

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2017-12 OF DECEMBER 1, 2017

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

- 1. FOUNDATION FUNDS COLLEGE FAIR TRIP.** The Foundation proudly provided the funding for the upcoming trip by Surrattsville's young scholars to the annual NACAC College Fair. Best of luck to these forward-looking ladies and gentleman for an outstanding and productive experience at the Fair.
- 2. ATHLETIC BOOSTERS TO HOLD FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY.** We received a notice about this exciting, first-time event from Surrattsville's Athletic Boosters: "1st Annual Surrattsville Athletic Boosters Holiday Party: Knights of Columbus Hall, 3611 Stewart Road, District Heights, MD, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017. Age 21 and over. \$50 per ticket. Semi-formal in black and/or green. DJ, buffet food, tea and lemonade. BYOB. Email haboosterclubinc@gmail.com or call 301-643-6396 for information. Online tickets (with a service fee) at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-black-green-affair-holiday-party-tickets-39622213106>" What a fun way to support Surrattsville's great athletic programs!
- 3. ANNUAL CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES THIS MONTH.** The Foundation's 2017 Annual Campaign continues for the remainder of this month. Many thanks to those donors below for their generosity in this year's Campaign. We invite our readers who support the mission of the Foundation, and who perhaps enjoy these e-Notices, to join the donors below in supporting this great cause. Donations, which are charitable 501(c)(3) deductions for tax purposes, can be made at the "Donate" button on www.surrattsville.org, or by mail to the address listed at the end of this e-Notice. (Remember: Because the Foundation has no overhead, every penny contributed goes to benefit the great kids at Surratts.)
- 4. 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!

These are excerpts from the November 1964 issue:

"Early American Club Suggested. Can you identify a frow from a snay-haunce? If these names intrigue you, join the Early American Club and study the colonial period. Since we are the only school in the county displaying colonial furnishings in our lobby, Mr. Pryde thinks it appropriate that such an organization be formed to preserve the arts of the Colonial Era. The lobby furnishings were donated by Mr. Pryde to beautify the school and to enable the students to see examples of Early American art work. The amber and amethyst antique glass, the bone chine and the pressed glass in the library are also gifts from Mr. Pryde.

Foreign Leaders Will Visit Here. Leaders and specialists from abroad affiliated with the Washington International Center, under the sponsorship of the United States government, will visit Surrattsville High School on January 14, 1965 to gain insight on the American approach to education. Through this program, visitors gain new perspectives of the United States – its physical and economic growth, social changes in its history, the system of government and the role of the political parties, the American family and its health, welfare and religious life and institutions. For many of the foreigners, the visit to Surrattsville will be the high spot of the week. In every country, the drive for education is vital, and the dream of many is a public school system to which every child may go – something very few children enjoy today. The leaders and specialists in the program particularly enjoy meeting and talking to students, and they expect a fresh and candid view on life from the younger citizens.

The Washington International Center extends an invitation to all SHS students to attend the “International Circle” at the Center on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at the Meridian House, 1630 Crescent Place, N.W. The program is presented by the overseas visitors and generally consists of talks about their own countries, accompanied by slides and talks. The foreigners hope to meet Americans, and the occasion is an opportunity for American students to practice their foreign language skills. The visitors hope to meet Americans, just as students would hope to meet the residents of a country they might visit. The Washington International Center was established in 1950 at the request of the American Council on Education, a private association of educational institutions and organizations.”

5. HORNETS FACING ALZHEIMER'S CHALLENGE AND OFFERING SUPPORT.

We received this very touching note from Bruce Wood (70): "I'm sure I'm the not the only Surratts Alumni to encounter this horrible challenge called Alzheimer's but my wife Barbara Gilbert is rapidly on a downhill course with her personal Alzheimer's challenge. I would request that perhaps you could put a note out to our fellow alumni that I'm available to anyone facing this with their spouse. Fellowship is one of the only ways to cope. I'm there if anyone needs to chat or text at 703-625-0599 or fs1@cox.net. Bruce”

6. MORE PRICELESS 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, 65 years ago! Here are some excerpts from the October issue:

“Political Rally: The highlights of the political campaign of the school was presented at the assembly on Thursday afternoon. With Mr. Mulkey as moderator the Democrats and Republicans presented their arguments. The assembly resembled an actual political rally with many of the students carrying banners of their favorite candidate. It is apparent that most of the students are enthusiastic about the coming mock election. The primary aim of the assembly and the campaign is to educate the students on the techniques and mechanics of politics. This was

the first program of the kind in Surrattsville, but we hope that this activity may be carried out in future elections.

