

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-8 OF AUGUST 1, 2015

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. FOUNDATION BEGINS FIRST-EVER “CLASS CHALLENGE” ANNUAL CAMPAIGN. Thanks to a suggestion from one of our readers, the Foundation’s 2015 Annual Campaign, which is now officially open, will feature for the first time a “Class Challenge.” If you support the mission of the Foundation – or simply enjoy these monthly e-Notices – why not consider contributing to this year’s Annual Campaign. Of course, no contribution is too small (or large) to help make a real positive difference in the lives of the great kids at Surratts.

Many thanks to the very early and generous donors to the 2015 Campaign listed below!

2. YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM FOUNDATION. The Foundation has yearbooks available for \$10 (including shipping) from these years: 1991, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2006. Please send me an email at hsmith@smithdowney.com if you would like one.

3. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FEATURED IN TIDEWATER TIMES. We received this report about Achievement Award recipient Kevin Fitzgerald (71) (<http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2003.shtml>) from Sheila Carlson (71): “I spotted this item about Kevin Fitzgerald’s June 5-July 7 show at the Troika Gallery in Easton in the “Tidewater Times” while on a visit to Ocean City. Kevin is quite the celebrity on the Eastern Shore. Two years ago, I spotted a large banner in Berlin, MD advertising one of his shows.”

4. ... AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT! We recently learned that Achievement Award recipient Lt. Gen. Tom Travis, M.D. (72) – <http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2006.shtml> -- is retiring after an extraordinarily distinguished 39-year career in the Air Force. Tom’s final posting was as the 21st Surgeon General of the Air Force, the Air Force’s highest medical position, and he also spent time during his career as a fighter pilot. Some of our readers may have seen this lovely article about Tom’s retirement in the Air Force News, mentioning a number of the highlights of Tom’s outstanding career:

http://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/news/story_print.asp?id=123450388

Best of luck to Tom and his family with the next stage of life’s adventure!

5. 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”

6. MARY SURRETT STILL CAPTURING THE PUBLIC'S IMAGINATION. One of our readers sent this link to the latest on-line story about Mary Surratt, which mentions the controversy over her guilt or innocence (despite some recent scholarship that concludes she was involved in the Lincoln murder plot at some level).

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/the-enduring-enigma-of-the-first-woman-executed-by-the-us-federal-government/ar-AAckMd9>.

7. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT TO PERFORM IN COLLEGE PARK. As we reported in the last e-Notice, 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.X0grFnQ.dpuf>"

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

8. 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>

9. CLASS OF 71 PLANS 45-YEAR REUNION. Here's the final info on the Class of 71's upcoming reunion from reunion planner Darlene Monaco: "Surrattsville Class of 1971 Reunion – May 14, 2016! We are excited to announce that our 45th Class Reunion will be held at Peaky's Rooftop! Enjoy the panoramic view from Peaky's Rooftop located on the penthouse 8th floor of the Fenwick Inn Hotel, an Ocean City landmark. The address is: 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842, and the phone is 410-250-7663. Tickets are \$70 per person which includes buffet dinner and cash bar. DJ Dar will be spinning tunes so bring your dancing shoes! The festivities begin at 7:00 pm. Dress is casual. If you'd like to stay at The Fenwick Inn Hotel, they are reserving a block of rooms for us at \$89 per night. It is located a block from the ocean on 138th Street. 410-250-1100. Please make a check out to Darlene Monaco and send to 125 Longfellow Drive, Millersville, MD 21108. Include an email or phone number, and your

name at graduation. We need a minimum of 50 people to hold the room so PLEASE reserve NOW!”

10. 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 lbkvik@aol.com for more information.

11. 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!]

12. 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.”

13. 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>

14. ... 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.

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 1984, 1989, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Please contact Azalia Stephens at the School at 301-599-2453 or azalia.stephens@pgcps.org if you would like more information.

16. FOUNDATION AND CLASS "GROUPS" ON FACEBOOK REALLY TAKE OFF. The Foundation's very active Facebook Group, called simply "Surrattsville Alumni" is a constant source of photos, memories and inquiries about the greater Surrattsville community. The Group currently has over 1900 members, and grows every day. Similarly, the Class-specific Facebook Groups, like "Surrattsville 1971" and "Surrattsville 1973" are loaded with great Class-specific photos, memories and announcements. Please consider joining the Surrattsville Alumni Group, and your Class-specific Group, to be part of these fun conversations.

Best wishes for a wonderful remainder-of-the-summer!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

MANY THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS – AND EARLY! -- DONORS TO THE 2015 CAMPAIGN!

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1953

Duke Coleman, In Memory of Donald England (53)

1954

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1957

Vicky Simontacchi Young, In Memory of John Baxter McCall (57) and Dan Wyant (57)

Larry Romjue, In Memory of Lois Osgood (57), "Red Roses for a Blue Lady," Pat Boone and Dean Martin

1959

Paul Monaghan

1965

Vicki Forsht Williams (and former faculty)

Ray Blosser

Judy Gordon, In Celebration of the Class of 65 50th Reunion

Dave Weber

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1966

Linda Dorsey Blum, In Memory of my nephews, Ron Ely and Jeff Kaplan

1967

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1968

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