

## ***THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2018-7 OF JULY 1, 2018***

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

**1. 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](mailto: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.”

**2. LOSS OF AN ICONIC PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RADIO VOICE.** We received this email from Wayne Tatum (74): “I recently found out that "Cousin Duffy" of WPGC, aka Warren Duffy of KKLA, died June 13, 2018. I emailed the host of the WPGC website last month, and we spoke of Cousin Duffy.”

Ed note: In addition to being a central – and fun! -- part of the radio input Top 40 listeners in Prince George's County received in the 1960s, Cousin Duffy always seemed to go out of his way to be hospitable to the crews from Surrattsville Junior and Senior who visited the station to record their annual “WPGC School Salutes” to Surrattsville.

**3. ANOTHER HORNET OFFERS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.** We recently learned that Bruce Johnson ([bajjlaw@aol.com](mailto:bajjlaw@aol.com)) (85) is a petition candidate for State's Attorney for Prince George's County. Bruce joins the list of members of the Surrattsville community who have pursued opportunities to serve the public (including the Foundation's inaugural Achievement Award recipient!).

**4. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FEATURED IN YOUTUBE VIDEO.** A reader let us know about this fascinating gallery talk available on youtube by Foundation Achievement Award recipient and internationally acclaimed painter, Kevin Fitzgerald (71):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BmqWCHwDeY&feature=youtu.be>

This talk is bound to be of interest to our artistically-inclined readers and our readers interested in provocative concepts of any nature.

**5. CLASS OF 88 REUNION UPDATE.** We received this update on the Class of 88's 30 year reunion planning: “The Class of 88 is excited to announce that we are now able to offer Reunion tickets for our friends from all classes! We are looking forward to seeing you all in August! The Reunion will take place Saturday August 11, 2018 at the Colony South Hotel in Clinton. The first 88 tickets purchased will come with free commemorative Class of 88 30<sup>th</sup> reunion travel mugs! Festivities will officially begin at 8 p.m. at the Colony South and go until midnight. There will be a DJ and a cash bar. The menu is a dinner buffet. A block of rooms has been set aside under code 08102018surr for alumni traveling from out-of-town. Contact the Colony South Hotel directly at 301-856-4500 for room reservations. Reunion tickets are %85 per person

and can be paid via PayPal at <https://paypal.me/pools/c/82dLsyIK4H>. Contact Kurt Aktug at [kurtaktug12@gmail.com](mailto:kurtaktug12@gmail.com) for more information. Please share with all your SHS friends! We are looking forward to a great turnout and a great time! Find the Class of 88 Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/265026763512671>. Go Hornets!”

**6. MORE SURRATTSVILLE MEMORIES FROM DAYS GONE BY.** The following is the latest installment of Wayne Tatum’s (74) always evocative memoir of his time at Surrattsville Junior High in the 1960s. We’re running Wayne’s reminiscences as a serial, and we’re sure Wayne’s stories will stimulate lots of memories of times likely long gone-by among our readers.

Boondock Banishment: “Just a Little” Beau Brummels:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InRb7bOuT9c>

It’s amazing how beautiful a place becomes when you know you’re leaving it. The people become irreplaceable, the landmarks are more precious. When you’re a kid, anyway, because it seems to be the end of everything. Older folk who hate moving can relate to this effect as ‘beer goggles’ and selective memory. Imagine that one could be on the French Riviera, yet still pine over the Piscataway. I’ve never been on the French Riviera, but I lived in Miami in 1972 for very short time, and did lament leaving our semi-shabby little town. Have back your white sands, Floridians – I’ll take <sup>1</sup>Clinton Regional any day, box turtles included.

In spring 1970, we ended up in a very large musty old white house with a wraparound porch and a den on Washington Street in LaPlata, near the railroad track and close to the hospital. I still managed to attend SJHS, and consoled myself in the knowledge that brother Walt would drive me to school every day in his Super Sport-like 1969 Chevrolet Impala convertible, not to mention I would be experiencing the latest songs by Three Dog Night and some Steppenwolf on the way home while he and my mother droned on about Charles County schools to my otherwise deaf ears. Back in the real world, however, it was a week or so after the move that Crestview Elementary School teacher Courtney Pringle gave notice that my little sister was missing while her nonchalant brother was still attending school nearby.

