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**Governor General Lea Filson & CA Mayflower
Co-Editor Ray Raser**

CA State Board of Assistants---September 2016


Standing: Franklin Smith, Cal Cahoon, David Grinnell, Jim Blauer,
Robert Dempster, Scott Miller, Rick Clark, Gail Raser
Sitting: Sally Johnson, Marcia Maloney, Ken Whittemore, Pat Friesen,
Susan Astarita, Helen Wyers.

The California State Board of Assistants held a meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in Orange County at the Il Fornaio, Irvine. Governor Pat Friesen and General Society Elder and former CA Governor Ken Whittemore presented a review of the General Society BOA meeting in Indiana. Many other items of interest were discussed along with planning for 2020 and the next CA Membership Meeting that will be in June 2017 in San Diego County.



Marcia Huntley Maloney, Pat Friesen, Ken Whittemore.

Cover Photo: GSMD Governor Lea Filson presented greetings and welcome from GSMD to the 126th Congress of Sons of the American Revolution at Boston, MA this past July. Lea graciously invited us to visit the GSMD headquarters in Plymouth and you will see photos and articles about that visit in the pages of this edition.

General BOA Meeting, Indianapolis, IN



Vicki & Ken Whittemore,
Jane Ordway Carman & Pat Friesen



Governor General
Lea S. Filson



Elder General
Kenneth Whittemore

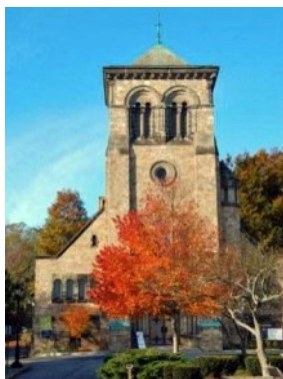
**ONGOING EVENTS
TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN MEMBERS**

- Social Media Plan
- Birthday Cards to Members
- ID Cards for Members
- Family Day for Public and Members
- Scholarships
- Youth Awards

MEMBER SOCIETY 2020 EVENTS

Create One Program, Event, or Promotion

- An Item to Sell
- A Members Gala
- A Genealogy Fair at a Local Library
- A Library Day for Prospective Members
- School Demonstrations or Contests



First Parish Church
in Plymouth



The Executive Committee of the GBOA being silly.

Governor's Message

Dear Members:

I have just returned from the General Board of Assistants meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Ken Whittemore and Jane Carman also attended and Jane has detailed most of that meeting in her report later in this quarterly. Please read it. There was a full agenda of interesting topics. The main concentration was on promoting our Society to the public especially with the 2020 celebration in the works. The next GSMD meeting will be Congress in Plymouth September 2017 and I hope we will have a large attendance from the State of California.

The California Board of Assistants met in Irvine September 24 at the El Fornaio Restaurant. We enjoyed a tasty lunch, good company and a productive meeting.

The Board voted to join the Governor General's 1620 Club by making a donation of \$1620. I encourage you to also join this worthwhile club. The donations go towards the Silver Books and other projects to help our Society.

The Governor General holds a meeting of the 1620 Club each October in Plymouth and club members are invited to attend.

I think it would be exciting to have a contest for the next meeting in October 2017 to decide on a person to represent our CA Society at that meeting. I welcome ideas from the membership for a worthwhile and fun contest. E-mail your suggestions to me.

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful summer weather for the beginning of Autumn. I'm getting ready to go to my high school reunion in the Midwest and it probably won't be quite as warm there. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Compact Day celebration and until the next Quarterly.



Pat Friesen receives award for
Myrtle Savage



GSMD Meeting in Indianapolis, IN

Patricia M. Friesen
California Society Governor

Deputy Governor North

The General Board of Assistants meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana was a very productive and informative gathering. Pat Friesen (our AG), Kenneth Whittemore, Jr. (Elder General) and I (Acting DGG) were in attendance.

The some of the main topics of the meeting were:

- Attracting & retaining members
- 2020 events & memorial – The membership voted for a bronze sculpture to be created as the 400th anniversary celebration of the landing of our Pilgrims. The Executive Committee will come up with a design for a bronze sculpture and bring it to the membership.
- Paying dues online – approved for General Society to pursue
- DNA Policy – great new policy
- The First Parish Church in Plymouth - First Parish Church in Plymouth is the oldest continuous church in New England. Very historic and very Pilgrim. It is currently owned by the Unitarian Universalist and unfortunately, they are a very small congregation of fifty people and cannot keep up the expenses for the 1899 building. This is the fifth structure since 1684.



