

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-9 OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

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

1. FOUNDATION MAKES GRANT TO REPLACE FLOOR IN WEIGHT ROOM.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Foundation recently made a grant to the School to purchase a badly-needed (but not funded) padded floor for the weight room used by all of the boys' and girls' athletic teams at the School. Here's hoping this small improvement in the Athletic Department's facilities assists the Hornets in continuing their regularly outsized performance against much bigger schools!

2. FOUNDATION MAKES GRANT TO PURCHASE NEW TV PROGRAM

EQUIPMENT. Also to help the School with outfitting for the new academic year, the Foundation has made a grant to the School's TV production department to enable it to achieve a much-needed (but again not funded) upgrade of its TV equipment. (Some of our readers will remember when the fanciest thing about morning announcements at the School was the daily "Hornetman" serial!)

3. CLASS OF 75 REUNION IS TODAY. 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)"

4. FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY OPENS. The Foundation's 2017 Campaign has officially opened. (As can be seen from the list below the generosity of our early donors has remained 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! You can donate easily on-line at this link:

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5. AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY WITH SHS CONNECTION OPENS IN D.C.

As we previously reported, Foundation Board member Greg Laxton (81) served as technical advisor on the new Sundance award-winning document, “Rumble.” We have learned that the film will be shown in D.C. and across screens all over the U.S. in the coming months.

Information about locations can be found at: <https://www.rumblethemovie.com/screenings>.

“Rumble’s” recent premiere was attended by Little Steven Van Zandt (of Bruce Springsteen’s E Street Band) and started some Oscar. Two Hornets appear on screen in the documentary, Greg and Sherry Wray!

6. UPDATE ON CLASS OF 64 GATHERING.

We received this latest update from the Class of 64: “Class of 1964 Get Together Planned for October 13-14, 2018: We are sorry that Durango, CO is now not happening. The cost and time to go to Durango became too much and we decided to change the venue. We are now planning another outing at former classmate Bill and Theresa Adam’s Mauertown, VA homestead. Plans are in the initial stages and we have sent an email to all classmates with another all-class email to follow. (NOTE: these emails are sent under the name of “Mary Surratt.”) If you are reading this notice and want to be added to our “interested” list for future e-mails, please let Ginger Trapanotto know at gingersnap699@gmail.com or call 301-318-6544. We always have such good times when we get together and this one in 2018 will not be any different. So far, there are about 30 planning to attend. Please think about joining us.”

7. 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:

“Gossip. Adding a link to the steady chain are Charlotte F and Bob W. Bec and Pat T seen holdin’ hands Friday – could they be keeping secrets? How about this kids – everyone seen having loads o’ fun on the bus going to the game and back. What proved to be so interesting to our JV at Oxon Hill the other night? Pat M and Alan D seem to be spending mucho time together lately. Question of the Week: Hey, Tx, where’d you get that haircut? Wishing Sonny Hall a Happy Birthday – at the grand party were Rosalie, Franie, Lois n’ Tommy, John Sickler, Genlen Pogie, and Shirley Holmes. Still stading: Helen and Kenny, Rodney and Edna, Billy and Frances, Shirley Holmes and Ray, Madeline and Cherry Windsor.

H.R. didn't fly to the game Friday night like she said. We wonder why? Everyone feeling sad cause the Sicklers are leaving us. Good luck in your next school. What happened in the Home Ec room to make Jean R cry, huh Jean? What could it be that Josephine P and Marion D have cooked up for the Valentine's Dance so soon? Talking about the Sophomores, who is the gal who's got it bad for Frank Burke? Hey, Ambrosi! Why are you so worried about Brec's getting a driver's license? Who was Joyce saving a seat for on the bus Friday night – could it have been Jerry G? Did Gail Anne ever find out who 'Spots' was? The seventh graders all seemed to enjoy Dotty Kenny's party. Is that right

Are Eddy and Gloria going together again? Seen together at a movie without girls: these two handsome Juniors, Rick and Jimmy. What happened? Everyone wondering what's going on between Billy T and Mona N.”

