## THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE OF JUNE 1, 2019

Hello Hornets!

Here are some items that might be of interest:

- 1. NEW LINCOLN ASSASSINATION BOOK RECOMMENDATION. Thanks to a recommendation from former faculty member, avid historian, and Foundation Achievement Award recipient Glendal Jenkins (<a href="http://surrattsville.org/achievement/index.shtml">http://surrattsville.org/achievement/index.shtml</a>), we've learned about a book on the Lincoln assassination not yet mentioned in our e-Notices. It is "The Trial," edited by Edward Steers, Jr., and it has the distinction of including the entire and fascinating transcript from the trial of the conspirators. The book begins with overview chapters concerning the assassination and the trial, and then includes individual chapters on each of the conspirators, before launching into the trial transcript. The Mary Surratt chapter, written by Laurie Verge, the director of the Surratt House and Museum, is particularly interesting, and along with many other references in the book provide new insights into the strange and certainly unique history behind the name of our alma mater. Thanks to Glendal for the recommendation!
- **2. GO HORNETS.** The new board members attended the senior award ceremony. While at the ceremony the board members witnessed a handful of seniors enter the seven figure club. The seven figure club consists of students that received over \$1,000,000 in scholarships. What a wonderful achievement for our new future alum! We would like to thank all of our donors for contributing to these students milestones.
- 3. NEWSLETTER EDITOR WRITES BOOK. New board member Jontice Small has released her ebook "The Callback: How I Manifested a Successful Dating and Interviewing Experience" for preorder. "The Callback" a memoir comparing interviewing to dating with an undertone of self love is available for pre-order on iBooks and Barnes & Noble. The physical copy is set to release by the end of the summer. Please check out her website www.thecallback.net for more information.
- 4. AN UPDATE FOR THE CLASS OF 70 PLANS GOLDEN REUNION. Classmates of SHS, class of 1970 50th Class Reunion, the date will be September 19, 2020 from 4pm to 2am at the Marlboro Moose Lodge, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Jimi Simon Class of 71 will be our DJ and will perform his new Woodstock show. Surrounding class years before/after 1970 are invited. There will be free draft beer until it runs out, there will be a cash bar. We will have heavy hors d'oeuvres and a desert table. Tickets will be \$75.00 per person, as with the last reunion there will be a check in table to avoid freeloaders, no Leslie is not PC but you'll get over it. The problem showing up without advance payment is there may not be space and you'll be turned away and everything needs to be paid in advance so table set up is adequate and that enough food and beverage is on hand. There has been a lot of interest in this reunion, we can accommodate 280 people. I suggest you buy early as once we reach 280 people that's it. I'm already receiving checks everyday in the mail. Make checks payable to Leslie St.Clair/SHS reunion. I'm not mailing tickets, you will get a confirmation by email. My address is 3800 Summer City Blvd. Chesapeake Beach, Md. 20732. This information will go out to those that have provided an email address and in the upcoming Enotices. Any questions, you can IM me on fb or SHS1970reunion@yahoo.com
- **5. BILL CRAWFORD (62) MAKES THE AMAZON CHARTS.** Bill Crawford, '62, is the coauthor of a new book on photography which recently hit Number 5 on the Amazon Best Seller List for Photojournalism. The book was edited and published by his SHS classmate, Linda Davey Holderness. Forensic Foraging examines a new technique for digital photographers. It also contains vivid images, incisive poetry, and funky short stories. If you would like to support our fellow hornet please see link below.

Book Link. <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Forensic-Foraging-Photography-Unlock-">https://www.amazon.com/Forensic-Foraging-Photography-Unlock-</a>

## <u>Unseen/dp/1730974821</u>

- 6. FOUNDATION ARCHIVES ACQUIRES SPECIAL TREASURE. Thanks to the generosity of Ann Johnson Collins (57) and Sandra Johnson Highsmith (59), the Foundation Archives has acquired a truly unique treasure. Ann kindly donated to the Foundation the 1961-1962 State Basketball Champions letterman's jacket of her late brother, Robert Miles Johnson (62). Bob attended Surrattsville from first grade through his graduation in 1962, excelled in all sports, and was named the Hornet Athlete of the Year. In the 1962 State Championship game, Bob, who wore number 33, scored 32 free throws in a row without a miss! Bob's athletic performance at Surrattsville resulted in him being awarded a full athletic scholarship to attend Washington College in Chestertown. We are so grateful to Ann and her family for adding this treasure to the Archives. (Photos of the jacket and from the game, and Bob's graduation photo, are posted on www.surrattsville.org.)
- 7. FOUNDATION RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION FROM NEW LOCAL RETAILER! On Saturday March 9, Ross Stores invited the Foundation to the celebration of its new store in the Woodyard Crossing Shopping Center at 8829 Woodyard Road, and presented the Foundation with a generous donation! Tayana Harrison, Foundation Treasurer, had the opportunity to meet the general manager and store manager who

presented the donation to the Foundation and who expressed Ross Stores' support for Surrattsville High School.

On behalf of the entire Surrattsville community, we offer our heartfelt thanks to Ross Stores for thinking of the Foundation and for this very generous donation. If you find yourself in the neighborhood of the new store, please drop by to express your thanks for Ross Store's support of the mission of the Foundation!

