

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2016-8 OF AUGUST 1, 2016

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

1. **NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED AT SURRATTSVILLE!** The Foundation would like to extend its warmest welcome to Surrattsville's new Principal, Katrina Lamont! Katrina has been an educator for 22 years, 20 of them in Prince George's County, where she previously has worked as a classroom teacher, Teacher Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Resident Principal. Katrina will be hosting a Community Meet and Greet at the School on August 9 at 6:30 p.m., and a Community Cookout at the School on August 13 at noon. We send our best wishes to Principal Lamont for a great start and a wonderful career at the helm at Surrattsville!

2. **A VERY NICE INVITATION FROM SURRATTSVILLE'S FOOTBALL COACH.**

Many of our readers saw and responded to this very nice posting by Hornets Football Coach Cornell Wade on the Foundation's Facebook Group (called "Surrattsville Alumni"):

"Hello, my name is Cornell Wade, current Head Football Coach at Surrattsville High School. I have watched this Facebook group for the past couple of months and I am truly astounded by the amount of alumni connection many of you feel to this great school. It is truly amazing to me the sheer number of individuals who interact with their classmates daily. That said, I want to make sure I do my part in letting you know that the doors to your football program are always open. Attached you will find our 2016 schedule. I would love to see everyone at a game this season. If any of you would like to attend a practice (especially former players), please feel free to stop by. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible as the years go by. Please feel free to contact me at cornell.wade@pgcps.org if you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding our program. It's a great day to be a Hornet! Cornell Wade"

Thanks, Coach, and here's hoping many alumni will be able to take you up on your kind offers!

3. **REPORT ON FACEBOOK CLASS GROUP CHALLENGE.** And, speaking of Facebook, many of our readers have joined the "Surrattsville Alumni" Facebook Group (which currently has almost 2,000 members), and their own "Surrattsville [full graduation year]" Class Facebook Group. Last month, we reported on the Class of 71's Facebook Class Group challenge, challenging other Classes to top the "Surrattsville 1971" Facebook Group's 161 members. The Class of 71 is still stuck at 161 and we're wondering if any other Class has exceeded this number. Please let us know how your Class's Facebook Group is growing!

4. **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.)

“My neighbor coached a Clinton Girl's Club softball team, one member being another neighbor, whom I had no idea looked so adult in a swimsuit, especially for a newly ex-seventh grader. My face turned red and I walked away inside my house before embarrassing myself with stammered words. Did I mention that neighbor the coach had a swimming pool? It was a team pool party. I first enjoyed that pool earlier in May while wearing all white. The coach's tall bespectacled son, threw me into it when I attempted to speak with his female cousin. But he didn't discriminate – I was also thrown in during a thunderstorm. Wet towel attacks were to be expected, even if it was in my own home. Over the years I have been tackled by that same son when nearing the ice cream truck, and been accused of jokes he pulled, like the time we were lounging around the pool deck as he drew obnoxious cartoons of a female neighbor. We laughed our heads off until he folded the paper, wrote “drawn by Wayne Tatum”, then sprinted over to her mailbox and put it in. Before I could retrieve the offensive cartoon, puny mustachioed little Mr. Y went over to his mailbox, read it, smiled, and put it back. Along those lines was the loud misdirection narrative, always poolside: The son would shout, “Wayne, how could you say that Mrs. Y is an [insert insult]?” “Wayne, shame on you - Mrs. Y is NOT an [insert insult]!” And so on.

But I had my victorious moments without being there, like the time the son tried to requisition my bed during an unannounced night over and practically disappeared in cracker crumbs. Or “present and accounted for”, like the time he asked my sister out to the Super Chief Drive-in for a Vincent Price horror-thon, and I overheard them. I asked my father if I could go with them, he agreed, throwing a protective wet blanket on the son's one and only date with my older sister.

He had other sides, though: generous, humble, brave and talented. But enough heartfelt stuff: it was hilarious when he and my brother Bill used to “tape record” soundtracks to the comic-book-ordered five minute b/w monster movies (mini-projector included), or turning down the TV volume to Shock, Thriller and Chiller movies in order to perform their own side-splitting improvisational script, long before Science Fiction Theatre existed.

But the most outrageous story of the coach's son in which I was in attendance was the time that he and my brother's friends were on the front lawn at night goofing around when the friends suddenly became jackals, the coach's son, and “de-pantsed” him, buckled his jeans around his ankles, took away his shoes, stood him on the neighbor's front door step, and rang the bell. But that insidious event occurred during the dark ages of 1965. The tales submitted per this series occurred amidst the enlightened days of 1969-1970!

