

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2016-10 OF OCTOBER 1, 2016

Hello Hornets! Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. FOUNDATION PRESENTS AT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, FACULTY MEETING AND PTSA MEETING. Thanks to a generous invitation from new Principal Katrina Lamont, the Foundation had an opportunity to provide an overview of its mission and its work to date at the School's very well-attended 2016 Back to School Night, its first September faculty meeting, and the first PTSA meeting of the year. The Foundation representatives received very warm receptions at each event, and the work of the Foundation stirred great interest and expressions of support.

Here are some fun facts about Surrattsville 2016-2017 that we learned during those visits:

Total students in the four grades and the Special Education and Autism Programs: 762; 321 girls and 441 boys

[Ed. notes: For those of you who missed the Vietnam War build-up in Clinton, unless I'm mistaken there were almost that many students in the Class of 65 alone, in considerably less square footage! And how about that probability-defying gender breakdown.]

Students in Each Grade: 9-219, 10-201, 11-153, 12-157

Number of Colleges Presenting at Surrattsville's Upcoming Onsite College Fair: 60!

AP Courses Offered: American Government and Politics, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Human Geography, Psychology, World History

Four 2016 graduates from the SHS Autism Program received a Certificate of Merit for graduating in the top 5% of their Class. Way to go, young scholars!

Sports: golf, volleyball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, baseball, wrestling, basketball, softball, football, cheerleading. (Last year's football team won the regional championship and went to the State semi-finals.)

Clubs: SGA, mock trial, TV production, NHS, Future Educators of America, yearbook, drama, marching band, auxiliary band, Environmental Club, Future Business Leaders of America

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2. LOUIS GOLDSTEIN ARTICLE GENERATES READER INTEREST. The article in the last e-Notice about Louis Goldstein prompted memories in a number of our readers. Here's one we received from Duke Coleman (53): "I just looked up Louis Goldstein. Your estimate of the length of his tenure (a century) is not far off. The list of his other activities is even more impressive including the U.S. Marine Corp during WW2. The only time I ever ran into him in person was about 1955 or 1956 in Bethesda. He was in the parking lot of my workplace at quitting time and buttonholing everyone to bestow upon them a pencil with his ever present "blessing" imprinted on it. Duke"

3. REPORT ON RECENT 61/62/63 REUNION. We received this after-action report on what was certainly one of the great Surrattsville reunions of all time, the recent Classes of 61/62/63 Reunion held in Solomon's Island: "Here's a report on our reunion: Friday we held registrations, and food and beverage were provided in our hospitality room well into the evening. Saturday we held registrations, and also enjoyed the hospitality room until 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening we held our banquet until 11:00 p.m. After the dinner was finished, we provided music for dancing and entertainment, and also a photo booth for everyone's enjoyment. We honored the athletes from our Classes. 1958 was the first year Surrattsville played football. During our time at Surrattsville, the basketball teams were Prince George's PG County Champs in 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961 (with a JV County Championship in 1958) and had one League and three State Championships in 1959, 1960 and 1962. We also honored our absolutely fantastic Cheerleaders by placing a megaphone at every seating, at the banquet. After the banquet we gathered again in the hospitality room, well into the night. Sunday we had a gathering at the hotel pool, where we provided food and beverage to those who attended. We're looking for the legendary films that were made of the 58 football team if anyone has any ideas. Don Byroads' 59 Ford Victoria was there, too!"

Congratulations to the volunteers who made this gathering so special for these three great Surrattsville Classes!

4. SEEKING 71 BOOMERANG. Patricia Liscoe Nance is seeking a 71 Boomerang. Please contact her at clubnance@bellsouth.net if you have any leads that might be helpful.

5. COPIES OF 1929 AND 1944 YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. And speaking of yearbooks, thanks to the efforts of Foundation Archivist Shelby Lee Oppermann, the 1929 and 1944 Surrattsville yearbook is available for viewing at the link below. The Foundation would love to have old yearbooks, or even photocopies or scans of them, for its Archives.

