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Jenney Grist Mill, Plymouth, MA Photo by Ray Raser

# New Orleans GBOA Meeting September 12~15, 2013

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GSMD Mayflower Quarterly Editor Alice C. Teel & CA Mayflower Deputy Governor So. Marcia Ray Raser, Co-Editor CA Mayflower Quarterly discuss editing at the GBOA Banquet in New Orleans

GSMD DGG Lea Filson and her Louisiana Mayflower Associates graciously hosted an enjoyable GBOA Meeting that included an immersion in the rich historical culture of Louisiana & New Orleans.



DG North and Acting DGG Pat Friesen, DG South and AGG Marcia Huntley Maloney and Co-Editor Ray Raser Attend the General Society Board of Assistants Meeting in New Orleans



Former Governor General Judy Swan on the Paddle Wheeler Boat Cruise



Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle reads the plaque on the Chalmette Monument



Mississippi Paddle Wheeler . Mayflower Group Tour to Chalmette Battlefield



Mayflower Tour Group of Chalmette Battlefield Site of Andrew Jackson's 1815 Victory in the War of 1812

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# CA Mayflower Governor Statement

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I send my greetings, from my home to you and yours and hope this finds you well. I had a rough summer but things are now improving so I look forward to serving with you. I am always amazed at how fast time flies at my age. I turned 65 on October 5th and am grateful

for many warm greetings of Happy Birthday. Since our last Board meeting I went to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants Meeting in New Orleans with DG North Patricia M. Friesen (Acting DGG) and DG South Marcia Huntley Maloney (Acting AG) representing California.

We also had an e-mail voting meeting to add many new members . I welcome them into our State Society. If each colony also invites these



new members to colony meetings and responsibilities they will became active and involved. We need each member. I am grateful for the friendships that we have developed over the years.

I hope that 2014 will bring the CA Society of Mayflower Descendants an increase in membership. If we invite at least one member of our families or a friend with a Mayflower ancestor we can do it. California is second State in Mayflower membership after Massachusetts. Look around, who will you invite?

May you have the good health and energy you need to attend your colony meetings and State Board Meetings where you can also develop these friendships. I look forward seeing you soon.

Ken Whittemore Governor

# CA Deputy Governor North

Pat Friesen was the DG North and Acting DGG at the GBOA meeting in New Orleans

Patricia M. Friesen CA Deputy Governor North

# CA Deputy Governor South

Thanks to everyone who helped make the state membership meeting on the Queen Mary a success. The meeting was well attended with representatives from the northern and southern areas of the state. It is always wonderful to see our cousins come together, conduct business, receive awards, win scholarships, and socialize. We loved having Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle and his nice wife, Kate, with us.

In September I attended the General Society's Board of Assistants meeting in New Orleans as California's AGG. Again, much business was conducted as well as awards, scholarship presentations and socializing. The amount of business which is conducted at the General Society's BOA meetings is amazing.



We should be proud of these dedicated volunteers who work so hard for our Society.

As to the socializing...It was also my birthday and I had never been to New Orleans so I had a wonderful time! Next stop: Plymouth in September 2014. I hope many of our state's members will take advantage of returning to our roots by attending the General Society meeting next year.

In closing I express my thanks to all of you who voted to elect me to another term of office as your Deputy Governor South. I will endeavor to meet

your expectations during the next two years.

Marcia Huntley Maloney CA Deputy Governor South

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# Are You Moving?

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Be sure to notify our State Membership Chairperson: Pat Meeken at: <u>pmeeken@msn.com</u>. 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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Next deadline: Jan 2, 2014. Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at: camayflowereditor@gmail.com

**Submissions to the** *California Mayflower* **Quarterly** 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.

Winter issue	January 2nd 2014
Spring issue	April 1st 2014
Summer issue	July 1st 2014
Fall issue	October 1st 2014

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> Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at: www.themayflowersociety.com

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# CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2013 Meeting Schedule

California North meeting in person October 19, 2013. Oakland Email meeting on December 7, 2013

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# New Members Elected on August 24, 2013

#### ALAMEDA COLONY

Mr. MICHAEL DUSTIN CLAUSEN CA8736 15th from John Billington

Ms. KIRSTEN ELIZABETH NETTERBLAD CA8747 13th from William Brewster

#### INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Mr. RICHARD DAWES ROBERTS CA8733 12th from Richard Warren

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Mrs. MARCY (KELLY) BRUBAKER CA8714 11th from George Soule

