

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-8 OF AUGUST 1, 2017

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

1. UPDATE ON SURRATTSVILLE FACEBOOK PRESENCE. A number of our readers use the Foundation's Facebook Group, called "Surrattsville Alumni," to stay connected, post Surrattsville-related photos, and share Surrattsville-related information. The Group recently crested over 2000 members, and there always seems to be something very interesting going on there. If you haven't, please consider joining the Group, and please consider posting any Surrattsville-related photo treasures you might have. Also, please consider joining your Class's Facebook Group – typically called something like "Surrattsville 1971," "Surrattsville 1973," and so on – to stay connected with your Surrattsville classmates.

2. FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND OPERATING FUNDS. Although the Foundation's 2017 Campaign hasn't even officially opened, as can be seen from the list below the generosity of our donors remains in full force for 2017. If you're moved to make a contribution to the Foundation, don't forget that you can designate your contribution to go to:

- The Foundation's General Operating Fund
- The Roland Coluzzi Memorial Scholarship
- The General Fund Scholarship
- The Charlie Waddell Memorial Scholarship
- The Esther Clifton Miller Memorial Scholarship
- The Thomas V. Miller, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Many thanks to our wonderful donors who make the work of the Foundation possible (and many of them year after year). Remember: No donation is too small (or too large) to help benefit the great kids at Surratts!

3. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHTED FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF ROLE. Several of our readers shared this touching and inspiring article about a new kind of role for 2005 Achievement Award recipient and Oscar and Tony winner Marcia Gay Harden (76), helping to care for her mother who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and writing a book about her experience:

http://journals.lww.com/neurologynow/Fulltext/2017/13020/Role_of_a_Lifetime__Since_her_mother_s_diagnosis.15.aspx

The article contains lots of useful information about the disease, and ways to prevent it. Marcia's story is likely to hit home with a number of our readers.

4. LINK WRAY STORIES SPUR MEMORIES. We received this email from Pam Buckingham (70) in response to recent e-Notice stories about Link Wray: “Link Wray - what an lasting influence on all our lives, growing up with him in the neighborhood! I know my older brothers were deeply influenced by Link Wray & the Wraymen, stayed with music all their lives. Pam”

5. ... AND SPEAKING OF TEEN CLUB PERFORMER LINK WRAY. Perhaps some of our readers who live in Maine, or who found themselves visiting Maine this summer, saw this well publicized item about the new, Sundance award-winning documentary film featuring Link Wray on which Greg Laxton (81, and Foundation Board member) served as technical advisor: “Closing Night Feature of the 2017 Maine International Film Festival: July 23, Waterville Opera House. Well, yeah, there was that guy in The Village People who wore the headdress all the time. And there was Redbone, the Native American rock group who scored a massive hit with ‘Come and Get Your Love.’ But the real role of Native Americans in the history of rock and roll is way bigger than that, including Jimi Hendrix, The Band’s Robbie Robertson and the Black Eyed Peas. “Rumble” is the most fun you’ll ever have correcting history. As the ever-pithy Roberston puts it, “Yeah, you wouldn’t let me talk about it before, well now I’m gonna talk real loud.”

6. 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 an interesting excerpt from the January 15, 1953 edition of Green Light:

“Teenage Tips: The telephone rang. Mrs. Friend looked at her hostess. Before she could get up from her chair, her teenage son raced into the room and grabbed the receiver from the hook. “City Morgue,” he piped into the mouthpiece as a smart aleck grin spread across his face. A hollow click echoed from the receiver. Slowly the boy put it back in its place. “Oh-o-o,” he said, looking surprised and puzzled. “They hung up.” “Oh, Dick,” exclaimed his mother. “Why did you do that? It wasn’t funny and it might have been ...” The phone jangled again. She reached it first. Dick stood close by all grin and mischief until he heard his mother say “Yes, Mr. Lake.” Mr. Lake was the boss down at her husband’s office.

“That was the boss who called when you answered the phone. He said our number must be closely related to the City Morgue. She paused and Dick squirmed uncomfortably. Dick decided to leave and did. She came back to her chair. Her face was flushed and her manner was embarrassed and apologetic. Well Dick isn’t so different; some teenagers think it’s smart to be a smart aleck.

Even very young children can learn to answer the phone in a polite and efficient way. Good manners mean both. One should speak directly into the mouthpiece. Avoid talking too loud or too fast. Be pleasant. People are often judged by the tone of their voice, because their facial

expression cannot be seen. This is especially true over the telephone. Every person, young, or old, can be a gracious telephone conversationalist! It's up to you!"

[Ed. note: Very solid life advice coming down from the Surrattsville student newspaper through the decades!]

