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Message From the Governor

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We had another great Annual Meeting in Arlington in early April. The business of our society was completed in the morning, and our afternoon was spent exploring what it might have been like to live in Plimoth in the 1620s. Vicky Oman, from Plimoth Plantation, joined us in full costume and dialect as Mrs. Stephen Hopkins. What an experience! After more than an hour, she reverted back to being Vicki and we discussed the state of medicine and the role of women in the 1620s. Wow!

Courtney Roy-Branigan brought us up to date on the refitting of Mayflower II and the Plymouth 400 activities planned by Plimoth Plantation. Vicki and Courtney are both Directors at Plimoth Plantation. They both came to the Houston Colony meeting in 2016 and Vicki joined our 2017 Mayflower Congress delegation as Mrs. Edward Fuller. I think we are close to adopting her.

To complete our afternoon of education, our own Elizabeth Heise rocked the house again with her follow-on discussion of DNA and Genealogy. For those who remember her 2017 presentation, DNA has now helped her find her grandfather.

Governor General, Dr. George Garmany, joined us for the entire event and keynoted our Saturday evening banquet.

As I talk to our members, and other organizations, it becomes clear that we need to continue of focus on education. The real story of our ancestors is much richer than the story I was taught back in 'the dark ages', and even that story is no longer taught. Many of us do not know the difference between the Pilgrims and the Puritans. We commonly mistake Puritan clothing for what our Pilgrim ancestors wore. When you read the Mayflower Compact it becomes clear that their English heritage was extremely important to our ancestors. First of all, we need to educate ourselves. I am altogether too aware of how little I actually know. Putting together several presentations about the Mayflower story has caused me to actually do the research. I wil never be an 'expert', but I am gaining a fair understanding of the basics. I hope you can do the same.

We share a unique, and distinctly American legacy. We have a great story to tell and we need to 'Tell the Story'!

Thanks to the excellent work done by our present and past Scholarship Committees and very good investments in our Mayflower Fund, we will more than double our scholarships for 2019. We plan to award \$5,000, \$2,020 and \$1,620 scholarships next year. Please consider helping us maintain this new level by contributing to our Texas Mayflower Education Fund Raising campaign. The Texas Society application deadline for our 2019 scholarships will be January 29. If your family has a current high school Junior who is planning to attend college please take a look at the scholarship information. The information and application form for the Texas Society scholarships are on our website <http://texasmayflower.com>.

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TXSOMD Members at 2018 State Meeting

Linda Hill was the recipient of our Texas Society Annual Award. A check for \$1,620 was sent to Plymouth, which makes her a member of the Governor Generals 1620 club for the year. \$250 was also paid, to have a brick honoring her placed in the garden Octagon area. Dwight Benson presented the award.

Bart Henson receiving “Plymouth Rock” award from Governor Mike Nichols, recognizing the solid and consistent role Bart has played in our TXSOMD finances, and our Texas society in general.

Governor George Garmany receiving gift of a plaque inscribed with the Mayflower Compact from Governor Marilyn Funderburk



**Vicki Oman—
Plimoth Plantation**



Texas Society Mayflower Scholarship Recipients



The winner of the 1st place scholarship is Katherine Mayfield, of Dallas, Texas. She is currently a senior at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas. Her parents are Andrea and Jeff Mayfield. She is a junior member of the Texas Society, Mayflower Descendants, and is currently planning to attend TCU in the Fall of 2018, majoring in Marketing with a minor in Economics. She belongs to the National Honor Society, is a member of her school's drill team, and attended the Leadership Institute for three years. Her essay was "The Pilgrim I most Identify with". Her ancestor is Myles Standish. Katherine listed the similarities between herself and Myles Standish-their leadership and communication skills.

The winner of the 2nd place scholarship is Cecilia Johnson, of Keller, TX. Her mother is Lesley Johnson. Cecilia is also a junior member, TXSOMD. She is currently a senior at Ft. Worth Christian School in North Richland Hills, Texas. Her plan, per her mother, is to attend UT Austin in the Fall of 2018, majoring in Computer Science. She is a National Merit commended scholar, a Captain of her Woodwind section, and co-Captain of her Color Guard. Her essay was on "The Significant influence of the Mayflower Compact on the American Constitution".