1929:

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1944:

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6. FOUNDATION ARCHIVES SEEKING PERMANENT PHYSICAL HOME. And speaking of the Foundation's Archives, we're seeking a permanent home for these precious objects. Anywhere in the Clinton/Southern MD area would be fine, and a room or building that starts at 8 x 10 and goes to infinity would be very nice. If you have a lead on a space that might be available to preserve this very important history, please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com.

7. REQUEST FOR INFO ON CLASS GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL. We're compiling a list of Class gifts to the School for the Archives, however significant or small. Perhaps the grandest of all Class gifts to the School came from the Class of 2006 under the leadership of their officers and sponsor, Rhonda Erwin. That Class not only replaced the stage curtains but also replaced the goal posts on the athletic field, and still had money left over! If you recall any Class gifts, please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com.

8. TWO HORNET AUTHORS SHARE THEIR VIETNAM WAR MEMORIES. I recently had the pleasure to read two absolutely fascinating books about Vietnam War experiences by Surrattsville authors. The first, written by Gerald A. Spence (62), is "The War: 361 Days, 12 Hours and 27 Minutes in Vietnam." Jerry's riveting account of his time in Vietnam actually starts with references to tenth grade, runs through his induction and training at Ft. Bragg, provides a detailed and fascinating account of his time as an infantry soldier in Vietnam, and ends with a summary of his back-in-the-world service in the U.S. Army. What I found striking about Jerry's beautifully written book was its total lack of interest in sensationalizing what was indeed a sensational experience, in favor of simply telling it like it was.

The second was written by William C. Crawford (64), "Just Like Sunday on the Farm: Crawdaddy Remembers the Nam and After." Bill's book is a wide-ranging collection of essays, stories and photos (taken by Bill, who was an Army combat photographer), with an emphasis on Bill's Vietnam War experiences and insights but also including post-Vietnam periods and Bill's work as a professional photographer employing the "forensic foraging" technique. Unlike Jerry's straight-ahead retelling of his experiences and impressions, Bill's book contains pointed and provocative commentary, using a no-holds-barred approach and writing style.

These books are available on Amazon, and provide a fascinatingly broad view of two Hornets' experiences in and reactions to the War in Vietnam. Congratulations to Jerry and Bill on the publication of their books!

9. SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON FOUNDATION BOARD. We've had a great response to our request for new volunteers to serve on the Board of the Foundation. Board participation can be as vigorous or as limited as is desired by the individual Board member. Some Board members simply attend our telephonic Board meetings to share their insights, while others take the lead on various Foundation initiatives, represent the Foundation at School functions, and the like.

We could particularly use Board members in the D.C. area who might be available from time to time to visit the School on Foundation business. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would consider joining this very noble volunteer effort.

10. 2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS. The Foundation's 2016 Annual Campaign is in progress. As always, no donation is too small (or too large) to assist with the mission of the Foundation, and donations are treated as charitable contributions because of the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status. Because the Foundation has no overhead, every dollar contributed advances the work of the Foundation. Contributions can be made online at surrattsville.org or by mail using the form at the end of this e-Notice. And many thanks to the very generous early donors to the 2016 Campaign who are listed below!

11. SEEKING SPECIFIC BOOMERANGS FOR THE FOUNDATION ARCHIVES. As we previously reported, thanks to the generosity of Duke Coleman (53), Ann Noyes (former faculty), and Vicki Forsht Williams (65 and former faculty), the Foundation's Boomerang collection in its Archives recently has taken a great leap forward. However, the Archives is missing:

- All yearbooks before 1950
- 1957
- 1958
- 1983-1989
- 1995
- 1998
- 2000
- 2001
- 2004
- 2005
- 2007-present

If anyone has extra copies of any of these missing links, we would love to have them.

(And the Foundation has surplus Boomerangs available for \$10 (including shipping) from these years: 1991, 1999, 2002, 2003, and 2006. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like one.)

12. MORE SURRATTSVILLE MEMORIES FROM DAYS GONE BY. The following is the latest installment of Wayne Tatum (74)'s always evocative memories of his time at Surrattsville Junior High in the 1960s. (We're running Wayne's reminiscences as a serial that started in the July 1, 2016 e-Notice, and we're sure Wayne's stories will stimulate lots of memories of times likely long gone-by among our readers. Wayne can be reached at wayne.tatum.ctr@usmc.mil.)

