

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-4 OF APRIL 1, 2015

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT. This is the time of year when we ask our readers to submit nominations for the Foundation's Annual Achievement Awards. These annual awards recognize members of the Surrattsville community for their outstanding achievements in community service, the arts, their careers, and the like. Please submit nominations by email to hsmith@smithdowney.com. (Photos and bios of the truly extraordinary previous Achievement Award recipients can be found at surrattsville.org.)

2. CONGRATULATIONS COASTAL CAROLINA! ... and speaking of Achievement Award recipients, congratulations to University President Dave DeCenzo (73) and his colleagues and students at Coastal Carolina University on CCU's men's basketball team qualifying for the NCAA March Madness tournament! (Dave's bio can be found at <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2008.shtml>.)

3. HISTORICAL PHOTOS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Thanks for Jimmy Larner for sending along this link to some fascinating historical photos of northern Prince George's County: http://www.1959bhsmustangs.com/VintagePhotos_PGcounty.htm.

4. FALLEN HEROES PLAQUE AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS. We received this announcement from Bob Jeter (64), who handled the Foundation's recent Fallen Heroes Plaque project: "Please make an announcement in the next e-Notice that the Heroes Plaque is available for display at events, and that it now has its own viewing stand. Interested people and organizations can contact me at 904jeter@gmail.com"

Thanks again to Bob for spearheading this well-deserved recognition for these Hornets who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

5. CLASS OF 75 STARTS 40TH REUNION PLANNING. We received this message from the Class of 75: "Our committee, aka Search Party of Eight and Growing, is scheduled to meet at Ledo's Pizza in Dunkirk, MD on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. to plan for the October 17 and 18 reunion events. If you are interested in helping the planning committee, please email Debbie Long Kilby at dlongkilby@aol.com, and/or Lorraine Frank Kerr at lorrainefrank1@gmail.com. Based on the comments exchanged between the planning committee members the past few days, it sounds like our meeting at Ledo's on April 23 is going to be very entertaining as well. We hope you can join us."

6. 2015 SURRATTSVILLE GOLF OUTING BEING PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 14!

Thanks to the efforts of Lauren Foley Johnson (74) and Alan Johnson (72), another golf outing to benefit the Foundation is being planned for September 14. Here's the official announcement: "Save the Date! Monday, September 14, 2015, Twin Shields Golf Course, Annual Surrattsville Golf Outing to benefit the Surrattsville Foundation! All Classes invited! We are looking for volunteers for our Planning Committee. Please contact Alan Johnson ajohnson@dchweb.org or Lauren Foley Johnson lmfriley@comcast.net if you are interested. More details to be shared as they become available. Thank you for your support of the Surrattsville Foundation!"

[Ed note: Previous golf outings were great successes, and outstanding fund raisers for the Foundation. Many thanks to Lauren and Alan for once again donating their superb organizing talents to this great event!]

7. SHS ARTISTIC TREASURES FEATURED ON FACEBOOK GROUP. If you walked the halls of Surrattsville from the Fall of 1968 to the Spring of 1971 you likely noticed the regular eruptions of artistic genius from Fred Altieri (71). (Fred became a syndicated cartoon strip artist in the years after Surrattsville.) We have acquired several of Fred's distinctive drawings, and they can be found on the Foundation's Facebook Group, "Surrattsville Alumni." I'll bet many of you from that bygone era will immediately recognize Fred's distinctive "font" and creative style.

8. A NEW HORNETS FIGHT SONG MYSTERY. Some of our readers will remember that, several years ago the Foundation assisted the Music Department at the School in re-creating the Alma Mater and the Hornet Fight Song. The tunes are now regularly performed at Surrattsville, and the fight song (with lyrics) is a nice feature on the Foundation's youtube channel at http://youtu.be/TzSmqFX6x_o, thanks to our youtube master, Sandra Smith Simmons (70).

However, us youngsters just learned that the familiar (to us) "You take an H that stands for Honor" lyrics were not the lyrics of the fight song at least as late as 1965. Therefore, we're now on a quest to re-create the lyrics that preceded the current ones. So far, we have the following anachronistic (and very gender inappropriate!) previous lyrics (still sung to the same tune as found at http://youtu.be/TzSmqFX6x_o)

"Surrattsville sturdy men all fall in line.
We're going to win this game come rain or shine.
For our dear old school we'll rah rah rah.
We're going to fight, fight, fight, fight, fight with all our might.
We're going to fight 'til this old game is won
Til all our very best is done.
Let's give an old time yell of sis-boom-bah, rah rah rah.

