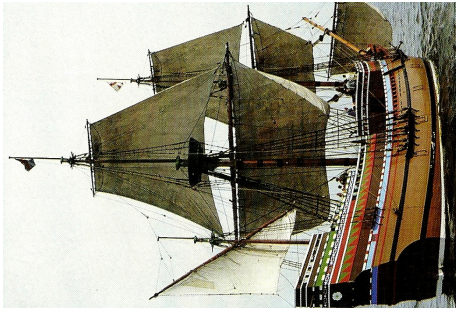


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Junior Members*



*39<sup>th</sup> Triennial Mayflower Congress*



*Vicky and CA Gov. Ken Whittemore, Ray Raser, Beverly Nickerson, Jean and Sue Johnson, Patti Killian and Bob Nickerson*



*Pat Friesen, Ken Whittemore & Marcia Maloney*



*Author and newly elected GSMD Secretary Susan Roser with CA Delegate Ray Raser*



*Ray Raser, Speaker Caleb Johnson, Alice Teal, The Mayflower Quarterly Editor*



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*Huntley Cousins*

**Society of Mayflower Descendents  
In the State of California  
Members Meeting  
With  
Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle**



On the

**Queen Mary**

**June 14-15 2013 in Long Beach**

**A block of rooms has been reserved starting at \$129  
The meeting is on the 15th, and does not require rooms.  
Details and registration will be announced later.  
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## In Memoriam



### ALAMEDA COLONY

Mr. Andrew Stephen Way  
April 13, 2012

### INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Mrs. Mary Frances (Rush) Brekhus  
August 4, 2004

### LOS ANGELES COLONY

Mrs. Nina (Parker) Gardner  
April 20, 2012

### MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Mrs. Doris Rowe (Hutchings) Means  
June 28, 2011

### MOTHER LODE COLONY

Mrs. Elaine (Andrus) Dallas  
June 4, 2012

### ORANGE COLONY

Mrs. Anne Delano (Donahue) Lampman  
May 12, 2012

### SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mrs. Ruth Mary (Atwater) Johannsen  
May 28, 2012

## Governor's Message

June brings to a close my first year as Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California. Many things have transpired, some not so well but others very well. All have been learning experiences for me. I appreciate the hard work involved by each member of this Board of Assistants and all Colony Officers. Times have changed from when I joined in 1976, but the Society has always moved forward. California is the second largest State Society, second to Massachusetts. We are patterned after the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.



As reported in the past board meeting the IRS had informed us that our tax exempt status had been dropped. After many telephone calls and letters, I believe this has been resolved and we now have the tax exempt status returned. Treasurer Ward White hired a CPA to prepare the 2011 tax forms using the correct tax ID number.

A contract with the Queen Mary in Long Beach has been signed for the June 2013 Membership Meeting. The guest speaker will be Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle. It should be a very enjoyable meeting. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Mary Mitchell has resigned as Editor and we have been looking for a qualified replacement for her. She did an outstanding job as Co-Editor and will be missed. Two people were identified as possible replacements and contacts attempted and made before Ray Raser, from San Diego Colony stepped forward to volunteer with his wife, Gail's, support. The upcoming General Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants meeting is scheduled for New Jersey in September 2012. California has many representatives on the various Committees and Boards.

Correspondence: I received two e-mails, one from the Members at Large which was basically a report of their continued efforts to be seen as a viable group. It is my opinion that we encourage all members to be active in the local established Colony rather than Member At Large status.

The second e-mail was from Inland Empire Colony Delegate David Grinnell concerning travel reimbursement. This was discussed very briefly as to the existing policies under new business and no changes made. Also at the close of the meeting a motion was made to form a viable Web Site Committee. I am looking for those interested in helping with this committee so that appointments to the committee can be officially made.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope the accomplishments of the following year will be even better.

*Kenneth Whittemore*



## CA Deputy Governor North

16 June 2012



The Mother Lode Colony asked me to speak at their Compact Day. Unfortunately, it is the same day as the joint Alameda/San Francisco/Marin Compact Day so I had to decline. We tried to find another date in the near future, but most of their meeting dates conflicted either with Board of Assistants meetings or meetings of the Redwood Empire Colony of which I am governor. We will try to come up with a convenient date next year.

I would like to point out to all the colonies to keep the Board of Assistants meeting dates in mind when planning their colony meeting dates.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia M. Friesen  
California Deputy Governor North*

## CA Deputy Governor South

To date I have visited all of the active colonies in the South: Santa Barbara, LA, Inland Empire, OC, & San Diego. I had the pleasure of installing the new 2012-2014 officers for the San Diego colony at the May 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

For the third year we had a Mayflower booth at the SoCal Genealogical Society Jamboree in Burbank. This is a terrific outreach program and Dotty Wilson, Erica Hahn, Ray Raser and myself worked hard, but enjoyed talking with many probable Mayflower descendants. Approximately 42 people provided email addresses requesting further contact. We signed up to host our exhibit again next May.