“Escaping the Oklahoma Trip to Grandma’s House: My brother Walt had a great new car – 1969 Chevrolet Impala built to be a Super Sport. Black exterior, white interior, automatic, convertible, thin striped white-walled tires. Suddenly Mom needed a western road trip in that cool cruiser, and I was designated to go with her and my little sister. I didn’t know why and felt weird about it but after much debate and standing my 13 year old ground, got to stay home with Dad and Walt. Brother Bill was never around, nicknamed “The Ghost” by the family.

A true_story: My father only called me by my first name but once. I was named by Mom for two obscure uncles of hers, first or middle never used in the known history of Dad’s side of the family. So by him I was nicknamed in all forms for “MacDuff” of Shakespeare fame. With his Tennessee accent it sounded even worse. The “once” was when he had a few too many on a summer’s eve, and I needed a parent’s signature for a field trip. My father’s occasional “wet” condition sometimes caused him to sound and act like John Wayne, and it seemed to him that I was supposed to be on my way to Oklahoma. Handing him the letter, he stared me and it down for a long while then scrawled, “I give WAYNE ALLEN TATUM permission to attend your trip”. I read it in horror, asked him to please erase the middle name, he then looked me in the eyes and replied slowly while squinting his own eyes and with a slightly malevolent sneer, “WAYNE – ALLEN – TATUM. That’s yer name, ain’t it?”

He wasn’t always that way. Some days a great guy, I remember watching him save a child who was in a car that was rolling downhill – he jumped out of our vehicle in mid-conversation, and leaped into the rolling car and pulled the emergency brake. Highly intelligent fellow with great stories that he only told his friends and acquaintances that I managed to overhear, sometimes depressed, but that was the last time he ever used the actual name. Thank God. And to think we used to watch Billy Graham together years before. Ah, well. But that evening was a onetime glitch in an otherwise wonderful world of hidden treasures. Most days the pendulum swung the other direction and stuck there, like having access to neighbor Billy’s pool, and learning how to perform a backward flip off of the deck, or joining in the rip-roaring hours at the pool of “Matt McGrew” (not his real name), just down the street.”

[to be continued ...]

(And as a sound track for the above, Wayne suggests:

http://www.amandfmmorningside.com/wpgc_airchecks_table.html#1969)”

13. MORE PRICELESS TREASURES FROM “GREEN LIGHT.” As we previously noted, last year Duke Coleman (53) 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, 64 years ago!

Here’s an interesting excerpt from the “Sports Page” of the January 15, 1953 edition of Green Light:

“From The Bench. There was no question about it. The Hornets had it all the way. Oxon Hill was out-played, out-jumped, out-run, and out-fought! The final was 68 to 60, Hornets. Although Oxon Hill got close enough to cause excitement, the Hornets were in command from the opening whistle. There are the facts but from the bench you can see a lot more. The wall is pretty close to the basket down there and just before the game John Yerkie banged his knee against that wall. John, our captain, was limping but he played the entire game. He wouldn’t tell anyone that his leg hurt. The day after the game he went to the doctor. His leg was badly swollen from a broken blood vessel. Nothing too serious but still painful. John wanted that game, really wanted it and got it. Jim Gates suffered a bloody nose but still played most of the game. A fellow by the name of Lowell Hinchliffe dumped in 27 points. The big man really played a game. Sonny Hall hit for 19 points. Every player that set his foot out on the court played his heart out. And there’s Coach Bryan, a man who’s worked incessantly with his team, our team. It was a great game.”

14. CLASS OF 66 REUNION PLANS AND WEBSITE UPDATE. Here’s the latest update on Reunion planning from the Class of 66: “The Class of 1966 is holding their 50th reunion in Ocean City at the Clarion Fontainebleau Resort Hotel the weekend of October 7-9, 2016. The cost of the reunion weekend will be \$80 per person. Deadline for purchasing your tickets is September 1, 2016. If you are interested, 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 should join the class website to get the latest information about our upcoming reunion. Letters were sent out in January 2016 to all our classmates who have provided us with their current address/email information. If you have not joined the class website and your name is listed in the “Missing Classmates” section, please join. If you are having any problems joining the website, please contact Norman Myers. 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!”

