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WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ROBERT E. BURT
Governor 2008—2011
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Thanks to ALL for your support. I have been inspired with the reception Trudy and I received from the six Colonies (Doty, Warren, Chilton, Standish, Cook and Brewster) we have visited since our term started and surely will continue as we visit other colonies. Let me know if our presence would help at your colony meeting in the future.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR STATE MEETING IN NOVEMBER- was significant - THANKS. We did so well, the Invitation from the Chilton Colony was accepted to return to the Villages next November 2010.

With the help of the Fuller Colony our 09-10 April 2010 BOA meeting will be held in the Lakeland Holiday Inn.

Please review the minutes for important accomplishments and presentations.

A precious program by Brett Brown of the Florida Huguenot Society, about the Huguenot Society, was well received.

We have many, many folks that are reaching out to touch someone and this is FREEDOM OF CHOICE. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!

We will see you in APRIL and/or NOVEMBER or before.

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SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL STATE MEETING THE VILLAGES HOSTED BY JAMES CHILTON COLONY NOVEMBER 20-21, 2009



HISTORY OF THE HUGUENOTS

Guest Speaker, Brett Dicken Brown, the author of two self-published books regarding genealogy, shared his passion for history, focusing on the French Huguenots. He described who they were—French Protestants persecuted as heretics, compelled to leave their homeland to at least six other countries. At the same time in the 15th and 16th centuries, the Catholic Church was corrupt, with church officials controlling the wealth and living like royalty. Mr. Brown described the two world forces causing the breakaway from the control of the Catholic Church: 1) the teachings of Martin Luther and John Calvin, and 2) the translation of the Bible into the language of the people. The center of the Huguenot Church was the word of God, not statues or other ornaments. Many of the 250-300 Huguenots who escaped have descendants who reside in the United States today.



HUGUENOT SOCIETY MEMBERS

Members of the Florida Mayflower Society who are also members of the Florida Huguenot Society. L—R: Roger Smith, Linda Smith, Muriel Cushing, Ken Carter, Kenneth Burt, Kathryn Thomas, William Thomas, Robert Burt, Ed Sullivan, and center front, Brett Brown, Guest Speaker.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

State Elder Albert E. Myers and James Chilton Colony Governor, Peter Adams, conducting the Memorial Service for members who were deceased during the past year.

MORE HAPPENINGS AT THE 2009 STATE MAYFLOWER MEETING AT THE VILLAGES



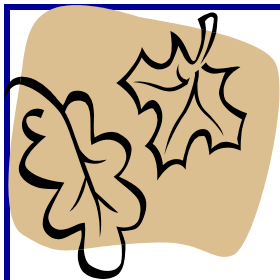
James Chilton Colony Members re-enacted scenes from the Mayflower Pilgrim life and journey. L—R: Sue Hennings, Barbara Kerr, Peter Adams, Jean Albrecht, Marge Ripley.



James Chilton Colony member Marcia Dalalitsis tells the meeting attendees about Mayflower lineage and what it means to be a member.



James Chilton Colony Governor Peter Adams tells Mayflower members about the primitive provisions the pilgrims used to build and live.



MEET YOUR STATE OFFICERS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009



L-R: Nathan Heuberger, Director, Jean Harden, Director, Laura Brock, Director, Edward Sullivan, Counselor, Kenneth Carter, Captain, Henry (Hank) Dressel, Treasurer, Jessie Brabham, Secretary, Muriel Cushing, Historian, Ren Cushing, Vice Governor. Not pictured, but pictured elsewhere in this publication: Robert Burt, Governor, and Albert Myers, Elder.

72ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP (highlights from the meeting minutes, which will be posted on the state website)

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order by State Governor Robert Burt at 9:00 AM, with 47 members and guests present. State Secretary Jessie Brabham called the roll call - twelve of thirteen elected officers and eleven of thirteen appointed officers were present with ten of fifteen colonies represented.

Deputy Governor General : George Allerton filed his report, prepare by Gov. Burt, was filed..

Filed Report of Assistant General: Frances Lopus gave an overview of the General Society September 10, 11, 12, 2009 BOA meeting in Annapolis, MD. 201 members and guests representing 43 states were present. We have over 28,000 members at present. Two proposals concerning privacy acts were passed. Education Committee has received \$148,000 grant to do a study on the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Tribe. Insignia sales have increased and book publishing revenue is up 11% from 2008. Changing banks has increased monies in the Endowment Fund and the Pilgrim Fund. Paper documents are being scanned and filed offsite. **The 2010 BOA Meeting will be in San Diego, CA.**

Florida State Governor: Robert E. Burt reported that the application fee increase will affect our Juniors transitioning to full membership.. He asked all officers to use the downloadable official Synopsis Lineage form to encourage family members to join our Society, regardless of where they live. He thanked his son Kenneth (who lives in VA, but is a Brewster Colony member) for maintaining the state database.

State Deputy Governor: Reynolds Cushing reported that Cruise turnout was not as good as usual. They are contemplating a different time and destination for next year. (The Cruise planner donates a percentage of the money back to the Society). Ren reported that he is examining all the old files (approx 2000 inactive alone) and digitizing all the old applications and accompanying forms into PDF files.

State Secretary: Jessie Brabham reported that she maintains a Colony file and an alphabetical file, as well as a card file for Drops, Transfers, Resignations and Deceased members. She submits a monthly report to certain Board members of changes and additions to these files. She also records and makes reports of all meeting Minutes.