Also, we were invited to attend the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society meeting in Torrance on September 19 dressed in pilgrim clothing. LA colony members are encouraged to represent us.

I represented the state Mayflower at the memorial service of Anne Donahue Lampman on May 15, 2012. Anne was a member of the OC colony and a former state regent of DAR. Wearing of Mayflower Insignia was requested by her family.



*Marcia Huntley Maloney  
Deputy Governor South*

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<b>Sierra Cascade</b>	dissolved 2011	

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### *Are You Moving?*

Be sure to notify our State Membership Chairperson: Pat Meeken at: [pmeeken@msn.com](mailto:pmeeken@msn.com). She will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your *California Mayflower*, *Mayflower Quarterly* and other mailings in a timely fashion.

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### *California Mayflower*

Next deadline: October 1, 2012. Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at: [camayflowereditor@gmail.com](mailto:camayflowereditor@gmail.com).

**Submissions to the *California Mayflower* newsletter** must be in digital format, either in the body of an email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment. Queries relevant to Mayflower families will be published pending space availability. PLEASE limit them to 75 words. Include your membership number and contact information.

**NOTE the new deadlines:** They will remain the same year after year. Submissions prior to the deadlines are always appreciated.

Fall issue -- October 1<sup>st</sup>

Winter issue -- January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Spring issue -- April 1<sup>st</sup>

Summer issue -- July 1<sup>st</sup>

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Visit the California Society of Mayflower Descendants on the web at:

**[www.MayflowerSociety.com](http://www.MayflowerSociety.com)**

Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at:

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<b>Pomona Valley</b>	dissolved 2010	
<b>Redwood Empire</b>	Patricia M. Friesen	xjester@aol.com

### Welcome to Our New California Mayflower Co-Editor Ray Raser

Ray Raser, a life member and Governor of the San Diego Colony, comes to us with over a decade of editing experience. He has served as editor of the *Hidden Valley Journal*, an annual publication of over 150 pages of local history and genealogical content. He is also the editor of the San Diego Sons of the American Revolution newsletter along with being the San Diego SAR Registrar. Ray is an avid researcher and historian, having graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in history. He is a member of The Elder Brewster Society, Thomas Rogers Society, The Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred, Association of Professional Genealogists and over twelve genealogical and six historical societies. Ray is a US Marine Corps Veteran and life member of the Disabled American Veterans.



Ray Raser and Donna Cole

Ray Raser Co-Editor

### The Ray & Gail Raser Family

Our family is proud that we have Mayflower roots on both sides. We have worked hard to instill the love of our country and service to our community into our six children. We are proud to say that all of our children have graduated from college. Steve is a graduate of Harvard University and a director at J&J Inc. He is a life member of the Mayflower Society and is married to Sommer who is a graduate of SMU and a Masters Degree from Wheaton College. They have two daughters who are junior members. Jacob is an honor graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and has a masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Emery Riddle. Jake is a pilot and Major in the USAFR based in Charleston, SC and a pilot for Delta Airlines. He is married to Erin, a graduate of Clemson and the Medical U. of SC as a Physician Asst. They have a daughter who is a junior member. Dr. John is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School. He currently serves in a Boston area medical clinic. He is married to Amanda Cochrane, a graduate of Colby College with a masters from Brandeis. They have two sons. Joseph is a graduate of Columbia and currently working on his masters in computer science at Boston U. He is a U.S. Army Airborne veteran of Iraq & Afghanistan. He is married to Dr. Samantha Mekrut a graduate of Georgetown Medical School and serves in the Boston area. They have a daughter. Joshua graduated in Ag Business from Cal Poly U. SLO. He recently returned from over two years of Peace Corps service as an ag advisor in Ecuador and is currently serving as a community organizer in an underserved area of Boston. Suzanne is a graduate of CSUC and lives in No. CA with her husband Brian who is a CA State Law Enforcement Officer. Suzanne teaches physical fitness classes and is PTO president in her community. They have two sons who are junior Mayflower members. We are thankful for our ancestry and the Godly heritage that was established for us



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS  
ELECTED JUNE  
16, 2012**