BONNIE BELLE (POOLER) ELSTEN CA8716 11th from Thomas Rogers

Mrs. CYNTHIA GAGE (DENNETT) HEWES CA8740 11th from William Bradford

Ms. LORI JEAN MAC PHERSON CA8722 12th from William Bradford

Mr. QUINN COMISKEY NOVICK CA8743 JR. LIFE 13th from Steven Hopkins

Miss ANIKA LYNN RENKEN CA8729 LIFE 13th from Francis Cooke

#### MONTEREY BAY COLONY

CAROLYN LYNETTE (PRATT) CLARK CA8725 11th from Francis Cooke

#### MOTHER LODE COLONY

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Mr. DONOVAN DEFOREST ALLEN CA8731 11th from William Brewster

Mr. DUNCAN LEE ALLEN CA8732 12th from William Brewster

Mrs. DAWN BEVERLY (WALKER) BAKER CA8720 LIFE 13th from Thomas Rogers

Mrs. SHARON SUE (VERSLUIS) BUTCHER CA8734 12th from Edward Fuller

STEVEN EDWARD DAVIS CA8715 10th from Edward Doty

Miss JOANNE ELIZABETH EDSON CA8726 10th from Steven Hopkins

Mr. JUSTIN HOWLAND CA8745 9th from John Howland

Mr. DAVID BANISTER ROBINSON CA8724 10th from John Howland

# ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Ms. REBECCA TENSIA EVERT CA8718 14th from Steven Hopkins

Dr. KEVIN PATRICK HUNTSMAN CA8746 10th from Isaac Allerton

#### **REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY**

Mrs. DOLORES MARIE (PERKINS) BEK-MAN CA8719 12th from Myles Standish

Mr. DANIEL MARLIN LARKIN CA8728 13th from William White

#### SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mrs. CAROLEE NICOLE (HALOPOFF) PETERSON CA8744 13th from Edward Fuller

#### SAN DIEGO COLONY

Miss DARBY RAE BATES CA8742 JR LIFE 15th from John Tilley

Miss ASHTON LEIGH BATES CA8741 JR LIFE 15th from John Tilley

Mr. JAMES ELLIOT HORTON CA8727 11th from Thomas Rogers

Mrs. JANE MARLENE (EVERT) KLUCK CA8717 14th from Steven Hopkins

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Mrs. ANNE LINTON (WINNE) FISHER CA8721 12th from William Brewster

Mr. RYAN CHRISTOPHER TITO WAY CA8739

12th from Myles Standish

Mr. DEREK STEVENS WAY CA8738 12th from Myles Standish

Miss ASHLEY ALLISON WAY CA8737 12th from Myles Standish

#### SAN JOAQUIN COLONY

Mrs. JANETTE ANNE (LAMBORN) GIL CA8735 11th from Edward Doty

Mr. MARK TWAIN HAYMOND JR CA8723 12th from Myles Standish

Mr. RYAN MICHAEL MC GUIRE CA8730 13th from William Mullins

# Supplementals for August 2013

ALAMEDA COLONY Giavanna Rose Tarantino CA 8651 S# 1919 14<sup>th</sup> from STEVEN HOPKINS Salvado Paul Taratino CA 8650 S# 1920 14<sup>th</sup> from STEVEN HOPKINS

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Carolyn Jeanette Young CA 4771 S# 1924 12<sup>th</sup> from STEVEN HOPKINS

# MOTHER LODE COLONY

Judith Williams Cowin CA 8209 S#1918 12<sup>th</sup> from WILLIAM BREWSTER

Donald Alan Hoffman CA 8434 S# 1921 13<sup>th</sup> from WILLIAM BREWSTER

Constance Arlene Walen Yates CA 6357 S# 1922 12<sup>th</sup> from MYLES STANDISH

SAN FRANCISCO COLONY Brian Drew Cornish CA 7947 S# 1923 13<sup>th</sup> from WILLIAM BREWSTER

