

## ***THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2018-4 OF APRIL 1, 2018***

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

### **1. FOUNDATION'S NEW OFFICERS-ELECT AND BOARD MEMBERS SEEK ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS.**

As we reported last month, the Board of the Foundation elected the following outstanding slate of Officers-Elect to take over the reins of the Foundation in 2019. Two great new Board members also were elected. (These wonderful new leaders will work closely with the current Officers and Board of the Foundation throughout 2018 to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.)

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Susan Roley Malone (65), New Board Member

Please send me an email at [hsmith@smithdowney.com](mailto:hsmith@smithdowney.com) if you're willing to volunteer your efforts to help these new leaders ensure that the Foundation continues to thrive in its "2.0 era!"

### **2. DON'T FORGET THE FACEBOOK GROUPS OF THE FOUNDATION AND OF EACH CLASS YEAR.**

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," now has 2050 members (and grows almost every day), and the various Class Groups – such as "Surrattsville 1969," "Surrattsville 1973," etc. – are growing vigorously. 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.

**3. INTERESTING MEMORIES FROM A BYGONE ERA.** Wayne Tatum (74) passed along this treasure from the internet that might evoke some sweet memories in our readers of a certain vintage: "Here's a local-to-DC information site pertaining to kids' TV shows in the early 1960s: <http://kidshow.dcmemories.com/tugg.html>."

**4. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT APPEARANCE IN OSCAR-NOMINATED FILM.** Your editor finally got an opportunity to Netflix the fascinating and provocative Oscar- and Golden Globe-nominated film "Joy," the true story of entrepreneur and intrepid woman Joy Mangano. I was very pleasantly surprised to see our own Emmy-winning Laura Sisk Wright

(88) appear on the screen as Clarinda! Some readers will recall that the Foundation presented an Achievement Award to Laura in 2013 for her remarkable career achievements (<http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2013.shtml>). Laura's Wikipedia entry mentions her Clinton roots and even lists some of the plays in which she appeared at Surrattsville!

**5. MORE SURRATTSVILLE MEMORIES FROM DAYS GONE BY.** ... and back to Wayne Tatum (74), the following is the latest installment of his always evocative memoir of his time at Surrattsville Junior High in the 1960s. We're running Wayne's reminiscences as a serial, and we're sure Wayne's stories will stimulate lots of memories of times likely long gone-by among our readers.

“Let's go back a bit – early sixties: The look (for guys): flat tops, crew cuts, boys regular. The sound and culture: doo-wop, folk groups, ‘limbo stick’, Lawrence Welk, Guy Lombardo, The Ventures, beach bands for the west coast and country bands for us. A lot of country music. Beatniks. Jet Set. Astronauts. Disney Land. One band on the horizon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAxNhoug6Ew>. Worth a listen on an unreleased tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdwNKO5e8k8>

The shows: black and white TV sets, ‘Wilma!’, ‘Gilligan!’ or ‘Skipper!’, ‘Uncle Jed!’, ‘Mr. Wizard!’, Captains Tugg and Kangaroo, Ranger Hal, Dick Van Dyke, Rocky and Bullwinkle, Bugs Bunny, soap operas, evening and nighttime movies, Chiller, Shock and Thriller, Alfred Hitchcock, Miss Connie and Romper Room for those temporarily happy preschoolers. Only recorded Captain Tugg show in existence: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIVCIjmLzgU>

Food and drink we made Mom buy for us: Kool aid, Jiffy Pop, Twinkies, Coke, Pepsi, then all other sodas, for dinner Chili, hotdogs, hamburgers (pre-McDonalds) or Pizza, then for breakfast Maypo, Kix, Trix, Fruit Loops, Cocoa Puffs, and Bosco. 1963 Channel 5 Bosco conference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z10Dh-PudbY>

The toys and books: hula hoops, robots, slip –n- slide, kites, Dr. Seuss, coloring books of all kinds, crayons by the box, yo-yos, plastic model kits of planes, cars, and monsters, Army guy and Marine Corps mock weapons and uniforms for fun and play. Barbie and board games for the ladies (very young ladies). A football, a softball and some gloves for most. And a working bicycle or tricycle, though kids have been known to ride nothing but seatless, pedaled, chainless frames on wheels, air-filled, flat tired or just rims, aka ‘coasters’.