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**LOS ANGELES COLONY**

Mr Edward Craig Defeudis CA8598  
14th from Edward Fuller

Mr Mark Christian Halverson CA8616  
12th from Richard Warren

Mrs Jennifer Marie (Blair) Kobata CA8611  
13th from William Bradford

Mr Brainard Henry Miller CA8607  
10th from John Alden

**MOTHER LODGE COLONY**

Dr Caroline Luella (Bush) Broomand CA8614  
11th from Edward Fuller

Mr Stephen Richard Longley CA8613  
12th from Henry Samson

Miss Amber Marie Young CA8605 Life  
12th from Peter Brown

Miss Kaydence Kiah Young CA8602 Jr.Life  
13th from Peter Brown

Mr Scott Kelso Young CA8604 Life  
12th from Peter Brown

Mr Robert Addison Young CA8603  
11th from Peter Brown

**ORANGE COUNTY COLONY**

Mrs Catherine Michelle (Leyn) Oard CA8594  
12th from John Alden

Mrs Sarah Sue (Gettinger) Schiller CA8606  
10th from John Alden

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Carl Austin Flegal CA8596  
11th from John Howland

Mr Ronald George Kilby CA8615  
11th from William Bradford

Ms Jeanine Elizabeth (Goller) Layland CA8597  
12th from John Alden

Mrs Christine Ann (Olander) Long CA8610  
14th from William Brewster

**SAN DIEGO COLONY**

Mrs. Kristen Kay (Dennis) Banks CA8595  
14th from Thomas Rogers

**SAN DIEGO COLONY & ORANGE  
COUNTY COLONY**

Mrs Amy Barber (Lusk) Conboy CA 8608  
11th from John Howland

**SEQUOIA COLONY**

Mr John Conrad Miller CA8600  
13th from John Howland

Mrs Victoria Michelle (Nichols) Nissly CA8593  
12th from John Billington

**SAN FRANCISCO COLONY**

Mr Alf Robert Lund Jr CA8609  
13th from Steven Hopkins

Mr Dylan William Mac Donald CA8599 Jr Life  
14th from Francis Cooke

Mr William Edward Otto CA8601  
12th from Francis Cooke

**SAN JOAQUIN COLONY**

Mrs Frances Evelyn (Penman) Erickson  
CA8612

11th from Myles Sta

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**NEW SUPPLEMENTALS FOR  
JUNE 16, 2012**

**ALAMEDA COLONY &  
SAN FRANCISCO**

Claire Suzanne Yeaton-Risley  
CA 8499

S #1887

12th from JOHN BILLINGTON

**INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**

Carol Lee (Dikeman) Barr

CA 8548

S# 1886

12th from WILLIAM MULLINS

**MOTHER LODGE COLONY**

Jeffrey A Record

CA 7539

S #1885

14th from FRANCIS COOKE

On September 4<sup>th</sup> 1916 a letter from the California Mayflower State Society was addressed to the Southern membership informing them that it was decided to urge that a Compact Day celebration be held in Los Angeles on the same day (Nov 25<sup>th</sup>) as the one in the North. This meeting was put together and guided by Col Collins with considerable success. "About seventy people were present, and the response to the call of ancestral roll was 44, representing 14 lines". The Honorable Frank Thomas Woodman, Mayor of Los Angeles handled the banquet menu with a delectable presentation. Speakers were: Col. Collins who spoke about the influence of the Dutch during the Pilgrims stay in Leyden, Hon. Grant Jackson, Judge of the Superior Court who spoke about the early California immigrants and the Pilgrim forefathers in the effort to people a wilderness, and General Frank Clark Prescott (Veteran of the Philippines) who spoke about the personalities of the Pilgrims themselves.

At this time the Los Angeles Office of the California Society Of Mayflower Descendants was founded at 719 San Fernando Boulevard. These were Col Collins offices and the home of the Son's of the Revolution Library of which he was president. A little over a decade later, and after Col Collins passed away, the Son's of the Revolution Library went public. Its president was another member of the California Mayflower Board of Assistants, Mr Orra Eugene Monnette (Ca State #73 descended from Edward Fuller). Mr Monnette is famous for having founded the Bank of America, and while president of the library commission, building the Los Angeles Public Library which is the largest in the world. The Son's of the Revolution Library was again made the home of the Mayflower Society in Los Angeles. It is known that Mayflower offices were in existence in downtown Los Angeles in the fifties and probably at the Son's of the Revolution Library.

In 1927 The Southern Division of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California had been meeting for 11 years. It was decided to change the name to the Los Angeles Colony and present it with a charter that covered all of Southern California or the former Southern Division. There were three members of the California Board of Assistants living in the Southland. Mr. Arthur Cooke Davis who became the first regent (later called governor) Mr. Orra Eugene Monnette who held the first meeting in his home, and would become the second regent, and Carl Clifton Curtis of Pasadena.

A fourth member was conspicuously absent and deeply missed. On February 22 of that same year the Los Angeles times reported that Col. Holdridge Ozro Collins was the victim of a hit-and-run driver while crossing the intersection of Fountain and Edgemont in Hollywood. He had been returning from a Son's of the Revolution meeting. Col. Collins was married to Mary Balance in 1874 and left two daughters behind: Mrs. Charles Maclay Booth and Mrs. Noel C. Edwards.

