

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-11 OF NOVEMBER 1, 2017

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

1. ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING. The Foundation's 2017 Annual Campaign is in full swing. Many thanks to those early donors below for their generosity in getting this year's Campaign off to such a historical start. We invite our readers who support the mission of the Foundation, and who perhaps enjoy these e-Notices, to join the donors below in supporting this great cause. Donations, which are charitable 501(c)(3) deductions for tax purposes, can be made at the "Donate" button on www.surrattsville.org, or by mail to the address listed at the end of this e-Notice. (Remember: Because the Foundation has no overhead, every penny contributed goes to benefit the great kids at Surratts.)

2. HISTORICAL TREASURES FROM 1964-1967 SURVEYORS! The Class of 67 just held its very successful three-day golden reunion in Ocean City (at which they not only had a great time but also raised an extraordinarily generous amount of funds for the Foundation). As a beneficial side effect of the event, Nancy Miller of the Class located and donated to the Foundation's Archives many editions of The Surveyor from the 1964-1967. In this and future e-Notices we'll be featuring fascinating glimpses of life at Surrattsville during that era from these "journalistic time capsules."

Here are some (interestingly anachronistic) excerpts from the November 1964 issue:

"Mr. Pryde Speaks on Community-School Relations. 'The community plays a part in the school,'" assures our principal, Mr. Pryde. Mr. Pryde stated that this idea is the basic message of our school seal. He pointed out that the sides of the inner triangle abstractly represent the community, the church and the school. 'These structures must cooperate and work together in order to provide a balance in the educational, moral, and spiritual needs of the people,' he said. Mr. Pryde also stated that one of the basic goals of the PTA will be the renovation of Piscataway Road. He said that this certainly would strengthen the links that bind the school and community together. Another project that will enhance relations, he said, will be increased library facilities to the extent of keeping the school library open one night a week and for two or three hours on Saturday morning. Mr. Pryde stated that the school also serves the community through teaching driver education, by initiating programs to discourage high school dropouts, and by close cooperation with the courts in the rehabilitation of delinquents. He also praised the close relationship of church and school exhibited by the effective manner in which the retreat programs were coordinated.

Student Council Plans Year. 'This year's Student Council is appealing to every student to support his school and its activities,' says Mr. Greig, student council sponsor. Major objectives of the student council in the forthcoming year will be to have perennial bulbs available at low cost to plant around the school towards the end of October, to initiate a candy bar sale in

November, and to have the sign in front of the school completed. ‘This year we will try to establish about 25 various committees to be headed by students at large,’ states Mr. Greig. It is also hoped that more social activities can be planned for the enjoyment of the students. ‘The major objective of these plans will be to get more students involved with the school.’ A brief report will be given over the public address system to help keep students informed of the council’s activities.’”

3. HALLOWEEN-RELATED ITEM POSTED ON FACEBOOK. This link about Clinton’s legendary “Goatman” was posted on the “If You Grew Up in Clinton, MD, you remember” Facebook Group by founding member of Butler’s Orchard, Mike Mello (Bishop McNamara ’71). We’re guessing it brings back memories for many of our readers of bygone Halloween seasons!

<https://patch.com/maryland/collegepark/bp--the-legend-behind-the-goatman-of-prince-georges-c298ae07868>

4. INTERESTING ARTICLE ON PRINCE GEORGE’S EARLY ROCK AND ROLL SCENE. Speaking of founding members of Butler’s Orchard, we received this link to a very interesting article (with photos) from Neal Dawson (73):

<http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/arts/music/blog/13077435/prince-georges-county-the-rock-n-roll-years>

5. MORE LINKS PROMPTED BY STORIES ABOUT LINK WRAY AND DANNY GATTON. Bill Crawford (62) sent these links to a fascinating performance footage of and a provocative interview about Danny Gatton. Achievement Award recipient John Previti (72), <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2011.shtml>. is featured in the NPR All Things Considered interview.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qoDp8hCipDM&app=desktop>

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=113485730>

And some of our readers may have seen this quote from Robert Plant in the January 15 issue of Rolling Stone: “Q: Gene Simmons recently said that rock is dead. Do you agree? A: I haven’t any idea of where rock begins and ends. Did it begin with Link Wray? Did it begin with Jackie Brenston’s “Rocket 88”? Did it end with Black Flag? I think it’s still here, it’s just morphing. And long may it morph.”

6. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT WINS WOW AWARD. ... and speaking of Achievement Award recipients, we just learned that Achievement Award recipient Ann Weaver Pelle (71), <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2010.shtml>, was the recipient of this year’s World's Outstanding Women award in her age division. Ann was recognized for her first place

judges' interview, and her outstanding community service including her work with the Villages Twirlers, the Ms. National Patriot organization (that raises money for holiday packages for first responders and the military), and for her work on breast cancer awareness and fundraising. Congratulations to Ann on this very special recognition!

