

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2016-12 OF DECEMBER 1, 2016

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

1. 2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN ENTERS FINAL MONTH. This is final month of the Foundation's 2016 Annual Campaign. The Annual Campaign is the Foundation's primary fund raiser, and enables the Foundation to grant several of its annual scholarships and to make a variety of important gifts to the School throughout each year. No donation is too small (or too large), and because the Foundation has no overhead every penny goes to enhance the lives of the great kids at Surratts. Donating is easy: just use the mail-in form at the end of this e-Notice, or donate securely online at www.surrattsville.org by clicking the "Donate" button on the home page.

And please consider making your Amazon purchase not through "regular" Amazon, but through smile.amazon.com, with the Surrattsville High School Foundation designated as your charitable beneficiary. The prices, products and Amazon website are identical to "regular" Amazon, but Amazon makes a charitable contribution to the designated charity for every purchase made. It's so great to have these regular checks arrive from Amazon to provide a funding source for the Foundation.

And please consider making your internet searches using the goodsearch search engine. It uses the yahoo search engine (which we're told rivals google and apparently has never failed any Foundation users) and, like smile.amazon.com, makes a contribution to your designated charity for every internet search. Here's the link: <https://www.goodsearch.com/causes/surrattsville-high-school-foundation>. As with smile.amazon.com, it's very nice to have those regular checks rolling in to the Foundation from goodsearch.com.

And finally, please consider the Foundation's latest ongoing fundraiser: downloadable versions of audio performances of Surrattsville Teen Club bands from the golden decades of live music at Surrattsville. Thanks to Foundation Board member Greg Laxton (81) for conceiving and "staffing" this Foundation fundraiser. (And some type of special prize will go to the reader who finds for Greg the holy grail of such treasures: an audio tape of a Tuesday Boots performance!)

Many thanks to all of you who help support the Foundation in one or more of the ways noted above!

2. LOCAL READERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE NEXT ATHLETICS HALL OF HONOR CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 5! We received this very exciting news from Richie Andresen (61): "The first State Championship team from Surrattsville is going to be inducted into the SHS Athletic Hall of Honor. Specifically, the undefeated 1960 Boys'

Basketball Team will be inducted in a special ceremony during the December 5 Boys' Basketball home opener, between the JV and Varsity games (perhaps around 6:30 p.m.). At this point, team members Martin Padgett, Gary Deckers, Jesse McLain and Sam Wynkoop have stated that they will be attending. We are encouraging all alumni to attend and lend their support. Why not arrive before the JV game to cheer-on the JV Hornets!"

3. FOUNDATION INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCREDITATION PROCESS.

We're honored to report that the School invited the Foundation to participate in the parent/community panel portion of the Middle States Accreditation team visit to the School last month. The accreditation team asked the panel probing questions for over an hour and the response from the assembled community representatives was uniformly positive. Congratulations to the School on another successful accreditation experience!

4. 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, coming up on 65 years ago!

Here's an interesting excerpt from the "Sports Page" of the January 15, 1953 edition of Green Light:

"Physical Education Teachers Meet: On Tuesday January 13th, Phys Ed teachers met at Surrattsville with Miss Ada Mae Warrington, County Supervisor, and Mr. John Pryde, Surratts Principal, to make plans for basketball sports day. It was decided that Surrattsville would play hostess to the other schools on Jan. 22 and Feb. 9, with Oxon Hill being hostess to the tenth grade girls. Each school will be allowed 20 girls, including instructors, scorers, and timers. Some University of Maryland Phys Ed majors will referee and umpire the games. Ping-Pong will be added as an additional attraction this year. Tea was served following their business meeting."

The Green Light cost five cents and was "published by the journalism class." Its staff 52-53 was:

Editor – Rodney Shifflett
Asst. Editor – Joyce Maynard
Sports Editor – Edward Shock
Art Editor – Pat Quigley
Music Editor – Carter Courtney
Class Editor – Joyce Maynard
Reporters – Members of the Journalism Class
Business Manager – Pat Quigley

Assistants – Patsy Seaman and Lois Hinchliffe
Faculty Advisor – Mrs. Moorehead

[Ed. Notes: We believe at least several of those Green Light staffers identified above are readers of our e-Notice. We'd love to have any reminiscences of their days working on this very high quality student newspaper! Also, shouldn't every school meeting end with a tea!]