Col. Collins was also a member of: Society of the War of 1812, Knights Templers, Ancient and Honorable Artillery, Veteran Corps of the Illinois National Guard, Harvard Alumni Association, Southern California Science Association.

## Col. Holdridge Ozro Collins

*Descended from William Bradford  
California Mayflower # 71 General So # 3367  
California Mayflower's First Southern Regent 1916*

### A founding father of genealogical Societies of the Pacific and Southern California.

Lost in time that few remember is a man who brought American genealogical history to the West Coast through the organization of Societies in the late 1800's. He championed the building of the first and still significant Genealogical library starting in 1895 which is today known as The American Heritage Library in Glendale at 600 South Central. Col. Holdridge Ozro Collins was born in New York, studied law at Harvard, and was a LT. Colonel in the Illinois National Guard. He eventually came to California where he became the first president of the Son's of the Revolution whose first meeting was in 1893. The library began in his offices in Downtown Los Angeles, and grew with the many contributions of patriotic Americans such as Orra Eugene Monnette. By the turn of the Century the collection was over 5000 books while today it has grown to over 30,000, many of which are rare and nearly impossible to find anywhere on the West Coast.

On March 7<sup>th</sup> 1896 at the banquet hall of the restaurant of Jerry Illich on Third Street, in the city of Los Angeles, The Society of Colonial Wars held their first General Court where Col. Collins was elected President. He gave a speech, of which the following is an extract from the first page:

"In 1620, November 11, old style, the Mayflower anchored at Cape Cod, in what is now Provincetown harbor, and on that date the famous compact was signed, and Bancroft asserts that "this was the birthplace of popular constitutional liberty " (U. S., Vol. I, p. 310). Mr. Goodwin, in his " Pilgrim Republic", says that Provincetown "may justly claim to be the birthplace of the free and equal government which now spans the continent" (p. 65).

" Voltaire said of William Penn's treaty, 'It was the only one ever concluded between savages and christians that was not ratified with an oath, and the only one that was never broken.'"

"This is an error. The treaty made at Plymouth in April, 1621, between the Pilgrims and Massasoit, Grand Sachem of the Confederated Tribes of Pokanoket, was ratified by no oath, nor was it broken during the lifetime of any of the contracting parties."

On August 19<sup>th</sup> 1915 Col. Collins was chosen as a member of the Board of Assistants of the California Mayflower Society. At that time there was no division between North and South, but many members in the South found it hard to attend meetings in the North.

## REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

## SAN DIEGO COLONY

### Benjamin Lewis Barnes

CA 8359

S# 1884

10<sup>th</sup> from RICHARD WARREN

### John George Ripley

CA 8495

S #1883

12<sup>th</sup> from RICHARD WARREN

## Colony News

### Los Angeles Colony

June 2012

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we met at Marie Calendar's in Torrance and learned from speaker James Blauer about genealogical societies and their admission requirements. James is currently president of the Sons of the Revolution, Orange County Chapter, president of the Huguenot Society of CA along with the Mayflower State Society Education and Scholarship chairman and Mayflower store. The store's proceeds go to the Orange County Colony, but he brings every Mayflower product he can find from across the country, and it is quite a collection.

Our next event is Compact Day, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Tam O'Shanter. Be sure to check our calendar section at [www.lacolony.org](http://www.lacolony.org).

*Pilgrim regards,  
Gov. Franklin Smith*

### Monterey Bay Colony

July 2012

Our last general meeting was held May 5, 2012 with Mr. Howard Jones presenting a discussion and slide show entitled "The Ancient Art of Grave Dowsing." He related several stories of his investigative dowsing successes in locating graves of his relatives and others over the years. We welcomed two new members and gave a memorial of two members who passed away.

Colony Historian, Chris Tittle donated Vol. 23, Part 2, to the Santa Cruz Genealogical Library in the name of the Tittle Family and the Monterey Bay Colony. The executive board approved to contribute \$250.00 to the State Scholarship fund. The next general meeting is scheduled for our Compact luncheon on November 10, 2012 at the MPCC Beach House on Pebble Beach where we will have our election and swearing in of the new executive board for the colony.

*Submitted by Lisa Norris  
Monterey Bay Colony Governor*

## Mother Lode Colony

June 2012

The last meeting was held at Sudwerks-Riverside in Folsom. Our guest speaker, Bob Rohwer, docent trainer at the CA State Railroad Museum presented a program explaining the importance of the transcontinental railroad and how it helped to develop the West.