(And a sound track for the above:

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

5. A HORNET-RELATED TRAVEL/DINING TIP FROM YOUR EDITOR. My wife Donna Rae Sturtevant Smith (70) and I had the great pleasure this week to meet our friends Kevin Fitzgerald (71) and his wife Wendy Haffer Fitzgerald (77) for some time in “America's Coolest Small Town,” Berlin, MD (as judged by BudgetTravel.com, and truly deserved). The highlight of this visit to this underappreciated gem just a few miles from Ocean City was lunch at

Blacksmith Berlin, a great restaurant in downtown Berlin owned and operated by Justine “Tina” Gullege (79). It would be worth the trip just for Tina’s restaurant, but the rest of downtown Berlin is also wonderful. (A number of major Hollywood movies were filmed in this town which is a true trip back in time. www.berlinmd.gov)

6. MORE PRICELESS TREASURES FROM “GREEN LIGHT.” As we previously noted, 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 interesting excerpts from the January 15, 1953 edition of Green Light:

“Elementary Class News. The sixth grade has finished their county-wide tests and are interested in correcting their weak points. They are studying important men [Ed. regular note: You’ve come a long way, baby] with birthdays in January. Plans are made up to take up Science next. The Five “A’s” are studying explorers and discoveries, making maps and pictures to go along with the unit. They are making a question and answer board too. Finger painting is a future project. The Five “B’s” have a new teachers, Mrs. McCauley. They are making a bulletin board on the election. On another board the winning pictures of a coming contest will be placed. Also a health campaign has been started. The Four “A’s” have been studying natural resources found below the earth. Stories have been written on coal, oil and rock, and other minerals. Also a chart showing the uses of these has been made. On their shelf there are collections of liquids, solids and emulsions.

The Four “B’s” have been discussing the inauguration, making plans to see it or watch it over T.V. Also a project has been started along with a personal check up of each person, is one on Health and Nutrition. The third grades are working on opening exercises, bringing in the inauguration. A Jack Frost bulletin board is being made for the room. Besides their regular “R’s,” the second and first grades have been working on health programs. Finding out how to be health and how to stay healthy. Also Science is being studied and displayed in one way or another.

Edgar: Has anyone seen Edgar??? Has he inspected your locker yet? Edgar my little mouse friend has been around inspecting the lockers. He tells me that there is an abundance of trash in them. I heard him mumbling about the way the poor books were stuffed in the lockers without mercy on Fridays. Why he told me he nearly got hit with one!

French Class Report: Maybe you’ve seen the studious French students working their brains in the library lately? Well, there is a good reason! Mrs. Robin has come up with a dilly! Her second year French class has chosen to report on French Provinces. Sounds easy? Well that

isn't all. These reports must be done entirely in French. Try it sometime. C'est tres difficult. Au revoir."

7. FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS DONATE BOOMERANGS TO FOUNDATION

ARCHIVES. Thanks to the generous gifts of former faculty member Anne Noyes, and former faculty member and alumna Vicki Forsht Williams (65), the Foundation's Archives' collection of Boomerangs from the 1950s to the present has been significantly enhanced. Although these latest acquisitions are single copies of each year for the Foundation's Archives, the Foundation also has the following "surplus" Boomerangs available for \$10 (which covers shipping): 1991, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2006. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like one.

8. 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!"

9. 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: Ocean Isle Beach (OIB), NC will "rock" & we hope you will join us. So far, 42 of our classmates are coming for the fun! About 2 weeks ago, an e-mail from "Mary Surratt" the name we use, went out to the classmates that we had e-mail addresses. In that e-mail, we listed weekend events with hotel information & addresses. If you are reading this and did not get an e-mail (or you deleted it b/c you did not recognize who it was from), please contact either 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 are a '64 classmate and want to invite guests from other years at Surratts, please do. There are lots to do in the area: golf, fishing, museums, 2 beaches (under 5 minutes from Roy's house) & Myrtle Beach is 45 minutes away. We have planned a Saturday (10/8 @ 6:30p) bar-b-q buffet at Loaders Island Grill in OIB. Sunday (10/9 @ 11:30a) a picnic at Roy & Sharon Revis' house. Birthday cake, hot dogs, hamburgers, & condiments will be provided. Picnic is BYOB (no liquor stores open on Sunday, but grocery stores sell beer & wine after 12pm) & a small covered dish to share. ABC liquor store & grocery store close to Roy's house. If driving & have room, bring an outdoor chair! Many hotels in the area – all at off-season rates.

Check with one of the above people for particular information and any questions you may have. We will be waiting to hear from you!”

10. 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!”

11. 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.”

12. 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.)

13. 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>

14. 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 you are relaxing into the dog days of Summer!

Henry Smith (71)

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