The UU went to Plymouth to have the town take over the meetinghouse/church. Plymouth cannot afford the upkeep and turned to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The UU will give the meetinghouse/church to the Mayflower Society. Our Society decided at this meeting to agree ONLY if we can raise at least three million dollars for the renovations needed and the expenses of the building. We will be looking into grants and donations. We will have the meetinghouse available for non-domination weddings and gatherings. Please watch the video about this historic meetinghouse/church:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p97NrqqoV6w>

- Brand new Society – The European Society! We approved a new society – Europe. Members in Great Britain, Ireland, Portugal and more will comprise the group. Our Governor General Lea Filson left for Britain to meet with some of the new members. I am having a wonderful first year as the Deputy Governor North. I have met with all the Northern California colonies. I was the speaker at the Mother Lode Colony, 17 Sep 2016 meeting. Great crowd at a beautiful location on the American River.



I am continuing to update the Board of Assistants and Colony Governors Roster and emailing it to everyone on the Roster.

Please make sure you let me know any changes to the Roster, both Northern and Southern California colonies.

Jane Ordway Carman
Deputy Governor North

Deputy Governor South

I attended the Inland Empire meeting in Calimesa on September 10th. Member Pat Rainier presented a fascinating talk regarding the Underground Railroad. Thanks to all members who so graciously host me! I love being with all of you at your various colony meetings.



Our next state Board of Assistants meeting is Saturday, September 24th in Irvine. I hope all of our colony Governors/BOA reps can attend or at least send a representative. Emails have been sent to all guests who came to our Mayflower booth at the SCGS Jamboree in Burbank. Hopefully we will glean new members as a result.

Later this month I will be presenting my Children of the Mayflower program to **Las Buenas Amigas**, a Dana Point-based volunteer philanthropic organization.

Erica Hahn and I attended an NEHGS seminar in Carlsbad at the wonderful Green Dragon tavern owned by a Bostonian. We will recommend this very New England restaurant and colonial museum as the Southern CA annual meeting place next June. I will represent the Mayflower Society at a lineage society meeting in October hosted by Erica Hahn. It is refreshing to see the enthusiasm and excitement our various colonies are exhibiting as they plan 2020 activities.

Compact Days are almost upon us. I wish you all happy days as we endeavor to keep the Mayflower spirit alive.

*Marcia Huntley Maloney
Deputy Governor South*

Myrtle Savage Receives Award From GSMD

Myrtle Savage was presented with an award of appreciation at the recent GSMD meeting in Indianapolis IN. This award is presented each year by Virginia Mucciaccio, GSMD Executive Committee Member-at-Large. The recommendation was made by Pat Friesen, Ken Whittemore, Marcia Maloney and Jane Ordway Carman on behalf of the California Society. The award was given to Myrtle honoring her leadership and participation on the General Society's DNA Committee, managing our Oakland office, her duties as Co-Historian, past Colony Governor of the Alameda Colony, etc. She has performed some of these volunteer positions beginning in the 1990s and we all appreciate her dedication to both the California and General Societies of the Descendants of the Mayflower.

Congratulations Myrtle, we appreciate your dedication to our California Society.



Myrtle Savage

State News

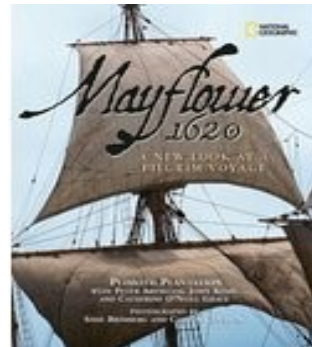
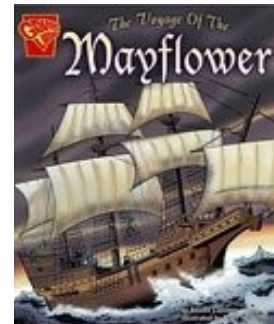
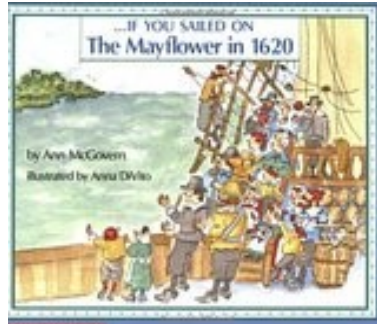
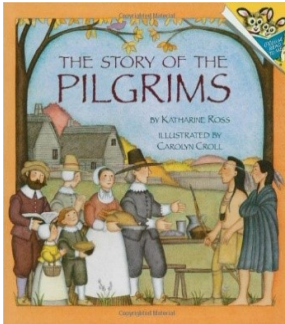
Junior Membership

We continue to enroll new members... and bid farewell to aged out juniors. If you would like to enroll a young relative, visit the California Mayflower Society website. Click on the Junior Membership tab, and that takes you to the instructions and a link for the application form.