Our former Governor Janice Levi shared information on the 2020 celebration of the journey of our ancestors to the New World and what Plymouth has in mind for the Quadricentennial Celebration. Member Betsy Samson-Andrews spoke about next year's State Members' Meeting on board the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach. The next two colony meetings will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and Compact Day on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the same venue.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Gire, Governor*

## Redwood Empire Colony

Our September meeting will be Saturday, September 15 at McInnis Golf Center in San Rafael. The program is titled "Mayflower Music: Why Does It Matter?" Presenters are Will Johnson, retired Music Professor from Sonoma State University, and Redwood Empire Colony member Toni Kuhry, long time Executive Director of Sonoma Opera. Our colony welcomes GSMD members and their guests to all our meetings. If you would like to attend our meeting, please contact me at [ski1708@gmail.com](mailto:ski1708@gmail.com).

*Sally Johnson  
Deputy Governor*

## Santa Barbara Colony

June 12, 2012

The Santa Barbara Colony met April 14, 2012 and enjoyed the presentation of the history and restoration of the Dana Adobe by Alan Daurio. Business included finalizing by-law changes, distribution of ancestor lists, annual membership report and financial audit.

Long time member, Ruth Mary Johannsen a Thomas Rogers descendant, died in Santa Barbara on May 28, 2012. The next Colony meeting will be Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the Elephant Bar in Goleta. Dr. Ann Plane, UCSB professor and former museum curator and interpreter at Plimoth Plantation will be our speaker.

*Judy Cardinal  
Colony Governor*

## WHAT IS A JUNIOR MEMBER

The Constitution of our Society, Article III, Section 6

A member in good standing in any State Society may make an application for Junior Membership in behalf of any person under eighteen years of age who has a Prima Facie proven lineage.

A Junior Membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants makes our children aware of their Mayflower

Heritage and it will make them proud to be a descendant of a Mayflower passenger. It gives us the chance to let the Junior Member know that we care about our Heritage and will support this memory in every way that we can.

You, as a Sponsor, fill out the application and pay the fee(\$25) in California. The statement of the Sponsor's lineage is honored, there is no documentation required.

Our intent is to make it easy for our descendants to join our Society in the future. We give all Juniors a certificate, a book and wonderful articles containing our Mayflower History. On their eighteenth birthday Juniors may send documentation for joining the Society just as you, the sponsor did. If you would like a full membership for your Junior, give him/her a Junior Life Membership.

Please note: If the Sponsor would like to have the Junior Certificate and packet sent to them, please request it, otherwise, it will be sent directly to the Junior Member.

Sponsors: Would you also please keep me informed of any address changes of your Junior.

I want to THANK YOU for your tremendous support of our Junior Members. They are the future of our Society!!

*Jane Stratford Clayson  
Junior Membership Chair*



*Jane Stratford Clayson, Junior Membership Chair, far right, presented the Mother Lode Colony juniors with their membership certificates and packets.*



**SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

June 16, 2012

Dear Board of Assistants Members, There are 352 Junior Members in the State of California!!!

I would like to propose that the fee be raised \$5 to \$25 for a Junior Application. The Junior Essay, and Poem Contest would be nice to have in October with the results given for Thanksgiving and Compact Day recognition in the colonies of the winners. Grades 1-3, for the first category, Grades 3-6 the second category, Grades 6-8 the third category, Grades 9-12 the fourth category.

It would be exciting to have the first Junior Membership Meeting for Northern California in the Sacramento-Folsom area. The Junior Meeting for Southern California could be in the San Diego Area. The cost per Junior would be for lunch to be purchased, approximately \$5-\$10, transportation to the area-by car, gasoline cost to the respective places- Sacramento/Folsom and San Diego and a meeting place to be determined. To have a good response I think it should be in 2013 either in the spring-April or early fall, September, October with a prize for each category.

I have a Family Reunion on Saturday but I will be to the meeting. Thank you to Ward White for including some Juniors in the Rose Parade in January.

*Kind Regards,*  
*Jane Stratford Clayson*  
*Junior Membership Chair*  
*State of California*

**ATTENTION JUNIOR MEMBERS**

I am looking for junior members to attend a 2013 Junior Membership Meeting in the State of California! One meeting in Northern California and one in Southern California. This is a great opportunity to meet each other and share your experiences and educate your fellow members about the many outstanding junior members in our state, in the country and around the world.

Please send an email to me, Jane Stratford Clayson at [violinjane@yahoo.com](mailto:violinjane@yahoo.com) to express your interest and any special topics or events you would like to cover and convenient dates for our meeting.

Be an active junior member!

Please note: The Junior Membership fee is now \$25 approved by the Board of Assistants at our meeting June 16.

