

# PIRATE'S REVENGE

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# Message from Peggy...

If you have already renewed your annual membership, then encourage your friends and neighbors to join. As this political year moves forward to the 2008 elections, just remember, every member of an organization counts for 10 voters. There is strength in our number and power in our voice. We thank each of you for your commitment.

"The future belongs to those who fuse intelligence with faith, and who with courage and determination grope their way forward from chance to choice, from blind adaptation to creative evolution." -Charles E. Merriam (1876-1953)

We are here, because of the choices we made at critical moments. As our former principal and coach stood before us at the first board meeting in 2005, he made one thing perfectly clear. Regardless of the outcome, there are no regrets when you've given your best. Recently, when other local leaders have been questioned on their position about using this important complex of historic buildings for new purposes, they respond, "It's the right thing to do".

On March 7, 2008, the Historic Bath Foundation awarded the BHS Preservation a grant of \$2500.00 towards the \$10,000 budget for the 2008 window restorations under option 3 of their annual grant application: Aid in the purchase, preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of structures and sites in Bath that have special historical, architectural, or aesthetic value. We share a common mission and sincerely thank the Foundation for their support.

With this kind of insight and intent, the next phases of our work will move quickly. Please continue to support us in your own unique ways. We will all be glad we did!

Peggy

# BHSP Receives Grant from Historic Bath Foundation



Pictured Left to Right: Leigh Swain (Bath Visitor Center); Ed Clement (Historic Bath Foundation); Peggy Daw (BHSP)



### 2008 Raffle Tickets Are Here!!!

This is the kickoff for our 2009 membership drive through March 2009 with newsletter recognition. If you need additional tickets, send your request or payment to P.O. Box 149, Bath, NC 27808. Please continue to support BHSP. This is our major annual fundraising event. Join us on August 23, 2008, Saturday, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for open house and for the raffle drawing at Blackbeard's Slices & Ices at 7:00 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

UPCOMING ORAL HISTORY PROJECT Kerry Cox & Marti Buchanan are gathering information on any graduates to honor and preserve a portion of the BHS heritage. Any information (DVD, interviewing stories) recollecting "school days" and education of their era. Contact or submit to: Marti Buchanan @ (252) 923-7501 or Marti Buchanan/Kerry Cox 1331 Teach's Point Bath, NC 27808

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# Spotlight on a BHS Graduate

# **Nelda Karen Gaylord Ormond: Go-Getter and Volunteer Motivator**

By Leanne E. Smith

Nelda Karen Gaylord Ormond, BHSP's board member and member-

ship co-chair, says she's "a go-getter. When I get on a project, I go at it. If I don't understand something, I find out about it. If I can help somebody, I treat them how I'd like people to treat me." When Peggy Daw recruited her for the BHSP project, Ormond was motivated to help preserve BHS because she thinks "that much of the school."

Her investment is rooted in her local connections. A life-long Bath and Bayview resident who has lived "on both points of Bath and in between," she grew up in the house that is now Blackbeard's Slices and Ices, later lived in the Van Der Veer house before it was moved, and at Bonner's Point.

From 1936 to 1962 at BHS, her mother, Pauline Askew Gaylord, taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, and her father, Onward James "O.J." Gaylord, taught agriculture. Her brother, Jimmy, graduated in 1962 and worked in education. Her sister, Linda, graduated in 1963 and became a nurse.

At BHS, she began her life of involvement. She was a class officer, carnival queen, a junior-senior waitress, Future Teachers of America member, president of Future Homemakers of America her senior year after being involved for three years, glee club member and piano student, and a member of the *Pirate* newspaper and *Treasure Chest* annual staffs, and she won a typing contest at East Carolina College.

She lettered all four years in basketball when Jack Wallace was coach, before he became principal. She remembers playing half-court basketball when they could only dribble twice before passing the ball.

She graduated in a class of 71 in 1959, then graduated from Hardbarger's Business School in Raleigh, and on January 27, 1963, married her high school sweetheart, Harold Ormond (class of '57). In 1965, they moved into their Bayview home.

She retired after 43 of working as a secretary, assistant manager, insurance title and clerk, loan officer, and keeping her husband, Harold farming.

She's kept at least one scrapbook for every year starting with high school, and her *Treasure Chest* annual, with signature-filled end-sheets, is easily accessible. On the faculty pages, she remembers Dot Tankard, the oldest of the still-living teachers. The others are

Doug Mercer, Vera Oden, Jack Wallace, Jim Blanton, and her favorites—seventh-grade teacher Myra Wingate and home economics teacher Rachel Swindell.

Every five years since graduation, Ormond has coordinated class reunions with a group of her classmates.

She says, "I love to be involved, to be around people. If there's something to do in the community, I do it." And it's hard to believe she's left anything out. In addition to dancing and camping, her leisure activities include freshwater fishing and yard work, but her community involvement is especially extensive.