#### SEQUOIA COLONY

Carole Jeanne Richmond Shaver CA 7537 S# 1917 11<sup>th</sup> from JAMES CHILTON

# IN MEMORIAM

**Inland Empire Colony** Mr. Floyd Harlow Lawrence May 9, 2013

#### Mother Lode Colony

Mr. Wayne Ervin Cose July 6, 2013

Orange County Colony and San Joaquin Colony

Mrs. Evelyn Mae Forbes-Naill September 11, 2013 CALIFORNIA MAYFLOWER



#### Data Processing South.

After having recently worked on a couple member's PC computers I think I should point out that most of the virus software on the Market are useless. Also never download any programs that promise to speed up your system unless you know what you are doing. Microsoft has a free virus software called Security Essentials that works just fine and compared to other software in most cases it's better. You have to remove all the old virus software first including so called speed and cleaning programs. Having multiple virus software on your computer means that they are probably fighting each other. If you are getting lots of pop up windows then you will also need to get your system cleaned. A lot of this is caused by programs like AOL and gmail. They offer free services as long as you are willing to let them infect your computer.

For those of you now using Windows eight here are a few tips. Windows eight was made for smart phones not PCs, and as usual Microsoft is pushing it down our throats. It was made for use with a touch screen which most PCs don't have. Microsoft also removed the start button which infuriated the PC community.

Thankfully there are a number of programs available for free on the internet that can bring the start button back. The one I have download and used successfully is called Classic Shell http://www.classicshell.net/

Good luck to all. Governor Franklin E. Smith

#### **CA Mayflower Treasurer**

Our dedicated CA Mayflower Board of Assistance Treasurer, Ward White, has resigned due to family matters. We welcome our new treasurer, David L. Grinnell from the Inland Empire Colony, who was appointed the new CA Mayflower Treasurer.

The California Mayflower State Financial Report is available to members. Contact Treasurer David L Grinnell at: calmayflotreas@gmail.com

# Junior Membership Activity

Junior Members and their families pictured in front of the Governor Stanford Central Pacific Railroad No. 1. at the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento State Historic Park. This was the first locomotive of the Central Pacific that was shipped around Cape Horn by sailing ship, arriving on the Sacramento waterfront in late 1863. It was set up and put to work just a few feet from its present location in the Museum.



Carol and Bill Rogers with their granddaughter Ella Coleman from the Napa Valley, Jane Clayson, Junior Membership Chair, Folsom, Joan and Andy McDonald with their grandson Brett Chamberlain from Los Angeles and Sara and Hannah from Sacramento.



Truman and Sarah having a chat on the phone

#### **Junior Membership Report**

The first State of California Junior Member Activity, July 20, was a big success!!! We met at the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento State Historic Park. The museum is widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum.

"Evidence of a Dream," a 20 minute award winning documentary on the railroad's importance in developing California and making America was enjoyed by everyone. Mr. Paul Helman, a decorated railroad connoisseur, took us on a special guided tour of the museum and the state of the art trains. We took a group picture by the Central Pacific Railroad No. 1-Governor Stanford. It was the first locomotive of the Central Pacific and was shipped around Cape Horn by sailing ship, arriving on the Sacramento waterfront in late 1863. It was set up and put to work just a few feet from its present location in the Museum.

There were 20 restored locomotives and railroad cars. We walked through the Pullman car and experienced passenger travel, in simulation, during railroadings Golden Age. The dining car was in all its splendor and we saw how mail was sorted. We were invited to sit in the steam locomotive driver's seat with dozens of buttons and levers to push, pull and adjust and we saw the Golden "Lost Spike," a major symbol of westward expansion. The original Lionel model trains and exhibits brought back wonderful family memories.

Mr. Helman told us about three very important Mayflower Descendants who were very prominent in railroad history. Jane Stanford, wife of Leland Stanford, descendant of Edward Fuller, Mr. Crocker, who descended from John Howland and Colonel Carl Grey, President of the Union Pacific Railroad from 1929-1938, descendant of Stephen Hopkins and Richard Warren. Colonel Grey was also the first member of the Omaha, Nebraska State Mayflower Society.

As a young girl I remember the excitement of going on the Pullman train and the Streamliner with my family! The "berths" were pulled down from the side and were "made up" for sleeping in our room as we were rocked to sleep by the train's motion. The dinner bell was played throughout the cars by waiters noti-fying us that "Dinner is being served." We wore our best to go to a delicious dinner where table cloths, silverware, and fine china made especially for the railroad, were used to serve us. Those were the days!

