

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-5 OF MAY 1, 2017

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

- 1. LATEST ON CLASS OF 67'S 50-YEAR REUNION!** We received this latest update from the Class of 67 about its upcoming 50-year reunion: "The Class of '67 Reunion will be Friday, October 20 until Sunday, October 22, 2017 at The Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, MD. Rooms are \$119 a night, all rooms are oceanfront. Purchase your room directly from the hotel, 1-800-523-2888, make sure to mention Surrattsville to get the reduced price. Then send the reunion committee your check for \$80 per person for the reunion dinner, send to: Surrattsville '67 Reunion, LLC c/o Nancy Miller 8808 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, MD 20735. All as soon as possible, please. The response has been amazing, the hotel says they will sell out that weekend, so please make your reservations soon. We can't wait to see you! The Reunion Committee: Jimmy Mead Hanson, Chris Parker, Ron Stout, Jeff Buckler, Stephanie Nowak Morton, Cassandra Creighton Clouser, Janet Brown, Nancy Miller, J. Nadene Long Delaney, Bob Oechsler and Sally Soderburg Mueller."
- 2. CLASS OF 57 REUNION PLANS.** We received this exciting news from the Class of 57: "The Class of 1957 will be having their 60th class reunion the weekend of September 15-17, 2017 at Solomon's Island. Friday night will be Happy Hour at the Stoney's Kingfish restaurant followed by a sit down dinner. Saturday, starting at noon, we will have a picnic at the VFW Post in California, MD. Sunday morning we will meet at the Isaac's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn. We have lost quite a few classmates the past several years. We are looking forward to being together and sharing memories. Please contact Rick Pope at repop1976@gmail.com for additional information.
- 3. CLASS OF 82 REUNION PLANS.** We received this information from the Class of 82" "The Class of 82 is planning its 35th reunion for August 12 at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge at 27636 Mechanicsville Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. There will be a 6:00-8:00 p.m. cocktail hour, cash bar and buffett style dinner. From 8 p.m. until midnight a classic/Southern rock band will provide entertainment. The cost for the dinner, dance and ahll rental is \$50 per person, with all money due by April 30, 2017. We are in the process of working with a couple of hotels in the area to get the best price for lodging for those coming in from out of town. More details will follow. Pay Cathy Strong Telli using PayPal.Me. Go to [paypal.me/CathyTelli](https://www.paypal.me/CathyTelli) and type in the amount. Since it is PayPal, it's easy and secure. Don't have a PayPal account? No worries. Getting one is fast and free. If you do not want to set up a PayPal account, you can mail check, please pm for my address. FB Reunion page [fb.me/SHS82reunion35](https://www.facebook.com/SHS82reunion35). Messages to page [m.me/SHS82reunion35](https://www.facebook.com/SHS82reunion35)."
- 4. CLASS OF 77 REUNION PLANS.** ... and we received this news from the Class of 77: "Class of 77 40th Reunion. Saturday August 26, 2017, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Stoney's Broomes Island, 3939 Oyster House Road. \$60 per person. Cash Bar/Happy Hour Friday August 25, 2017 from 6 p.m. until at the Ruddy Duck Brewery & Gril, 113200 Dowell Road, Dowell, MD 20629. RSVP to SHS77Reunion@aol.com. Make payments to: www.paypal.me/SHS77Reunion. Updates on the Facebook page Surrattsville High School Class of 77."

5. 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)”

6. CLASS OF 87 REUNION. 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.”

7. 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!”

8. WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE FEATURES INFAMOUS JOHN SURRATT. We received a heads-up from Chuck Teubner (64) about this article from the April 13 Washington Post about perhaps the most curious of the Lincoln assassination conspirators, John Surratt:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/retropolis/wp/2017/04/13/assassins-a-confederate-spy-was-accused-of-helping-kill-abraham-lincoln-then-he-vanished/?tid=a_inl&utm_term=.7f9caecacd5d

9. 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>.

