## THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE OF April 3, 2024

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WERE SENT OUT AND ARE BEING

**REVIEWED.** This is the time of the year that we look forward to! Scholarships will be awarded by the Foundation to Surrattsville High School deserving seniors. We really enjoy reading the essays of these young leaders -- they give us so much hope for the future.

**SURRATTSVILLE UPCOMING REUNION.** Surrattsville Reunion, Classes of 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, & 1985 (all SHS Alumni welcome). Date/time: Saturday October 5, 2024, from 4pm to 8 pm. Where: Comfort Inn & Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy Bowie, MD 20716. Price of ticket includes a dinner buffet, DJ and Dancing. Reunion Tickets bought on/before August 15th = \$84/person. Tickets bought between August 16th and September 22nd =\$90/person. Limited tickets sold at door = \$110/person. Copy and paste link into browser to register and select payment option (Note: No Refund Policy):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Yfpfit\_VS0BsLY3\_T8d05RDe9fNC6SG\_G6P2g7V mSI0/edit

For hotel reservations, call 301-464-0089, press 1 for room reservations. Mention "Surrattsville Reunion" for discount. Discount on rooms ends September 4th. Book early as rooms may go fast.

Direct questions to: SHS Reunion Class Leads

1979 Class: Marilynda (Orange) Macquade – mmacquade@verizon.net

1982 Class: Scott Gavel – scott.gavel@att.net

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1985 Class: MaryBeth Klick – marybeth85surrattsville@gmail.com

It's great to see the Surrattsville community make these plans to stay connected so good for the heart and soul!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST. HISTORIC E-NOTICE ARTICLE FROM 2008!

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SURRATTS HISTORY. Surrattsville High School turned 100 last year. Specifically, the first high school graduate was the sole member of the Class of 1907. (There is a stunning photo of who we believe is a 2009 graduate on the Foundation's web site at

http://www.surrattsville.org/photos/foundation2004.shtml.)

To celebrate Surrattsville's first century, we're looking for facts and stories about Surrattsville's history to include in e-Notices and add to the Foundation's archives. If you have any, please send them to <a href="https://history.com">hismith@smithdowney.com</a>.

To start the historical ball rolling, here's an excerpt on Surratts history from a booklet that the Prince George's County Retired Teachers' Association put together to celebrate the American bicentennial in 1976:

"Surrattsville Elementary and High School. The Surrattsville School was established on a county knoll, at what today is the intersection of Route 381 and Surratts Road. It was built shortly after the War between the States and most appropriately, the school colors were blue and gray. The school took the name of the community which was in the election district of Prince George's County named from the Surratt family. Mrs. Mary Surratt who was victimized and paid with her life in the hysteria following President Lincoln's assassination was from this family. The Board of Education minutes of August 14, 1906 read as follows: "ordered that Surrattsville School be hereafter run as a district high school and primary school combined at an additional cost not to exceed \$400 per annum." Thus, the second high school in Prince George's County was authorized for the sum of \$400. However, physical property needs of 1906 dictated a large shelter for 10 horses and buggies; two enlarged outhouses with extra accommodations; a new pump and well; and an increase in the campus to allow baseball to be played."

Surrattsville has soo much great history! We are proud to be a part of it!

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT**. As we do each year, we're asking you to help us identify nominees for the Foundation's Annual Achievement Awards. Each year since its inception, the Foundation has had the privilege to honor members of the Surrattsville community who have distinguished themselves with great works in their various fields of endeavor. Bios of past years' outstanding Achievement Award recipients can be found on the Foundation's web site at <a href="https://www.surrattsville.org">www.surrattsville.org</a>.

**SEEKING MEMORIES FROM YOUR SCHOOL DAYS.** Please continue to submit your special memories of an experience, a teacher or staff member, a fellow student, etc., during your K-12 years so we can share them in these e-Notices to inspire us all. Submissions should go to surrattsvillehsfoundation@gmail.com.

**CLASS REUNION INFORMATION!** Why not check in with your Class's reunion contacts (who often can be contacted through your Class's Facebook Group) to see if an upcoming gathering is planned for your Class. And please send us information about your reunions at surrattsvillehsfoundation@gmail.com so we can include the information in these e-Notices and on www.surrattsville.org.

YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. The Foundation still has a limited

number of Boomerangs from these years for sale for \$20 (which includes shipping): 1991, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2006. Please email us at surrattsvillehsfoundation@gmail.com if you are interested. (And, speaking of Boomerangs, we note that former Foundation Chair Henry Smith (71) currently is posting on the Surrattsville Alumni Facebook Group a series of posts showcasing staff dedications in Boomerangs – some dating back to 1950 – in the Foundation's Archives. Check those out at https://www.facebook.com/groups/49215776591!

**MEET THE BOARD.** If you haven't already, please stop by www.surrattsville.org to meet the Foundation's Board, who each express there why it's important for us to be a part of this important enterprise that supports the great kids, faculty and staff at Surrattsville High School.

THE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK GROUP. And don't forget that on the Foundation's website at surrattsville.org you can find lots of additional information about the Foundation, such as photos and bios of the Foundation's Scholarship recipients, photos and bios of the Foundation's Achievement Award recipients, back issues of Foundation e-Notices, information about Class reunions, and the like. And information like this, and great photos, can be found at the Foundation's Facebook Group called "Surrattsville Alumni."

Be safe!

All the best,

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

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