SJHS vice-principal Mrs. Duffy borrowed me from the English class of Miss Daugherty to discuss the matter. I don’t remember if I gave a school spirit speech or acted pathetic enough to win her over, but she took command of the situation and ironed everything out. She’d fix one tricky problem for the elementary school, I’d then head back to class even though she wasn’t finished, and she would bring me back for the rest of the junior high information. This happened about five times in one hour before everything was straight. Sadly, I don’t believe that I ever bothered to thank Mrs. Duffy for her help. Add that to my <sup>2</sup>character check series.

Mr. Murphy had a conversation with me a short time after all of this, mostly questioning with a smile why Mrs. Duffy had gone out of her way for me. “She really seems to like you,” he mused. For everyone else I was like an onion – very noticeable and gave you stomach acid. Meanwhile, my fantasy world was still amazingly intact.

The Morning Loop: “Music to Watch Girls By:”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auS-ndWXLso>

The junior high had become much more civilized in the 69-70 school year. Walking the hallways in the morning used to be a race to avoid greasers and arrive at class in one piece. Now it was to perambulate, promenade if you will, to meet others, enjoy life. Notice in amazement how pretty girls kept getting prettier. Overnight even. But as for the occasional rose and thorn issues of life ...

Close Call I: “Knights March” Hans Zimmer:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIm8mOXZPh4>

One morning Dave Chesley and I were walking behind the touchy leader of the <sup>3</sup>lunchroom colosseum bunch accompanied by the same when Dave greeted him comically after some minor embarrassing event happened. The leader turned around and asked Dave what he said to him, and in the usual threatening manner. Dave avoided battle by humorously back peddling and apologizing, but that was close. I wonder if waving a red cape and yelling ‘Ole’ would’ve helped diffuse it. Probably not – junior high alpha males don’t understand comedy any higher than pure humiliation when locked into offended reaction mode.

Close Call II: A Bugs Bunny Moment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnzZH2-daJ0>

In those days, some of us had the gift of bringing avoidable situations upon ourselves and likewise others with us, like the times during the previous summer when fun loving Dave would greet one of the Crestview school janitorial staff in a way that was borderline redneck hassling. The staff member kindly put up with it, but he also had the habit of smiling back at Chesley and saying “Uh-huh,” as in “just keep messing with the sleeping rhino.” Sometimes I would cut in and try to keep it from escalating, but the janitor would dismiss me with a half-grin and say, “Don’t worry, I can handle this” which alarmed me even more. Dave always managed to escape disaster but then odds were changing drastically. How he remained unscathed is still a mystery.

Epilogue: Everybody survived. No students on the morning loop were harmed at any time by reckless witticisms or spooning during this cautionary tale. Endangered, yes.

“Bridge Over Troubled Water:” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ8zfRjUuc>

The three lunchroom coliseum gladiators eventually mellowed out and became solid citizens. I spoke with one of the group prior to the second Surrattstock concert after his band had finished practicing. He was standing in the hallway with his bandmates, and appeared upbeat while recapping the old days of school sports. As the conversation ended and I was heading to the stage door for practice, he looked me in the eyes and said with a smile, “I can still go!” meaning that his ability to wrestle was still intact. “Yeah man,” I answered, like a lot of middle-aged guys do to keep the mood light, but his statement and the look in his eye conveyed “still undefeated.” His heart was ready for the next match up until the end, not just in mind like the rest of us. Of the other two surviving fellows, one married quite early on and was tamed by life as far as I know. The <sup>4</sup>third and most contentious of the three was quite the decent character to me in ninth grade, although sadly I wish I had seen this side of him before the <sup>5</sup>ice cream sandwich landed on my shirt.

Reference Notes:

1. a.k.a. Louise F. Cosca Regional Park

2. June 2018 eNotices item 12 Character Check Part I, Character Check Part II  
<http://www.surrattsville.org/enotices/2018/2018-6.pdf>
3. September 2017 eNotices item 8 Lunch Room Colosseum  
<http://www.surrattsville.org/enotices/2017/2017-9.pdf>
4. See Close Call I
5. September 2017 eNotices item 8 Lunch Room Colosseum  
<http://www.surrattsville.org/enotices/2017/2017-9.pdf>

**7. CLASS OF 68 REUNION NEWS.** We received this update on the Class of 68's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion: "Two separate reunion activities: Land and Sea Cruise Reunion. Website for August 18, 2018 land reunion is <http://surrattsville68.classquest.com/main/default.aspx>.

