



BATH HIGH SCHOOL PRESERVATION

PIRATE'S REVENGE

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Moving Forward

Are we there yet? This question surfaced many times during the past nine months regarding the revision to the Bylaws for the Bath High School Preservation group. Today, we can honestly say "yes" the Bylaws are revised, completed, and finalized. Organizational bylaws regulate only the organization to which they apply and are generally concerned with the operation of the organization, setting out the form, manner or procedure in which the agency should run. Bylaws widely vary from one group to another, but generally cover such topics as how board members are elected, how the meetings should be conducted, and what officers the organization will have with a description of their duties. A common mnemonic device for remembering the typical bylaws is "NOMOMECPA", pronounced NO mommy, see pa!" It stands for Name, Object, Members, Officers, Meetings, Executive board, Committees, Parliamentary authority, Amendment.

In parliamentary procedure, particularly Robert's Rules of Order, the bylaws are generally the supreme governing document of an organization, superseded only by the charter of an incorporated society.

The bylaws contain the most fundamental principles and rules regarding the nature of the organization. It was once common practice for organizations to have two separate governing documents, a constitution and bylaws, but this has fallen out of favor because of the ease of use, increased clarity, and reduced chance of conflict inherent in a single unified document. This single document, while properly referred to as bylaws, is now our operating document on how to conduct our activities.

One might ask, yet again, "What's the big deal?" Simply put, if you do not have current Bylaws to operate the organization this in turn jeopardizes your tax exempt 501 (c)(3) nonprofit standing with the Internal Revenue Service.

Furthermore, as we continue our efforts to save the Bath High School, board members will explore every opportunity to seek grants to leverage our own dollars to accomplish our primary goal of saving this historic structure. The Bylaw component is a fundamental document for every grant application that I have been associated with over the years. In addition, Dawn Grant has been contacted about assisting us with the up and coming grants, as well.

Bobby E Roberson, Vice President
ByLaws-Grantsmanship

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Alumni Learn Tips to Make Dream Reality

Members from three organizations — all with the same mission — of saving old Bath High School — met in February at Bath Christian Church to learn where, when and how to apply for grant monies.

Dawn Grant, a grant writer, who presented the seminar "*Make your dreams a reality with grant funds,*" told members of the Bath High School Preservation, the Historic Bath Commission and the Historic Bath Foundation that they were already ahead of the curve because they each had the same goal, which is to reopen the old high school for community use. "You need to paint a picture as to why Bath needs this building," Grant said, adding that data to back up reasons increases support of a grant application. "Provide peak times or tourism numbers if available." Most grants also usually ask for four benefits to the community, according to Grant.

It is also known as the ripple effect, Grant said. She asked audience members to share the potential benefits. Use of the high school will create a sense of community in Bath. Arts and culture, safety, economic development, tourism, educational tools are potential benefits, according to the audience members. Grant then asked the attendees to write a description of their organization and the community.

"We have described each agency well, but we haven't described our community as well," said Surry Everett, president of the Historic Bath Foundation and a member of both the high school preservation and historic Bath commission. "Historical Bath is larger than the town. We are not really talking about the town of Bath, but more the community of Bath. That is what the school building is all about." Marti Buchanan, a member of the Bath High School Preservation, agreed. "It is hard to communicate such a big area dripping with history. There is so much to it and we are so excited," Buchanan said. "We must unite and move forward." Everett said, "The school held the community together."

Sue Conway, a member of the Bath High School Preservation, said, "There is more at stake than saving a building, it's a symbol." Patricia Mansfield, a member of the Bath High School Preservation, agreed. "We want the heart [of the community] to return," she said.

Grant suggested the three organizations find a point where the ideas intersect. "This can drive you forward," Grant said. "You all have common ground to drive you. Capture and articulate in a paragraph the definition of your community." Once a community description is agreed upon, Grant said the next step is to set goals and a timeline for construction. The audience quickly came up with two steps, including soliciting bids by April to stabilize the exterior of the building for completion by July. "There is a unique, cool situation here in Bath," Grant said. "Henry Ford's quote,

'Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success' could be the driving force of this group.'

By Angela Harne

Courtesy of the Beaufort-Hyde News

A Tribute to Two Special Alumni



The idea of Bath High School Preservation newsletter *'Pirates Revenge'* in 2007 came from Bath High Alumni, **Betsy Douglas Gray**. As Editor, she paired with another alumni, **Joanne Tuten Childs**, as co-editor. Publishing five issues, they have been quite a

wonderful team and kept us up-to-date on all the news and happenings of the most important building in the heart of Colonial Bath Towne since 1921. An estimated 3,373 students received their formative education in this building. Many of you rallied and helped save this building in 2005.