*Jane Stratford Clayson*  
*Junior Membership Chair*

**San Diego Colony Report**

Our new San Diego Colony officers for 2012-14 were installed at the May 19, 2012 meeting. We are delighted to have a blended team of veterans and newer members. We were honored to have Asst Governor South Marcia Maloney do the installation and swearing in ceremony. Outgoing Governor Jan Landt was presented by new



*Ray Raser New Governor presents Past Governor Jan Landt with the Mayflower Flag in appreciation of her many years of service to Mayflower. Jan served two terms as Governor and seven years as editor of CA Mayflower Quarterly*

Governor Ray Raser a Mayflower flag for her many years of service to the San Diego Colony and the Mayflower Society. Jim Blauer CA Mayflower Education Chair also attended and reviewed the CA Mayflower Scholarship programs. The program featured SD Colony Recording Secretary Kathleen Loftman & husband Russ who presented a very interesting program on historical weapons of their ancestors from the French & Indian War to current times. Governor Ray Raser announced that as the SD Colony Historian he had digitized over 1000 pages & photos from the six boxes of Colony scrapbooks and miscellaneous materials.

The scrapbooks will now be donated the San Diego Genealogical Society collection at new San Diego City Library or other suitable repository. Previously Ray had compiled "Six Decades of History" a historical account of the San Diego Colony from founding in 1949 to present that was presented to members..

*Ray Raser*  
*Colony Governor*

**San Francisco Colony**

The June meeting of the San Francisco Peninsula Colony was held at one of the major landmarks in San Francisco. We were lead on an informational walking tour of Grace Cathedral, the third largest Episcopal Church in the country, by our own Jay Ingwolson, a long-time docent at the Cathedral. Highlights included the Paradise Doors (one of three original copies in the world), glorious leaded glass and murals of church and California history. A business meeting was held after the tour in one of the meeting rooms at the Cathedral.



*Linda Longley, Governor*

## San Joaquin Valley Colony

The San Joaquin Valley Colony has had three meetings since last we submitted news. Our combined summer and fall meeting, held November 5, 2011, hosted 11 people. We have 84 members, yet have small turn-out, we hope to remedy that. Professor Don Larson talked on the Gifts of the Pilgrim Ancestors, their contribution to our American philosophy and morality. At our winter meeting, held February 25, 2012, Connie Waldron, an historian devoted to Indian and early American documents, gave us an interesting picture of the Iroquois Nation and their interaction with white people prior to 1776. She showed us how many of the Iroquois Nation philosophies were actually incorporated into our early government documents. 19 people attended.

The speaker for our spring meeting was, David Ofwono, a Captain in the Buffalo Soldiers, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry stationed out of Los Banos. This particular group does a lot of work with students teaching them the discipline of the Buffalo Soldiers. The Buffalo Soldiers were the first park rangers of Yosemite, and Buffalo Soldier, Captain Charles Young, who was Superintendent of Sequoia National Park brought two troops to protect the trees and parks from harm and build the road to Giant's Grove.

Our combined Summer-Fall Meeting will be held November 17, at the Piccadilly Inn on Shaw Ave. in Fresno. All are welcome.



--Susan Rae Oldfield, Secretary

*Bill Fenton, Charlie Wadhams,  
Carolee Hansen, David Ofwono,  
Tom Lowe and Corky Peterson*



*Corky Peterson and  
Professor Don Larson*



*Connie Waldron, Susan Oldfield,  
Charlie Wadhams, and Judy Harless*

## Scholarship 3rd Place Winner

### Lindsay Cellar

Having grown up memorizing Bible verses and spending every Sunday at church, my religion is a very important part of my life. My faith is what makes me who I am, and I can only imagine the incredible feeling it must have been for my ancestors stepping off of the Mayflower knowing that they now had the ability to practice their faith in the way they chose.



The fact that these people found the courage to leave their homeland in search of something that they felt was a crucial part of them has inspired me to be the best person that I can be in an attempt to show others, as did the people on board the Mayflower, what is important to me.

The amount of courage and faith that it took the pilgrims traveling on the Mayflower in search of their religious freedom and the right to be governed by the people is awe inspiring because it demonstrates the importance of standing up for that in which you believe. In today's society, many people decide to just follow what others do instead of forging their own path, but clearly, the pilgrims saw that there are some things worth fighting for and chose to stand up for what they felt was an extreme injustice.

Being a descendant of a Mayflower passenger has taught me the importance of being myself and not settling for who others tell me to be because the pilgrims, including my ancestor, Edward Doty, felt that it was important for people to have a say in how they lived and were governed. Edward Doty was one of the original signers of the Mayflower Compact, a declaration that stated that the people would have a say in how they were governed. This first step toward democracy paved the way for not only our country but for people all over the world to see that it is important for the people to be able to actively participate in the way in which they are governed.