When a junior is enrolled he or she is sent a handsome certificate of membership and an age appropriate book, one of these wonderful children's books:

All this and a bookmark celebrating the publication of *Mary of the Mayflower* written and illustrated by our own Diane Stevenson Stone. (This is a book you might want yourself to acquire for your young relatives.)

And Good News: We have a scheduled field trip for Juniors and their families. On Presidents Day, February 20, 2017 we will be going to the Huntington Library and Gardens for a personalized tour of the library (including an original copy of the Declaration of Independence). Guests will be responsible for their own admission fee and tea if you choose to stay for tea. If you wish to come to tea, let Erica know how many are coming, so she can make reservations. ericalishahn@yahoo.com



Erica Hahn

Report of Fortine Trophy; Bylaw/Roster Manuals Chair

The Gene Fortine Trophy was originated to be given at the Membership Meeting to award a Colony for outstanding service promoting the real story of our Pilgrim Ancestors to their community. Colony Governors are sent a questionnaire which contains suggestions and encourages members to participate in this important work of our Society in February before each Membership meeting. The winning Colony displays the Trophy at their meetings and returns it to the State before the next Membership meeting. The Trophy was named for Gene Fortine, a former Governor General GSMD and Honorary Governor California.

Board of Assistants Roster and Procedure/Bylaw Manual were created to be handy sources for Officers to contact each other and have information of their duties, and a reference to State Procedures and State Bylaws. Booklets are updated and sent to elected Officers after each Membership Meeting.

As Chair of the Fortine Trophy Contest, I encourage Colony members to share the correct information about our Pilgrims to their communities' groups and schools and encourage membership in our Society!

As Chair of the Roster/Bylaw Manuals, I encourage State Offices to look at your Roster book to contact fellow Officers and your Procedure/Bylaw Manual for Meeting DATES and Procedure information. I am sorry I cannot attend the meeting today due to an unfortunate accident.



Honorary Governor June Brainard Lazich

CA Mayflower Co-Editor's Report

The issues over the printing of the summer edition have been resolved. The printed edition did not have the same color quality as the proof that had been submitted to the editors. After this was discovered, a settlement was negotiated with the printing and mailing service for a 20% discount and a reprinting of editions for the libraries and institutions and any recipient who requested. Fortunately the digital edition met with our quality standards. The printers have pledged that this will never happen again.

Work has started on the upcoming fall edition with the deadline for material being October 1st. Early submissions are encouraged.

*Ray and Gail Raser
Co-Editors*

Scholarship/Education

This year marks the beginning of a new era for California scholarships. The society has committed \$10,000 to the scholarship program every year—a first award of \$5000, second award of \$3000 and third award of \$2000. This is by far the largest scholarship allocation made by a state Mayflower society. Special thanks to Governor Pat Friesen, to Treasurer David Grinnell and to all of you for your support. I do want to remind everyone that the financial foundation of our scholarship program is still donations made to the Scholarship Fund by members when they pay their dues. I will be sending an email to all colony governors to stress this at the beginning of the calendar year. There are significant changes to the scholarship requirements this year; but the process for applying remains the same. All information and materials needed to apply is on the California Mayflower Society website; click on the scholarship link for the most current information. Applicants submit all their materials online. The deadline for submitting an application is March 1, 2017.

I am delighted that the three members of the 2016-2017 Scholarship Committee—Nancy Foley, Kathy Gire and Robert Dempster—have agreed to serve again this year. Each of them has been very helpful in modifying the scholarship requirements in ways that will help us in our evaluations this year. I look forward to working with them in the coming months.

Please also remember the GSMD scholarships--\$6,000 first award, \$4,000 second award, \$3,000 third award, \$2,000 fourth award. Information and materials to apply for is available on the GSMD website. Application deadline for the national scholarships is also March 1, 2017.

Looking for ideas for your colony activities or projects? Check the *Mayflower Education Gazette*, an online publication found on the GSMD Education Committee webpage, which also has useful links to resources for children and schools and to sources for Mayflower publications and information.

Each issue of the *Gazette* has a pattern and instructions for making a Mayflower article of clothing plus articles, games and other Mayflower resources. The *Gazette* is accessible to members who have registered as members of the Mayflower Society. After you log on as a GSMD member, click on Members Only, then click on the Committees link and the Education link.