Betsy Gray and Joanne Childs have decided to step down from their positions and continue their support to the project in other areas. Being devoted and caring about their school they will always be involved in this restoration project. Being a big part of honoring our past they have contributed to designing our future.

The difference between the possible and the impossible lies in determination. Both Editor and Co-Editor have shown determination, and for that and all your contributions we thank you for a job well done. Personal integrity and fulfillment comes from doing something major and on your own. Both of you have definitely accomplished your goal. *'Volunteers give the time of their lives---and they get back a joy that money cannot buy.'*

Betsy and Joanne have given their time and created a newsletter to help save our history.
Editor



Pirates Take the Gold

Pirate Pride rides high again. After two First Place Blue Ribbons in '07 & '08 the Bath High School Preservation float this year took "Best Overall" Gold! The pirate sloop was designed and brought to life by Marti Buchanan and Elaine Harrison. The pirate crew were all devoted Bath Alumni. Dressed in authentic pirate regalia were :



Sandra Harrison, Star Credle, Jim Cox, Elaine Harrison, Nelda Ormond, Susan Modlin, Marti Buchanan, Tony Webster and Wendy Williams.



Thank you to John & Kathy Clark, Sidney & Hannah Baker for navigating the Bath High School Preservation sloop to the Gold Ribbon finish. Way to go team!!

Wendy Williams

Third Annual Oyster Roast

The writer, Jonathan Swift, once noted, *"He was a bold man that first ate an oyster."*

Judging from the turnout at BHSPS' third annual oyster roast on February 20th, we are very grateful for that first bold man! More than 300 hungry individuals helped themselves to abundant oysters, trimmings, and various other foods and beverages served there.

I found many "pearls" at this year's oyster roast: Bath High School schoolmates from years gone by; some I had not seen since high school! Many people from Pantego and Belhaven schools also attended and we remember them from sports rivalries and other combined school events. I noted that many of the folks there were new residents of Bath and surrounding areas who want to help restore Pirate glory to our old school.

I am so happy I went. If you missed this year's Roast, be sure to come next year. Who knows, you might see a favorite Teacher or Principal or even an "old flame"!

A Proud Pirate: Ellen Edwards Heck

2010 Calendar of Events

- May 4..... Bath High School Preservation Board Meeting
- May 14..... 6th Pirates' Revenge Newsletter
- May 15..... Bath Fest Booth, 11-4pm
- May 22..... Annual Bayview Golf Tournament
- June 1..... **2010 Annual Membership Meeting BATH CHRISTIAN CHURCH-7 pm**
- July 13..... BHSP Board Meeting
- August 3..... BHSP Board Meeting
- August 21..... BHS Decade of 70's Reunion
- September 14.. BHSP Board Meeting
- September 18.. Annual Auction and Raffle
- October 8..... Deadline Pirate's Revenge articles
- October 5..... BHSP Board Meeting-Planning, Budget, Calendar
- November 2..... Bath High School Preservation Board Meeting
- November 15... 7th Pirates' Revenge Newsletter
- December 4..... Washington Christmas Parade, 11am
- December 5..... Bath Christmas Parade, 2pm
- December 12... Historic Bath's Open House, 1-4pm
- December 17... Christmas Home's Tour

All Board and Membership Meetings ~ Bath Christian Church at 7pm.

Legacy

I commend Bath High School Preservation for your coalition which has inspired a community. The collaborative efforts will bring further success and will set in motion the opportunity for providing a Cultural Center in the heart of Bath. BHSP members are doing more than saving the school; you are helping preserve Bath's historic character because what happens on that corner will have a lasting affect on the entire Historic District.

~Karen Sayer, Chairman Bath Historic District Commission

Message from Peggy

Great accomplishments deserve great recognition and I applaud the Bath High School Preservation Board and Officers and our BHSP members for your perseverance and dedication. Even greater things are ahead for BHSP members, BHS alumni, Bath citizens and the community, as we take ownership of a prominent building in an ideal location. As the largest contributing structure to the National Register Listing, we are in clear view of Bath's other prominent structures: Van der Veer and Palmer- Marsh houses, St. Thomas Church, and Swindell's Cash Store. What happens on this corner happens to the oldest town in North Carolina. Our vision, in the initial phase, has given the community the real potential for passing along a historic accomplishment for generations to enjoy. My resignation as President on June 1, 2010 is a well-timed passing of the baton, to those who are best prepared for the next phase of the project. I look forward to seeing the business of grant procurement and staged renovation proceed in a well-organized fashion to the result we have already seen in our mind's eye!! Thank you for everything you have done and will do, as we move into the next phase of work under new leadership. Your support is invaluable and your involvement will always be key!!

