

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-7 OF JULY 1, 2017

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

1. REPORT ON CLASS OF 64 70TH BIRTHDAY EVENT. Here's a report on a very special recent Class of 64 event (and future events) that we'll bet will inspire some other Classes: "The Class of 1964 70th Birthday Event actually became a 71st Birthday Event because of Hurricane Matthew. Forty-six of our classmates partied on April 29-30, 2017 and it could not have been any better! I take that back, it would have been better if more people could have come. Those of us who got in on Friday, April 28 met in Ocean Isle Beach for dinner at the Isle Restaurant right on the beach. We had a picnic at Roy and Sharon Revis' house on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to them both for opening up their house and yard for all of us. They worked hard to make everything great and we appreciated their efforts. The weather cooperated and everyone visited with each other all day. You never knew where to look for someone because it was like musical chairs! So much moving around and visiting with each other. Dinner at the Shriner's Hall (thanks to Roy) on Sunday was again a great time. During this weekend of fun, we came to the agreement that we would meet in a year in Durango, CO (yes!) for another get together. Plans are in the making and Elliott Jones and his wife (who live in Durango) will be our hosts. No, we are not staying with them – so Elliott you can breathe easier! As of this date, we have around 20 people planning on being there. If you are reading this and want to join us – think about it and then e-mail or call me at gingersnap699@gmail.com or 301-318-6544. More concrete plans to follow but it will be in 2018! Hope to see you there."

2. SEEKING 87 BOOMERANG. We received this request from Connie Ammann Rubin (72): "My brother Phil Ammann is looking for a 1987 yearbook if anyone knows where to find one. Thanks, Connie, connie143@verizon.net"

3. LINK WRAY ARTICLE INSPIRES THOUGHTS. We received this email from Bill Crawford (64): "Former Southern Maryland farmer, Link Wray, OS still hitting it big with this current commercial. Every spring when I reseed my lawn I play Rumble 24/7, and my grass grows like hell. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Zcnt-sGBU4I>

I often run into people here in North Carolina who blow off this Native American son of the rockabilly guitar. Lillington, NC. Read what Rolling Stone says about him! Especially note the response to his passing from Nobel Laureate, Bob Dylan, one of the most saavy musicologists alive. Rumble is also included in the current docco already previously mentioned in our newsletter. His several performances at Surratts Teen Clubs on weekends help make our childhoods even more special. <http://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/guitarist-link-wray-dies-20051121>. Bill"

4. UPDATE ON CLASS OF 64 REUNION. We received this update on the Class of 82 Reunion from Cathy Telli, cathy_telli@yahoo.com: "We have decided to open our reunion up to all alumni. I have had a few classmates contact me that they are just now seeing the reunion info, so I am extending the payment due until the end of July. If you are paying at the door it is

\$60 per person and \$120 per couple. If you are prepaying it is still \$50/\$100. Also the address to send the checks will be Cathy Telli c/o C2M PO Box 25033, Arlington, VA 22202. Thank you, Cathy”

5. CLASS OF 97 ANNOUNCES 20-YEAR REUNION. We received this update on the reunion plans of the Class of 97: “The Class of 97 Meet and Greet will be held Saturday July 15th at 5:30 p.m. at OTI Lounge. 9421 Largo Drive West, Largo, MD 20774. OTI Lounge (www.otitherestaurant.com) is going to allow us to section off an area to mingle for free! We just need to keep the money flowing with drinks and food (both good here!). There is a jazz band (R&S Project) playing the night of our gathering from 7-10 p.m. with our very own Manny Rico Munson (97) on the bass guitar. The OTI Lounge is attached to AVI Hotel Largo (we have room deals for \$109 plus tax per night - please message, text or email me for how to get one). Beforehand, we'll place some table decorations in our reserved area. If anyone would like to donate to that effort, please email me jwilktnl@gmail.com. See you July 15th! James Wilkinson”

6. 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.”

7. 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 repope1976@gmail.com for additional information.

8. 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 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. Messages to page m.me/SHS82reunion35.”

9. 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.”

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, for any private concerns or questions. Steve Berry (75)”

11. 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.”

12. 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>.

13. 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:

"Anniversary of Printing. This week marks the anniversary of printing presses. The general spread of education was enormously aided by the invention of printing. One man who was an ingenious worker with metals, and was experimenting with new devices in the later Middle Ages, was Johann Gutenberg. The new feature which Gutenberg invented was not the use of the press but a better way of making type. For a while handwritten books were still more popular but as time went on printing gradually prevailed."

"Hobbies: Of course, you've all heard about the man who bought a pair of shoestrings, then sold them for a nickel and bought two more pair. All this added up until he was wealthy and he had a factory. Perhaps this was not a hobby – but look what happened. One way to keep yourself busy is to have a hobby. Some hobbies which are very popular are coin and stamp collecting, match covers and records. There are many different hobbies beginning at coin collecting and ending at model airplane building. Find something that would best suit you – an interest of something you have always liked. Here are some suggestions: making scrapbooks, swimming, the arts, dancing, reading, sports, baseball and many other outdoor sports. Hobbies are very interesting and lots of fun, too."