Six issues of the *Gazette* are now on line to read or download; more issues will be added as new material becomes available. And where does this new material come from? The editors of the *Gazette* ask in every issue for suggestions from the state societies education chairs: what would you like to see in the *Gazette*? I have the same request: what resources—information, links--would you like to have on the California society website that is not currently available? Any ideas you have for the *Gazette* I will pass on to the editors; and I will try to provide any resources you would like to see added to the state website.

Thank you in advance for your input.

Sally K. Johnson

Monument Committee

I have been talking to a lot of politicians, but my primary focus has been on the 100th anniversary of the Mayflower Society in Southern California. Many of those politicians have been invited to attend and interact with our society.

Franklin Smith

Data Processing South

Sometimes things happen, and you don't understand the complete ramifications of what is happening. When it does and we have taken a very serious step without any discussion. For years cloud based data storage has been a growing trend, and we interact with it in ways we not only don't see, but no effort is made to tell us about it. A case in point is the Wells Fargo scandal where they opened millions of unauthorized accounts using cloud based data storage. They have been fined 185 million dollars and are under criminal investigation of what appears to be the tip of the iceberg. We are a nation at war and our data bases are constantly under attack. Every day that your computer is online it is updating security programs that supposedly no one can hack, but we know that is an illusion.

Microsoft wants to make more money and access your banking accounts so it has made Microsoft Office cloud based and you pay a monthly charge to use it. I received an updated roster for Los Angeles Colony by email that was prepared with the cloud based Microsoft Office and while I could open it in a web browser I could not download it onto my computer without opening an account with Microsoft. This means that the entire California Mayflower is now cloud based and accessible to hacking, plus we will all have to open accounts to read our personnel data.

Nobody is at fault here and Judy is doing a great job. She can still save Excel files in the older format and send them to us like David does so we can have them on our computers. There are other free programs that can do spreadsheet processing on our computers in the future if it becomes necessary.

Franklin Smith

2020 Committee

The California 2020 committee is pleased to have Kathleen Loftman on board as a member of our committee. She is a member of the San Diego Colony and has extensive experience in event organization, such as a Super Bowl, welcome Kathleen. San Diego is now the only colony of which I am aware that has an organized 2020 committee to create a local recognition of the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing. I encourage every colony to start planning for an event or way to memorialize the event in their respective communities.

The General Society's 2020 committee still pushing for the adoption in Congress of a commemorative coin. So far there has been limited support. At the same time, the representative in Congress for the district that includes Plymouth, has introduced a competitive bill, making our efforts more difficult.



We need to be aware that there are several groups also making plans, including "Massachusetts 400" and a similar group based in Plymouth. Our General Society comm. has solicited suggestions for some form of memorial in Plymouth, and these will be presented to the General Society meeting in Indianapolis for a final selection and approval.

Robert Dempster

**New Members Elected
August 2016**

ALAMEDA COLONY

Mr. Roland Henry Baker
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Mr. Ronald Edward Eversole
13th from William Brewster

Mrs. Rene Elise (Lemelin) La Roche
12th from John Alden

Mrs. Michelle (Silveira) Simas
12th from Henry Samson

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Mrs. Carol Ann (Perris) Marderosian
10th from John Alden

Mr. Christopher Patton Margan
11th from William Brewster

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Mrs. Susan Lynn (Holst) Cooper
11th from William Bradford

Ms. Janice Anne Dougall
11th from James Chilton

Mrs. Kathleen Ellen (Sturgess) Ouimet
14th from William Brewster

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Ms. Karen Lynne (Gross) Craig
12th from William Bradford

MOTHER LODGE COLONY

Mrs. Debra Jane (Prewett) Baer
13th from Edward Fuller

Mrs. Barbara Roene Smith-Woodcock
12th from Richard Warren

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Ms. Eleanor Victoria Brewer
12TH from William Bradford

Mrs. Carol Ann (Morse) Carmona
11th from William Bradford

Mrs. Nancy Holst Halvorsen
11th from William Bradford

Mr. Roy Newell Rhino
11th from John Alden

RANCHO CONEJO COLONY

Mrs. Jean Shea Harden
12th from Francis Cooke

Mr. Glen Edward Walker
12th from William Bradford

Mrs. Kimberly Monica Seifts Wizer
14th from Henry Samson

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

Ms. Katherine Carmel Bottini
11th from William Bradford

Mr. Christopher Shadburn Clark
13th from John Alden

Mr. John Joseph Gierek
12th from Stephen Hopkins

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mrs. David Judson Barrett
11th from John Howland

Mr. David Bruce Love
10th from Henry Samson

SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Mr. Douglas James Evans
12th from Henry Samson