All the best, Peggy

News & Notes from Committee Chairs

- **Building** — BHSP has diligently worked toward preserving and obtaining ownership of the Bath High School buildings. Initial improvements have been implemented. Our next priority is full roof replacement with associated repairs. *Sandra Harrison*
- **Finance** — Net proceeds of Major fundraising since last newsletter Auction \$13,022 ~ Oyster Roast \$7,767 ~ Raffle \$7,350 ~ Santas \$993 ~ Donations, Grants, Dues \$5,420. *Mike Godley*
- **Fund Raising** — **May 15** – Bath Fest Bake Sale, BHSP merchandise and flowers from Terra Ceia Farms .
- **May 22** – Golf Tournament at Bayview Golf Club, for information call Leon Wingate 923-8191 or 923-5061
- **September 18** – Auction and Raffle at Bath Elementary School Multi purpose Room. Items and services for the auction, email Claudia for details cwalligood@embarqmail.com Raffle tickets will go on sale In July. *Claudia Alligood*
- **Grants** -Historic Bath Foundation awarded BHSP the third grant for windows in March 2010. *Bobby Roberson*
- **Membership** ~ Membership applications for **June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011** were recently mailed. Thank you to everyone who has renewed and new members are encouraged to become a part of the goal to purchase the building. We become stronger by becoming bigger. **Join BHSP on June 1**, for the Annual Membership meeting and vote for the new Board of Directors. Welcome everyone---bring a new member! *Nelda Ormond*
- **Special Events**— Need tour guides/volunteers for events. email :starlone@gotricounty.com or call 923-7501

Pirates Revenge Newsletter---

The Editor invites you to contribute any memories, favorite recipes, stories, words of wisdom or news worthy items, 100 words or less. Email: starlone@gotricounty.com or mail: Marti Buchanan, 1331 Teach's Point, Bath, NC 27808

BHSP 2010-2011 Membership

(Annual Membership runs from June 1 to May 31).

Yes, I (we) want to make a special tax deductible contribution to restore the BHS building.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

BHS Class of _____

Membership/Donor Levels

- Swashbuckler \$25 - \$74.99
- Maroon/White Pirate \$75 - \$149.99
- Buccaneer \$150 - \$299.99
- Crossbones \$300 - \$499.99
- Blackbeard \$500 - \$999.99
- Friends of T.A. & Molly Brooks \$1000- \$4,999.99

Restore a Window Program \$250.00

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Quantity _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Window donations are tax deductible and are separate from the operating budget of BHSP. They are for window use only.

Membership/Donor Level _____

Restore a Window _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please make your check payable to BHSP and mail to BHSP, P.O. Box 149, Bath, NC 27808.

*Honor & Glory~ We Show to You
Pirate Spirit Lives On*

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Santas and other merchandise may be purchased at the following locations:

Bath Visitors Center

Board of Realtors, 110 S Main St, Bath



Pirate's Revenge is a bi-annual newsletter developed by Bath High School Preservation members to provide pertinent information on the progress of our organization in preserving our heritage at the Bath High School building. To submit articles or receive future issues, please send an e-mail to starlonc@gotricounty.com and include "*Pirate's Revenge*" in the subject line.

A special Thank you to Betsy Douglas Gray for just being there for BHS&P.

Pirate's Revenge

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Special Thanks To Everyone Involved...

- First Annual Auction ~ September 12, 2009 at the Ormond Amphitheatre, Inc.
- Thomas Ormond & Doug Boyd ~ Auctioneers
- BHS Preservation Merchandise Tent ~ Star Credle, Josie Hookway, Marti Buchanan



- 3rd Annual Oyster Roast ~ February 20, 2010
- Hosted by Sonya & Jerol Selby, Jr.

2009-2010 Membership/Donor Levels

We welcome and are proud to recognize our new members and donors to our 2009-2010 season. Bath High School Preservations' Purpose will continue to move forward because of your continuing commitment and generous support. 2010-2011 Membership Drive has begun, please join.

