out of my butt right now! "Sir," I intoned in my best military voice. "If you had a body like Jane Fonda, I would go to the gate to see you!" The silence was both deafening and pregnant. "Crawford," the stern colonel finally snapped as he shifted to look out a nearby window. "When I turn back around, don't be here!" I bolted for the door like a scalded dog, and Jane Fonda soon headed to Hanoi to consort with the enemy. Today, her acting continues to be productive even as she is still vilified on various military websites.

And what of the Oleo Strut where Fonda flirted with the fledgling Texas anti-war movement? The smoky coffee house is etched in history as a seminal hotbed of activism for the committed ex-GIs who first brought the sordid events of the Nam home to the American public. This history is not acknowledged on any current military websites.

[Bill is still a writer and photographer. He lives in Winston Salem, NC. He can be reached at bcraw44@gmail.com. He recently began writing about the war after a 45 year silence. His work includes both fiction and memoirs. Readers may request his other works.]

7. FOUNDATION ARCHIVES ACQUIRES PRICELESS TREASURES. As we noted in our last issue, 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!

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

“Year’s First ‘Sing’ Today: Today’s Assembly will feature those who have represented our school on T.V. programs, as well as providing the school the opportunity of singing some of their old favorites, and some popular tunes.”

“Assembly Pleases!!! Sixth graders, under the able direction of Mrs. Turner, were guest performers on Constitution Day. A beautiful facsimile of the Library of Congress Constitutional Shrine had been made by the sixth grade, and proved an impressive background for the assembly program. The program proper opened with “The Star Spangled Banner” – three verses led by Helen Bovbjerg. The sixth grade then gave a skit on “The Constitution Lives” – presented against the shrine background. The Voice of the Constitution was Betty Kenyon. The sixth grade Chorus concluded their part of the program with “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” – assisted by the H.S. Music Class. Little known facts about the Constitution were then presented by the members of the Problems of Democracy class, under the direction of Mr. Mulkey. Mr. Pryde then briefly addressed the group, reminding us that Constitution Day is Citizenship Day. The singing of “Maryland, My Maryland” closed the program.”

“Your school paper costs one cent per page! Support it!”

[Ed. notes: We’re wondering if any of our readers remember participating in, or witnessing, that Constitution Day event?]

8. 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.

9. 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”

10. 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>

11. 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.”

12. 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!”

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 winter season!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

IN MEMORIAM

BOB RYON (60), passed away on the morning of 11/27 of a stroke. He had a 30 year distinguished Air Force career, and his last years were spent working with the VFW and vets needing help.

MANY THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS TO THE 2015 CAMPAIGN!

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1953

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1954

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1957

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

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1959

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1965

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Judy Gordon, In Gratitude for the Enduring Friendships Created at Surrattsville

1966

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

1967

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1968

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1969

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1970

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1971

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1972

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1973

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1974

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