IN MEMORIAM

Beverly Gerding	June 24, 2017
Mary Conn Ridgeway	June 28, 2017
Janet Jones Carr	August 5, 2017
Erma Verzilla Campbell	February 2, 2018
Lavonne Bradfield	February 23, 2018



Waco Colony

The Waco Colony of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants met on May 5, 2018 for their Annual Spring Meeting at the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center. Pledges were led by Captain Belinda Summers and our opening prayer was given by Colony Elder Judy Baker. Deputy Governor Barbara Lewandowski read the roll call of Ancestors and Library Chairman Norma Cannata gave our Library report. The program was "Herbs of Home in the New World" presented by Eolior Yokus and Jackie Lipski. The Waco Colony awarded Midway Senior Julia Ruth Scott, daughter of Dr. Richard and Sarah Scott with a \$500 Scholarship. Julia plans to attend Baylor University and major in Pre Physical Therapy. Our meeting closed with a "Mayflower Minute" given by Belinda Summers about one of her Ancestors on the Mayflower voyage, Joan Hurst Tilley.



Eolior Yokus, Jackie Lipinski,
Deputy Gov. Barbara Lewandowski



Governor Dottie Tate
and Julia Scott



Governor Dottie Tate, Julia,
Sarah and Dr. Richard Scott

Central Texas

The Central Texas Colony received some memorabilia from the family of our member Joe Camp Pearce, who passed away January 2018. We are offering one of these pieces in an auction format to all of our state membership. The piece is a rare pre-2000 limited edition Halcyon Days enamel box designed exclusively for the Horchow Collection (now Neiman Marcus). It celebrates the sailing of the Mayflower on September 16, 1620 from Plymouth, England. Inside the lid appears "A small English brigantine of 180 tons and barely ninety feet overall, the 'Mayflower' ventured across the Atlantic to the New World. She carried a crew of twenty-five and one hundred and two pilgrims." A black and white drawing of a sextant appears in the base. This 2 3/8" round hinged box is in a custom display case. The family requests a reserve price of \$300.00. Proceeds from the item will fund a scholarship from the Colony.

Please send your bids for this treasure to Pat Nichols via email no later than July 21. Enclose a starting bid and a bid that you do not want to exceed. Pat will contact any tie high bids that might come in with further opportunities to bid. The Colony will insure and deliver the box at Colony expense. Pat's email is patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com.



COLONY NEWS CONTINUED -

Corpus Christi

The Corpus Christi Colony will hold it's 2018 Compact Day Luncheon on November 17th at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club.

Tyler Colony

On May 5th the Tyler Colony held its Spring Luncheon at Traditions Restaurant. We celebrated our beginning as a colony which began in 2005 with Betty Corcoran, and her sister Carolyn McCall, petitioning to establish a colony in East Texas. Betty, Carolyn, and Kevin McCall attended the 75th annual conference in Amarillo, Texas on March 31-April 1, 2006, and presented their petition to the Board of Assistants for approval. The board approved the petition and the Tyler Colony was born. Betty Corcoran has worked hard at both the local and state level and for that we honored her this day.

**Governor Denny Alden
presenting Betty Corcoran a
plant in appreciation for her
service.**



Dr. James Newsom, a senior lecturer from UT Tyler, spoke on why our pilgrim ancestors were so discontent in England and the Netherlands. The religious and economical persecution was more than many Puritans could bear. If we would have lived back then, one wonders if we would have been as courageous.

The Tyler Colony Compact luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018.

COLONY NEWS CONTINUED -

Houston Colony

Houston Colony Spring Luncheon—May 5, 2018

Program “ Know your Fellow Pilgrim Descendants” - Members were asked by Governor Charles Prince and Lynne Zalesak to tell the stories of their famous ancestors that they had discovered while researching their ancestry. It was fun and informative and members enjoyed talking about their history.



Members giving a wave and shout of “HELLO” to HC BOA Rep. and member, Leah Davis, who was not able to attend due to illness



Governor Charles Prince interviewing Lynne Zalesak

Abigail Winnier is a senior at Covenant Christian School in Conroe, Texas. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has achieved Excellence Awards in Science, Math, English and Spanish. She will enroll at the University of Texas in Austin, in the Fall, to study Neuroscience. She is considering a career in either medicine or medical law. She enjoys competitive dance and cheerleading, and volunteers with children and special needs children at her church. Steve Williams, Scholarship Chairman, presented Abigail with the Houston Colony 1620 Scholarship Award at the May 5th Spring Luncheon.