SWASHBUCKLER ~ \$25.00-\$74.99

Mary Linda Pinkham Batchlor
Kay Guirkins Bray
Marti Buchanan
Polly Cox
Alice P. Johnson
Barbara Oliver
Mike & Linda Swanner
Jimmy Taylor

MAROON/WHITE PIRATE ~ \$75-\$149.99

Sybil & Jordon Barber
Polly Mason Strickland
Ethel Foskey Temple

2010-2011 Membership/Donor Levels

SWASHBUCKLER ~ \$25.00-\$74.99

Jim Cox
Polly Cox
Sally Johnston

DONATIONS

Shelia & Tommy Ormond
Eugene L. Roberts, Jr.

Memorial Gifts

Kay B. Tetterton

In Memory of Aaron T. Waters

Helen Florence & Fred Richardson

Martin Richardson & Family

Allison Correll & Family

In Memory of Wayne Tankard

Restore a Window Contribution

Gordon & Ester Boyd Malmfeldt

In Memory of Colton Gene Boyd

Congratulations To...

Our Raffle Prize Winners from
Sept. 12, 2009

1. **Deborah Minor**- Weekend Mountain Getaway- Windley Cottage, Spruce Pine, NC with \$50 Gas Card
2. **C.M. Cartwright**- Half-day Fishing Trip with Captain David Mason, Bath, NC
3. **Jimmy Swanner**- Two ECU Football Tickets for a Single Game
4. **Bill & Blanche Monroe**- Signed Print by Dolores Morgan
5. **Alice Wingate**- BHSP Santa from Chesapeake Bay Company
6. **Carl Smith**- Weekend at Ramada Inn Cherokee, across from Harrah's with \$50.00 gas card
7. **Anna Biggs**- Two-night stay at The Inn on Bath Creek, Bath, NC, with dinner at Blackbeard's and the Country Kitchen as well as tickets for the Historic Bath Tour
8. **Keith Mason**- Four ECU Baseball Tickets to a Single Game
9. **Sarah Miller**- \$50.00 Walmart Gift Card plus \$50.00 Food Lion Gift Card
10. **Peggy Davis**- Seafood Dinner for Six with Teeny Mason & Jane Capps on Beautiful Bath Creek
11. **Jack Whichard**- RTP Getaway Weekend-Two Nights at the Candlewood Suites in Durham and Dinner at Papa Mojo's
12. **Betsy Gray**- \$50.00 Wilco-Hess Gas Card
13. **Ray Cox**- A Local Adventure-Movie, Dinner, Dessert, Estuarium
14. **Bob & Jean Mink**- Weekend Getaway in Ocracoke
15. **Tom Davis**- Eating on the Run!

Community News....

- **June 1, 2010**—BHSP Annual Membership Meeting
Bath Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- **June 11, 2010**—Historic Bath Foundation Annual Membership Meeting—NOE Building, 9:00 a.m.
- **July 9, 2010**—Historic Bath Commission Meeting,
Bath Visitor Center, 10:00 a.m.

"Goals...there is no telling what you can do when you get inspired by them. There is no telling what you can do when you believe in them. There is no telling what will happen when you act upon them." ---Jim Rohn

BATH HIGH SCHOOL PRESERVATION

Purpose:

The general purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- A.** To provide a non-profit community service organization dedicated to the protection, preservation, and adaptive re-use of the buildings formerly used as Bath High School, a historic set of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places of the United States, which would return the property to its former place of distinction as a center for community activities.
- B.** To provide planning for the adaptive re-use of the property by its occupants so as to create a multi-faceted cultural center with accommodations for government entities, tourism, historic groups and exhibits, literary activities, performing and fine arts, educational programs, public and private social functions, and appropriate entrepreneurial businesses.
- C.** To act as agent in all matters regarding the structural needs of the property in accordance with acceptable historic preservation methods and techniques in order to preserve the architectural integrity of the property; or otherwise manage the property; or to be a representative on other groups legally constituted for such purposes.
- D.** To disseminate and exchange information to and among its members, the general public and such persons, agencies and organizations as may have interest therein; and to foster and promote a friendly relationship of the organization and its members with the general public and others interested in the activities of the corporation.

~~ **Reminder to members of Bath High School Preservation** ~~~

~ **Mark your calendar June 1, 2010** ~

Annual Membership Meeting, Bath Christian Church 7pm.

Cast your vote for new board of directors.

Bring a friend