The perseverance that it took the Mayflower travelers to make it through that difficult journey across the Atlantic Ocean as well as to endure the conditions of the first winter that they faced here in America illustrates the importance of hard work in order to achieve one's goals. The goals of the people aboard the Mayflower included religious freedom, a choice in how they wished to be governed, and most importantly, a new life. From these important people, I have seen that no matter how terrible a situation might seem, such as a long trip across an ocean in a boat crowded with people, with a little bit of faith and a lot of drive, it is possible to achieve one's goals if one truly believes in what he or she is attempting to achieve. The people who eventually made it to Plymouth Rock were able to start their own colony and their new lives despite all of the hardships they were forced to endure.

Being a Mayflower descendant reminds me that I have the power to be who I choose to be, the importance of standing up for what I find is important, and the fact that with a little faith and perseverance, anything is possible

## Scholarship 2nd Place Winner

### Allison Freeman

When the annual lesson of how the Pilgrims bravely traveled on the Mayflower to escape religious persecution is taught, most children are too enraptured in their daydreams of the upcoming time off from school and turkey they will devour to care about a four hundred year old boat. For a while I was one of them, too, more focused on the pie I was about to gorge myself with rather than the meaning behind Thanksgiving or the people the holiday pays homage to. Then when you learn you are actually *related* to one of these people, you start to change your opinion. Though being only eight upon finding out, I didn't initially understand its full significance, beyond having great bragging rights. It took time and a trip to visit Plymouth Rock to realize how truly lucky I am to call Peter Brown my ancestor.



.Almost three hundred years after the Mayflower's journey, four humble Jewish families from Austria, Russia, and Poland passed through the gates of Ellis Island, marking their own arrival in America. I am continually inspired by what an extraordinary feat it was to leave for America with hopes of a new life in a world completely unknown to him. Coming from such a strong person, I know I have the power to shape my life however I want and to pursue any dream. Sharing this ancestry has blessed me with such a strong, instant connection to those voyagers, their achievement, and the United States as a whole that I really had never felt before. A desire for freedom of religion was the driving force behind the Mayflower's voyage, and that liberty was a founding principle for America as the country was established and continues to make it a haven for those seeking independence. They were very different from the Pilgrims, yet they had all found themselves fleeing their homelands due to religious persecution. While anti-Semitism raged through Europe, America proved to be a refuge, a welcoming place where they could practice their faith without fearing for their lives. As hatred and turmoil continued to fester, these families and their descendants escaped the tragedy of the Holocaust alive. Other family members, unable to leave Europe, were not as lucky to share the same fortune. Thought horribly sad, this incident is just a testament to the affect of the Mayflower's passengers upon the generations that followed them.

Through the course of history, those four families' paths crossed, and they merged together to form the other side of my family tree. It is all due to those brave adventurers of 1620 that America has continued its reputation as an inclusive place for every race and religion, a quality I find as a deep source of pride. Though my Mayflower connection only runs through one half of my ancestry, I find survivors of discrimination and persecution on both sides. I am a product of a long line of dreamers and doers, those who dared to take a leap of faith in the dedicated pursuit of equality. I know I must continue their legacy with every choice I make in my life. With the decision to sail to America aboard that legendary vessel, my relative unknowingly opened the door of opportunity for the other side of my family. It is easy to remark about what an impact the Pilgrims had on freedom and opportunity, but without my Mayflower ancestry, I can truly say I would not be here today. And for that, I am truly thankful.

*Allison Freeman*

## State News

### Society of Mayflower Descendants In the State of California

#### Investment Chairman Report

June 2012

Our biggest news from our Investment accounts is that we lost our long time broker, and member, Andy Way. He passed away unexpectedly in May. Our account will be handled by an associate of Andy's, Todd Harmon, who has been associated with our account for several years. I will truly miss Andy who loved being a member of the Mayflower Society and who served us well. We continue to perform with the ups and downs of the market, and saw a slight decrease in the past year. Our balance July 1, 2011 was \$968,168. Eleven months later, on June 5, 2012, our balance is \$928,587, a decrease of \$39,581 or .04%. Our asset allocation is divided .05% in cash and cash alternatives; 99.05% in Equities.

*Judith H. Swan*  
Investment Chair

#### Secretary South Report

Having previously installed Skype at Former State Governor Donna Cole's home, we are now planning to upgrade her system to handle board meetings. Skype has gone through two version upgrades since the last meeting. Internet Cyber Warfare has been increasing, and attacks on domestic targets are now considered certain with only the question of when. Large backup hard drives are available in the three terabyte size for as little as \$150, and it is recommended that everybody have one.