5. CLASS OF 67 ANNOUNCES 50-YEAR REUNION! We received this note from the Class of 67 about its upcoming 50-year reunion:

“Surrattsville Class of 67 Reunion! Friday, October 20 until Sunday, October 22, 2017! The contract is signed, we have a reunion! The Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 N. Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842, 1-800-523-2888. Rooms are \$119 a night plus tax for Friday and Saturday night, all rooms are oceanfront, each with 2 double beds. You will purchase your room directly from the hotel, you will send the reunion committee your check to pay for the reunion dinner. All as soon as possible, please. Here is the link to the hotel's website, <https://dunesmanor.com> so you can see where we will be staying, but please make your room reservation directly with the hotel by phone: 1-800-523-2888, ask for “in-house reservations.” You must mention Surrattsville Reunion to get the reduced room price, and to help us make the quota of rooms we are required to have. As a bonus, when we reach 30 rooms, one of the first 30 to reserve will be upgraded to a suite for their stay in a random drawing to be held before the reunion. The hotel's cancellation policy follows at the end of this letter, please read it carefully as the hotel's cancellation policies are firm, they are not within our control. This hotel has a very few king and queen rooms, they will be \$139 a night. Rooms will be \$79.00 a night for Thursday night or Sunday night if you wish to come early or stay longer.

The Reunion dinner will be at 6pm on Saturday night, tickets are \$80 a person. The price will include the room rental, dinner, dancing (hopefully you remember how to dance!), souvenirs, door prizes, and a reunion booklet. Drinks will be at a cash bar. We have incorporated our reunion, the official title is Surrattsville 67 Reunion, LLC., and have established a bank account at Old Line Bank in Clinton to be able to receive your money for the dinner. Please make your reunion dinner reservations by sending a check for \$80 for each person attending, with the name of each person with your check payable to: Surrattsville '67 Reunion, LLC, c/o Nancy Miller 8808 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, MD 20735 at the earliest possible date so we can plan for the number attending. All funds will be placed on deposit in the account at Old Line, all funds will be accounted for and used only to pay for the banquet and items needed for the events of the weekend. If you wish, include with your check one song you want to hear played, we will try to include everyone's favorite.

We will have a reservations table set up at the Dunes Manor to sign in Friday. Check-in is officially after 4, but you are certainly welcome to come earlier. The hotel will provide us with a hospitality suite at the hotel for all to use as a gathering spot if we book enough rooms. So everyone: Come, and book early! We will have a meet and greet Friday evening at Seacrets in Ocean City at 6 pm, it is a very fun bar, the plan right now is that those who wish to get together on Friday will meet there, drinks and eats will be on individual tabs. Seacrets is at 117 49th

Street Ocean City, MD 21842. Their website is: <http://secrets.com>. When you get inside, look for the green balloons to find the Surrattsville group. It is a very big place!

On Saturday, weather permitting, those who wish to will gather in the hotel parking lot for a fun group trip to visit Assateague Park to, hopefully, see the wild ponies. Details of that outing will follow. There is talk of a golf outing Saturday morning at one of Ocean City's great golf courses, we are still looking for a golfer/classmate who wants to organize that. Any volunteers? And Sunday morning, those who wish to have brunch in the hotel's restaurant can do so. We will have an area set aside for our group, but the tabs will be individual. Most importantly, we still need email addresses for our classmates! We have email addresses for less than half our class. Please help us all by locating all classmates so each can receive notice of the reunion. All notices of reunion events will be sent by email only. Thank you! Make your reservations! We look forward to seeing you, The Reunion Committee: Jimmy Hanson, Chris Parker, Nancy Miller, Ron Stout, Janet Brown, Kathie Malkie, Carol Mitchel Baynes and Jeff Buckler."

6. UPDATE ON CLASS OF 75 REUNION. We received this very wild and crazy update from the Class of 75 about their upcoming reunion plans! "Class of 75 Birthday Party - The Class of 75 is turning 60 next year and is planning a birthday party in Las Vegas on Labor Day weekend. All classes, friends, parents, teachers, and adult children are invited to join in. Information will be communicated via the Facebook group "Surrattsville Class of 75 turns 60". Not all of the details are finalized, but Friday September 1, 2017 we will be meeting at the Still Bar, located in the Mirage Hotel. It will be a very a la carte event in order to keep the expenses down. I can be reached by Facebook private message or sberry75@gmail.com, for any private concerns or questions. Steve Berry (75)"

7. FOUNDATION LAUNCHES MUSICAL FUND RAISER. Thanks to the inspiration and hard work of Foundation Board member Greg Laxton (81), the Foundation has launched a new fund raiser that offers digital downloads of recordings of Surrattsville's Teen Club and other bands. (In addition to his volunteer service on the Foundation Board, Greg is perhaps the world's leading authority on rock and roll pioneer – and Accokeek native – Link Wray.)

If you have any recordings that Greg could feature, please email him at greg.laxton@gmail.com. Greg's first offering is a recording of Teen Club regulars "Crusader Rabbit," at these links: <https://loudr.fm/release/live-1972/Ky24D> and <http://www.oldlinemusic.com/styled/page8/>.

