

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2018-11 OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018

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

1. VERY SPECIAL 2018 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES. As we announced previously, the Foundation's current leadership, which generally has been in place since the Foundation was founded in 2000 (!), will be handing-off the reins to an outstanding and energetic group of new leaders on January 1, 2019. We want to give the 2018 Annual Campaign special prominence in the hope that the retiring volunteers will be able to effect this hand-off at a time when the Foundation is in the best possible financial condition.

If you support the Foundation's mission and enjoy any of its efforts (such as these e-Notices), please consider using the "Donate" button on www.surrattsville.org, or the Donor Form below, to participate in the 2018 Annual Campaign. Remember: because the Foundation has no overhead, no donation is too small (or too large!) to benefit the Foundation. And please check to see if your employer has a matching donation program.

Thanks in advance for considering joining this very special 2018 initiative!

2. RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FOUNDATION THROUGH EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES.

Thanks to the many of you who make your Amazon purchases not through "regular" Amazon, but through <https://smile.amazon.com/>, with the Surrattsville High School Foundation designated as your 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. (Through November 2, Amazon is increasing by 10 the number of dollars it donates to designated charities through smile.amazon.com, so your painless support of the Foundation will be supercharged for the next two days.) Thanks again for considering this!

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>.

3. FOUNDATION "2.0" LEADERS WORKING HARD ON JANUARY 1, 2019

TRANSITION. The outstanding new volunteer leadership that will take the Foundation into its "2.0 era" met again on September 14 for another very productive planning session and they continue to work with the outgoing volunteer leadership of the Foundation. All in attendance agreed that the next phase of the Foundation's history will be a successful and exciting one. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like to volunteer to assist this next generation of Foundation volunteers.

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4. PDF VERSIONS OF 70, 71 AND 72 BOOMERANGS AVAILABLE; YEARBOOKS SOUGHT FOR ARCHIVES.

Jon Miller (72) has very generously offered to scan his 70, 71 and 72 yearbooks for anyone needing a copy. Please contact Jon at jonmiller 5535@aol.com if you would like a copy.

And, on a related point, thanks to very generous donations our yearbooks from our readers, the Foundation's Archives are now missing only these yearbooks:

- All before 1950
- 1983-1989, inclusive
- 1995
- 1998
- 2000 and 2001
- 2004 and 2006
- 2007-present, inclusive

If you would like to donate to the Archives a copy of any of these missing links, please let us know.

5. LEGENDARY HORNET MUSICIANS' FACEBOOK PAGE AND RECORDINGS.

Some of our musically-inclined readers may recall various e-Notice articles about Surrattsville's legendary bands The Tuesday Boots, Butler's Orchard, DC Star, and others. We recently learned that there is a Facebook Group for DC Star that includes a fascinating pictorial record of that great band that begins in its early days in Clinton and continues through its national fame. And the band's "Best Of" album and other material is available at dcstarmusic.com. Here's an excerpt from an on-line review of the band's output:

"... Out of the twilight of music's pre-digital era come two definitive collections of remastered record releases by one of the best loved power rock bands of the day: DC Star. From the sweet

pop harmonies of the first single “Blue Sparks” to the bone crushing thunder of “Fortuneteller” their sound was truly unique. Their high energy performances captivated audiences and inspired a new generation of rockers throughout the northeast. DC Star consisted of vocalist Kenneth (Kenny) Taylor, Jeff Avery on guitars, keyboards and vocals, David Simmons on guitars and vocals, Henry Farmer on bass guitar and Glenn Jones on drums. Their first singles were penned by writer Jefferson Antel but thereafter the majority of their music was co-written by David Simmons and lyricist Ray McCrory. ...”

[Ed Note: I have had the Best Of album on continuous replay since I learned about its availability, and it is outstanding. The playing, the singing, the songwriting and the re-mastering are just fantastic. Go musical Hornets! (Now if we could only locate the holy grail of Surrattsville music – a recording of The Tuesday Boots! And, speaking of the Tuesday Boots, might anyone remember the circumstances of this wonderful musical surprise some of us experienced sometime during the period 1968-1971; specifically, we were attending a Saturday symposium or some such at the school and headed to the cafeteria for the lunch break, and there, on the stage to entertain us, were The Tuesday Boots! To help date that event, it might have been the performance where I was totally knocked out by hearing The Tuesday Boots play The Beatles’ “Revolution” before I had heard it anywhere else!]

6. CALLING BASEBALL PLAYERS AND WRESTLERS! Some of our readers might remember the articles about the very successful reunion, several years ago, of Hornet wrestlers from the Coach Lew Jenkins era, with the Coach and his family. We’re now planning a baseball players plus wrestlers reunion with the Coach and his family for June 2019. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like to be added to the list for updates on that sure-to-be-fantastic event!

7. CLASS OF 70 PLANS GOLDEN REUNION. We received this exciting news from Leslie St. Clair (70): “The Class of 1970 has our 50th reunion year coming up soon in 2020. I’m working on a new contact email list -- please send me your email address to Stclair.leslie@comcast.net. Also, please join our Facebook Group called “Surrattsville 1970” to get information about the reunion plans. Since our last couple of reunions were open to surrounding classes, please include your class year if you request to join our Facebook page and if you send me your email address. To get reunion information you must join our page and send email me your address, because I will not be posting any plans/info on my personal Facebook page.”

