

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-7 OF JULY 1, 2015

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT TO PERFORM IN COLLEGE PARK. We just learned that Achievement Award recipient Gordon Hawkins (76) -- <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2002.shtml> -- will be performing at the University of Maryland's Clarice Center on November 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://theclarice.umd.edu/events/2015/gordon-hawkins>. It's always a rare treat to have an opportunity to hear this world-renowned and globe-trotting Hornet in the D.C. area. Here's the text of the University's announcement of Gordon's upcoming performance:

“A proud graduate of the University of Maryland School of Music, Gordon Hawkins began his career in the bel canto roles of Italian opera. His luxuriant baritone is equally at home on the concert stage as in the opera house, in repertoire from Wagner to Gershwin to Beethoven. Acclaimed by audiences and critics alike for his roles at the Metropolitan Opera, Houston Grand Opera and Seattle Opera, Hawkins' homecoming recital is sure to inspire. See more at: <https://theclarice.umd.edu/events/2015/gordon-hawkins#sthash.X0gcrFnQ.dpuf>”

Best wishes to Gordon for this performance at his alma mater!

2. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK-OUT THE FOUNDATION'S NEW 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 new 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>

3. CLASS OF 71 PLANS 45-YEAR REUNION. Here's some info about the Class of 71's upcoming 45-year reunion: “Yay! The Surratts Class of 71 45th Reunion planning has begun for 2016! Please put May 14, 2016 on your calendar. Hopefully, if you live out of town, this will give you enough time to put it in your travel plans. I'm going to look into locations at Ocean City. For those of you interested in helping with the reunion planning, please send me an email with your phone number. Darmonaco@gmail.com. All help is appreciated! Go Hornets! Darlene”

4. FALLEN HEROES PLAQUE HONOREES. We thought it might be of interest to publish from time-to-time some information of the lives of the individuals honored on the Foundation's

Fallen Heroes plaque that proudly hangs in the Foundation's Legacy Hall at the School and that "travels" to various events. Many thanks to Bob Jeter (64) who conceived of and executed the plaque.

One of the honorees, Bill Talbert (65), was a recipient of a 2012 Foundation Achievement Award and his photo and bio can be found at <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2012.shtml>. (As noted in the last e-Notice, Montgomery County recently named a section of Route 200, the Inter-County Connector, in Bill's honor.)

Another honoree, Doug Fletcher (64), received the Silver Star in Vietnam where is served as an Army Sergeant in the 1st Cavalry Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol. The stories of the extraordinary bravery of Doug particularly and his unit were featured in Ronald Lee Christopher's "Above All Else" and in Gregg P. J. Jorgenson's "The Ghosts of the Highlands."

(We will include information on additional honorees in future e-Notices.)

5. CLASS OF 75 REUNION DETAILS. We received this update on the Class of 75's reunion plans: "The Class of 1975 has scheduled the following reunion events:

October 16th - Meet & Greet
Comfort Inn. Bowie, MD. 7:00-11:00pm

October 17th - Reunion Night
Ticket Price. \$50.00 per person
Pay by PayPal @ 40thshs@gmail.com
By September 7, 2015
Moose Lodge, Upper Marlboro, MD. 7:00-11:00pm

October 18th - Abner's Crabhouse
Chesapeake Beach, MD
12:00 noon-til

Hotel Rooms: We have reserved rooms at the Comfort Inn Bowie, MD. We have blocked for special rate of \$126.00 per night which includes free breakfast. Must call to book rooms by 9/15, and use contract #2163731 when reserving your room. Please contact Debbie Long Kilby at dlongkilby@aol.com or Les Gooding at lbkvvk@aol.com for more information.

6. SURRATTSTOCK VOLUNTEERS TO PERFORM IN HISTORIC VENUE. Thanks to the tireless efforts of a large group of Surrattsville musicians and other volunteers, the Foundation was able to sponsor three "Surrattstock" fund raisers during the first decade of the new century. Perhaps the most anticipated of the numerous performers at each of these events

was the set of the legendary Butler's Orchard (whose history we featured in a recent e-Notice article, and who are considered by many to be the musical successors to The Tuesday Boots and the musical predecessors to DC Star). Two members of Butler's Orchard played particularly key volunteer roles in the Surrattstock events, Neal Dawson (73) who conceived of and served as "creator" and chief cheerleader of the events, and Roger Owens (73) who served as unofficial "music director" of the events.

As noted in the last e-Notice, Neal and Roger will be performing with their bandmates in The Back Pages Band at the beautiful restored Carroll Theater on Main Street in Westminster on Saturday July 25, from 8-10 p.m. Tickets for this very special musical event may be purchased at:

https://carrollcountyartscouncil.ticketleap.com/the-back-pages-band/dates/Jul-25-2015_at_0800PM

Perhaps there will be a theater full of Hornets, recreating scenes from Teen Club concerts in the early 70s!

[Ed. note: Shameless self-promotion disclaimer: the other members of The Back Pages Band are Joe Stanisha (formerly of Cindy Astlin's Country Thunder, Ron Campbell (formerly of Love Riot), and your editor (formerly of regular Teen Club performers Crusader Rabbit).]

7. CLASS OF 95 PLANS REUNION. The Class of 95 will be celebrating its 20 year 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).

8. 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!]

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 (judygordons65@gmail.com) to add your name to the email list and receive regular updates.”

10. IF YOU USE AMAZON, PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE. The Foundation just received another quarterly charitable contribution check from Amazon Smile. Here’s the link to do your on-line shopping through Amazon Smile to help create these regular contributions to the Foundation. (Shopping on Amazon Smile is identical in all respects to shopping on regular Amazon.)

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2224546>

11. ... 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.

12. RECENT YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL. The School has an inventory of yearbooks that it is selling at a deep discount. They are from 1984, 1989, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Please contact Azalia Stephens at the School at azalia.stephens@pgcps.org if you would like more information.

Best wishes for a wonderful July 4 holiday!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

In Memoriam

CHRISTINE SLEEPER (former faculty), died earlier this year at age 98. Before teaching French and Latin at Surrattsville, Christine earned her college degree and her pilot’s wings in 1941. She served in the Red Cross in Europe at the end of World War II. After the war, she began her teaching career while raising six children. Her children, her students and her teaching colleagues all remember Christine as creative, energetic, willing to help anyone learn, and always prepared to carpe diem! Among Christine’s many survivors is her son, Tony Sleeper, a Surrattsville graduate. A Celebration of Christine’s Life will also be held September 20, 2015 at Herndon High School in Herndon, VA at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to help Latin teachers pursue educational travel to: Christine Fernald Sleeper Educational Travel Scholarship, National Latin Exam, University of Mary Washington, 1301 College Avenue,

Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Condolences may be sent to: Raymond S. Sleeper, Jr., 8 Ledge Farm Road, Nottingham, NH 03290. Christine's obituary can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?n=christine-ff-sleeper&pid=175161495&fhid=4837>.

Additional items about Christine's extraordinary life can be found at:

<https://camws.org/node/487>

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1298&dat=19960926&id=e-kyAAAAIBAJ&sjid=ygcGAAAAIBAJ&pg=6915,4683520&hl=en>

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