For December 30, 2018-January 6, 2019 sea cruise reunion, contact Cruise Planner Jeannie Lippard, [jeannie@cruiseplanneronline.com](mailto:jeannie@cruiseplanneronline.com), 410-987-SAIL (7245) or 443-871-5914."

**8. CLASS OF 78 REUNION NEWS.** We received this update on the Class of 78's upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion: "Surrattsville Class of 1978 - 40 Year Reunion. Please join us Saturday June 30, 2018 from 7-10 p.m. at the Pier Oyster Bar, Edgewater, MD. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar. A hotel block has been made at the DoubleTree, Annapolis, MD (\$169 plus tax). Click the following link to reserve your room:

[http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/A/ANPDTDT-SVR-20180629/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/A/ANPDTDT-SVR-20180629/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG).

Tickets are \$44 per person, and must be purchased by June 23, 2018. To purchase tickets please select one of the following options: Paypal: send money to [jlaroque@aflcio.org](mailto:jlaroque@aflcio.org); Venmo: send money to Chris Flowers; Check: mail to Christine Flowers, 39005 Ridgely Lane, Lovettsville, VA 20180. We hope to see you there! Please share with friends!

Please click this button to let us know you are coming and to purchase your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/surrattsville-class-of-78-40-year-reunion-sat-june-30-tickets-44025427238>.

Have questions? Contact Chris and Jeanne."

**9. NEW FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP HARD AT WORK ON TRANSITION.** Our outstanding new volunteer leadership that will take the Foundation into its "2.0 era" continues to work hard on taking the baton from the current Foundation leadership. This energetic group is bringing great energy, and wonderfully creative new ideas, to the Foundation. Please send me an email at [hsmith@smithdowney.com](mailto:hsmith@smithdowney.com) if you would like to volunteer to assist this next generation of Foundation volunteers.

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Susan Roley Malone (65), New Board Member

**10. SECOND ANNUAL ALL CLASSES HOMECOMING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 6!** We just received this fun announcement from the School. Here's hoping many Classes will be able to send representatives to this wonderful event.

“Forever a Hornet Tailgate – For All Surrattsville Alumni! I need for every class president/point of contact to organize the tailgate for your class and bring it to Surrattsville for this year's Homecoming! Contact me ASAP at [marcus.davis@pgcps.org](mailto:marcus.davis@pgcps.org). In your planning make sure you include everything needed for a fun-filled tailgating experience. That should include your tent, your tables, your chairs, your food, your drinks, your grills (maximum of two), your charcoal, your utensils, and any and everything that you would need to make this event memorable (class shirts, etc.). Alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited.

Date: October 6, 2018 (Homecoming)

Time: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Game Time: 2:00 pm

Location: The practice field in between the school building and the football field.

Purpose: To restore the Hornet pride, to build bridges between the past and current classes, and to support (donate to) the Class of 2020.

Come in your Surrattsville paraphernalia or school colors. If you don't have any paraphernalia, some will be sold on site. Sponsored by the Class of 2020. Donations for the Class of 2020 are welcomed! Please RSVP if your class will be participating to [marcus.davis@pgcps.org](mailto:marcus.davis@pgcps.org) by close of business on September 15, 2018.”

**11. 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.

**12. 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 February 1965 issue:

“Sophs Plan Valentine Dance: As Valentine’s Day nears, the usually talkative and “going” sophomore class is talking and “going” even more. The Valentine Dance, their first major self-executed event, is coming up soon, so mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The highlight of the night will be the crowning of the queen, chosen from three girls, one nominated from each class. The vote will be administered by placing any desired amount of change in a designated container during the lunch periods. The class with the most money will have their nominee honored as queen. Mrs. Noyes stated, after the executive meeting held to decide the date, “We want it to be an all school dance, not just a sophomore dance.” At their general meeting held on January 11, the committees and chairmen were chosen. The people in charge are: decorations-Terry Dues; publicity and queen-Ann Scott and Marla Alexander; refreshments-Donna Cardinale and Carol Mitchel; tickets and reservations-Ronnie Barkley and Charles Wallace; tables-Paula Bradley and Stephanie Nowak; and clean-up-Diane Faulstitch.