Sur-ratts-ville High. Rah. Rah.”

Might some of our more “experienced” readers be able to confirm/correct/add to this starting point for the prior lyrics?

[Ed. note: Our younger readers may not even believe this, but during your editor’s tenure at SHS from 1968-1971 there was not a single girls’ sport, so indeed it was Surrattsville’s “sturdy men” that fell in line! What were people thinking!]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHXxDWaiHs4>

9. CLASS OF 65 PLANS 50TH! We received this exciting notice from Judy Gordon (65):
“The great Class of 65 will celebrate their 50th Reunion on October 9-10, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Old Town Alexandria. Contact Judy Gordon (judygordonshs65@gmail.com) to add your name to the email list and receive regular updates.”

10. MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 70. We received this note to our readers from the Class of 70 from their reunion coordinator, Leslie St. Clair:

“Hello Fellow Class of 70 Members: Some of you received my email last month regarding having a Class of 70 scholarship for 2015 graduating seniors. Sandra Smith Simmons (70) and I think this would be a great way to mark our 45th year since graduation. We are asking for a donation to the Foundation for this cause of \$45. I worked for the Metro subway system for 25 years, and one of the last car maintenance shops that I worked at was the Branch Avenue shop. Many of the mechanics there live in Clinton and have children or have had their children graduate from SHS. Many of them expressed to me how grateful they were to our Foundation. They were really impressed by how we alumnus rallied to raise much needed funds for the school and provided computers, printers and other such items that an updated school would need to help these kids get a foot up in this world. So I want you to know our contributions are not taken for granted and I hope you will join us in trying to raise as much money as we can to help send these deserving kids on to college.

We really need to set an April 15 deadline to give the students time to apply, with graduation just around the corner. You can make your donation on-line at www.surrattsville.org, or use the donor form below. Also, if you wish to be kept abreast of activities for our Class, please update me with a current email address and I ask you to join our class Facebook page at Surrattsville 1970. I'm going to look into a late summer picnic or cookout for our Class so if that interests you please let me know. I am definitely open to suggestions for a location to do this. I hope you are all well and finally getting some warm weather! Leslie, Lesliestclair@yahoo.com”

11. IF YOU USE AMAZON, PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE. Many of our readers have checked-in to report that they are now using the Amazon Smile program (smile.amazon.com) for their Amazon purchases, designating the Foundation to receive a portion of the sales price of every qualifying purchase made at smile.amazon.com. And, as a result, the Foundation just received its first donation from Amazon Smile!

It turns out that it is very, very easy to register – you only have to do so and designate the Foundation once -- and you pay no more for purchases made through Amazon Smile than through regular Amazon. (I've done it, and it is a totally painless way to cause Amazon to donate to the Foundation every time you make a purchase.)

If you shop on Amazon, please consider registering at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2224546> and making your Amazon purchases through smile.amazon.com with the Surrattsville High School Foundation as your preferred charity.

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12. ... AND CONTINUING THE FUND RAISING THEME. And the Foundation still gets regular checks from goodsearch.com. This is the internet search engine (that does what google does, but that allows you to designate the Foundation as your preferred charity to receive a donation for every search you make). Please consider registering on goodsearch.com to do your web searching there with the Foundation as your designated charity.

13. DON'T FORGET THE FOUNDATION'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL. The Foundation's great and previously mentioned youtube channel contains a number of interesting programs, including a program on last year's extraordinary Achievement Award recipients.
<http://youtu.be/GTywsh4I4Jw>

Many thanks to Foundation Board member Sandra Smith Simmons (70) who creates the Foundation's youtube content!

14. CLASS OF 95 PLANS REUNION. The Class of 95 will be celebrating its 20 reunion in June 2015 at the Colony South and is looking for our classmates. Please send an email to Kenya Samuels Gray at Kenya.Gray@gmail.com if you have any information on 95 grads or members of their family. The Class also has a Surrattsville Class of 1995 group on Facebook. To kick-off the "countdown to 20," on June 11, 2014 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the Class's planning committee is hosting a celebrity scoops night at Rita's in Clinton (the old Pizza Hut near the intersection of Woodyard Road and Brandywine Road).

15. RECENT YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL. The School has an inventory of yearbooks that it is selling at a deep discount. They are from 1985, 1987, 1989, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Please contact Azalia Stephens at the School at azalea.stephens@pgcps.org if you would like more information.

Here's hoping you are all experiencing the full flower of Spring!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

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