After lunch we went to the passenger station and boarded the train for our ride along the Sacramento River! We rode in an air conditioned car and were served chocolate chip cookies, sodas and water while we sat in living room soft chairs

The reconstructed (circa 1876) Sacramento Central Pacific Railroad passenger station was the western terminus of America's first transcontinental railroad. It had a separate waiting room for women and children only.

We spent an awesome and rewarding day together and were sad as we stepped off the train and said goodbye to our new found cousins. Joan and Andy McDonald brought their grandson, Brett Chamberlain, driving from Los Angeles. Brett proudly wrote his ancestors on a piece of paper and presented it to me! He is a descendant of Peter Brown, John Tilley, John Howland, and Francis Cooke. Carol and Bill Rogers brought their granddaughter, Ella Coleman, from the Napa Valley. Ella is a descendant of William Bradford. Myron and Kathy Gire brought Morgan, Alissa, Truman, Hudson and Griffin Gire, Jennifer, Hannah and Sarah Magleby from Sacramento. They are descendants of William Brewster.

> Jane S. Clayson Junior Membership Secretary

# William Bradford

My Pilgrim ancestor is William Bradford. William was a young man who came to America on the Mayflower seeking freedom of religion. When William was a boy, he had experienced many deaths in his family. While moving from house to house, relative to relative, William developed a liking for books, specifically the Bible. William had grown up and lived in England. In result to England's religious restraints, William ran away to Amsterdam in hopes of more freedom. But William was still not fully satisfied when he got to Amsterdam. When William heard about the journey to the new land, surely he wanted to go. Once at Plymouth, William was one of the early governors, a position he upheld for 30 years. He took great care of the Plymouth Colony with his leadership and good heartedness.

That is what I am most proud of my ancestor for. Leadership is something that not everyone has, especially in the situation they were in. These people came here to start a new life with new things and experiences. Can you imagine going to a place you knew nothing about? The bravery they had to have is pretty extraordinary. But the fact that William Bradford, my ancestor, took control and was a leader in the very beginning, that's something unimaginably great!

As well as William's role as governor, he wrote a book that explained all of the settling that was done when they came to America. In a way, it was an instruction manual to the livelihood they had in creating their new lives of freedom. Freedom is something tricky, especially when you have to find it on your own. I think it's pretty great that my ancestor was the one who passed that kind of information down to us to tell us what we need to do for new settlement.

William Bradford didn't just record important information for us or lead the new people of Plymouth. He also gave a thanksgiving proclamation while celebrating their "Harvest Festival" with the Native Americans. The idea of this event is the reason that we have our Thanksgiving holiday now. I think it's very cool that something my ancestor started, is why people across the country celebrate Thanksgiving today! My ancestor was involved in a lot of things for our country, America. Who knew that these things they were doing back then would be so much of an influence in our lives today? William's leadership, documentation, and spread of thanks among groups of people are just a few of the things I admire about my Pilgrim ancestor. William Bradford was a great man I'm proud to be a descendant from.

Kendall Mills Age 14

#### Why I admired my Ancestors on the Mayflower

I have had two ancestors on the Mayflower. One of my ancestors was Mary Chilton, daughter of James Chilton. Mary was only thirteen years old when she made the journey to America on the Mayflower. When many did not make the journey, even adults, it must be pretty amazing that a girl my age could be tough enough to survive. By legend, Mary was the first pilgrim to step on the shores of Plymouth, Massachusetts because she was so excited that she jumped out of the small boat and stood on Plymouth Rock. I am very proud that my ancestor was the first European woman to step ashore. She was one of nine minor girls to survive the first year at Plymouth. After, she married John Winslow and had ten children. She was also part of the famous First Thanksgiving in 1621. To be her ancestor is a great honor.

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My other ancestor is Richard Warren, a thirty-two year old merchant from London. Richard had a wife and children, but made the journey to the New World alone. He went to see if conditions in America were sufficient. He was paving the way for his family, which is very valorous. Once he got to Plymouth, he began to contribute to explorations of Cape Cod to find settlement locations. He was even involved in the First Encounter with the Native Americans. He was a leader, sacrificing himself for the good of the group as a whole.

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I admire my two Pilgrim ancestors because of their courage and insight. To make such a perilous journey across the ocean to a relatively unknown location requires a huge amount of bravery. The Pilgrims stood up for their beliefs to a great extent, which led them to search for a place where they were free to believe in whatever they wanted to.