7. 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 (Part II): I was looking down at my feet while aimlessly walking and pondering things beyond my age level when a bullhorn crackled out an announcement: a foot race was about to begin! This brought me back to my senses. My ankle was almost healed, and I was ready, but then found out that these were team races, two person ordeals. Looking around for a likely athletic type, I noticed for the first time a Murphy Core class veteran, and a female at that. She was normally a very straight forward person, a no nonsense type, but in this environment her attitude had changed. She was friendly and approachable. I asked if she would join me in the race and she agreed. We lined up and readied for action. I didn't know which was better, the foot race or an actual girl by my side. But very soon none of that would matter. The race was cancelled.

For some inexplicable reason the folks in charge decided that a sack race needed to go on in its stead right at that very moment. My time with this girl was just as brief, as we never really did anything together after that one interesting moment. I moved on through the fair somewhat disappointed. As the morning passed into afternoon, I decided that one more visit to the kissing booth would not be out of order. There wasn't to be a long wait time. In fact it was rolling right along. Ah, my turn. "Hey" she mumbled, bored to tears as if she were a U.S. mail clerk, elbows on the counter. My fifty cents down, I pushed forward but something wasn't right with this one. With an attitude that seemed to say that she was just dying to escape the vile duty of having to touch lips with any of Clinton's most unwanted, all grace now abandoned and expressionless, suffering once more the ordeal of lip-locking with complete strangers.

What proceeded was a dry, short, lifeless peck. A lip-bump. "Next" she snapped. That was the sad end to what started off as a promising day of frenzied high school smooching. Later as the party was winding down, I met my team mate once more at our favorite watering hole. "So how was the carnival for you?" he innocently asked, knowing full well the bawdy deeds committed that day. "Educational." I replied. He smiled, and with one final click of our drink cups asked, "How many does this make for you?" In sheer delight of all the fun things that had happened beyond my one kissing misfire and the race that wasn't, I wanted to say 'two out of four', but swiftly manned up and declared, "Eight down, and going strong!"

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

[... to be continued]

8. UPDATE ON CLASS OF 67 REUNION. We received this latest report on the upcoming Class of 67 golden reunion: “The Class of 67 is fast approaching last call for our 50th reunion Oct. 21-22 in Ocean City MD. Make your room reservation now before the hotel sells out. Room reservations are made directly with the Dunes Manor Hotel by calling 410-289-1100. You must mention Surrattsville to get the discounted room rate of \$119 a night. The cost of the reunion is \$80 a person, payable to Surrattsville 67 Reunion LLC. Mail your check for each person attending payable to Surrattsville 67 Reunion LLC, c/o Nancy Miller, 8808 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, MD 20735. We look forward to seeing you there! The Reunion Committee: Chris Parker, Janet Brown, Jimmy Mead Hanson, Sally Soderburg Mueller, Ron Stout, Cassandra Creighton Clouser, Kathy Malkie, Bob Oechsler, Nancy Miller, Jeff Buckler, Stephanie Nowak Morton.”

9. 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”

10. 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.

11. CLASS OF 82 REUNION THIS MONTH. 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.”

12. CLASS OF 77 REUNION ALSO THIS MONTH. 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.”

13. 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)”

14. 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.”

15. HORNET’S VIET NAM MEMOIR FEATURED ON AMAZON. As we’ve noted in prior e-Notices, several Hornets have written moving and inspiring memoirs about their service in Viet Nam. One of the books we’ve featured is by Bill Crawford (62), and is entitled “Just Like Sunday on the Farm: Crawdaddy Remembers the Nam and After.” We’ve learned that Amazon is running a \$3.99 special on the e-book version of Bill’s memoir. (And we understand that readers are able to share this e-version free with their friends on the Amazon system.) Please don’t forget that, as noted in the next item, if you purchase the book on smile.amazon.com, and designate the Surrattsville High School Foundation as your benefitted charity, you’ll be supporting the mission of the Foundation while enjoying Bill’s poignant memories and observations.
<https://www.amazon.com/Just-Like-Sunday-Farm-Crawdaddy/dp/1537232878>

16. 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>.

17. 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.)

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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”

21. 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 enjoying a pleasant and relaxing summer of 2017!

Henry Smith (71)

IN MEMORIAM

ALAN HENRY DRESSEL (53) died on May 14. After Surrattsville, Al entered the U.S. Navy Reserve and trained at the Great Lakes Naval Station. He then went on to work for private electronics and aerospace companies, with the latter part of his career spent at Rain Bird Corporation in San Diego as head of procurement and production coordination. Al is remembered as being adept at home projects, a football fan, fond of road trips and camping, and a best friend to his dogs, who lived a full and varied life. He is survived by his wife Ling Huang-Dressel, his son Alan Dressel of Palmdale, CA, and his brother Barry Dressel of Salisbury, MD.

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