Fun stuff for kids by the season: catching fireflies/lightning bugs in the summer evenings, popping road tar bubbles near the house on a hot summer day, frying ants with a magnifying glass on that same road, escaping home to spend an entire summer day with your friends exploring the creek environs to capture and remove box turtles from their happy surroundings and also play wargames like ‘Army man’. And let us not forget ‘MD carnivals’! Football in the autumn, then Beggar's Night and Halloween (we didn't care about the pagan roots of it), Thanksgiving in late fall. Christmas with all December activities leading up to it for us and New Year's Eve for the parents. Valentine's Day was different for every kid as some received cards and heart candy in class from admirer's and others received cards in the mail from their grandmother, which would be kids like me. Kite season would begin and end in March, Easter

baskets and colorful clothes for church in April, May Day of non-communist origin featuring a May pole dance, then later a field day with sports activities like softball and my favorite – the 50 yard dash. Flash forward to June after a school year of singing songs like ‘Waltzing Matilda’ and actual Christmas carols plus field trips to fun and exciting places, then we jump back to the beginning of ‘Fun stuff for kids by the season’.

Things to do and places to be: Chesapeake Bay beaches, drive in theatres, duckpin bowling, miniature golf range, Fort Washington, Cobb Island, Colonial Beach, Stratford Hall, Marshall Hall, Mount Vernon, Smithsonian, National Gallery of Art. Big family cars needed in most cases.

Local businesses and places of lore: Andrew’s AFB, Cheltenham, TB Lake, Mr. H, Lane’s grocery, Earl-Jacks, Lund’s Gulf, OK Chevrolet, the beer joint, Clinton Firehouse, Upper Marlboro fairground and equestrian center, Marlow Heights, Goat Man’s Bridge (all theories and tales are accepted for discussion), Hyde Field, and the Mary Surratt House, then just an old residence with an infamous history. Ah yes – let’s not forget the FIRST McDonalds, near Andrews AFB?

The Zero Year Curse: JFK, Viet Nam, Bay of Pigs, Berlin speech, Marilyn Monroe, Dallas, time stops Friday November 22, 1963. For me, that would be Tanglewood Elementary School – Mrs. West’s class, approximately 2 p.m. EST. Shock. Funeral. LBJ.

What happened next: From Liverpool, England to New York City, February 9, 1964: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YT2IgSWKGDc>. Add in the rest of the Mersey invasion plus Pink Panther movies, throw in some real original Tennessee Mountain Dew soda with the hillbillies on the green bottle, and we were never the same. Stores began stocking guitars and drums.

Mid-sixties: The trend for school-minded types: boys grew their hair over the ears and long enough in the front to sport ‘bangs’ over their eyes, good girls lost the beehive hairdos, clothes went from straight and uptight to MOD unless one was either ‘Shanghaied’ or otherwise coerced into a splinter group that preferred living in a confrontational and tenacious fifties world, enforced by heavy-handed peer pressure. The rebellious anomaly: If you were a diehard car-loving motor-head tough guy wannabe who wore banlon, gabardine, chucks, fishnet or silk shirts, hair loaded up with ‘no more greasy kid stuff’ vitalis, vaseline or ‘a little dab’ll do ya’ brylcreem that was once advertised for good clean cut kids, and wore either a long black leather coat or a thin yellow zip up jacket with your first name embroidered with dice included, then you would be known to all as a greaser, grit, block, aka ‘hoodlum’. Your greaser-gal kept her beehive or uber-tease proudly at attention, and added gum popping skills with certified snapping to her bad-girl M-O when out of cigarettes. In some rare cases however, these same misguided hooligans could be downright nice people, and in fact one of our greatest local bands used that lifestyle as their theme.

The norm: The non-hooligan middle of the road fashion conscience top 40 music folk were referred to as “collegians”. Bands cropped up in every neighborhood. Good players of all instrumental persuasion rock and roll in town were ranked talent-wise. ‘G-L-O-R-I-A’ and ‘Wild Thing’ were on every band’s hit list. ‘Louie Louie’ (pronounced loo-WAY loo-WHY) was that strangely provocative song with the indiscernible lyric right before ‘your girl’ and how many

ways of that indiscernibility possibly having happened. 'House of the Rising Sun' was a dark tune performed by an unlovely sad group. And then came the most unlovely group of them all. Give unto them a darn good Stoning: 'Satisfaction' hit us like a bomb and was played every hour on the hour by top forty stations in 1965 for a VERY long time, assuming we'd forget the multi-hooked tune right after being pummeled by it over and over. While mercilessly besieged on day one, we as innocent AM radio devotees learned through blunt repetition what a 'fuzz button' was. It's possible we were being programmed by the first four bars of that song, because as soon as that intro hit, they might've been instructing us to throw out all of the Beatle records, give a knowing wink to the family cat, rooster strut over to the nearest parental or guardian unit and give them an exaggerated hands on hips, chin to the ceiling pouty lipped look, and then quickly rooster strut back to the radio to be dehypnotized until the next visceral bombardment occurred. So how might your parents have responded to this? 'Kids are weird'. 'Welcome the Rolling Stones' indeed.

