

# MYLES STANDISH COLONY NEWS

## SPRING MEETING



Spring Meeting and Luncheon to be held  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at  
Kensington Country Club,  
2700 Pine Ridge Rd., Naples, FL

Join us for our first  
Myles Standish Colony Trivia Event!



At our March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Carolyn Alden, our Master of Ceremony, will ask questions related to Mayflower history. You and your table partners will compete to win prizes and bragging rights. Study your facts in advance and help your table win!





### **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2019**

Dear Myles Standish Colony Members:

I feel very fortunate to be out of the cold this winter. As I write this message, my windows and doors are open and the sun is shining and all is good in Naples Florida!

A good time was had by all at the Third Annual Myles Standish Cocktail Party on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to be able to visit socially with all of our cousins. We had approximately 30 members and guests attend, the largest gathering yet. I hope everyone had as good a time as my husband and I did.

On behalf of the Colony, I would like to once again thank Ron Benson for the hard work he did to present his most interesting talk in January on the Migration patterns of three of our member's ancestors and how they all ended up in Naples.

I hope you all enjoyed our new meeting venue Kensington Golf and Country Club on Pine Ridge Road. I understand from some of you that it was difficult to climb the "hill" to the club-house. We will offer valet parking at our Spring meeting. Also, if you park on the left side of the building and enter through the door on the ground floor, there is an elevator that will take you upstairs to the dining area. I'm sorry we did not have this information available to you for the last meeting.

I will be heading up to Branson, FL for the State BOA meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be my last duty as Governor for the season, then it's off to Massachusetts and my little boys. Please note, while wearing the hat of historian, I will be taking a few files with me to Massachusetts to work on, however, please understand that my main goal during the summer is to be with my children and grandchildren. I'll catch up with you applicants in the fall.

*Nancy Ratner*

Myles Standish Colony, FSMD

**\*We are seeking a Myles Standish Colony Historian.**

**Please contact Governor Nancy Ratner if you are interested**



### **NATIONAL PILGRIM MEMORIAL MEETINGHOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST**

Located at the top of Leyden Street in Plymouth, the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse is the fifth spiritual structure built on the site of the Mayflower Pilgrims' first Meetinghouse in 1621. Built in 1897, famed Boston architects, Hartwell, Richardson, and Driver designed the Meetinghouse as a memorial to the Mayflower Pilgrims. The building was designed to resemble Pilgrim William Bradford's church, St. Helen's in Austerfield, England. The Arts & Crafts interior and unique Tiffany stained-glass windows depicting the Mayflower Pilgrims, celebrates the freedom of worship and civil liberty established by them.

In 2014, it was added to both the National Register of Historic Places and the List of Massachusetts' Most Endangered Resources. In January 2019, the First Parish Plymouth, a Unitarian Universalist Church, donated the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In taking ownership of it, GSMD will restore it, create interactive educational programming, and open it to the public. As part of the donation agreement, First Parish Church will continue its legacy of holding services with a schedule of worship that is open to all.

Along with the Meetinghouse, GSMD will be given all the church records from modern times back to 1620, written by William Bradford, William Brewster, Robert Cushman, and many others. There are references and stories of our Mayflower ancestors going back to Leiden, information that simply must be curated and properly maintained permanently. There is no group better to do this than the actual descendants of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims!

GSMD have been given until September of 2020 to raise \$3,000,000 and their responsibility to finance and care for the Meetinghouse will continue. **Our Myles Standish Colony Board has voted to donate \$1,000 to the restoration efforts of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. These funds have been raised primarily from our raffle ticket sales which will began in November 2018 and will conclude at our Spring 2019 meeting.** Please consider buying tickets at our next meeting.

Read more about this at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2016-04-07-19-40-40/the-meetinghouse>

## ?????? MAYFLOWER TRIVIA — (Answers on the last page of the Newsletter)

1. How many passengers crowded aboard the Mayflower?
  - a. 100
  - b. 52
  - c. 102
  - d. 86
2. We know that John Alden married Priscilla Mullins, however, popular legend states that Priscilla had another Mayflower suitor. Who was this?
  - a. William Bradford
  - b. Myles Standish
  - c. Joseph Rogers
  - d. Edward Doty
3. How many children did John Alden and Priscilla Mullins have together?
  - a. 10
  - b. 8
  - c. 12
  - d. 6
4. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) was established on January 12, in the year of \_\_\_\_\_ when 27 delegates from the first four State Societies (NY, CT, MA, PA) met at Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
  - a. 1697
  - b. 1917
  - c. 1897
  - d. 1797
5. The King's Chapel Burying Ground in Boston is the final resting place of the Mayflower passenger who, legend has it, was the first woman to step ashore at Plymouth Rock.
  - a. Susanna White
  - b. Mary Allerton
  - c. Mary Brewster
  - d. Mary Chilton
6. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller (1908-1979): 41st Vice President of the United States, 49th Governor of New York was descendant of which Pilgrim?
  - a. William Bradford
  - b. William Brewster
  - c. Richard Warren
  - d. William White
7. What was the name of the ship that landed after the Mayflower? It arrived in November 1621 and carried only 37 passengers.
  - a. Anne
  - b. Speedwell
  - c. Fortune
  - d. Godspeed
8. How many days did it take the *Mayflower* to cross the Atlantic?
  - a. 99
  - b. 88
  - c. 77
  - d. 66



## Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida: Myles Standish Colony

### January 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

- Governor Nancy Ratner called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm at Kensington Golf and Country Club, Naples, Florida
- Elder Beverly Duncan gave the Invocation.
- Priscilla Sprehe led The Pledge of Allegiance and Janis Hansen led the Pilgrim's Pledge.
- Captain Harvey Hilton read the Mayflower Compact.
- Before recessing for lunch, Gov. Ratner announced raising the raffle goal to \$500 for the meetinghouse donation. A sympathy card for Dick Hazen will be passed for all to sign. Also, a get-well card for Everett Van Hoesen.
- Gov. Ratner reconvened the meeting after lunch at 12:55 pm and Carolyn Alden, Vice Governor introduced our guests. Betsey THOMAS, Valinda BILBREY, John BURROWS (1st time Prospective Members) Candace CARTWRIGHT, Prospective Member c/o Ann Kremer; Michael CURTIS, c/o Lois Shope; Linda GADKOWSKI, Kenneth GAY, repeat prospective members. Jane McARDLE, 1st time guest c/o Ann Kremer; Melinda PONDER, 1st time guest c/o Anne Hanford; Priscilla SPREHE, 1st time member; Charles STROME 1st time member.
- Capt. Harvey Hilton, and Recording Secretary Pat Leister-Ricci led the Roll Call of Ancestors. William Brewster had the most descendants present.
- Last meetings minutes were approved as written.
- Colony Treasurer Cynthia Lyster reported a bank balance of \$14,677.82 of which \$250 is from the raffle. Expenses included \$254.39 to Governor and \$52.50 for Historian. Donation to Friends of the Library for the annual NEGHS subscription was \$250.
- Historian's report was given by acting Historian Nancy Ratner, stating we had 26 new applications, 4 Junior to Full applications being worked on, and one pending approval for Mary Pirro (in process in Plymouth).
- Janice Hanson read the winning essay from the 2017 FSMD Scholarship Award, written by Natalie Hall.
- Our own Ron Benson gave the program on Pilgrim Migration patterns, "Plymouth to Naples".
- Gaile Johnson served as our photographer, and also won the raffle.
- Rev. Beverly Duncan, Elder gave the benediction, and Governor Nancy Ratner adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm.

*Pat Ricci*, Recording Secretary



The Myles Standish Colony invites you to attend our next meeting and luncheon on

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Kensington Golf and Country Club, 2700 Pine Ridge Road, Naples, Florida

Our luncheon will start with a social hour at 11:30 with the meeting to begin at 12:00 P.M. Valet parking service will be available. Our menu includes chicken marsala, whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, assorted rolls/butter and iced tea. Our dessert is chocolate mousse parfait with coffee service. Reservations for the luncheon are required **and payment is due no later than March 13, 2019.** The cost is **\$30 per person**, all inclusive. (Please note that there is an additional \$5 per person for special meal requests.) For questions in regard to the menu or special diet needs, contact Carolyn at [carolynealden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynealden@gmail.com), or call her at 239-417-4664.

**RESERVATION FORM-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 LUNCHEON**

**Please print the names of those who will be attending: Place a check in the box of the name if this is their first visit to the colony.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch Reservation is due March 13, 2019 Please make your check for \$30 per person payable to Myles Standish Colony. Detach and mail this reservation form to Carolyn Alden, 4528 Coral Palms Lane, Apt 6, Naples, FL 34116. For questions in regard to the menu or special diet needs, contact Carolyn at [carolynealden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynealden@gmail.com), or call her at 239-417-4664.**

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**Historian: VACANT POSITION**

Interested Historian candidates, please contact

Governor, Nancy Ratner. **We need you!!**

Myles Standish Cocktail Party February 13, 2019

Ratner Home, Naples FL



## Web Sites you may want to refer to:

- Myles Standish Colony Membership Directory:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vRoPdFYmqBcxzMRmSJ1VBofAd1DdqgtXLyY94uundS2EseKkG6EhVaij0xEgbPU4gcciDoHFdFtkTIA/pubhtml?gid=0&single=true>
- Florida State Web Site: [www.flmayflower.com](http://www.flmayflower.com)
- GSMD website [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)
- Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary site: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/members-only/2020-commemoration>



### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Meetings for NEXT year are **November 13, 2019, January 15, 2020 and March 11, 2020**— (You will not want to miss our March 2020 meeting as this will be our 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!!)
- **September 2019:** Annual Dues will be due again. We no longer mail paper bills. We will put a collection notice in the summer newsletter. Thank you to all our members who paid promptly in September 2018.



Members are encouraged to send news, photos and other information of interest to Colony members to Carolyn E. Alden, [carolynealden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynealden@gmail.com), for inclusion in the Myles Standish Colony Facebook page.



Myles Standish Cocktail Party-February 13, 2019-Ratner Home

### TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. C
8. D