



PIRATE'S REVENGE

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From the President, Ron Moore, Class of 1973

Happy Holidays on behalf of the BHSP Board of Directors. We are all excited about the recent work on the Library Wing (Mrs. Abeyounis' wing to me). With the floors beautifully refinished and the walls and ceilings painted; the classrooms look ready for students. Please visit <http://www.friendsofbathhs.org/gallery> to view pictures. Many thanks to Dominic Franks and his crew for all their work in the past 2 months. We are moving forward with plans for the next phase: bathrooms, heating/air, and electrical- expanding the space for tenants beyond Pirate Hall to help serve and broaden opportunities for the community.

There are too many people to thank for all the support we have received over the years as we work to honor our mission **"to return Bath High School to a place of honor and service to the greater community."** I will never forget the words of Jack Wallace during our first meeting at the home of **Harold and Nelda Ormond** to discuss whether to get involved with saving the School from being torn down. Mr. Wallace said **"I don't know if you can pull this off, but you will never be sorry you tried."** Thanks to all who helped us pull it off and who have given their time, treasure, sweat and tears.

We will need renewed commitments from everyone as we move forward to complete the Library Wing and then move on to the Auditorium Wing. I was at the school last week and in the auditorium reminisced about all the times I sat there and how big it seemed. I walked up on the stage and looked out into the audience section and thought about our ancestors who sat there and received the life and educational lessons that made their lives better. **Thank you, Lord, for Bath School.**



The Case of the Missing Fountain Bowl by Peggy Daw

For many years, a beautiful water fountain graced the BHS courtyard. A photo of the fountain was taken around 2014, by Larry Boyd and framed copies were sold at BHSP fundraising events. However, the fountain fell into disrepair and between 2016-2020 the bowl was removed for safekeeping and taken to June Wallace's storage area to be kept with other memorabilia. During planning for the Centennial Celebration in 2021, several families and groups asked about making a special donation to BHSP to repair the plumbing and restore the water fountain.

In October, Claudia Alligood asked June Wallace about getting the bowl back to start the restoration process. June told Claudia that Ricky Carawan (Building Committee volunteer/chair 2016-2020), had picked it up and, as June understood it, his plan was to take the bowl to the school for storage. However, when the subject of the bowl came up at the last BHSP meeting, everyone at the meeting -- past presidents, multiple board members and volunteers, all who have consistently been onsite -- said they had not seen the fountain bowl in storage at the school.

Please help us solve the **"Mystery of the Missing Fountain Bowl!"** If you know where the bowl is, or have information on a sighting, please share by calling 252-714-7487.



Fundraising Report

A special thanks to Claudia Alligood, the Fundraising Committee and all our neighbors, members and supporters. We raised \$55,733 through multiple community activities this year.

HOLD THE DATE!

BHSP Annual Oyster Roast Fundraiser
Selby Farm
February 25, 2023 4 – 7 pm



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Pirate's Revenge is a quarterly newsletter developed by Bath High School Preservation members to provide updates on the progress \preserving the Bath High School building. To submit articles or receive future issues, please email Betsy Gray at betsygray45@yahoo.com with "*Pirate's Revenge*" in the subject line. You can also find renovation and fundraising updates on the Friends of Bath High School . Website, www.friendsofbathhs.org

A New Sister Website by Peggy Daw



A chance encounter with newcomer, Ellen Kinsinger, at a festival in Bath, led to a discussion about BHSP and the need for a website with more color, pictures and timely updates for donors. Ellen had just finished a similar website for Swindell's Store and offered to help.

Ellen's idea was that the new site should be the face of BHSP for donors and sponsors, focused on fundraising, renovations and reuse, while the existing site would remain a treasure trove of historical information. Friends of BHSP – donors, members, sponsors, neighbors, volunteers and champions – would be honored and their contributions showcased. Betsy Gray and I loved the idea and so did the BHSP Board.

The color scheme of the updated logo and new website (completed earlier this year) was inspired by the photographs of BHS in transition taken by friend and long-time supporter, Dr. Karl Chiang: The coral of the brick, the teal and navy of the chalk boards, the hint of pink and mint in the peeling paint on doors and walls, the yellow light filtering through new windows. This theme has carried over to the ***Pirate's Revenge*** newsletter.

We are thankful for chance encounters and encourage you to visit the site www.friendsofbathhs.org. View the gallery of Dr. Chiang's inspiring photographs, the Centennial celebration, and renovation progress. Enjoy the spotlights on friends, the campus, community events and much more. Tell us what you think. We welcome your feedback.

Help Us Get to the Finish Line!

The 600 Campus Growth Club founders came together to donate another \$1,000 each to launch the campaign for 2022. The founding members stand together: **David Johnston, Surry Everett, Betsy Gray, Ron Moore, June Wallace, Sandra Harrison and Peggy Daw** to continue with the capital improvements. Over \$200,000 has been raised, but we need your help to finish the restoration of the areas above the library and Pirate Hall for leased space. Things are moving now and we expect to start renovation of the Auditorium in 2023-2024 for community meetings and events. **Thank you!**

2022 Grant Awards

\$2,500.00

*The Community
Foundation of NC East
on behalf of the Boyd
Charitable Fund by
Greg & Stephanie Boyd*

\$15,000.00

*Marion Stealman
Covington Foundation*

\$11,000.00

*Jonathan Havens
Charitable Trust*

\$75,000.00

Cannon Foundation, Inc.

\$5,000.00

*Tri-county Telephone
Foundation*

\$2,500.00

*Southern Bank
Foundation*