Many of my peers do not appreciate the lessons that can be learned from previous generations. Perhaps that is because they do not have the same relationship with the history of the Pilgrims, like I do. Having ancestors on the Mayflower sparked my interest in the subject. Doing research has really made me understand how inspirational the Pilgrims really were. I have learned many values. I would hope that in any situation where my beliefs were being prosecuted, I could act with the same bravery showed by my ancestors. I use the lessons I have learned from them everyday, whether I am at school or at my own house. I admire my ancestors for all they have taught me, lessons that have improved my lifestyle.

Elaina Carey Age 14

#### **Old-Comer**

English, discrete Fleeing, braving, thriving Searching for religious freedom Pilgrim Lauren Grice Age 14

#### Why I Admire My Pilgrim Ancestor

I am proud to descend from William Bradford Left England to practice freedom of religion Leader of the settlers at Plymouth Colony Influential in establishing relations with Native Americans Author of "Plymouth Plantation" Married Dorothy May (1613) & Alice Carpenter (1623) Became governor and served for 30 one-year terms Recognized by some as "Father of American History" Arrived at Plymouth on the Mayflower Drafted Plymouth Colony's legal code Founder of what we know as Thanksgiving Day Orphaned at age seven Recorded as a signer of the Mayflower Compact Documented the chronicles of the New England settlement *Taryn Mills Age 11* 

#### I Admire My Pilgrim Ancestors ... And This Is Why

I admire my Pilgrim ancestor John Alden and this is why. At the age of twenty-one, John was hired at Southampton to be the cooper, or barrel-maker for the Mayflower's voyage. Once the Mayflower had returned back to England, John had been given a choice to stay in America or return back to England. He had decided to Stay in America. I think that it was brave of him to stay in an entirely different country from his own and start a new life there. He had also given up his job as a cooper so he would have to start a new career as well.

While he was in Plymouth, America, his common seaman status quickly rose to a prominent member of the Colony. Later on in the 1620's he had married an orphan who was the daughter of William Mullins, her name was Priscilla Mullins. Two years after their marriage they had their first child named Elizabeth Alden; they had nine more children within the next twenty years. I was shocked when I read that they had a total of ten children so that made me think that they must have been very wealthy. To be wealthy he must have been very smart, especially since his status grew quickly.

As early as 1631, John Alden was elected an assistant to the governor and Plymouth Court. He was regularly re-elected throughout the 1630's. Alden founded the town of Duxbury in the 1630's and took up residence there along with several other families. Alden served on several committees and also served as Duxbury's deputy to the Plymouth Court throughout the 1640's. He served on several other committees including the Committee on Kennebec Trade and served as a colony treasurer. In the 1650's, he built the family house that is still standing to this day.

John Alden was the last male survivor of the signers for the Mayflower Compact, and with the exception of Mary Allerton, he was the survivor of the Mayflower's company. He died at Duxbury on September 12, 1687. Both he and his wife Priscilla lie buried in the Miles Standish Burial Ground. Since John was one of the last survivors, he must have been the most healthiest person, either that or he was the youngest and outlived the others. Overall, I think he had a good life living to the age of eighty-nine.

John Alden was a great man that had a loving family. His religion is unknown and he would not share much about his life. He was a person that was brave and fearless to accomplish anything and I admire him and I'm glad he is my Pilgrim ancestor.

Melissa Berry Age 13

#### My Pilgrim Ancestor

I admire my Pilgrim ancestors, John Alden, Priscilla and William Mullins and this is why. They were very brave, because it is pretty scary going away from their home country. They found America. They did not fight with the Indians. They made peace with them. They made a new home here in America. They had a huge feast, called the First Thanksgiving, with other pilgrims and the Indians.

Brent Bond Age 7

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#### Scholarship Essay Contest

Every year this Society awards scholarships to students through an essay contest. The number of scholarships awarded depends on the success of the State Society's fund-raising during that year—it usually varies between one and three scholarships.

The following criteria determines eligibility for the 2013-2014 Scholarship Contest. These scholarships will be awarded at the State Board of Assistants Meeting in June 2014. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000, and more than one scholarship may be awarded depending on funding availability.

1. Applicant must be a high school senior in the 2013-2014 academic year.

2. Applicant must have a direct lineage connection to a member of the California Society. This includes

a. being a Junior Member or Junior Life Member of the California Society b. being a child, grandchild, nephew, niece, grandnephew or grandniece of a member of the California Society

There is NO restriction on residence of the member or the applicant.