Mrs. Nancy Fay (Byers) Wurzel
12th from James Chilton

SEQUOIA COLONY

Ms. Katherine Howland Jordan
13th from John Howland

Mrs. Georgia Louise (Peters) Masiewicz
12th from Francis Cooke



**New Members Elected
September 2016**

ALAMEDA COLONY

Mrs. Yvonne Elizabeth (Bradley) Beadle
CA9078

10th from Steven Hopkins

Mrs. Susan Caryl Machado CA9079

13th from John Howland

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Mrs. Barbara Jean (McLellan) McIntosh
CA9076

10th from John Alden

Jana Anne (Ziembo) (Lahood) Olvera CA9077

11th from Steven Hopkins

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Mrs. Sally Elizabeth (Small) Felling CA9044
12th from John Alden

Mr. John William Myers IV CA9080

12th from William Bradford

Mrs. Barbara Joan (Thornbery) Taylor CA9083

11th from William Bradford

REDWOOD EMPIRE COLONY

Mrs. Lindsay Ann (Mead) McCrea CA9045
12th from John Alden

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mrs. Carolyn Frances (Gans) Kramer CA9081

10th from William Bradford

SEQUOIA COLONY

Mr. Alexander David Douglass CA9082

11th from Myles Standish

Ms. Kathryn Diane Douglass CA9043

11th from Myles Standish

**Supplementals for
August 2016**

INLAND EMPIRE COLONY

Mrs. Sheila Marie (Bradford) Kiner
13th from Stephen Hopkins

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Mr. Glenn David Reasoner

11th from Priscilla Mullins

12th from William Mullins

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Mrs. Noel Marie Selna Bacchetti

12th from Thomas Rogers

SAN DIEGO COLONY

Mrs. Joy June Shadle Ehrenfeld

13th from William White

SEQUOIA COLONY

Mrs. Mary Whitney Weisiger Andeed

11th from Edward Doty

Mrs. Erin Lynn (Morra) Bentham

14th from John Tilley

Mr. Jonathan Cobb Dickey

13th from William Mullins

**Supplementals for
September 2016**

MOTHER LODE COLONY

Miss Joanne Edson CA8726

13th from FRANCIS COOKE

ORANGE COUNTY COLONY

Deborah Vestal CA9004

12th from EDWARD FULLER

SEQUOIA COLONY

Ms. Diane Douglass

10th from JOHN ALDEN CA9005



In Loving Memory 

Alameda Colony

Barbara Jean Shade Lateer – September 7, 2016

Doris Verda Lane Sturham – August 10, 2016

Inland Empire Colony

Felice Edythe Teague Bourne – January 3, 2016

Phyllis Marguerite Ryan Pearce – July 29, 2016

Orange County Colony

John Bullard Irish – May 15, 2016

Nancy Sayre Kane – July 26, 2016

Barbara Jean Buchan Knapp – July 15, 2016

Mary Evelyn Davis Nelson – May 18, 2016

Redwood Empire Colony

Carolyn Louise David Eskra

Sharlott Erna Schultz Rus – July 19, 2016

San Diego Colony

Patrice Kathleen Beale Denman – January 20, 2016

Santa Barbara Colony

Robert Ernest Jordan, MD – April 8, 2016

San Joaquin Colony

Frances Lindsay Ferguson Fick

No Assigned Colony

Paul Francis Wadsworth – August 25, 2016

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Are You Moving?

Be sure to notify our State Membership Chairperson: Judy Weaver at: mayflower@ourfolks.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.

California Mayflower

Next deadline: January 2nd, 2017. 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 deadlines: They will remain the same year after year. Submissions prior to the deadlines are always appreciated.

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| Winter issue | January 2nd 2017 |
| Spring issue | April 1st 2017 |
| Summer issue | July 1st 2017 |
| Fall issue | October 1st 2017 |

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CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2016-17 Meeting Schedule

21 January 2017: North

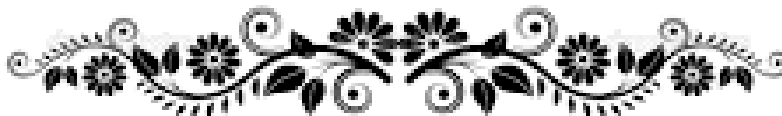
18 March 2017: South

16, 17 June 2017: Board of Assistants & Membership Meeting - South

All dates are subject to change if necessary

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Colony News

Inland Empire Colony

The Bob's Big Boy restaurant in Calimesa, California was the location for the September 10, 2016 meeting of the Inland Empire Colony. Governor, Rick Clark opened the meeting with a welcome to members and guests. He was especially pleased to introduce Marsha Huntley Maloney, Deputy Governor South, and one new member, Patricia Washburn, accompanied by her husband. Elder Shirley Lader gave the opening prayer and Governor Clark had attendees introduce themselves and name their Mayflower ancestors, after which everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, and the Pilgrim's Pledge. The Mayflower Moment was presented by Shirley Lader who gave some very interesting information about one of her ancestors, Thomas Rogers. Elder Lader said Grace and luncheon was served. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M. and Governor Clark introduced member, Pat Rainier who presented a program about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