#### Webmaster Report

The website is functioning fine with ongoing projects such as building a template for websites for all colonies is in the works, and video is in production for the opening page. Working on the general Society website has been consuming a lot of my time. The latest newsletter is online.

#### Los Angeles Colony Report

Our colony meeting is next Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Marie Calendars' in Torrance. Education Chair James Blauer is our main speaker with a talk about joining genealogical Societies. Former Governor Donna Cole will be speaking on Ladies Societies.

*Franklin E. Smith III*  
Governor & Webmaster



## CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Scholarship/Education Report

Jim Blauer

June 16, 2012

On the education front our new Society Chair, Kathy Alvis Patterson is hard at work on the website for the education page. She requested items for the site and I sent her my write up on Educating about the Pilgrims. I have not had a chance to check out the site, but hope to in the near future.

### Scholarship Contest

The Contest is over for this year. My thanks go to Sally Johnson, Donna Cole and June Lazich who judged them this year. We had eight entries this year. Only three points separated first and second place. The top three finishers were; 1st with 292 points (out of 300) Nicolas Bergen of Shafter, CA. His grandmother Judith Bergen is his California connection. In 2nd with 289 points was Allison Freeman of Mill Valley, CA. Her mother Virginia Freeman is her California connection. 3rd was Lindsay Grace Cellar of Los Gatos, CA. She is a Junior Member which qualifies her as her connection to the California Society.

Depending on whether there is enough money in the Scholarship account will determine if there is to be a Scholarship for the Third place finisher. Following the meeting I will in the next week attempt to contact all the entrants to thank them for their participation and advise them if they have won one of the scholarships or not.

Lastly I wish to thank the members and colonies who have donated to the Scholarship Fund over the past year. Without these donations there are no scholarships to give out.

*Pilgrim Regards,  
James F. Blauer  
Education Chair  
Scholarship Secretary*

### CA Mayflower Scholarship Information

Every year a few scholarships are awarded to students through a competition. To qualify, an applicant must be a high school senior in the year of application. Currently, applicants must have a direct connection to the California Society, such as, be a junior life member, child or grandchild of a member. There is no restriction on residence of the member or applicant.

An application form may be requested after September 1 from a Colony Governor, the State Society Education Secretary or by contacting the State Headquarters Office. Completed application packages are due to the Education Secretary on March 1.

## Scholarship 1st Place Winner

Nicolas Bergen

### What My Mayflower Ancestry Means To Me

A person's ancestry is important when it comes to understanding who you are. My ancestry has great meaning for me. Who my ancestors were and what they did have made me who I am today. My ancestors set an example and lived out ideals and principles that I hold in my own life. The very fact that my ancestors believed in something strongly enough to sacrifice and risk their lives simply to be free inspires and encourages me to stand strong in what I believe in as well. Al-



though I am not a separatist, I still can appreciate what they did. They were willing to risk their own lives for the sake of future generations. To be one of the descendants of the Pilgrim community will always affect the way that I approach the future. Whether I am thinking of my own future or the future of the generations yet to come. My Mayflower ancestry is one of the most inspiring examples that I consider when I think about my life.

I can't help but feel the responsibility I carry as my choices affect the many that follow me into the future.

Richard Warren, my ancestor who traveled here in the Mayflower voyage, had courage and strength such that his descendants hundreds of years later still remember. The Pilgrims set an example of great perseverance through a great deal of tragedy to find a solution to their problems. The fact that I have a family history dating all the way back to 1620, and farther, is not something that everyone has.

I appreciate knowing that my family has been functional, and faithful for hundreds of years. It puts weight on my shoulders to live up to the standard that was established almost four hundred years ago. My family can be proud of its continuing ability to maintain values that bring strength to our communities. Growing up, I knew that I had an ancestor who was one of the pilgrims to first set foot in Plymouth. This knowledge made learning that part of history really meaningful for me. But only now that I have grown and matured do I truly grasp what that meaning is for me. To live with the future as your highest priority requires planning, and often times sacrifices. One of the most important things you must decide when you plan for the future is what beliefs matter to you. You must act upon your beliefs to carry them from one generation to the next. With a long history of successful careers and family life, I am encouraged and challenged to be a link for the next generation.

The Pilgrims went out ready to face anything, but they didn't know what to expect from the new land. They encountered many challenges that couldn't have been overcome if they had not stayed together as a group. The power of a small and tight community has never been shown more so than with the example of my ancestors. What they did is an example for me. They taught me to value my community and to help out those around me. By helping my community I create a stronger union that will be better prepared to face challenges, and perhaps even help me if need be.

My Mayflower ancestry is inspiring, it's an excellent example, and it's motivation for me to live the way my family has been living for hundreds of years. I am certain that without knowing my family history I wouldn't be the same person I am today.

*Nicolas Bergen*