“Weather: School kids held their breaths Tuesday night so those beautiful white snowflakes came drifting down. The ground was covered in less than a half an hour and the country appeared to be a white heaven. Yet, so much to everyone's dismay, school continued as usual on Wednesday morning.”

8 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.)

“Angry Days: (suggested soundtrack: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkae0-TgrRU&index=75&list=PLo7KChq6VkANHuC-o7VodDB2N_gJ95P5vI) Wouldn't mind lying and say that all was cute and wonderful back then, but really thinking about it out brings me to the conclusion that I was developing a touch of explosiveness. Not that I could summon anger when challenged, but always when absolutely inappropriate. The short span of World Series losses of the Orioles comes to mind. During that time I had to deal with an aggressive oaf in metal shop. Every day when I arrived in class, this character would “jokingly” grab me by the collar and belt, slide me over the tables and sinks, shove me into things, and I just laughed it off, not fighting back much, allowing myself to become part of a cartoonish vaudeville show. He usually ceased all warfare when the teacher arrived, but this act was getting us put into detention and study hall during school events. No longer funny, it in fact was a nuisance.

During the short reign of his terror, my calm resistance to idiotic adversity was slowly altered while he continually caused me to miss out on school events and being noted as a trouble student. When I started to fight back, he escalated the violent aspect of the routine, morphing it into an inescapable judgment dance of the damned. The shop teacher finally caught him, but I still had to sit out events because of his perverse desire for human degradation on a daily basis. I eventually found out that he was an only child of a single parent and an overtly spoiled mama's boy at that, but to heck with psychology. That was a miserable experience. He eventually

disappeared from school, when or how I don't remember. Nevertheless, my peace was restored in the world of metal shop.

Lunch Room Colosseum: (suggested soundtrack: Intro by Grieg:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLp_Hh6DKWc. Intro by King Crimson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHJ7An2CMB4>) Sometimes an over-aggressive group of middle weight wrestlers would plot while eating lunch about who would suffer a beating from their mighty hands that day while sitting in the rear of the lunchroom, and after selecting an easy target would then toss a leftover food item at the intended victim with uncanny accuracy. I remember watching one of them body slam one unlucky chosen over tables and worse. One day an ice cream sandwich missile landed on my shirt, and I stood up as all intended victims of his violence did, while the rest of the laughing crew of scoundrels stood up near their seats awaiting to lock horns. I stood and stared at them, then returned to my seat. Why waste any time on that stuff? They laughed and sneered, but I lost no dignity in my decision. I needed all the nice un-ripped dress shirts I could find back then.”

[Ed note: Don't try any of this at home, or at school!]

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

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

[... to be continued]

9. REPORT FROM THE HURRICANE ZONE. We received this bit of encouraging news from the hurricane zone from Pat McArthur (70): “Just a quick note to let you know that I made it through Hurricane Harvey relatively unscathed. The bedroom in my apartment has some water damage (ceiling, a wall, and part of the carpet) and the roof over my part of the building lost some shingles, but otherwise not much else. The power went out around 10 p.m. Friday night and came back on around 11:30 p.m. Saturday night. Initially the storm was projected to make landfall in Corpus Christi, which is where I live and work. It shifted and instead came ashore near Rockport, TX, roughly 30 miles NE of Corpus. That town was devastated as were other towns. So if you would, please ask all Hornets out there to keep good thoughts for those of us here in TX as we begin the rebuilding phase. Thanks! All the best, Pat”

10. 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.”

11. 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 repoppe1976@gmail.com for additional information.

12. 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.”

13. 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>.

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 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.)

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. 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”

18. 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 great start to your Fall season!

Henry Smith (71)

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN WAYNE (SUNNY) MYERS (66) died on August 25, 2017. Sunny lived in Maryland for practically his whole life, until he moved to Edison, Georgia in 2015. In recent years his health

was not good and that was going to prevent him from attending his reunion that he had been looking forward to in Ocean City this year. His arrangements are at Lee's Funeral Home in Clinton on Saturday September 2, 2017. The viewing will be 11:00 a.m. and the service at 1:00 p.m.

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