Name of Applicant \_

Permanent Address\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (including area code)

What is your direct lineage connection to the California Society?

Please state the name, address, relationship, General Society Number and California Society Number of the person to whom you are related:

#### Instructions:

A complete package must contain each of the foregoing items in electronic format

- Documents in PDF format
- Photos in JPG format

1. Scholarship Application (this page, completed).

2. Essay of 500-600 words entitled "What My Mayflower Ancestry Means to Me."

3. Transcript of high school grades, including Fall 2013 semester grades.

4. List of extracuricular activities, honors received and any pertinent information that

will demonstrate community involvement. Maximum 2 pages.

5. A photo of yourself for possible publication if you are selected as a recipient of our scholarship.

Be sure your name is clearly on every document. If you can, place all documents in a folder and compress to a zip file. Name the zip file with the applicant's name.

#### Deadline:

The above listed materials must be sent via email to James Blauer no later than March 1, 2014. Send to:

jblauer@pacbell.net.

If you have any questions, please send an email to the above email addresses.

James F. Blauer Scholarship Chair

## GBOA in New Orleans.

The New Orleans GBOA Meeting on September 14 was the occasion for a wonderful gathering of Mayflower Cousins. Though I was not a state delegate, I attended the Saturday meeting as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle ran a tight ship, making sure the assembled delegates accomplished everything that was required of them. The closing banquet at Antoine's--established in 1840 and now the oldest family-run restaurant in the country--was a high point for me.

I especially enjoyed the fascinating lecture exploring forensic genealogy with reference to our sister colony at Jamestown--surely a resource our own society will soon be using as well. But for



Sally Johnson and brother, Noel Kuhrt

me the most memorable part of the occasion was, not surprisingly, the city itself.

Louisiana Governor Mara Coiron and Secretary (and Deputy Governor General) Lea Filson organized a series of events that let us explore the many sides of this remarkable and resilient American treasure. So much past history, so much future promise--a perfect setting for our Society as we look forward to Plymouth next year.

I hope to see you at the Board of Assistants meeting on October 19 at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Oakland.

> Sally Johnson, Chair 2014 GSMD Scholarship Committee

# **GSMD** Scholarship Report

The GSMD will again offer Mayflower Scholarships for 2014. I urge scholarship applicants to begin now assembling the materials they need to document their descent from their parent, grandparent or great grandparent who is a GSMD member; applicants selected for a Mayflower Scholarship must provide this documentation in order to receive their Scholarship. My goal is to make every potential applicant aware of this scholarship opportunity. As soon as the GSMD Executive Committee decides at their December meeting on the total money available for scholarship, I will send an e-mail to every Colony Governor across the country with information about the scholarship. Please do your part in making sure your children and, especially, your grandchildren or great grandchildren, know about this possibility. This year one of our winners learned about the scholarship from her grand mother, a member of the GSMD who lived in a different state.

Sally Johnson 2014 GSMD Scholarship Committee

# COLONY NEWS

#### Los Angeles Colony

The Queen Mary meeting was the biggest in decades, and now we have our Compact meeting coming up on November 9th at the Tam O'Shanter. We will have First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln portrayed by Gay Storm Oaks. Should be interesting and the cuisine at the Tam is always great.

Franklin E. Smith Los Angeles Colony, Governor

#### Monterey Bay Colony

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be finishing up our plans for celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday for the signing of the Monterey Bay Colony Charter. We will have cake and members speaking about "How I Discovered I Was A Mayflower Descendant". All of this festivity will be happening at our November 2<sup>nd</sup> luncheon meeting at the Beach House on Pebble Beach.

Connie L. Moore Monterey Colony, Governor

#### Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony had its Fall meeting on September 14, 2013, at the restaurant of revolving names, Sudwerk Brewhouse Grille, in Folsom. Governor Kathy Gire gave a report on the State Convention on board the *Queen Mary* which she and her husband attended along with a dozen other Mother Lode members. Two of our elder members, Wilma and Gordon Spice of Lodi, CA, attended for a couple of reasons, not the least of which was that they had sailed on the *Queen Mary* when she was a passenger liner and they wanted to revisit her. They attended all the events and had a wonderful time!

Our speaker for the Colony meeting was former governor, Janet Levi, who, as a mathematician, worked on the space program at the local Aerojet General facility. Mrs. Levi was responsible for calculations involving the Lunar Lander on the Apollo mission.