Margaret Gonzales Chosen for National Chorus: For the first time in Surrattsville history, there will be a representative, Margaret Gonzals, in the All-Eastern Chorus for Music Educators National Conference at Buffalo, New York, in early February. That Margaret deserves this honor is attested by her fine background of experience. In junior high years, she had the lead in “Springtime” and had the lead in the Elizabeth Ferguson Foundation Theater’s “Carousel.” In Surrattsville Senior High School, Margaret has been a member of the Choir all three years as well as soprano soloist. She has represented the Choir in three County Choruses and this year’s State Chorus, as well as being a member of Girls’ Ensemble and Madrigal Singers. She had a lead in “Annie Get Your Gun” and “A Guy From Venus.” She was also a member of the popular Yorkshire Singers. Margaret has shared her talents with the community too, having song for Job’s Daughters, the Hecht Teen Board Program, various school dances, and the Surratts Stage Dood Company’s production of “Hansel and Gretel.” She was for two consecutive years one of the entertainers for the Prince George’s County Teachers’ Association banquet. She is also a member of her church choir. A year ago, Margaret was accepted at the Fred Waring Workshop and was featured at the final concert of the season.

Class President Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in VFW Contest: David Crawley, Surrattsville senior, has won second place in the area “Voice of Democracy” contest offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paul Duke Chapter, Clinton, MD. Dave had won first place in the Surrattsville contest while Linda Lynch took second place and Bill Morgan won third place. Semi-finalists in the school contest were Linda Albert, Leslie Begg, Carl Brumbeck, Mike Epstein, Glenn Hopkins, Tom Keast, Lindsey Lucke, James Martin, Allen Parkhurst, Susan Roley, William rolye, and Jan Weigle.

[Ed. note: How many well-deserving recipients of the Foundation’s Achievement Award can you find among the names above?!]

**13. ... 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 May 7, 1953 edition:

“Elementary News – Mrs. Little’s Fourth Grade: This week we are in California in our class’ imaginary trip. We are heading back east to Nevada. We are in charge of the lower half of the bulletin board. We are representing the baseball picture in it.

Record Shop: Frank Sinatra has switched to Capitol for reasons unknown. His first disc for the new company is “I’m Walking Behind You,” back by “Lean Baby,” both current hits of the day. Eddie Fisher and Vic Damone also have platters of the first song, but Frankie’s is by far the better, except where staunch Fisher Fans are concerned. “Anna” from the movie of the same name is going over big. Many of the DJs are predicting it to wind up on top. Another song from the movies is the theme of “Ruby Gentry.” Richard Hayman whose disc of “April in Portugal” is a best seller, has the best disc of it to date. He records for Mercury. I wouldn’t be surprised if Coral, a subsidiary of Decca, isn’t supporting Decca. Teresa Brewer, Don Cornell, and many others are on Coral labels, and they have been selling!

Nat King Cole has another hit with “Pretend,” which was strictly an instrumental until he came along and made it number six on the National Hit Parade. Georgia Gibbs’ “Seven Lonely Days” is not the hit that was predicted. I guess I lose my guess on that one, but “The Song from Moulin Rouge,” which I predicted to wind up on top did; it is number one in the D.C. area. “Kaw-Linga,” by Delores Gray, another hit of the day, is number seven, and predicted to go higher. “Doggie in the Window” is still number one in the National Hit Parade, but I for one sure wish that someone would buy it, shoot it, or anything that would get rid of it! It is cute but let’s not run it into the ground, if it isn’t too late to stop that already.

Bing Crosby has a real nice disc of “Hush-A-Bye.” So does Peggy Lee. They both record for Decca, and it isn’t often that two artists from the same company do the same disc. Of course, Peggy did write the tune, and Bing usually gets what he wants, so there you have it. Also, Peggy is in the movie, and her disc is included in the album of songs from “The Jazz Singer,” as well as a single. Teresa Brewer is going in to the film business, just like many of the other vocalists. She has had to turn from brunette to redhead, so she will look like Rhonda Fleming’s sister. The film is “Two Sisters from Boston.”

**14. 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>.

**15. 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](mailto:hsmith@smithdowney.com).

**16. 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](mailto:904jeter@gmail.com) or 410-315-9403, preferably well in advance of the date so transfer arrangements can be made. Bob"

**17. 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 to all for a wonderful July 4 holiday! Henry Smith (71)

**MANY THANKS TO THESE EARLY DONORS TO THE 2018 CAMPAIGN!**

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