The business portion of the meeting began with Governor Clark reporting on the 2020 Mayflower commemorative coins, and the progress of the float for the Pasadena Rose Parade. Elder Lader reported the passing of member Phyllis Pearce and in April we lost Felice Bourne. Elder Lader said Phyllis's daughter may be interested in joining the Colony. After a reminder about the next meeting November 12, 2016, which is Compact Month, the meeting was closed with the Benediction by Elder Shirley Lader.



Pat Rainier presents
"Underground Railroad"



Inland Empire members

Rick Clark
Inland Empire Colony, Governor

San Joaquin Colony

The San Joaquin Colony will be meeting for our compact luncheon Saturday, November 5th at Andiamo Ristorante Italiano in Clovis. Professor Stephen Tootle will be our guest speaker. The program promises to be very informative and will be about the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the Puritans. We look forward to this gathering of our pilgrim cousins for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Happy Thanksgiving!

Cindi Valenzuela
San Joaquin Colony, Secretary

Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony was honored to welcome Deputy Governor North Jane Ordway Carman as our guest on September 17. We celebrated Constitution Day, a day whose date varies from year to year. Deputy Governor Carman spoke with enthusiasm about the numerous lineage societies available to both men and women and shared a list of "Gateway" ancestors approved for Magna Charta Barons. She also had the opportunity to talk with members who



Deputy Governor North
Jane Ordway Carman visits the Mother
Lode Colony with Governor Kathy Gire

shared her lineage and answered questions. We thank her for her visit. The Colony also had the chance to see the current issue of "Mayflower Descendant" (Volume 64, number 2, Summer 2016) containing the article co-authored by Mother Lode member Jeff Record. It is titled "William and Lydia (Swift) Young of Windham, Connecticut: A John Howland and Richard Warren Line." Another member of our Colony met with Mr. Record after the meeting and was able to establish a connection with that family. We shall celebrate Compact Day on November 19 at our usual location now called "Cliff House of Folsom Brewhouse Grille."

Kathy Gire
Mother Lode Colony, Governor

Los Angeles Colony

The Los Angeles Colony's last meeting at the Tam O'Shanter was well attended with a great performance by Judith Helton who portrayed Lotta Crabtree who was a California Gold Rush entertainer. Judith sang and played period music with five different instruments including the banjo.

She even managed to get everyone to sing-along on a couple tunes. Some people were saying it was one of the best meetings ever! We also had a guest who will be our keynote speaker for our Hundredth Anniversary Celebration on November 12th. Rev. Dr. Gary K. Clark is President of the Sons of the Revolution and he will display a very rare numbered copy of the Declaration of Independence and the story of how it was damaged, restored, and reproduced by Theodore Ohman. The event will be in the newly renovated Empire Room at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

During the Social hour starting at 11:00am music by Harp will be played by Jillian Risigari Gai. There will also be an open bar and centennial commemorative items. A colony directory booklet will be available to members. I will also be giving a slide show of the 1916 event and history. For more information please contact gov@lacolony.org

Franklin Smith
Los Angeles Colony, Governor

Rancho Conejo Colony

On August 13, 2016, the Rancho Conejo Colony held our summer General Colony meeting at Ottavio's Restaurant, Camarillo, California, with 30 members and guests present. Following the opening invocation by Elder Donna McCullough and the pledge, led by Captain Yvonne Knerr, we were led by our esteemed Gov. Bob in a rousing rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee". We are therefore reminded that a career in the music business did not make a musician. Our equally esteemed treasurer, Barbara Warren reported a balance in the vault of the colony of \$ 2,296.66.

A reading of the "Compact" by Sharon Martin reminded us of the heritage we share from our ancestors. A reading of the "roll call" found descendants of 12 passengers in attendance, with John Howland leading the pack. There were 4 prospective present, and we wish them God speed in their research. Also present was Ray Knerr, whose son received a Mayflower scholarship.

The colony commissioned the creation of a Mayflower Pendant, which will be sold as a colony fund raiser. We have interest in this piece from a number of individuals, and organizations, including the Plymouth gift shop. We accepted two worn out American Flags, for which we will arrange proper disposal. We also provided two new flags to our members.