Her talk, "Rocket to the Moon," simplified many of the complex problems facing a journey in space, and she had great pictures, as well.

Jane Clayson, our State Junior Membership Chairman, gave a report on a "field trip" she arranged for junior members of the State Mayflower Society to take at a reduced rate at the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento. Some grandparents brought youngsters from Napa County and the Los Angeles area, and Governor Gire and her husband brought a group of 10 including 7 month old twins! The children had a tour and then a chance to climb on the huge engines and learn about rail travel. The day concluded with a fun ride on the Sacramento Railroad which goes a few miles out of town and was a first train ride for several of the children. In another couple of months, the train converts magically into the Polar Express for the holidays.

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Our next meeting will be our Compact Day on November 23, also at Sudwerk Brewhouse Grille. Our speaker is the curator of the California State Library, Gary

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Kurutz, who will speak on the topic: "On the Extremity of Civilization: Sacramento during the Rambunctious Days of the Gold Rush."

Kathy Gire, Mother Lode Colony, Governor

## Redwood Empire Colony

The Redwood Empire Colony held our Fall meeting on October 5 at the McGinnis Golf Club in San Rafael. Thirty members and guests attended, including Deputy Governor Sally Johnson's five year old grandson Jackson, a fourteenth generation Mayflower descendant. Jackson was in attendance see and hear the program presented by his ancestor, Miles Standish of Santa Cruz (not the same line), in full costume, our colony plans to invite children and grandchildren to all our meetings.

> Sally Johnson Redwood Empire Colony,

#### San Francisco-Peninsula Colony

There have been no Summer meetings of the San Francisco-Peninsula Colony. Out next meeting will be joint Compact Day on Saturday, November 16, this year hosted by Alameda Colony. Following that our Colony will meet on Saturday, January 25, 2014, in San Francisco. If you are in the Bay Area, please mark both dates on your calendar. Invitations will follow with details.

An on-going project for our colony is to add an email address to our existing postal address so we have both records. I encourage those members who currently receive colony invitations by paper mail to provide an email address if you have one. Think Green.

> James A. Ingwalson San Francisco-Peninsula Colony, Governor

#### Santa Barbara Colony

The Santa Barbara Colony will have their Compact meeting Saturday, October 5, 2013 starting at 11:00 am. We are meeting at a new location: Mulligans Cafe & Bar at 3500 McCaw Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Our speaker will be our very own Ray Garrett (Deputy Governor) who will talk about the various Mayflower lines and encourage open discussion about our member's ancestors. All are welcome.

Ruth Jackson Santa Barbara Colony, Governor

# Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony continued their annual tradition with a summer Pot-luck held July 14, which was once again, hosted by one of our members in their beautiful backyard! 30 members and guests (including 5 new members) attended, making that another record attendance! Recent new member Jo Beth Folger was voted in as our new Treasurer. Members Mary and Gerry Andeen provided our program by giving us a very fun, very interesting recap of their trip to England/ Amsterdam, as participants in the General Society's May 2013 Historic Sites Tour. Our Compact Day meeting will be November 16 at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

Peggy Reid Sequoia Colony, Governor

# **Orange County Colony**

Save the date, Saturday, November 23, 2013, Compact Day. The Orange County Colony of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of California is pleased to announce our Compact Day luncheon. The Orange County Colony of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of California Presents *Deborah F. McIntosh.* 'History through the Eyes of Women.''

A Visit with Priscilla Mullins Alden & the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony. Mrs. Alden will share her harrowing experiences as a member of the Pilgrims who settled the Plymouth Plantation (Colony) in 1621. Hear how she survived that first winter and became famous with the poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," written by her descendant, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Join us at Claim Jumper Restaurant 18050 Brookhurst St. Fountain Valley, CA 92708 717-963-6711.

Don't delay, please send your reservation to our treasurer, Sandy Callaway. 28162 Via Cernuda, Mission Viejo, CA 92692-2117



Susan Astarita Corresponding Secretary

# San Diego Colony

The San Diego Colony Board was honored to be invited to attend the September 30, VIP Reception of One Book San Diego held in conjunction of the dedication of the

new nine story \$185 Million San Diego City Central Library.

