

## ***THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-1 OF JANUARY 1, 2017***

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

**1. 2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN A MAJOR SUCCESS!** Thanks to the generosity of the donors listed below, the Foundation's 2016 Annual Campaign was a great success! Every penny donated goes to enhance the lives of the great kids at Surratts, because the Foundation has no overhead and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Donating is easy, either by mail using the form at the end of this e-Notice, or securely online at [www.surrattsville.org](http://www.surrattsville.org) by clicking the "Donate" button on the home page.

And the Foundation continues to benefit from our readers who make their Amazon purchase not through "regular" Amazon, but through smile.amazon.com, with the Surrattsville High School Foundation designated as their charitable beneficiary. The smile.amazon.com prices, products and Amazon website are identical to "regular" Amazon, but Amazon makes a charitable contribution to the designated charity for every purchase made on smile.amazon.com.

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 user) 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>.

Heartfelt thanks to all of our readers who donate to the Foundation in one or more of the ways described above!

**2. DECEMBER 5 INDUCTION CEREMONY HONORS 1960 STATE CHAMPS.** A number of our readers were in attendance for the absolutely lovely Athletic Hall of Honor induction ceremony held in the gym on December 5. At the ceremony, the undefeated 1960 Boys' Basketball Team was inducted, with team members Martin Padgett, Gary Deckers, Jesse McLean and Sam Wynkoop representing their teammates and coaches. The team, the School's first known State Champions, posted a record of 57 wins and 4 losses during the period 59/60/61, including a 30-game consecutive win streak during the 60-61 seasons. The induction took place right under their championship banner that likely has been hanging in the gym since soon after their championship! Athletic Director Demario Newman and Richie Andresen (61) served as co-emcees for the beautiful ceremony during which commemorative trophies were presented to the team members who were in attendance. After that presentation, Richie presented to the three current Surrattsville basketball coaches – on behalf of the 1960 team – plaques to honor them for their role in keeping the Hornets hoops tradition alive at the School. Congratulations to the 1960 State Champions on this very well-deserved recognition!

**3. SEEKING 78 BOOMERANG.** Maureen McMenamin Edmiston is seeking a 78 yearbook. Please contact Maureen at [m.edmiston@comcast.net](mailto:m.edmiston@comcast.net) if you have any information that might be helpful.

**4. NEW PHOTOS ON FOUNDATION WEBSITE.** Several new and interesting photos have been posted on the Photos button/2016 Foundation Photos page at [www.surrattsville.org](http://www.surrattsville.org). Please keep those historical treasures coming our way!

**5. FOUNDATION ARCHIVES ACQUIRES REUNION DVD.** Thanks to the Reunion Committee for the Classes of 61/62/63, the Foundation Archives now possesses a very professional DVD capturing scenes from their very special three-day event this summer. Please consider sending for the Archives any reunion or other artifacts that you think are worthy of preservation for posterity.

**6. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT ONCE AGAIN FEATURED ON NATIONAL TV.** Some of you may have seen 2010 Foundation Achievement Award recipient Ann Weaver Pelle (71) leading the Village Twirlers in the Florida Citrus Parade during its coverage on ABC on New Year's Eve. Congratulations to Ann and this very talented -- and perpetually young! -- troupe on another impressive performance!

**7. MORE PRICELESS TREASURES FROM "GREEN LIGHT."** As we previously noted, in 2015 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, 65 years ago! Here are some interesting excerpts from the January 15, 1953 edition of Green Light:

"Your Ideas Please?: This Friday you'll find a chance to really express yourself – everything from brainstorm to the latest gossip. How? There will be a suggestion box in the hall by the bulletin board. Just write your contribution on a piece of paper and drop it in – remain anonymous if you wish. Here are some possibilities to be thinking about: 1. Ideas about the routine of SHS; 2. Articles for the Green Light – sports, gossip, news, parties; 3. Suggestions for clubs; 4. Suggestions for the improvement of the Green Light. And any other item that may be of interest. We hope you will take advantage of this box and come up with some useful ideas and suggestions. All items become the property of the Journalism Class and none will be returned.