“Boomerang Launches Contest Drive: The yearbooks staff is sponsoring a patron contest in the Junior-Senior high school. Patrons, people who donate \$1 or more to the yearbook fund, have their names printed on a special page of patrons of the yearbook. If a patron wishes to give \$10 to the yearbook he will receive a free copy of the yearbook with his name stamped on it. Your cooperation and enthusiasm in this contest will help to produce a better yearbook and one which will be representative of your school.”

7. MORE SURRATTSVILLE MEMORIES FROM DAYS GONE BY. The following is the latest installment of Wayne Tatum (74)'s always evocative memories of his time at Surrattsville Junior High in the 1960s. (We're running Wayne's reminiscences as a serial that started in the July 1, 2016 e-Notice, and we're sure Wayne's stories will stimulate lots of memories of times likely long gone-by among our readers. Wayne can be reached at manymiles@netzero.net.)

“The Loveliness That Was: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSyx6DaUwxA>

There was a silent benefactor in my young life whom I've never thanked. It was about clothes. Pants or shirts that I've never seen before would appear on my bed at odd times of the year, ironed and a perfect fit. My mother was silent about it. Then again, she was silent about the mysterious traveling streams of colored lights my brother Bill and I were to witness at our previous home in the living room one winter night back in the early sixties. They seemed to have no source, and as of this writing neither did my instant clothes. It made me feel entitled.

Now in my prestigious thirteenth year, the teen club Christmas dance was coming up, semi-formal at that, and I had nothing to wear to it. My only reachable goal was for a white tie. I may have dressed like an urchin most of the time, but there is an hour when one must stand out and dress like their heroes on album covers. Or, in this case, Joe Namath at Bachelor's III. No llama fur, though. Then one day while on a quest for Polaroid camera film at People's Drug Store, there stood before me a mystical object, beckoning amidst a sea of silk and wool haberdashery. Ok, it was a tie rack.

Abandoning all thoughts of Polaroid, I noted paisley ties, loud prints, wide and thin, and classics worn by dads on Sunday or for work. Digging into the selections further and spinning the column, I nearly gave up, but then it was revealed - a beautiful medium width glossy white tie with barely noticeable silver lines and designs running through it. Sought it. Caught it. Bought it. Still didn't have much else other than a red shirt to go with it, but the final choice was a white dress shirt and the marvelous tie. Then on Saturday afternoon right before the dance, a dark suit lay on my bed, pressed and ready to go.

Nobody around to thank for it. I still felt entitled, and probably would have just grunted something in thanks if I knew who it was. And my benefactor probably knew that too. Joseph was at least thankful for his coat of many colors. I just needed to be at the dance and looking good. So 1969 culminated in a Christmas teen club dance where the cafeteria was decorated in seasonal festive design, the women shone and sparkled in beauty, men handsome and mature in

jackets and ties. The band was excellent. It was a magical grownup few hours for us and if you wish to join us in one more dance as the lights are dimmed, held over for your time travelling pleasure, ask one of the lovely ladies or kind gentleman standing on either side of the room, and be careful not to step on each other's toes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IYV45vaG8Q>

As the dimmed lights are brought back up and the music ends, look around one last time, because it will never be like this again. And men, don't forget to offer her some punch after that dance. It will be much appreciated. Drink yours on the sly quickly before bringing one to her. Thank you! (See – I CAN say that. There IS hope).

Manchild: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PamO6obWcQk>

Right after that matchless last dance of the year, I was brought back down to childhood when my well-meaning parents presented me with green banana seat bike with butterfly handles, and a shifter no less, for Christmas. I would have preferred no bike at all, as this gift was great for a fourth grader but not one for the ready-to-rock junior high me.

Wham-O Wheelie Bar! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWDprSdH2xQ>

Schwinn Stingray: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBxOZeodUds>

But still, it came in handy. Dave dropped by on an insanely cold night right after Christmas to deliver Grit newspapers to his Brook Jane Manor customers. His ride was an ironclad red single speed, balloon tire, all-purpose paper route horse of a bike. Before heading home, he graciously presented me with his route, which lasted a week after he quit.

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

Cold weather didn't deter us from much. Black and white TVs, books, games and music were all young teens had after the age of toys ended. Dave brought his basketball by on a windy but sunny ten degree day, and we ended up playing a game of H-O-R-S-E at the Crestview playground hoop. The ball felt like a brick. Every time it bounced, you'd think it would shatter. My hands felt the same way when catching it."

(And as a general sound track for the above, Wayne suggests:
http://www.amandfmmorningside.com/wpgc_airchecks_table.html#1969)

[... to be continued]

8. 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>.

9. 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.

10. 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"

11. 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>.

Happy holiday season to all!

Henry Smith (71)

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