Board members attending in Pilgrim attire were: Ray Raser San Diego Colony Governor, Gail Raser Corresponding Secretary, Kathleen Loftman Recording Secretary & husband Russ, Hospitality Anita Guenin & husband Bruce.

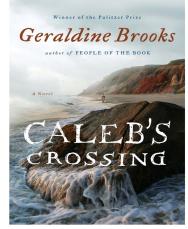
Our Compact Day Luncheon will be held November 16, 2013 at the Marine Corps Officer's Club, MCAS, Miramar .



SD Governor Ray Raser, Kathleen Loftman, Gail Raser, Anita Guenin



Kathleen Loftman, Author Geraldine Brooks, Gail Raser, SD Governor Ray Raser





New SD Central Library Dome

# 2014 GSMD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Now in its fourth year, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is again offering scholarships to graduating seniors who will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college. Last year the Society offered three scholarships with a total value of \$7500. We anticipate an increase in funding for scholarships this year.

In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants whose demonstrated commitment to bettering themselves makes them especially likely to benefit from the opportunities this scholarship will make possible for them.

#### Ancestry Requirements

Each scholarship recipient must be a graduating senior, must be either a current member of the GSMD or a direct descendant (child, grandchild, great-grandchild) of an active GSMD member whose documentation of Mayflower ancestry would currently be accepted by the Society, must provide the information requested for the application; and must enter a four- year college or university or two-year community college. If any documentation needs to be submitted to the GSMD to obtain a current GSMD membership number, applicants should begin work as early as possible with the Mayflower Historian in their state of residence to complete this process. <u>http://</u> <u>www.themayflowersociety.com/membership-info16</u> provides a link to the Historians for every state society. Click on any state to see the complete list of state Historians.

#### **Other Requirements**

Each scholarship recipient must be a graduating senior; must provide the information requested for the application; and must enter a four-year college or university or two-year community college. Though not an absolute requirement, recipients of the May-flower Society Scholarships will most often be in the upper 10 percent of their class and score in the 75th percentile or higher on the SAT or ACT.

#### How to Apply

Each applicant must submit by mail a complete application packet with all required documentation postmarked by the deadline. Some parts of the application must also be submitted electronically; these must also be e-mailed by that date. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. Application instructions and materials are expected to be available no later than 12/01/2013.

Application Deadline April 1, 2014

Questions <u>scholarships@themayflowersociety.com</u>

#### **Diane Stone** Member of the Monterey, CA Colony

The Pilgrims' journey has been celebrated in song, verse, and in scholarly works. Now, Diane Stevenson Stone has added another chapter in the story of her ancestor, Mary Chilton Winslow. With an eye for historical detail, vivid description, and enchanting illustrations, Diane Stone pulls the reader into the story of thirteen-year-old Mary, giving the voyage of the Mayflower a fresh new perspective that will delight

young readers.

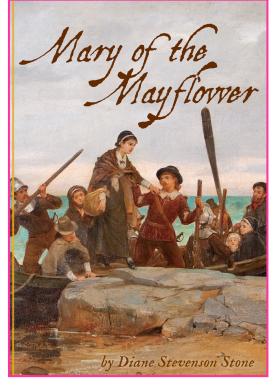
Mary's world is changed forever when her father announces that they will join the Pilgrims traveling to the New World in search of more freedom and a better life. With only the clothes on her back and her grandmother's locket, Mary joins her parents aboard the Mayflower and starts the dangerous journey across the Atlantic Ocean.

Mary discovers she is stronger and braver than she ever knew. But when the unthinkable happens, will Mary find the courage to make her dreams of a new home come true?

*Mary of the Mayflower* will be available in November through Amazon and other online retailers.

#### Author Bio:

Diane Stevenson Stone resides in Pebble Beach, California, with her husband, Tom. Her works of art have been exhibited at the American Embassy in Paris, France where she studied at the Ecole des Beaux-



Arts. Her art work has also been featured in galleries from Papeete, Tahiti to Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, though she claims her eight children as her finest works of art and enjoys all twentyeight of her grandchildren. Most recently, she has been privileged to serve as chair of the Leadership Council for the Museum of Art at Brigham Young University.

During her extensive research in writing this book, Diane has gained a deeper appreciation for the hopes and dreams of those early Pilgrims and the struggles they endured in creating the initial foundation for the United States of America. Diane hopes that each reader of Mary's story will likewise be touched and inspired to enhance and protect the cherished freedoms of our beloved America.

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