



THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE OF February 17, 2022

FOUNDATION OPENS 2022 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN. The Foundation informal annual campaign has just kicked-off. As in the past, we will use the donations to the annual campaign to replenish the Foundation's scholarship funds and for other Foundation projects. Please consider making a contribution to this most worthy of causes. Remember: no contribution is too small (or too large) to be of assistance, and since the Foundation has no overhead, every dollar contributed directly supports a Foundation activity. (A donor form is reprinted below and donations may be made online at www.surrattsville.org.)

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT! Richard Scott Baskas, Ed.D., Class of 84, graduated from Walden University with a Doctor of Education specializing in Higher Education and Adult Learning. His dissertation was entitled: "Military Veteran's Perceptions of Barriers to College Completion Using the G.I. Bill". He currently works as an Education Specialist for USP Leavenworth, KS where he teaches GED subjects to inmates. He is a lifetime member of and Historian for Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education and also a member of Golden Key International Honor Society.

CLASS REUNIONS RESUME AFTER COVID DELAYS! We are happy to report that some Class Reunions delayed by the pandemic are back on the calendar! Why not check in with your Class's reunion contacts (who often can be contacted through your Class's Facebook Group) to see if a gathering is planned for your Class. Here are some upcoming Reunions that we have learned about:

Class of 1970: Details on the "Surrattsville 1970 High School Reunion" Facebook Group, or from Sheila Faraday Moore at "Sheila Faraday Moore" on Facebook.

Class of 1971: Details on the "Surrattsville 1971" Facebook Group, or from Darlene Monaco at darmonaco@gmail.com.

Please send us any Class Reunion information you have at surrattsvillehsfoundation@gmail.com!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST! Here's a fascinating article that appeared in a Foundation e-Notice over 16 years ago and whose memories go back into the 1950's!

"MORE SURRATTS RECOLLECTIONS. Many of you enjoyed the recollections of John Curry (60) in a prior e-Notice. John has kindly sent these additional recollections of his days in Clinton for us to enjoy:

'Disclaimer: These are my recollections of events while living in Clinton. The time span is from 1952 until my graduation from Surrattsville in 1960. During this period I lived with the Romjue family who graciously took me in and gave me a warm, comfortable home. Agnes Romjue, our mom, had a heart as big as Maryland. The events here described may contain persons by name if I remember them but only to add emphases or flow of the story.

Some of my actions seemed like a good idea at the time but later proved to be something of a mess. I imagine that there is some merit to experiencing a few good, bad examples. These stories are not in any particular order and I hope that they cause the reader to recall their youth and a simpler time and place.

Surrattsville Bus No. 85. Mr. Goddard was our school bus driver. He was a quiet, stern person and discipline was the order of the day on Bus No. 85. One day two young ladies near the front of the bus were having a heated and quite animated discussion. This discussion went on for some time and was getting louder and more intense.

Without saying a word, Mr. Goddard pulled the bus over off the road, stopped it and turned to look at the two young ladies. We just sat there on the side of the road waiting. Finally they realized that something was wrong and looked around. They realized that everything had stopped and that we were waiting for them. Immediately they sat straight in the seat, quietly looking ahead. With that, Mr. Goddard put the bus in gear and we all rode peacefully off to our destination. Many thanks to him for years of safe transportation to and from school.

While Mr. Goddard's bus assured its riders a quiet, peaceful trip, Mr. Gwynn's bus provided us entertainment. It was well known among the students that Bus No. 18 had great pipes, which means loud! On several occasions I rode No. 18 just to hear the pipes. There is a slight down grade or hollow on Old Branch Avenue just before the old School, which was enclosed by large trees. I believe that the process was to downshift the bus, let it coast downhill a bit, while the exhaust was creating a rumbling noise which echoed through the hollow and was occasionally followed by a backfire. I recall loud cheers from the appreciative riders as we announced our arrival.

I mentioned my recollections to Mr. Paul Gwynn (49) during the 2000 All Class Reunion. He thanked me and stated that someone had taken exception to the noise and he had to replace the bus exhaust system. What a travesty! That one joy of riding his bus down through the hollow and making some noise made the whole day seem worthwhile. Thanks, Mr. Gwynn!

Check Your Six O'clock. I suppose that coincidences are a part of life experiences but observing one unfolding before your eyes is interesting. I was walking down the hall of the old Surrattsville School going between classes. Several feet in front of me was a group of upper classmen and one, in particular, was a very attractive young lady. Just behind her and slightly to her right was a young man who exhibited an uncontrollable admiration for her because he patted her on the behind. She jumped and turned around to see what was going on.

Now, immediately in front of me was her older brother who observed the entire event. Without any hesitation her brother grabbed the padder, spun him around and planted several well directed punches to his head. These were the hard, from the shoulder-type punches that daze and confuse the recipient. Everyone

momentarily stopped to watch the pater go flying backwards and strike his head against the dial of a combination lock. He slowly sank down to a sitting position on the floor bleeding all over the place. Big brother then pulled his shirt neatly into place, took his sister by the arm and escorted her to class. Normal hall traffic resumed leaving the pater to find his own way to class.

This incident was forgotten until several years later while serving in the Navy. A cardinal rule of Naval Aviators is before engaging in any aggressive action always check your six o'clock position or look to see who is behind you. You may be surprised!"

[Ed. Note: Don't try any of these hallway behaviors in the modern world!]

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE FACEBOOK GROUP OF YOUR CLASS, AND THE FACEBOOK GROUP OF THE FOUNDATION. 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," has over 2800 members, and the various Class Groups – such as "Surrattsville 1971," "Surrattsville 1973," etc. – continue to grow and always seem to contain interesting information and photos.

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. (Or starting your own Class Group – using the standard titling of "Surrattsville [four-digit class year]" – if you don't already have one)

YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE 1990s AND EARLY 2000s. The Foundation also has a limited number of Boomerangs from some years from the 1990s and early 2000s. They are for sale for \$20 (which includes shipping). If you would like us to check our inventory for a particular year, please send an email to surrattsvillehsfoundation@gmail.com.

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THE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE. And don't forget that on the Foundation's website at surrattsville.org you can find lots of additional information about the

Foundation, such as photos and bios of the Foundation's Scholarship recipients, photos and bios of the Foundation's Achievement Award recipients, back issues of Foundation e-Notices, information about Class reunions, and the like.

Hoping your 2022 is off to a great start!

All the best,

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