



Happy Birthday, Bradford! Play by Bradford District High School Drama Club, at June 9th fundraiser for the Gwillim Group, and statue of Elizabeth Gwillim Simcoe

Wishing Bradford a Happy Birthday!

A Silent Auction, a supper of Penne and Spicy meatballs, with salad and garlic bread, and funnel cakes for dessert – and a hilarious look at Bradford's history, presented by the Bradford District High School Drama Club...

The Gwillim Group put together a fundraiser that was filling and fun, last weekend at the high school. The event raised funds for a new statue honoring Elizabeth Gwillim Simcoe, wife of Lieut.-Governor John Graves Simcoe – but it was also part of the Sesquicentennial celebration of Bradford, and an evening of laughter.

"History is important, because it is the promise of the past," said Youth Council President Jonathan Scott, introducing the play. In the hands of the Drama

Club, history was also entertaining.

From the tavern founded by John Malloy, and bypassed by the new road ("That's it? That's the beginning of Bradford? A tavern that goes under?"), to the coming of the Railroad in 1853, to the Bradford's incorporation in 1857 ("... in a tavern"),

Sesquicentennial Parade...

Organizers are looking for participants for a Sesquicentennial Parade, to take place at 3 p.m. on August 19th, following the same route as the Santa Claus Parade. The theme: *Bradford Through the Ages*.

Anyone with antique farm equipment, classic or antique cars; representatives of Minor League sports, and hockey alumni of Bradford's historic teams (The Blues, Vasey Jrs., etc.); choirs

the Great Fire of 1871 that destroyed 130 businesses and cost an unprecedented \$500,000; the draining of the Marsh by Prof. W.H. Day and the introduction of "Gwilly", the town's carrot mascot – the young thespians presented a quirky, and funny, view of the past 150 years.

and bands – in fact, any community group, business or organization is invited to participate in this historic event.

Parade application forms are now available. For more information, to get involved as a Sesquicentennial volunteer or committee member, or to register an official event, contact Joe Lotto at the Recreation Dept., 905-775-5359.