

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-3 OF MARCH 1, 2017

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

- 1. FOUNDATION FUNDS SCIENCE CLASS FIELD TRIP.** This month, the Foundation is proudly funding a field trip by the AP Science students to the Howard B. Owens Science Center. Best wishes to these outstanding young scholars for an enjoyable and enlightening experience!
- 2. FOUNDATION FUNDS TRACK TEAM TRIP TO PENN RELAYS.** The very talented Surrattsville track team just won the Regional Track Championship, and in doing so has qualified to compete in the Penn Relays, the oldest and largest track meet in the country! The Foundation is proud to have provided a grant to the team to make their trip possible. Best wishes to these 12 young champions during their time in Philadelphia!
- 3. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT.** This is the time of year when the Foundation Board requests nominations for the Foundation's Annual Achievement Awards. Please email nominations to hsmith@smithdowney.com. Photos and bios of the following truly extraordinary past recipients can be found on www.surrattsville.org:

Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (60)
Building Superintendent (Since 1963) Gerald Pickeral
Foundation Visionary Charlie Cooper (52)
Christmas in April Executive Director Mary Kucharski (76)
International Opera Star Gordon Hawkins (76)
Long-time Surratts Employee Roberta Padgett Taylor (53)
Command Fighter Pilot Col. Robert Marr, Jr. (71)
Internationally Acclaimed Painter Kevin Fitzgerald (71)
University of GA Basketball Head Coach Dennis Felton (81)
French Legion of Honor Recipient Nelson Duke (40)
Clergy Member and Public Servant Susan Thomas Azud (73)
Oscar Winner Marcia Gay Harden (76)
Surgeon General of the Air Force Lt. General Tom Travis, M.D. (72)
Police Chief Fred Keeney (73)
Chef Patrick O'Connell (63)
Chef Gregory Hill (79)
Chef Timothy Dean (89)
Professor Russell Barkley, Ph.D. (67)
Professor Rick Lifton, M.D., Ph.D. (71)
College President Dave DeCenzo (73)
Educator Deborah McAllister Brown (72)

Educator Helen Bovbjerg Niedung (54)
Educator/University of MD Women's Head Basketball Coach Chris Weller (62)
Coach Lew Jenkins
International Relief Worker Rix Mills (62)
Community Activist Ann Weaver Pelle (71)
Pilot, Jumper and Community Activist Elizabeth Lee Gleisberg May (78)
Multi-Award-Winning Bassist John Previti (72)
Multi-Award-Winning Guitarist Dave Chappell (75)
WWII Hero James Paul Duke, Jr. (39)
Navy Veteran and Fallen Police Officer Bill Talbert (65)
Groundbreaking FBI Agent and Marine Colonel Susan Roley Malone (65)
Army Blackhawk Pilot and JAG Lawyer Cindy Gleisberg (79)
Professional Athlete and Youth Mentor Leonte Collins (94)
Emmy Winner Laura Sisk Wright (88)
Special Needs Advocate Barbara Thomas (82)
Army Major General Kevin O'Connell (78)
Lawyer, Community Activist and Youth Mentor Christina Brooking (03)
Grammy-nominated Music Teacher Steve Vutsinas (84)
Navy Admiral Rick Wren (74)
AFJROTC Leader Lt. Col. Daryl Umstead
AFJROTC Leader SMSgt. Phyllis Dickerson
Lawyer and Foundation Visionary Nancy Miller (67)
Award-Winning Entrepreneur Lamar Tyler (94)
EMT and Fallen Hero John Ulmschnieder (97)

4. DON'T FORGET EMPLOYER MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS! Thanks to the generosity of Craig Bergeman (76) -- and his employer State Farm Insurance Company -- we were recently reminded of the possibility that our readers' employers might be willing to make matching donations to the Foundation. Please consider checking with your employer to determine if it would be willing to match your contributions (or, of course, to make outright contributions) to our very worth 501(c)(3) organization (IRS number 52-2224546).