And while we're on paranoid theories, this historic red flag doesn't have much to do with the previous group, but actually pertains to the mightiest of the 'British invasion' bands. Will we ever find out the truth to this rumor? It really wasn't him?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz9EGGiOuso>

Mid to late sixties upward-downward spiral: Cute and cuddly morphed into serious musicianship. Paul Revere and the Raiders, Bobby Fuller Four, Dave Clark Five, Lovin' Spoonful, Beau Brummels, Zombies, Four Tops, Box Tops, Mama and Papas, Blue Cheer, The Who, Guess Who, Byrds, Yard Birds. Buffalo Springfield, Doors, Hendrix, Cream, Shocking Blue, Greatful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Steppenwolf, Led Zeppelin. Hundreds of others, just name your brand! Later into the decade as the songs and bands became louder and even less lovable but highly respected, drugs usage among these same bands became known. Rallying cry: Turn on, tune in, drop out. Album covers went from love songs to themes of protest or the glories of subterranean underground deeps, visions of the mind. Head music. One band you may ask who managed to bridge the gap from early to late sixties? The Beach Boys. Pet Sounds is considered their magnum opus, but brilliance is also packaged in subtlety, as in the mysterious Smiley Smile album of 67.

Rare recording session video of the Beach Boys:

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

The Beach Boys performing lineup kept changing around the original core group as the leader Brian Wilson pulled away in order to compose. He fell into the pit of the times, emerging years later to perform again, through tough recovery and strange forms of help.

Hometown: Around the time of these vignettes, our local boys were either being drafted into military service, joining up on their own or attending college, while other lost souls were seeking solace or spiritual wisdom and so sought out or fell into drugs and booze. Moving on, jaded lads and lasses were now wearing faded ripped jeans and buckskin, guys grew beards, others found communes or group houses and lived life as Hippies, peace and love, far out, groovy! By the way, how could the non-working crowd afford VW busses? Further down the road to no return, the hardcore version of Hippies were radicalized politically-driven protestors known mostly as Yippies who lived off mom and dad or off of each other and sometimes hooked up with other more dangerous organizations as portrayed in the movie Forrest Gump. Hippie Glossary:

<https://www.hippy.com/glossary-f.htm>

And we the baby boomers as a whole were moved and swayed by every bit of it, especially to some of us docile well-meaning types who occasionally viewed the Billy Graham Crusades on television, attended some church, or were inconsistent members of such organizations as the Boy Scouts. Spiritual and moral roots were becoming harder to find. Music was the opiate of our generation and most influential resource.”

[... to be continued.]

**6. CLASS OF 88 ANNOUNCES UPCOMING REUNION.** We received this exciting announcement from the Class of 88:

“Surrattsville’s Class of 1988 will hold its 30-year reunion on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Colony South Hotel in Clinton. Festivities will officially begin at 8:00 p.m. and go until midnight. There will be a buffet style dinner, a DJ, and a ca\$h bar. A block of rooms has been set aside under code 08102018surr for alumni traveling from out-of-town. Contact the Colony South Hotel directly at 301-856-4500 or online at [www.colonysouth.com](http://www.colonysouth.com) for room reservations. Reunion tickets are \$85 per person, buffet and DJ included, and can be paid via PayPal at <https://paypal.me/pools/c/82dLsyIK4H>. Please share with all your SHS Class of 88 friends! We are looking forward to a great turnout and a great time! (Find the SHS Class of '88 on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/265026763512671/>.)”

**7. 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!

The following are some fascinating excerpts from the January 1965 issue:

“Letters to the Editor: Dear Editor, A definite lack of enthusiasm among and for the class oof ’65 is sorely noticeable. In days gone by, the word “senior” had some meaning. Underclassmen were required to stand when seniors entered an assembly. The senior class would swell with pride as they saw underclassmen viewing them with respect. Underclassmen looked forward with anxiety to the day when they would wear the title “senior.” Today the enthusiasm, pride, and respect of being a senior is desperately lacking. With the 1965 year now upon us, I plead with the senior class to unite. Now is our time in the sun. Let us jointly work to produce a class that underclassmen will strive to live up to and that Surrattsville will forever be proud of.  
Sincerely, Carol Julian

[Ed. note: As those of us know who have followed the great Class of 65’s activities since the Foundation’s establishment in 2000, Carol wishes for her Class came true!]