Thanks to Greg for his efforts in spearheading this latest fund raising effort by the Foundation!

8. 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.)

“End of recreation, a great summer, and the passing of a golden time never to be repeated: ‘It's the lovin' things you do, that make me grow so close to you.’ At the end of summer recreation, “Anna” gave out blue ribbons to any and all who spent time there and added to the experience. I received a few, one referring to me as “The Nose” for whatever thing I did, I don’t remember. One for the ‘Junior (or Summer) Olympics,’ and other things. They remained on my wall at home until we moved in spring of 1972, then disappeared forever. I moved a lot after 1969. The one constant in my life was music. Always. I was never to see Harold Suggs again nor Jeri, but “Anna” was still an item to Dave and myself that autumn as we mailed oddball letters to her, and visited her at rare times when she was home from college.

Merry lords: A few years ago, Dave stated that we were “princes of the land” in those days, nothing required of us but to go have fun, with so many things to do that had nothing to do with work. I agreed. Every weekday we would see the fortunate of Brooke Jane and Crestview Manors frolic, run, paint, get dirty, attend field trips, and yet not feel sorry for anyone else who couldn’t. It wasn’t forced on us back then. I don’t even remember it raining that summer, although it must have. Later on we had female visitors from nearby Waldon Woods, the junior high and even the high school; young ladies of the land visiting the kingdom.

For every merry lord, a feudal baron: You would think that a lighthearted group like the Chesley’s would have a laid back quiet mustachioed little dad who let them do anything they wanted and could be bossed around at will. Right. Meet Mr. Al Chesley: High tight flat top haircut, more my height than Dave’s, was industrious, serious, keen on common sense, seemingly tough at first appearance, Marine right out of high school, worked for Ma Bell, eventually becoming the chief of the fire department in his adopted hometown after retirement. He always wore his old Marine “cover” when working indoors. Normally found in the shop or right outside, literally nose to the grindstone. Dave and Harold were always straight and attentive in his presence. Their dad would sometimes bark a command to one or both of them, then unbelievably one of the boys would make some lighthearted jest that seemed to tick him off, but the corner of his lip told another story: he really enjoyed a good one liner even if it was backtalk. I got to the point where I would actually speak up once and awhile, and he was always smiling and kind to me, and once in a while he would silently giggle to himself. “You always said some of the damndest things” he would tell me years later. One thing about Mr. C: he loved a good jest, like when Dave and I renamed him “Archie” (Bunker), he got a kick out of it. But his real nature was to protect. He loved you without saying it. He heard that I was living out of my VW bug the summer before my senior year, and sent Dave out to find and bring me back to the Chesley house. I wasn’t around for Dave to do just that, but that’s the heart of the man: to care more for others than himself. I am pleased to say that I am still considered an honorary Chesley family member by these fine folk, and if I never said it before, I’ll say it in a way that won’t embarrass either one of us: Mr. C, Arch, dad, pops, I love you, man!”

(And as a sound track for the above, Wayne suggests:
http://www.amandfmmorningside.com/wpgc_airchecks_table.html#1969)

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9. SEEKING YEARBOOKS FOR FOUNDATION ARCHIVES. Thanks to the generous gifts from several of our readers noted in prior issues of the e-Notice, the Foundation's yearbook collection is becoming more complete all the time. However, the Foundation Archives is still lacking:

- All yearbooks before 1950
- 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.)

10. 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 yearbooks are available for viewing online. (Our readers can go to the "Surrattsville Alumni" Facebook Group, click on Photos, and then click on Albums, to view those treasures.) The Foundation would love to have old yearbooks, or even photocopies or scans of them, for its Archives.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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!"

14. 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"

15. 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>

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

Henry Smith (71)

IN MEMORIAM

WAYNE COFFREN (71) died on October 30 after a long battle with lung cancer that spread to his brain. Wayne received an associate's degree from St. Petersburg Community College. He served as an active duty Navy Hull Maintenance Technician Petty Officer 3rd Class (HT3) aboard the U.S.S. Luce from June 1, 1971-November 26, 1973. Throughout his years, Wayne was a skilled mechanic, head of maintenance for the Potomac airfield, and a welder. He was one of the few divers/welders to assist in the construction of the seven-mile bridge in the Florida Keys. He was a collector of sorts and loved to play guitar. Wayne WAS the brother of Cathleen McSorley, James Coffren, Kirk Coffren and Mike Coffren, along with the late Paul Coffren and Christopher Coffren. Wayne is survived by ten nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly.

MANY THANKS TO THESE EARLY DONORS TO THE 2016 CAMPAIGN!

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