5. CLASS OF 64 REUNION NEXT MONTH. We received this exciting news from the Class of 64: "Class of 1964 Get Together on April 29-30, 2017, in Ocean Isle Beach, NC: Plans are being made to re-do the get together that was cancelled in October 2016 because of Hurricane Matthew. We are gathering in Ocean Isle Beach, NC for a 2-day party! Saturday, 4/29 there will be a picnic at Roy Revis' house in Ocean Isle Beach beginning noon and ending "whenever." On Sunday, 4/30 there will be a dinner beginning at 4p at the Shriner's in Shallotte, NC. The cost (as of now) is \$27 a person for both events. Former classmates will need to BYOB & sodas to both events. And, we are asking if you are driving and have room to please

bring a lawn chair – sort of like BYOB! As of the end of February we have approximately 50 former classmates attending. Some for only the picnic, but most for both events. If you have been “on the fence” about attending, get off that fence! E-mail me, gingersnap699@gmail.com, for hotel & other information, and let me know you will be joining us. We are all about having fun – please come have fun with us!”

6. DOCUMENTARY ADVISED BY ALUM WINS SUNDANCE AWARD. We just learned that the documentary “Rumble – The Indians Who Rocked the World” recently won an award at the Sundance Film Festival. The documentary features the life of Accokeek’s Link Wray, considered by many to be one of the primary founders of the rock and roll genre. The advisor on the film was Greg Laxton (81), perhaps the world’s foremost authority on this rock guitar legend. The film now moves to other film festivals and then on to wider release. Greg hopes that the film will bring broader recognition to Wray’s importance to musical history, and ultimately place a musician who played at Surrattsville in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!

Congratulations to Greg and the filmmakers on this prestigious award!

7. ONE HORNET HELPING OTHERS. We received this very nice note from Nancy Miller (67) about the selfless gesture of Judy Gordon (65): “Last week I emailed Judy Gordon (65) out of the blue to ask her about a classmate of hers that might help me find one of our Class of 67 classmates for our upcoming reunion. (Of course, she had no idea who I was (she kindly claimed that she remembered me—ha ha! I was a sophomore, and she was the senior head cheerleader, belle of the ball, etc.). She asked me to send her a list of our class that I had made, saying there might be sibling connections between our classes, and agreed to look over my list. On Monday she sent me back a document with those names with the few I had found, and many more that she found for me. She alone found 20% of our Class. Judy, Judy, Judy! Since this email I have heard from her numerous times with more names, hard links to classmate info, and an offer to prepare a complete listing of all classmates for the reunion booklet for me. She is something else, a gift, amazing. I enclose a donation to the Foundation to honor Judy Gordon for all of her acts of kindness to the Class of 67.”

[Ed Note: Judy has not only been central to making the Class of 65 perhaps the most engaged class since its graduation from Surrattsville, but also has been a major volunteer on Foundation efforts. We’re grateful that she now has set an example of how one class can assist another class in supercharging its reunion planning. Thanks, Judy!]

8. PAINLESS 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>.

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 are some interesting philosophical excerpts from the January 15, 1953 edition of Green Light:

“Editorial: Although many of our high school students are not at the present time directly concerned with driving a car, many are and many others soon will be. How many times have you seen magazine articles blasting away at teen-age drivers. Branding all teen-agers because of a careless minority? The accident record of teen-agers is very high. As a result there are proposals, in our own state especially to raise the age at which a person may acquire a driver’s license to 18 or 21. There are ways by which we can prove to adults that we are competent drivers. First of all, if you haven’t taken driver’s training do so as soon as you can. Don’t get the idea that you can be a “big shot” by driving a car. Nearly anyone can drive a car if he is careful. Don’t laugh off warnings from others about being careful. It’s too late after the accident. Safe driving is a big problem but it’s your problem and mine. Let’s do something about it today! Now!

Are You Afraid? How often do we assume that we are more afraid than other men or women, but it may give us considerable comfort and joy to know that other men and women have their fears also. When we tremble in our boots, it is at least a reasonably good gamble that the other persons we meet and compete with are also trembling in their boots. A very good example is as follows: Early in the Civil War, General Ulysses S. Grant was ordered to advance on a town and found, when he got there, that the Confederate force had deserted it, which taught him that the enemy was as much afraid as he. Fears also change, but seldom completely disappear. Regardless of whether we are young or old, we fear some things. If fear kept us from trying, most of the material things we enjoy in this world would not be known. It is no disgrace to be afraid, but it is a disgrace to let a fear defeat us. And if we wait until we aren’t afraid of failing we’ll wait a long time before we do anything worthwhile.”

10. 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."

11. 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)"

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 manymiles@netzero.net.)

"The sad lack of wisdom in a junior high kid, or how I wish I was 17 when I heard this:
On an autumn day in 1969, Dave and I were walking around the elementary school near the playground side of the building when we espied three beautiful high school ladies near the swings. One of them, short with long blonde hair and bangs cried out, "I love youuuuuu!" A fearful Dave turned to me and said, "We'd better leave", and we booked! That very dangerous girl was the recently graduated homecoming queen.