10. 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:

“Review: The Road to Bali. Starring Dorothy Lamour, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope. This is one in a series of “Road” films that this trio has made famous. This is the first one ever to be done in color, however. The story opens as Bing and Bob are being chased by farmers, whose daughter has been proposed to by one or the other of the pair. They manage to get jobs as deep sea divers, to dive for a lost treasure. This is where Dottie enters the picture. Through some fast talking, Bing gets Bob to do the diving, during which he encounters a giant squid. The squid and Bob have what you may call a battle, but not matter, Bob wins.

There are a few “East Indian” tricks that made the film funnier than ever, especially when Bing and Bob try them and come up with similar results, only a wee bit different. The ending of the film is the most hilarious part of the whole film, and one of the most novel endings ever seen by the viewers. Bob tries desperately to delay the ending but his efforts are to no avail. Dottie, who has a beautiful voice, sings one of the seven new songs, “Moonflower.” This song is the perfect type for her type of voice. On the second time around, she not only sings but swims in a very beautiful pool. She doesn’t swim as well as Esther Williams, but she doesn’t do bad. The things that happen to Bing and Bob and Dorothy could only happen to them in one of their “Road Films.” Also some of your favorite stars pop up at the most peculiar moments.”

“Cafeteria Lowdown: The students who usually bring their lunch to school instead of buying them had better get on the beam. In my estimation it is much more fun to eat something warm and different every day than just an old dry peanut butter sandwich. The aim of Mrs. Maust is to get everyone to eat in the cafeteria regularly, not only when you particularly like the menu. The idea is not only to help you get a hot lunch, but to help you acquire a taste for things you say you don’t like, whether or not you have ever tasted them. Most of you would be surprised at the things you would like if you would only try them for the first time.

Mrs. Maust has a very varied lunch program throughout the entire year. In some cases I’ve heard it said that a certain menu is not repeated often enough. Most schools have the same menu for Mondays, Tuesdays, and so on. We are very lucky to have such an efficient Cafeteria Manger and this wonderful lunch program. Come on you peanut butter sandwich eaters, start buing your lunches at the school cafeteria.

11. 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 New World: Mr. David Chesley was a world of information. His amazing ability to stay up to date on local teen events using only a landline telephone while in sparse contact with other footpath denizens of the Brandywine Road strip south of Clinton Regional Park was impressive. One morning in August, Dave filled me in about an interesting mid-day dance at the junior high bearing the description and costume-required title of "Shipwreck Party". It sounded weird. I liked it. The thing I didn't like hearing from my good pal was that our mothers were requested to be chaperones. Dave's mom was and is (hey there Mrs. C) a delightful lady, but my dear loving matriarch was not a cheerful camper in those days, and for some reason absolutely not happy with me. I also had this bad vision of cigarette smoking greasers asking her to dance, or even worse, me having to dance with her. "She can't make it," I answered. Mrs. Chesley was understanding enough not to ask for a reason. I in fact missed out on a fabulous Chesley trip to Hershey Park the week before just because I didn't want to ask for money from my parents, even if the Chesleys were springing for it, I later found out.

The Shipwreck Party: Upon entering the junior high cafeteria, one immediately felt that here was a motley crew of survivors. With a band. Beforehand, Dave managed to find baggy white jean shorts that were ripped below the knees to wear, complete with a ripped up sleeveless tee shirt. The only thing I could find on short notice were my big sister's blue jean shorts in the utility room, thinking they were mine, in fact, pre-Daisy Duke's but mostly MaryAnn's. Chesley didn't say a word about it. Embarrassed that I was the only one dressed that way, I still had enough guts left to seek out real Mary Ann and Ginger types to dance, another first! Things were looking up. Almost as high as the cut of my jean cutoff jibs. Egad."

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

[... to be continued]

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>.

Happy May Day (and pleasant memories of your elementary school May Pole events)!

Henry Smith (71)

IN MEMORIAM

CAROLE GENTRY died unexpectedly in April. Carole was a long-time special education teacher at Surrattsville and later became an English teacher. Carole was very active in her church and community.

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