She is chair and treasurer of the Bath Cotillion Club, of which her husband is also a member; financial chair and treasurer of the Bath Christmas Parade Committee; treasurer of Bayview Canasta Club, Bath Fest Committee, and the circle at Bath Christian Church, where she sings in the choir, played piano for Sunday school, and was church secretary. She and her husband have been members of the church since teenagers.

She is a member of the Bathshebas (Bath's Red Hat Society), AARP, and the Bath Historic Foundation, and helps sell Christmas calendars for the Bath Ruritan Club, where her husband is a member. She is a former Bath Rescue Squad Committee member and a former Democratic Judge, and in the past, a Precinct Registrar for Bath Precinct. With her husband, she is a member of the Bayview Supper Club and the camping organizations Good Sam Club, Outdoor World Club, and Coast to Coast.

On the Bath Tri-Centennial Committee in 2005, she also co-chaired the Maritime Heritage Day weekend. She's seen the 250<sup>th</sup> and 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, but jokes, "Someone else will have to take over for the 350<sup>th</sup>."

Now she's devoting some of her seemingly endless volunteer energy to BHSP. As membership co-chair, she prepares mailings, but spends many days working at the school. She has scrubbed floors and chipped paint in the office, and chipped more paint as high as she could reach in the auditorium. Eventually, they will need people skilled in plasterwork to help with the ceiling.

Her latest tasks are sorting out magazines and books in the library to decide what to keep and trying to locate the rest of a set of prints depicting scenes in Bath, England. The walls and steps in the stairwell, and the outside doors, are the next projects, for safety purposes. During this summer, BHSP would also like to restore the courtyard windows. "Our sole purpose is to keep the building so the town will have some functions with it because it's a piece of history."

Ormond is happy to see increased interest in BHSP now that the project is moving forward, and especially now that, as of January 30, 2008, the building is on the National Register of Historic Places. While monetary donations are helpful, time, physical labor, and other skills are needed, too.

She says, "I'd like for anybody who will and who's able to get on board with us and try to help the building and preserve it any way we can. It's a piece of our heritage. We just don't need to let it go by the wayside."

# Save The Dates!

### Calendar of Events

- July 8, 2008 Raffle & Golf Committees Meeting
- August 5, 2008 Annual Membership Meeting, 2008 Santa Arrive, 7 pm.
- August 23, 2008 Open
  House from 2-5:00 p.m.
  Annual Raffle Drawing @
  Blackbeards' Slices & Ices @
  7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20, 2008 Annual Golf Tournament - 10-4 pm - TBA
- Nov. 15, 2008 4th Edition Pirate's Revenge Newsletter
- Dec. 7, 2008 Bath Christmas Parade - 2 pm
- Dec. 14, 2008 Historic Open Tour - 12-4 p.m.

# Class Notes...

Let your friends and classmates know about marriages, children, grandchildren, travels or more by snail mail or email to:

> Betsy Gray 401 Bremerton Drive Greenville, NC 27858 QueenB35@yahoo.com

\$25 - \$74.99

# Honor and Glory We Show to You!!!

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The oldest BHS alumni living is Alice Webster at 103 years. She now resides at Ridgewood Nursing Home in Washington, NC.



#### Franklin Kizer and Helen Berry

were married on December 25, 1936 and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. A reception in their honor was hosted by Ann Spain & Marion Regis and husbands. Helen, the daughter of the late Aumon & Pearl Berry, is a 1935 graduate of BHS. The class reunions have been well attended up to the 65th reunion. In February, Helen celebrated her 90th birthday. She and her husband reside in Lancaster County, Va. The Kizers have 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grand children.

# **Memorial Gifts**

**BHS Class of 1957** 

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Thank you to...

Nelda Ormond & David Everett for their service on the Board.

January 30, 2008

N.C. Department of Cultural Resources Office of Archives & History entered Bath High School on the National Register of Historic Places.

# **BHSP 2009 Membership Dues**

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BHSP would like to thank the following for their tasty donations for Bath Fest on May 10, 2008:

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first annual community oyster roast/ chili shindig on March 8, 2008. It was a huge success with a profit

close to \$3000.00. Not too shabby for this first time fundraiser. The following businesses and individuals so graciously donated their time and services for BHSP.

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# Newsletter Bloopers

We are sorry these individuals were omitted from the December newsletter: Nelda Ormond, Gracie Mason, & Ilene McClain.

Marti would like to give a special thanks to the following workers:



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Thanks to everyone who continues to submit recipes and memories. This is an ongoing project. Please continue to submit any unusual happenings, short stories, quotes and words of wisdom for the BHS cookbook project. Send to Marti Bu-

chanan, 1331 Teach's Point, Bath, NC 27808 or Bath High School Preservation, P.O. Box 149, Bath, NC 27808. Keep them coming!!

# 2008 Donor Levels

We are pleased to recognize our past and 2008 Donor Levels. These accomplishments have been made possible because they believed in the BHSP mission. We apologize if we have misspelled anyone's name.

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