15. CLASS OF 64 REUNION UPDATE. We received this latest update from the Class of 64 on its reunion planning: “Class of 1964 Update on 70th Birthday Celebration on 10/8-9/2016: Please, if you have been ‘sitting on the fence’ trying to decide whether to join 46 of your former classmates, GET OFF and call one of us! Plans are to “rock” Ocean Isle Beach (OIB), NC! Because we had so much fun at our 50th reunion, we know we will have a blast during this weekend. Don’t hesitate to either e-mail or call: Barbara McCall, mandbmc@md.metrocast.net, Roy Revis, royrevis@aol.com, John Sevier, jcsev@hotmail.com (919-880-5560), or Ginger Trapanotto, gingersnap699@gmail.com (301-318-6544). If you want to invite guests from other years at Surrattsville, please do. There’s lots to do in the area: golf, fishing, museums, two beaches (under five minutes from Roy’s house) and Myrtle Beach is 45 minutes away. We have planned a Saturday (10/8 @ 6:30 pm) bar-b-que buffet at Loaders Island Grill in OIB. Sunday (10/9 @ 11:30 am) a picnic at Roy and Sharon Revis’ house. Birthday cake, hot dogs, hamburgers, and condiments will be provided. Picnic is BYOB (no liquor stores open on Sunday, but grocery stores sell beer and wine after 12 pm) and a small covered dish to share. We will call everyone towards the end of September and plan menu. There is an ABC liquor store (not open on Sundays) and grocery store close to Roy’s house. If you are driving and have room, bring an outdoor chair! Many hotels in the area and they are all at off-season rates. Check with one of the above people for particular information and any questions.”

16. 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!”

17. 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” (Bob also is looking for a volunteer to collect the plaque from its current location in Clinton and drop it off to him in Annapolis. Please let Bob know if you might be traveling in that direction any time soon.)

18. 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>

19. 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>

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

Henry Smith (71)

In Memoriam

JOE POLLIO (68) died on September 23, 2016. Here's a short bio provided by Joe's brother John (73): Joe was born in 1950 and for his first ten years grew up in Hyattsville MD, before the family moved to Clinton in 1960. Joe was all Surrattsville! He attended Surrattsville Elementary, Surrattsville Junior High, and Surrattsville Senior High, graduating class of 1968. Joe was a very good student and he excelled in sports – football and track and field -- and was an officer in the Lettermen's Club. He was well liked at Surrattsville and was elected Vice President of the Senior Class and voted by his peers as "Most Popular" in the Class of 1968. He loved to entertain guests and always greeted folks with a big welcoming smile.

After Surrattsville, Joe married Mary and enlisted in the US Navy and served as a Quartermaster for six years. His last year in the Navy, he navigated the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy throughout the Mediterranean Sea. After the Navy, Joe and Mary moved to Indialantic Beach, FL where he remained for rest of his life. He graduated from the University of Central Florida, with a degree in Business Accounting (he was a financial guru), then worked at Harris Corp in the Program Office for about ten years (working on the original GPS Satellite Navigation Program for the Department of Defense). After Harris Corp, Joe worked for Northrup Grumman as a Contracts Compliance Manager until about five years ago. He worked on the AWACS Surveillance radar and the Joint STARS project, just to name two. When his health started to fail he retired from the corporate life. Heart disease runs in the family, which set in along with diabetes and other ailments.

Joe had a beautiful wife Mary and a son Vince and daughter Halley. They are all doing well and living in the Indialantic Beach, Florida area. Joe was my mentor growing up and helped coached

me and others to be better athletes. Joe showed me how to weight train properly and obtained state of the art techniques for developing strength and speed. He was a great brother, father, son, uncle, and husband. We miss his funny jokes and witty humor. I know he had a lot of great stories from his high school days. His good friends who knew him well will have to smile when they think of Joe. Services will be held at David Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, 560 Montreal Ave, Melbourne FL 32935, on Saturday October 8 at 10 am, with a reception following.

MANY THANKS TO THESE EARLY DONORS TO THE 2016 CAMPAIGN!

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