"Hall Reporter: What improvements do you think could be made in cheerleading? Glen Evans-The need improvements! Janet Goddard-A little more practice and more cooperation from the student body. Rodney Shifflett-More action, enthusiasm, and less self-consciousness. Carter Courtney-I think they're all right just the way they are. Jim Gate-I don't know; I haven't been paying attention! Dawna Sander-More organization and more pep!"

14. 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 Kissing Booth:

Sugary sweet intro: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9nE2spOw_o. Cool soul intro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxQM7GXA8Tc>.

Instead of having a rollicking time with the Chesley family at Hershey Park, Labor Day had me at Miller's Field where the High School was sponsoring a carnival. Or maybe the Boys and Girls Club of Clinton, but nevertheless: There was food, drink and games galore. Music live or recorded was a given and always the main draw. Meanwhile, things like 'dunk tanks' didn't concern me, as I didn't know any of the dunkee's save from yearbooks, nor did I know anyone outside of my brother's friends and they most certainly wouldn't be here. In fact many of the attendees were not from the junior high, or at least none that I could see, making me a lone and unchaperoned juvenile wolf among the alpha males. Still, I looked older than my age.

Walking around for about fifteen minutes and taking in the sights, I spotted one of my multi-sport teammates, whose appearance back then in today's lingo would be more 'hobbit' than human in terms of height. No matter. It was good to see him. After extending pleasantries, we saddled up to one of the many drink stands. "One down, and going strong," I said. He laughed as we tapped cups, and we parted ways for the first time. Alone again and wandering through the maze of activities, a sign attached to a white concession stand caught my eye that had me awestruck, 'twitterpated' and 'critterpated' even. It read, 'Kissing Booth'. It had pink and red heart designs on it. Three females were inside the stand. There was a long line of twitchy males in front. I believe it was only fifty cents a kiss.

Now as far as this sort of travesty goes, someone my age would have to be famous as Frankie Lymon in order to get away with lip lock embrace per 'older women,' but there wasn't any listed age limit. Conflicted between right and wrong, the Boy Scout motto, sparse Methodist upbringing stuff plus guilt handed down from who and whatever my ancestors were, I paused. More rapid fire inner-debate, all the time inspecting the 'kissers' of the kissers and finding not one lacking in the department of cute, I knew I wouldn't have this chance again anytime soon. So overcoming my fear and concern of being found out and humiliated from the very real possibility of being ear-tugged away like a good adult in charge should've done, I jumped in line.

Having never kissed a girl before, this was to be my turbo tutorial, and how! Waiting. Waiting. Oy vey... there she was. 'Hello!' she said when I arrived at the partition. I meekly paid up. She looked at me, not moving, just smiling. Then it dawned on me that it wasn't up to her, it was up to me to press lips forward. So I did. Very soft lips greeted mine. Three seconds. Then she smiled back at me, and the next lucky sucker was up. Yowzers - That was worth every bit of fifty cents! Drifting back to the drink cart, I ran back into my team mate. "Hey, you wouldn't believe what just happened - I kissed a high school girl!" "Where? Who?" he inquired. "At the kissing booth!" I replied excitedly. "Wow - Lucky you!" he replied, who himself was a bit too shy for that sort of public display. We had another drink together. "Two down and going strong!" I stated as we both toasted to my amazing luck, then parted ways again.

When it comes to addiction new or old, once is never enough. So after some pretense of checking out other activities, I found myself magnetized back towards the kissing booth. This time however, it wasn't the same group of ladies. They had been switched out for whatever reason I wouldn't have known back then. These ladies didn't have the same effect on me as the first group. Impatiently disappointed, I walked around for twenty minutes, and lo! the switch had happened again, and thankfully these gals were up to snuff. I jumped back into the line cheerfully. Waiting. Waiting. "The nerve of some people, taking this long," I thought. Dagnabbit, hurry up! Waiting. Wow - finally! Barely paying attention to her greeting of "Hi!" and slapping down my fifty cents, I puckered up and lurched forward. Now this kiss was a little

bit less adventurous than the first, but I made up for it by being aggressive. Yeah baby! I is a man! Arriving back at the drink stand in fiendish glory, I sadly noted that there wasn't any team mate confidant in which to gloat. I tossed back a drink in his honor and to fair maidens everywhere. Three down, and going strong." [... to be continued]"

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

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15. 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.)

16. 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.

17. 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.

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>.

I hope you're looking forward to a wonderful July 4 holiday!

Henry Smith (71)

IN MEMORIAM

JUDY MILLER (70) died June 17, 2017 from ovarian cancer at her home in Potomac. She had one son, Jesse Clark, 36. Her father, Thomas V. Miller and six of her nine siblings graduated from Surrattsville: Thomas V. ("Mike"), Jr. (60), Mimi (66), Nancy (67), Jonny (72), David (73), and Mark (76).

MARY LOUISE PHILLIPS, faculty member from 1970-1973, died recently. A memorial service was held on June 10, 2017 in the Laurel High School auditorium. Mary's friends and loved ones have asked that people tag any photos that you have of Mary to her Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/mary.phillips.9231> or upload them to DropBox <https://www.dropbox.com/request/R29ltz083O3GeMA1PLVR>.

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