PLEASE JOIN US

What: 2015 Annual meeting of the Brazoria Heritage Foundation

When: Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Where: 1933 Brazoria Elementary Conference Room
209 N. Nevada
Brazoria, TX

The meeting will be followed with a presentation by C. Herndon Williams, Texas historian, lecturer, and author. He has published 2 books: Texas Gulf Coast (2010) and True Tales of the Texas Frontier (2013). He writes a weekly column of stories from Texas history for several local newspapers.

Refreshments will be served.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Pres – Gary Gatton Secretary – Mary Coddou
V P – David Jordan Treasurer – Judy Gifford
CFO – Bob Schwebel

Philip Cyr    Sheila James    Bill James
Berniece Smith Margaret Baugh Judi Downing
Jerry Measells Glynda George Ray McGaughey
Paula Jacobs Frank Fields Shirley Spearow
Jim Williams Frank Petteway Tissie Schwebel

2014 In Review

Our Board members and volunteers were very active in 2014. We produced events and entertainment for the citizens of Brazoria County.

2014 BEGAN WITH A BANG, WHOP, POW!!!! A very successful TASW Wrestling event was held in the Lloyd Thomas Gymnasium. (See Photo, P 4)

In February the annual membership meeting was held, with poor attendance by the membership. The new officers installed were Gary Gatton, President – David Jordan, Vice President – Mary Coddou, Secretary – and Judy Gifford, Treasurer. Also, a successful Black History Month was accomplished thanks to Director Berniece Smith.

March brought our annual Heritage Celebration, featuring Prairie View A & M, along with the Cattle Drive Parade, Gun Show, Tractor show, Car Show, and many other activities. The new mural painted by Glynda George was unveiled at the Celebration.

Later in the month, the Eve Brown Concert was held in the Theatre. We also help sponsor the annual Citywide Cleanup.

An “earthquake of sorts” hit our Theater in April with shaking, rattling, and rolling as BHF featured for the 2nd year a 50’s quartet named “Shake Rattle & Roll” in the theater, with 2 performances. (See Photo, P 4) April also brought plays produced by Masters Academy of Fine Arts & Galveston Home School in the Theatre.

In May, we hosted the District Boy Scout Breakfast, the Jr. High Band concert, and the No Name Festival by the Brazoria Chamber of Commerce.

(2014 In Review cont’d.)
June saw needles flying and machines singing as Shirley Spearow taught beginning sewing classes in the green room.

July, 2014, was our annual fundraiser, “The Santa Ana Ball” held in our fully air conditioned gymnasium. The auctions increased our monies, thanks to great community and corporate support! (See photo, P 4)

In August, Shirley Spearow conducted the quilt show in the Gymnasium. We also hosted Bobby Reed’s Lake Theater Reunion in the theater with a full house.

In September, the annual Brazoria Chamber Banquet was held in the gymnasium.

In October, pumpkins everywhere. The 2nd BHF “Pumpkin Patch” was held. 200 pumpkins were purchased and sold. More decorations were added. Many families enjoyed photo ops with the pumpkins and decorations. The Pumpkin Patch will be an annual event from October 15 until October 31 each year.

In November, we participated with the Columbia Historical Museum with “Meet Your Ancestors” and East Columbia’s Ghost Along the Brazos.

In December for Christmas in Brazoria, we sponsored Kid’s Crafts, conducted by the Brazoria Community Library staff, and we provided food for the day. We participated at the Re-enactment of the 1836 burial of Stephen F Austin, along with the Masons, Militia, SRT and DRT, along with several other organizations. We also served hotdogs to the participants. The outside grounds were professionally decorated for Christmas.

Also during the year, we provided a major historic tour to 51 seniors from Tomball, Tx. We also showed movies and conducted several tours to school groups and others.

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Built outdoor pavilion sponsored by the Brazoria Lions Club

- Built door into Lions Club Building to access 2 bathrooms for pavilion
- Added Famous People from Brazoria Mural on front of 1933 building (Photo on Page 1) (Thank you, Glynda George)
- Refurbished both murals on east side of 1933 building (Thank You Glynda George)
- Purchased new hotdog rotisserie
- Purchased 4 monitors for sound system (2014 Accomplishments cont’d)
• Built new ramp into gym (Thank you, David Jordan)
• Removed old gutters and repaired overhangs on 1933 building
• Sealed leaks between Principal’s Wing & Gym (Thank you, Ameripro)
• Purchased professional Christmas lighting from Outdoors & more.
• Placed 15 new bricks at the old Flag Pole.
• Renovated boys & girls bathroom in Gym
• Replaced rear stage doors in auditorium

Ongoing work all over the premises (6 acres, 8+ buildings)
Numerous Museum tours and movies to schools and other groups
Museum open on Wednesdays and Saturdays
Railroad Museum open every Saturday

WANTS & NEEDS (2015)
Electronic Sound Board $5,000.
Digital Sign at corner of Smith & Hwy 35 $20,000.
(BHF Board voted to dedicate all 2015 profits toward these two items)

Refinish Stage floor
Floor lights in Theater
New commodes in rest rooms
Repairs to and new exterior doors on many of the buildings
Repair or replacement of walkway awnings
Continued Mural paintings and updates
Sound absorbing boards for gymnasium
Installation of speakers in gymnasium
Cushions for seats in Auditorium
Covered walkway from Green Room to Stage
Cabinets in Telephone Room
Another AC in cafeteria seating area
Volunteers to help with the Museum and Foundation

Ramp at rear door of the Badge Building
Hand rail at side door on Conference Center
Cut new door in west end wall of Conference Center

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR GENERAL AND RENTAL INFORMATION:
www.brazoriahf.org/

We look forward to 2015 being even greater than 2014. It takes work and dedication to keep the whole “Brazoria Civic Center” open and usable by the citizens of the West Brazos area

2015 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
January 10 – “Shattered Silence” Performance
February 3 – Annual BHF Membership Meeting
February – Black History Month
February 21 – Bobby Reed Reunion
March 7 – Heritage Celebration
March 7-8 – BHF Gun Show
March 20- 21 – Brazoria Lions Garage Sale
April 4 – Blue Grass Festival
April 25 – Brazoria Clean-up Trash Day
May 16 – No Name Festival
June 13 – 150th Juneteenth Celebration
July 4 – Celebrate America
July 18 – Santa Ana Heritage Ball
August 8 – Firemen’s Carnival
September – Library Bash
October 15 thru 31 – BHF Pumpkin Patch
December 13 – Christmas in Brazoria

1st Sat. Every Month – Brazoria Market Days

Rentals of the facilities continue to increase.
The air-conditioned gymnasium allows rentals not possible before.

Brazoria County WIC and Health Center continue to provide support for West of the Brazos citizens.

BHF continues its weekly rentals to White Tiger Taekwondo and the Masters Academy of Fine Arts.