An exquisite summer wraps up:

"Run to me whenever you're lonely
Run to me if you need a shoulder
Now and then, you need someone older"

Summer band in August yielded sweet scenes of youthful innocence: prior to practice, a tearful soon to be seventh grade clarinet player placed her head to the chest and deep in the loving big brother arms of a tall understanding euphonium profundo, as Mr. David Simmons appeared in his first Clinton summer cheerfully seeking acceptance among new peers; within six years he had a lot of just that. Meanwhile David Seyler and Rob Nordon were in passionate first chair battle over John Phillip Sousa marches, the trombone section displayed a strange new

competence that was amazing, excluding one slide throwing specialist who managed not to get strangled by the normally exasperated band leader Hinkle. Joy and expectation were always in the air in those days; creativity and love, highly weird fashions with color and style that kept in pace with the great new tunes on the radio.

All things were possible when hearts were involved in the goal of merriment and peaceful endeavor. Deadbeats and too cool for school types would prove to be in a sad place with the new times and exciting things afoot, where old fears were erased on the greaser-free social platform. Reality as far as the things we knew then: War was always with us, American leadership wasn't always hip but the country was great. I personally appreciated our soldiers. They were and are always heroes."

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

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

[... to be continued]

13. CLASS OF 87 SEEKING LOST CLASSMATES. We received this item from the Class of 87 Reunion Committee: "Class of 1987 looking for Classmates—Planning 30 year reunion for October 2017 and searching for classmates. Please join Facebook group Surrattsville Class of 1987 for updates <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SurrattsvilleClassof87/>.

For non FB users e-mail Mike Cassidy at mike-cassidy@hotmail.com or Stacey Fowler at Stacey.fowler8@gmail.com."

14. 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, except 1946 and 1947

-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.)

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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 jjwilktnl@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 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>.

Here’s hoping that March is coming in like a lamb for many of you!

Henry Smith (71)

In Memoriam

MARGARET LOVELESS died on February 11, 2017. Margaret was born on December 30, 1921 in Windsor, Missouri. She and her husband lived in Forestville and in Upper Marlboro before retiring to Catonsville. Margaret's school nurse career began at a boy's school in Washington, DC, and ended after many years as the school nurse at Surrattsville. Margaret is survived by her sons, Leonard Eugene Loveless and his wife, Dorothy of Columbia, MD and Carl Edward Loveless of Upper Marlboro; sister, Eleanor Bennett of Lewes, Delaware; grandsons, Kirk and Eddie Loveless and great-grandchildren, Gabrielle, Abigail and Hunter Earl Loveless. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

WARREN EARLY (74) died on June 29, 2016, from heart failure at his home, where he lived with his family for twenty-one years. He was married to Regina for twenty-five years and had two sons, Aaron and Owen. He is also survived by two siblings, Dolores Cody and Keith Early, and by niece Christiana Cody, nephew Brian Early, and cousin Joanne Early. Warren was a passionate, caring, and loving man. He enjoyed reading, playing the drums, and spending time with his family and friends. Warren's long and satisfying career in the music industry included, most notably, eighteen years with Polygram Records. He enjoyed sharing the experience of music with everyone he met, whether it be with CDs to listen too, tickets to a show, or just animated conversation about favorite albums or artists. Building on his years as an insider in the music industry, Warren created a successful eBay business, merchandising the wealth of memorabilia he had collected over the years. In 2010 Warren took on the adventure of running a local business, the Courthouse Service Center in Maidens, VA, before retiring from professional life in 2012. Donations in Warren's memory can be made to Operation Smile or Doctors without Borders.

MANY THANKS TO THESE EARLY DONORS TO THE 2017 CAMPAIGN!

Bob Marr (71)

Debbie Cox Marr (72)

Steve Profilet (71)

Sandra Smith Simmons (70)

Mike Gifford (84)

Ron Kaplan (50)

Ellen Talbert Miller (61 and former faculty/administration), In Memory of Bill Talbert (65))

Richard Grace (81)

Nancy Miller (67), to Recognize the Reunion Assistance of Judy Gordon (65)

Vicky Simontacchi Young (57), In Memory of Eleanora Frances Parker Beswick (57) and Robert

Lewis McCammon (57)

Lee Hessberg (68)

Lois Barrett Hessberg (70)

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