Gov. Bob shared with us recent articles from the news, including the Wall Street Journal. It was reported that the absence of mandates that history majors take U.S. history classes is a truly breathtaking abandonment of intellectual standards. At the same time, California is a step closer to adopting a new history and social studies framework aimed at reflecting the state's diverse student population. While admirable in concept, it implies the values gained from the 17th century migration will not be emphasized. This matter reinforces our mission to tell the story of the Pilgrim's journey and the principles they stood for. We are working hard to provide lectures on the Mayflower story to community groups and schools. In November, our Governor has 7 presentations scheduled. His power point story is available to anyone to share. Assistant Governor General Garmany has requested a copy to use in Colorado.

In November, the Thousand Oaks Library will make a display case available for us to promote the Mayflower story. We will have a number of items related to the Pilgrims on display for the month of November. Our program featured our very own Barbara Warren, sharing her recent visit to New England, "My visits to Plymouth and Eastham; Finding the story". Wonderful personal journal.

Our next meeting will be November 12, 2016. Marie Callender's Restaurant, Victoria Ave. Ventura.



Robert Dempster
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor

San Diego Colony

San Diego Colony held an organizational and planning meeting for the new 2016-2018 elected and appointed Board. on August 11, 2016 at the Olive Garden in San Diego. The Colony bank accounts, financial planning and budget were reviewed. It was agreed that the Colony Treasurer Jan Quigley and Colony Governor Ray Raser make arrangements for update and consolidation of accounts. It was agreed that the Colony website needed to be updated. Governor Raser presented a proposal from JEWeb Design who had built the new SAR SD website. The Board agreed that Governor Raser and Colony Webmaster Budd Leef move forward with the proposed agreement. for the new Colony website.

Colony communication issues including Newsletter, reservations and an electronic roster were reviewed and it was agreed to move forward with recommendations. Meeting programs and speaker possibilities for 2016-2017 were considered and it was agreed to further review suggested proposals. The San Diego Colony outreach, education and scholarship proposals were reviewed with proposals for a challenge to members and incentives to participate. The continued participation at the annual LDS Family History Fair in Escondido was recommended. The continued relationship with the San Diego City Library was recommended. The SD library archives has agreed to be a repository for historical SD Colony materials and artifacts

A proposal for a Mayflower 2020 Planning Meeting hosted by Colony 2020 Planning Chairman Kathy Loftman was made and the meeting was held on August 29, 2016 with a dozen attendees. Items reviewed were Presentation and Outreach, Education, Workshops, Events, Communication and Publicity. It was agreed to continue with the meetings.

Our next SD Colony Meeting will be our November 19, 2016 Compact Day Luncheon at the Marine Corps Officer's Club Miramar. Colony member Bill Smith will present on the "Origins of the Mayflower Compact".



San Diego Mayflower Board Members at August Board Meeting

Standing: Kathleen Loftman, Norma Wohlfarth, Jan Quigley, Jennifer Anklesaria,
Anita Guenin, Joyce Shiloff, Kathleen Norris

Sitting: Gail Raser, Ray Raser

Ray Raser
San Diego Colony, Governor

Orange County Colony

Summer has proved to be a busy time for the Orange County Colony. Scott Miller, our Assistant Governor, has been working diligently on the development of our new web site! It is coming along beautifully and will be ready for debut on Compact Day, November 19, 2016.



Marlene Mandeville, our Education Chairperson, is planning a visitation to a local school in Huntington Beach and a donation of books to their library. Several of the Colony members are looking forward to participating in that event. Under the leadership of OC Colony Historian Arlene Leedy and Marlene Mandeville our annual scholarship program will be announced after the first of the year. Our bylaws have been modified to be more inclusive and allow graduating high school students to apply as well as current college students.

Compact Day will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Santa Ana Orange County location.

It is a lovely venue and we will be enjoying a buffet luncheon this year, traditional turkey dinner of course! Erica Hahn will be presenting our program, "From the Mayflower to the American Revolution: Six Generations."

I think you might enjoy our new Orange County Colony logo! Look for it in all of our communication, on the web site and in our newsletter.

Susan Astarita
Orange County Colony, Governor

Monterey Bay Colony

Our Colony did not have a meeting over the summer. We last met on May 14th. However, in August we received notice that the recipient of our Colony's scholarship, Jacob McDonald, has enrolled in California State University, where he will major in history. We received a very nice letter of appreciation from him.

Our next meeting will be on November 5th at the Beach House in Pebble Beach. The speaker will be Carol Lynn Pearson, author, performer and descendant of William Bradford.