Dear Editor, I would like to plead with the student body to help a 21 month old child to crawl, then walk. The child, having brain damage since birth, is unable to creep, crawl, or move like other children his age. If given certain exercises however, he “may” be able to live, in the future, like a normal child. These exercises which are similar to swimming movements are given in

three patterns – one administered each half-hour. It is necessary for three people to work with the child at one time – one moving his head, one moving his right side, and one moving his left side. It is necessary for this work to be performed each day. The mother needs responsible volunteers to work with the baby from 4:00 to 5:00 each afternoon after school. You do not have to work every day, however. Mrs. Loveless has offered transportation to the home at 4 p.m. If possible, volunteers should secure their own transportation home, but the mother will drive them if necessary. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Loveless, the school nurse. I am appealing to the students of Surrattsville to help this child. Sincerely, Dale Epps

Dear Editor, How many times have you been told that you lack school spirit, or, more nearly correct, “Why weren’t you at such-and-such an away game?” Though answers to this question may vary, they usually stem from the fact that means of transportation were lacking. Our lack of school spirit may be better explained by our lack of wheels. A short while back, we were asked to attend our only night football game of the season. Though many of the students were able to go, what about those who were just as eager, but were unable to find a ride? The car caravan helped, but few parents are willing to release their teenagers to the care and skill of someone they may have never met. With the coming basketball season, and ten out of twenty games away, I propose a regular bus transportation system to and from each game. The bus could be paid for by the students who wished to ride, and tickets could be sold along with the game tickets. The students could meet the bus in the school parking lot, depart from there, and return there. I am sure that many more eager supporters could “root” their team to victory if they could count on a dependable ride to and from the game. Perhaps if enough people are interested, a systems can be organized for our up and coming games. I am sure that with such an arrangement, many more Surrattsvillians could go to see the might Hornets and cheer them to victory. Sincerely, Mark Le Mar”

**8. ... AND MORE HISTORICAL 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, 66 years ago! Here are some excerpts from the April 30, 1953 issue:

“Class Trip: The ninth grade took their class trip last Wednesday the twenty-second of April. We started right after the morning exercises and arrived at the Capitol about 9:40 a.m. Upon arriving we found that the House of Representatives were having an early session which would start at 10 a.m. We were very impressed by the House because we saw Joseph Martin, the Speaker Sam Rayburn, and also Mr. Small, the representative of our district. After leaving the House of Representatives we ate on the lawn of the Capitol and walked around outside until 12:00 at which time we visited the Senate. The Senators were only a few, but they were having a filibuster. We visited the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court building in the afternoon and reported back to the bus at 2:20 p.m. On our way back we stopped at Shuler’s for ice cream and then back to school.

Junior-Senior Prom: The Junior-Senior Prom of 1953 turned out to be a big success. Decorations were so realistic that it seemed as though one was really in romantic Hawaii. Nat Lieberman's wonderful band added the finishing touch to the dance. Of course, the girls were lovely in their formals and the boys looked distinguished in their dinner jackets. Anyone that missed this affair certainly missed a wonderful time.

May Ball Next Saturday: The Student Council will hold the annual May Ball on Friday May 8, here in the multipurpose room. The main feature of the evening will of course be the crowning of the May Queen and King. Music for the dance will be provided by Nat Lieberman, who also played at the Junior-Senior Prom. The time is from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Admission prices are \$1.00 stag and \$1.50 drag. We wish to extend an invitation to all alumni and parents.

Donna Drevenak Represents Us: Donna Drevenak, one of our eight grade students, will represent Surratts at the annual Greater Washington Spelling Bee sponsored by the Washington Daily News. The bee will be held Friday May 1. The participants must be seventh or eighth grade students and each school is allowed only one. Donna eliminated her fellow contestants in a spell down in the seventh and eighth grades. There are cash prizes as well as awards of encyclopedias. We wish Donna the best of luck."

**9. 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>.

**10. 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.

**11. 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](mailto:904jeter@gmail.com) or 410-315-9403, preferably well in advance of the date so transfer arrangements can be made. Bob”

**12. 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>.

Here's hoping your Spring is off to a fantastic start!

Henry Smith (71)

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