Library Receives New Books: Our school library has gotten approximately 150 new books this year. Some of the books you will find to read are the American Adventure Series. Such reading as Kit Carson, Jack Knight and The Rush for Gold is present in the library now. There are a set of twelve books about Lands and Peoples of Other Countries. And if you wish to find a few

points on how to improve your personality, charm, beauty and best of all, how to dress, you will find a set of six books on these subjects. You can also see and read the book called Year. It has been written in 75,000 words, 1,000 pictures and on 3,000 subjects so if you like to read – and I hope you do – I suggest you pay a visit to our library.

Stork Visits Pughs: Mr. Pugh, popular 11<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher, is the proud father of a baby girl. The stork made his appearance on January 8, 1953 at 3 p.m. Everyone concerned is doing fine. Donna is the name given to the little newcomer. Donna weighed in at seven pounds and nine ounces. Mr. Pugh said, “She’s beautiful. She looks just like her mother.” Donna has blonder hair and blue eyes. Donna will have two playmates; her sister Debbie and her brother Ricky.”

**8. SEEKING FAMILY MEMBER OF CLASS OF 70 HORNET.** We received this note from Barbara Dail Sheldon (74): “My brother Chris Dail was from the Class of 1970. He was killed in January 1971. I would like to find my brother’s daughter, who is approximately 47 years old and who was adopted in the early 1970s. If anyone knew my brother well, or has any information that might help connect me with my niece, please email me at [BarbaraSheldon123@gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraSheldon123@gmail.com). Thanks, Barbara”

**9. 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://seacrets.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."

**10. 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](mailto:sberry75@gmail.com), for any private concerns or questions. Steve Berry (75)"

**11 FOUNDATION CONTINUES 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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:wayne.tatum.ctr@usmc.mil).)

The Polaroid Model 20: Back in the days when the only electronics needed for Crestview Manor survival was an AM/FM radio, a stereo and a TV set, I collected Top Value stamps, the golden relative of the green stamp. From all the valuable items listed, the best I could do for my filled book was a rowing machine -- why I don't remember -- and a Model 20 Polaroid Swinger Land Camera!

<https://fredarnow.com/tag/top-value-stamps;>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polaroid\\_Swinger](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polaroid_Swinger)

This particular camera allowed you to view your photo in under a minute, and it came with a coating gel to preserve the image. I seem to remember the film costing between \$3 and \$5.

<http://www.dollartimes.com/inflation/inflation.php?amount=100&year=1969>

How my father kept his cool after forking out money for camera film is a testament to human kindness. The only place that sold it was People's Drug Store. The brothers Chesley and I tested the new toy out on a cool August day. With only eight shots per role, "Heroes of Crestview" was our testament to fun times with a modestly priced camera and expensive film. These same black and whites were mailed to "Anna" at college, and retrieved years later when she found them in a water damaged cedar chest in her basement. She loaned them to me with the promise that I would return them. When last we spoke, she still wanted them back.

Others photos were taken of the summer band and added to the Surrattsville junior high band photo album, but lost after Mr. Hinckle moved on to Potomac High School.

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

[ ... to be continued]

**13. 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](mailto:hsmith@smithdowney.com) if you would like one.)

**14. 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.

**15. 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](mailto:hsmith@smithdowney.com).

**16. 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](mailto:hsmith@smithdowney.com).

**17. CLASS OF 97 PLANNING 20<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jwilktnl@gmail.com) if you have any information on Class of 97 members. Thank you!"

**18. 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](mailto:904jeter@gmail.com) or 410-315-9403, preferably well in advance of the date so transfer arrangements can be made. Bob"

**19. 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>.

All the best for a wonderful 2017!

Henry Smith (71)

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