8. CLASS OF 68 REUNION NEWS. We received this update on the Class of 68’s upcoming 50th Reunion: “For December 30, 2018-January 6, 2019 sea cruise reunion, contact Cruise Planner Jeannie Lippard, jeannie@cruiseplanneronline.com, 410-987-SAIL (7245) or 443-871-5914.”

9. CLASSES OF 82, 83, 84 AND 85 REUNION NEWS. We received this update on the upcoming reunion for these great Classes: “Save the Date: The SHS classes of 82, 83, 84 and 85 are holding a joint class reunion on October 12, 2019, from 5 pm -10 pm, at the Holiday Inn in Solomon's Island, MD. We are still working on finalizing the details so please look for more information in the coming months. If you have questions, please get in touch with someone from

your class that is helping with the reunion. If you would like to be added to the email list, please get in touch with your class emailer. Contact information:

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10. DON'T FORGET THE FACEBOOK GROUPS OF THE FOUNDATION AND OF EACH CLASS YEAR.

More and more of the communications about the Foundation, Surrattsville generally, and about individual Class year activities, have moved to the applicable Groups on Facebook. The Foundation's general Surrattsville Group, called “Surrattsville Alumni,” is now approaching 2100 members, and the various Class Groups – such as “Surrattsville 1969,” “Surrattsville 1973,” etc. – are growing vigorously. To stay in touch, and to see a regular parade of interesting photos and info about dear ol' Surratts, please consider joining the Surrattsville Alumni Group and your own Class Group.

11. MORE HISTORICAL TREASURES FROM 1964-1967 SURVEYORS! Here are more treasures from The Surveyor from the 1964-1967 period. Thanks to Nancy Miller (67) and the Class of 67 for donating these “journalistic time capsules” to the Foundation Archives! The following are some excerpts from the January 1965 issue:

Council Starts Many Projects: Student Council activities are centered around committees which are investigating specific projects or improvements for Surrattsville. A clothing drive for the under-privileged people of Appalachia will begin after Christmas. The purpose of this drive is to collect any usable clothing that Surrattsville students can afford to donate. Lynn Ireland, committee chair, stated that it is hoped all students will participate fully in this worthwhile endeavor. A fund to buy athletic books for the library in memory of Don Rhodes is another

student council project. Karen Bitterman, Chris Mueser, and Mr. Vaughn are presently surveying book lists and prices in order to make a good selection.

New students will find it less confusing upon arriving at Surrattsville because a committee has been set up to welcome them. Walter Madison is chair of this project and it has been in effect since the second week in December. A possible solution to alleviate traffic problems in the gym is being looked into by Ann Symkowicz. At present the committee is planning to either paint or tape aisles on the bleachers so spectators will be able to move around more freely. Two prospective improvements which are being considered include moving the trophy case from the gym into the foyer, and a bus for extra-curricular activities. More work on these projects will be continued after the holidays.

Editorial - A Hall of Fame: Each year the staff of the Surveyor appeals for a "Hall of Fame" at Surrattsville in which awards, trophies, and special honors could be proudly and prominently displayed. Until now this annual pleas has gone virtually disregarded. But recently it has come to our attention that many students feel that the inconspicuous trophy case located at the entrance of the gym does not do justice to Surrattsville's numerous athletic and academic feats. We should like to see in the foyer, or another favorable area, a display case which would house all our trophies and awards, plus a special "Hall of Fame" section honoring outstanding athletic and academic achievements of Surrattsville alumni. The Surveyor staff urges the Student Council to appeal to the Administration for the addition of, or perhaps make it a school project. Surrattsville deserves to have its accomplishments recognized."

[Ed note: Thanks to these efforts in 1965, the trophy case was moved to the main lobby. And thanks to the efforts of Foundation volunteers and donors, the School now has a very impressive Legacy Hall running from the lobby toward the gym!]

12. ... AND MORE HISTORICAL 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, 66 years ago! Here are some excerpts from the April 30, 1953 edition:

"Music Notes: Reports on composers this week have proved interesting and entertaining. In 7B Music, June Shifflett and Jean Merriman gave a report on Frederic Chopin, with Bonnie Sellner playing a Prelude, John Page an Air with Variations, and Helen Bovbjerg a Masurka of Chopin's. The class enjoyed further information about Chopin and his music when Mrs. Moorehead played the record from our Masters series. Harriet Lusk and Kathy Hummer were the committee from 7th grade for the famous Mendelssohn. Harriet's painting illustrating "Midsummer Night's Dream" is on display and Jean Reasebeck's portrait of Mendelssohn is posted on the bulletin board. In 7A, Jay Irving and Paula Jones presented an original skit in preparation for their report.

Next week is National Music Week, and Prince George's County is honoring it by concerts throughout the County. Our school goes to Oxon Hill, in presenting a concert with Gwynn Park HS, Laurel, Frederick Sasser, and Oxon Hill.

Junior Class News: Everyone who attended the Prom reported that they had a wonderful time and we are glad they did. The Junior Class would like to thank the following people for helping to make our dance a success: Mrs. Noyes, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Pryde, Mrs. Maust, Mrs. Merritt, and Mr. Hill. Congratulations to the following girls who are on the May Court: Lois Hinchliffe, Myra Rogor, Betty Anne Shifflett, and Janet Goddard. Belated Happy Birthday wishes to John Sickler. Some of the Junior girls are going to be in the 4-H Chorus which is going to sing at the Folk Festival at Frederick Sasser High School on Saturday evening May 2 at 8 p.m."

13. 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.

14. 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"

15. 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 all of our readers are looking forward to a wonderful holiday seasons! Henry Smith (71)

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