- 8. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT. This is the time of year when we ask our readers to send nominations for the Foundation's Annual Achievement Award. As you can see from bios and photos of past recipients at surrattsville.org, members of the Surrattsville community have racked-up remarkable achievements in a wide variety of fields. If you would like to submit a nomination, please email me at jontice.small@gmail.com.
- 9. ... AND SPEAKING OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS. We just learned that 2007 Achievement Award recipient Patrick O'Connell (63)'s restaurant, the Inn at Little Washington, will receive a third Michelin star, one of the world's highest culinary achievements, at the James Beard Awards gala on May 6. Check out this link for more details:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/food/wp/2019/03/14/patrick-oconnell-wins-jamesbeard-lifetime-achievement-award-for-his-decades-at-the-inn-at-little-washington/? noredirect=on&utm term=.a0a87327574f

Patrick's bio and photo appear at http://surrattsville.org/achievement/2007.shtml. Congratulations to Patrick and his staff on this extraordinary recognition!

10. REQUESTS FROM THE FOUNDATION'S NEW VOLUNTEER LEADERS. A few requests from the Foundation's new volunteer leaders (listed below): First, please contact me, Jontice Small (07) (jontice.small@gmail.com), if you have any Surrattsville-related items for inclusion in one of these e-Notices. It is your submissions over the past 19 years that have helped to make these e-Notices always interesting. Second, please encourage your friends in the Surrattsville community to send me their email addresses for inclusion on our e-Notice emailing list. Third, if you are a donor to the Foundation, please consider checking with your employer to see if it maintains a matching program for donations to 501(c)(3) organizations like the Foundation.

Thanks in advance for all of your support since the new volunteer leaders took office on January 1, and for considering these requests!

Here's the list of the Foundation's new volunteer leaders:

Ta'Mya Harrison (07), President (tamaya.harrison@outlook.com)

Tayana Harrison (07), Treasurer

Rontanetta Gibson (11), Secretary

Jontice Small (07), Communications Liaison/e-Notice Editor (jontice.small@gmail.com)

Kevin Stith (15), Social Media Director

Myles Bradshaw (11), Foundation Photographer

Elsa Tlapechco (15), New Board Member

Susan Roley Malone (65), New Board Member

## 11. PAINLESS (I.E., FREE) 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 <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/">https://smile.amazon.com/</a>, with the Surrattsville High School Foundation designated as their charitable

beneficiary. The <u>smile.amazon.com</u> 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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u>.

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 <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a>, makes a contribution to your designated charity for every internet search. Here's the

link: <a href="https://www.goodsearch.com/causes/surrattsville-high-school-foundation">https://www.goodsearch.com/causes/surrattsville-high-school-foundation</a>.

12. PDF VERSIONS OF 70, 71 AND 72 BOOMERANGS AVAILABLE; YEARBOOKS SOUGHT FOR ARCHIVES. Jon Miller (72) has very generously offered to scan his 70, 71 and 72 yearbooks for anyone needing a copy. Please contact Jon at <a href="mailto:jonmiller5535@aol.com">jonmiller5535@aol.com</a> if you would like a copy.

And, on a related point, thanks to very generous donations our yearbooks from our readers, the Foundation's Archives are now missing only these yearbooks:

- -All before 1950
- -1983-1989, inclusive
- -1995
- -1998
- -2000 and 2001
- -2004 and 2006
- -2007-present, inclusive

If you would like to donate to the Archives a copy of any of these missing links, please let us know.

**13. UPDATE ON REUNION FOR CLASSES OF 79, 82, 83, 84 AND 85.** We received this update on the upcoming reunion for these great Classes: "Save the Date: The Class of '79 has joined the bandwagon! The SHS classes of 79, 82, 83, 84 and 85 are holding a joint class reunion on October 12, 2019, from 5 pm -10 pm, at the Holiday Inn in Solomon's Island, MD. We are still working on finalizing the details so please look for more information in the coming months. If you have questions, please get in touch with someone from your class that is helping with the reunion. If you would like to be added to the email list, please get in touch with your class emailer. Contact information:

Class of 79: Marilynda Macquade (head RC) - <a href="mmacquade@verizon.net">mmacquade@verizon.net</a> (301) 752-2450 Class of 82: Scott Gavel (head RC) - <a href="macquade@verizon.net">scott.gavel@att.net</a>

Margaret Foster Wood <u>- mwwood@woodcons.com</u>

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Class of 83: Bill Goldstein - wigoldstein65@yahoo.com

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Class of 84: Gary Stallings (head RC) - gstallings@yahoo.com

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Debbie O'Clair MacKenzie - (class emailer for 83, 84, and

85), debbiemackenzie45@yahoo.com

Class of 85: Tina Williams (head RC) - <a href="mailto:tabnlog@gmail.com">tabnlog@gmail.com</a>"

**14. 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," is now approaching 2100 members, 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

(<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/49215776591/</u>) and your own Class Group.

- **15. FOUNDATION ARCHIVES SEEKING PERMANENT PHYSICAL HOME.** The Foundation is seeking a permanent home for its extensive Archives. 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 <u>jontice.small@gmail.com</u>.
- 16. 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"

Wishing all of our readers a cool start to summer!

Best.

Jontice Small (07), jontice.small@gmail.com

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