Steve Williams, Abigail Winnier and Governor Charles Prince



New Members

Name	Ancestor	Name	Ancestor
Kathleen Lynn Pierce	William Bradford	Melissa Kathleen Pierce	William Bradford
Ryan Louis Pierce	William Bradford	Christie Helen Billing	James Chilton
John Everett Fine	John Alden	Elizabeth Pennington Furlow	Isaac Allerton
John Charles Harding, Jr.	John Tilley	Wesley L Maston Poore Harris	William Bradford
Christina Ann Knecht	William Brewster	Hyland Stephen Knecht	William Brewster
Ronald Cyril Knecht III	William Brewster	William Nelson Knecht	William Brewster
Paul Richard “Mac” McStravick	Henry Sampson	Flora Ann Byars Calaway	Peter Brown
Elizabeth Ann Kinkade Woods	James Chilton	Susan Marie Brown Gettman	George Soule
Bob Warren Roberts III	William Brewster	Mary Kristin Darelus Roberts Roberts	William Brewster
Kim DeNell Estes	Richard Warren	Guy Carlton Mellick	John Alden
Cathy Ann D’Zuro Bambenek	Francis Cooke	Robert Joseph Haaser	William White
Bradley Jay Modisette	Richard Warren	Ellen Louise Lewis Prouty	John Alden
Jessica Lynn Prouty	John Alden	Courtney Elizabeth Crowell Solleveld	William Bradford
Crystal Lynn Poskevich Wright	Peter Brown	Joyce Linda Adams Doyle	Stephen Hopkins
Alice Sue Adams Ketchand	Stephen Hopkins	Karen Leigh Fletcher	William Brewster
John David Furlow	Isaac Allerton	Rebecca Ann Doty Ivey	Edward Doty
Mary D Monk	Stephen Hopkins	John Huntington Fugate, Jr.	Richard Warren
Laura Kristen Shenko	John Alden	Sheila Rae Bradstreet	John Alden
George H. Crowl, Jr.	William Brewster	Elizabeth Ann Barber	John Howland
Lawrence Edward Brown	Francis Cooke	Lisa Paige Van Gemert	John Howland

Supplementals

Thomas Harry Browne	John Alden	Patty Scruggs Necessary	Elizabeth Tilley
Jennifer R. Haskell	Stephen Hopkins	Jennifer R. Haskell	Constance Hopkins
Kimberly Florsheim	Richard Warren	Hollis Kuenn	Francis Cooke
Julie Mudry	Edward Fuller	Catherine Spainhour	Joan Hurst Rogers Tilley
Catherine Spainhour	Mary (Norris) Allerton		

Juniors

Mary Elizabeth Stephens	Stephen Hopkins	Sponsor: Melissa Sue Stephens
Diana Christine Stephens	Stephen Hopkins	Sponsor: Melissa Sue Stephens
Sarah Margaret Stephens	Stephen Hopkins	Sponsor: Melissa Sue Stephens
Laura Katherine Stephens	Stephen Hopkins	Sponsor: Melissa Sue Stephens
Kennedy Nicole Hulse	Edward Fuller	Sponsor: Craig Hulse
Henry Brown Mendell	John Alden	Sponsor: Freeman Mendell
Kelly Christine Collier	George Soule	Sponsor: Pamela Collier
Avery Grace Harris	John Billington	Sponsor: David York
Dane Anthony Harris	John Billington	Sponsor: David York

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2019 TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING

**April 5—6, 2019 Houston Colony will be hosting the 2019 State meeting at the Westchase Hilton Hotel, 9999 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042 713 974-6866.
Additional information will be posted in the Fall Newsletter.**



2020 COMMITTEE

The newly formed Texas 2020 Committee will be holding meetings to format and plan for the 400th anniversary. The members are as follows:

**Peggy Marsh and Sandra Sauers—Co-Leaders
Nancy Powers, Bart Henson, Lynne Zalesak, Sheryl Schilling**

TXSOMD Members if you are interested in being a part of the 2020 Committee, please contact Peggy Marsh at peggymarsh@comcast.net or Sandra Sauers at sdsauersTX@gmail.com.