7. BEN COLLINS REMEMBERED IN WASHINGTON POST OBITUARY. Some Washington Post readers may have seen this obituary of beloved Surrattsville educator Ben Collins: "Benjamin Collins, Social Studies Teacher. Benjamin Collins, 77, a social studies teacher who received The Washington Post's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award in 1983, died September 12 at his home in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The cause was lymphoma, said a friend, Jim Turner. Mr. Collins was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and lived in Accokeek, Maryland, from 1972-2004, when he moved to Pagosa Springs. He taught at Surrattsville High School in Clinton, Maryland, from 1967 until he retired in 1995. He volunteered in Turkey with the Peace Corps from 1964 to 1967 and led study-abroad trips throughout the Mediterranean.

8. INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE. We received this tip about some outstanding (paid) internships for high school and college students from Neal Dawson (73):

"Reminder! The application period for both the 2018 college level Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program (NREIP) and the 2018 high school level Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP) ends Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

These programs provide an opportunity for students to participate in research at a Department of Navy laboratory during the summer. NREIP provides competitively selected research internships for 475 college students (400 undergraduate students and 75 graduate students) each year, and SEAP provides 265 competitively selected research internships each year.

NREIP is a 10-week internship open to both undergraduate and graduate students. The stipend levels for NREIP are:

1. Level 1 (\$5,400): first time participants
2. Level 2 (\$8,100): returning NREIPs
3. Level 3 (\$10,800): proof of enrollment in graduate school

More information and details about eligibility can be found at <http://nreip.asee.org/>.

SEAP is open to high school students. It pays \$3,300 for new students and \$3,800 for returning students for the 8-week summer internship. More information and details about eligibility can be found at <http://seap.asee.org/>.

Note: Applications must be complete, including all supporting documentation, no later than Oct. 31 at 5:30 p.m. (EST). Notifications for awardees and non-awardees will be sent in December.

Please direct any questions to NSWCCD's Intern Coordinator: Rachel Luu at Rachel.luu@navy.mil or 301-227-1166.

Application websites: <http://nreip.asee.org/> <http://seap.asee.org/>

9. 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’s a seasonally appropriate excerpt from the October issue:

“The Goblins’ Hop: The Goblins’ Hop presented by the Senior Class with proceeds going to the yearbook was quite a success. Prizes were awarded to those who came dressed as the prettiest, funniest and most original. A Scotch Lassie, Joan Robinson, was chosen as the prettiest, and Donald Miller was said to be the funniest character there. Earl Roberts was voted to have the most original costume at the dance. All were given prizes. Drawing such attention to the rear of the dance floor was Mme. Methuzla, the gypsy fortune teller. Intermission was spent eating doughnuts and drinking cider, while watching the entertainment. Diane Holmes started the ball rolling with some lively hillbilly songs which she sang and played on her guitar. Georgene Gonzales, the Sweetheart of the Senior Class, gave her renditions of “I Went To Your Wedding,” “You Belong To Me,” and “Here In My Heart.” Helen Robinson and Carter Courtney pantomimed the novel tune from “Annie Get Your Gun.” The song “Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better” was originally sung by Ethel Merman and Ray Middleton. This particular number put all in a good mood for the rest of the evening!”

10 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 manymiles@netzero.net.)

“Songs By The Season: Can you believe that somebody is asking you to sit through more than fifteen minutes of pop and rock music? Yes, I would.

1969: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmY2HoRhbi4>

1970: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkHiugMbdn4>

In fact, one couldn’t define their school days in the late sixties without connecting the tunes with a favorite year or era. “Hot Fun in the Summertime” showed up in August of 1969, “Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye” by Steam around September, as I remember singing it in October. “Smile a Smile for Me, Rosemarie” by the Flying Machine around July 1969 and “Love Grows Where My Rose Mary Goes” by Edison Lighthouse in the winter of 1970. The Jackson 5 played on our junior high cafeteria jukebox every morning during spring.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e5qLfeDJmk>

Hard core listeners had Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones, Moby Grape, Mott the Hoople, the very beginnings of Grand Funk Railroad and Chicago Transit Authority. And ... The Beatles! The more sophisticated music enthusiast would be heading for blues. Jazz and Big Band were what your WWII and Korean War era parents listened to when you weren't around. In Clinton, the adult music that I heard most was country, loud and proud. My father's taste was more eclectic.

Louis Moreau Gottschalk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qzm5AEB5jSs>

Jim Reeves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=br8Mo5Xflb4>

Joan Baez: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3-MbkmEarg&list=PLZyRgz6H44PkzRKKDapnt0vtjvPBRre79x>

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Jimmie Rogers, Chet Atkins, Gilbert and Sullivan, Hank Williams, folk groups, Enrico Caruso, Civil War songs from both sides, Irish and Scottish tunes, Barbershop quartets, and he even confessed to liking the Beach Boys. Eventually it all swept into Cat Stevens every night by the end of 1970.

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

[... to be continued]

11. PAINLESS – AND VERY EFFECTIVE! -- WAYS TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FOUNDATION. Thanks to the many of you who make your Amazon purchases 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 thanks to those of you 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>.

12. 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 1951

-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.)

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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”

16. 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>.

Best wishes for a wonderful start to your holiday season!

Henry Smith (71)

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