Cynthia Colby
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor

Redwood Empire

Redwood Empire Colony will hold our Fall meeting on October 8 at McInnis Park in San Rafael. Deputy Governor North Jane Carman will speak about ancestry lineage.

Our next meeting will be the Compact Day celebration we share each year with San Francisco Peninsula and Alameda colonies. This year Alameda colony will be hosting.

Sally Johnson
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor

San Francisco/Peninsula Colony

San Francisco Peninsula Colony has been on summer break with nothing to report. Our next meeting will be Compact Day, shared jointly with Alameda and Redwood Empire colonies.

Alameda will host this year on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

James A. Ingwalson
San Francisco/Peninsula Colony, Governor

Santa Barbara Colony

And right around the corner – we will be together on October 1st. We return to our former meeting site – what was the Elephant Bar and is now High Sierra. 521 Firestone Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93111. The meeting room is beautifully remodeled. Our speaker will be John R. Johnson, Ph.D., Curator of Anthropology at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. He will speak about Chumash culture.

We have a few new members and several prospective members. Slowly we are growing! Soon we will be having a birthday party! Our Colony will hit 50! We will celebrate in May of 2017. The summer allowed us time to put brochure holders and brochures about Mayflower at all of the libraries that we support.

Ruth Jackson
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor

Sequoia Colony

The 2016 Sequoia Colony Summer Social was held on a beautiful temperate summer day on the perfectly manicured backyard retreat of Mary Lou and Prospect Neumann. Almost 30 Sequoia Colony members and guests mingled at leisure for almost three hours. Beverages included tea, wine, and vodka! Snacks ranged from fruit and cheese, to hummus and crackers, to chips and artichoke spread. Lunches were delicious sandwiches from Andronico's. Conversation flowed freely among the various deck levels and tables as guests lingered and loitered.

A short and casual presentation on genetic genealogy was presented by Governor Dawn Newman. Many members have already had DNA tests done, which made for a lively and interesting question and answer session. The new Saturday format was well received and the day was lovely and enjoyable. Thank you Mary Lou and Prospect for hosting the 2016 Sequoia Colony Summer Social!

The Sequoia Colony website is up and running thanks to the dedicated effort of Colleen Gilligan! This is a project that would not have completed without her help and dedication. The Sequoia Colony Facebook page members list is gradually increasing thanks to the oversight of Jenny Redo.

Thank you to both of you for your help on these projects!

Our fall meeting will be our Compact Day meeting on November 12, 2016, to be held at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

Dawn Newman
Santa Barbara Sequoia Colony, Governor

The Mayflower Society Research Library, Plymouth MA

The visit to the Research Library was highlighted by Historian General Marjorie “Midge” Hertuck’s tour of the Historian General’s facilities. Midge also gave us a review of the processing of a new Mayflower Society membership application.

The initial GMSD new member application is processed by Historians of the various Mayflower State Societies. It is then forwarded to the GSMD Historian's office in Plymouth where it is thoroughly reviewed and documentation is verified. The Historian's office has an extensive card filing system to cross reference generational ancestry and documentation. Thank you Midge for your professional explanations and tour of the facilities. In our opinion the facilities are limited in space and more room is needed.



Ray Raser



Historian General Marjorie K. Hertuk



**Breakfast at
Plymouth**
Orange County
Member
Jim Fosdyck,
wife Un Hui Yi,
Gail & Ray Raser

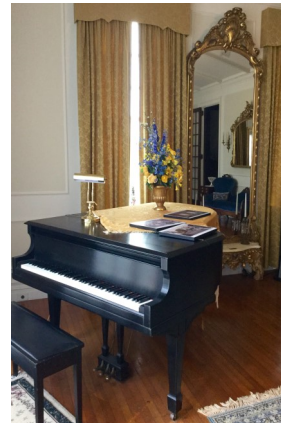


The Mayflower Society House

By Gail Raser

Every time we go to Plymouth, I enjoy touring “our” Mayflower Society House. The admission is free to all Mayflower Society members, and the docents are so friendly. It is wonderful to have ownership of this beautiful house that the General Society purchased in 1941. It has beautiful treasures inside and beautiful gardens outside. Many members have donated items to the home to make it historically accurate in its furnishings. On my next trip I plan to stay longer and take notes on everything possible. I hope you enjoy these photos and that you will visit “your” home on your visit to Plymouth. The house is open Mid-May through the end of October, seven days a week from 11 AM to 4 PM except for Memorial Day and the 4th of July.





Photos by Gail Raser



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For more info contact:

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We do hope you will avail yourself of this opportunity to pay your dues before we have to send out paper invoices. Thank you for your help.

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