State Treasurer: Henry (Hank) Dressel reviewed the financial statement. A motion from previous BOA to put Junior's membership fee of \$15.00 into the Scholarship fund has resulted in excess revenue, which is needed to cover junior applications to become senior members of the organization. The Scholarship fund contains over \$11,000. Henry moved the following changes: "The \$1, 234.00 that was collected from Junior memberships this year should be put into a separate fund designated as The Junior Mayflower Fund to cover expense of Juniors becoming Senior members. This is to be effective January 1, 2009". The Motion was seconded and upon a vote was passed. (This held money is already decreased by 7 or 8 new transitions from Junior to full membership)

"Standing Rule #12 states that: Junior Membership fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be paid with the original application."

"Proposed change: Junior Membership fee of thirty (\$30) dollars be paid with original application effective January 1, 2010". It was moved, seconded and upon a vote was passed.

The budget was presented. Host Colony James Chilton Treasurer, Kenneth Carter presented information of costs incurred for this Annual meeting of \$1,126.00. The budgeted allowance is \$400. The Colony has to absorb all other costs. Their raffle proceeds are designated for their education fund. Brewster Colony Governor Clara Powell suggested increasing to \$500. Governor Burt and Hank deferred question to Finance Chairman Nathan Heuberger.

Standing Rule # 6 states that: The sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) shall be available to Colonies hosting the annual meetings of the State Society.

Proposed change: The sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) shall be available to Colonies hosting the annual meeting of the State Society." This will be effective January 1, 2010. It was moved, seconded and upon a vote was passed. A question of raising the registration fee to help cover that expense was deemed not necessary. Also asking Colonies to contribute was thought inappropriate. Bradford Colony Governor: Laura Brock moved that: "Chilton Colony be reimbursed an additional four hundred dollars (\$400) to defray expenses incurred for Annual Meeting". The motion was approved.

Chilton Colony Treasurer Ken Carter

Standing Rule # 8 states that: "Fund for the Deputy Governor General to attend General Society meetings shall be six hundred dollars (\$600) annually".

Proposed Change: Fund for the Deputy Governor General to attend General Society Meetings shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700) annually. Rationale: This will bring it into line with the budget.

Standing Rule # 9 states that: "Fund for the Assistant General to attend General Society meetings shall be six hundred dollars (\$600) annually".

Proposed Change: Fund for the Assistant General to attend General Society Meetings shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700) annually". Same rationale as for Standing Rule #8. It was moved, seconded and upon a vote, both rules change were passed.

Finance Committee Chairman: Nathan Heuberger reported that the audit of Treasurer's records was completed on November 13, 2009. There were no discrepancies and books were found to be in good order. A specific date for audit of Treasurer's book is needed. This requires a Bylaws change which will be handled at Spring BOA Meeting.

Standing Rule # 11 states: Annual dues are thirty dollars (\$30) payable upon election and thereafter before January 1. Those new members who join after July 30 may pay only the eleven dollars (\$11) General Society amount.

Proposed Change: Second sentence: "Those new members who join after July 30 may be charged only the eleven (\$11) General Society amount and the nine dollars (\$9) State Society amount". Rationale: Colony must pay State dues for each new member out of the General Fund, thereby depleting operating funds of said Colony. New members joining after the Spring meeting would not be able to attend any Colony meetings before the end of the fiscal year as a voting member— only as a guest. The motion was passed.

Nate also reported that By-laws concerning the age guidelines for Life Memberships need to be adjusted as people are living longer. The Life Membership Reserve Fund cannot be sustained at current fees.

Standing Rule # 13 states: Life membership: The member must pay his/her own dues for the next year after application for Life Membership. Fee: age 65 and over \$350; age 50 through 64 - \$450; age 35 through 49 - \$550; under age 35 - \$600.

Proposed change: Second sentence : Fees: age 25-34 \$1500; 35-44 \$1200; 45-49 \$1000; 50-54 \$900; 55-59 \$800; 60-64 \$700; 65-69 \$600; 70 and older \$500. Rationale: People are joining at younger age and living longer. It was moved, seconded and upon a vote was passed. Motion to change 1st sentence of Standing Rule #13 was withdrawn. It conflicts with Standing Rule # 16. This will be addressed after clarification.

Standing Rule 17 to be added: Periodic Reports and Audits of FSMD Treasury

In addition to the reports required by Article V, Section 4 of FSMD Bylaws, the Treasurer shall provide the Governor and Finance Committee Chairperson with periodic reports on the status of the Treasury as of January 31, The April Board of Assistants Meeting and July 31.

The annual audit of Treasurer's records will be conducted as soon as possible after October 31 but prior to the FSMD Annual Meeting. It was moved, seconded and upon a vote was passed.

The consideration for changes to the Bylaws will be sent by the State Secretary to Executive Board members (which includes elected and appointed officers and Colony Governors) with the notice of Board of Assistants meeting not less than 30 days before BOA.

The Trustees of the FMS Trust Fund (commonly called the Endowment Fund) report that as of October 31, 2009, the value of the fund was \$6,823 and has earned approximately \$12.00 this year.

Elder Albert Myers moved that: "The Board authorize the webmaster to place the Bylaws on the state website". It was seconded and upon a vote was passed.

The proposed budget was approved as amended (changes to Standing Rule #6).

State Historian Muriel Cushing reported addition of 160 new members; Reinstates 2; Transfers out 5; Resigned 19; Deaths 22; drops 21 plus; New Jr. Members 53; for total membership of 1313.

State Elder Rev. Albert Myers urged all Colonies and members to submit full information on deceased members to State Secretary ASAP so that Elder can send the Memorial Certificate in a reasonable time frame.

Counselor Edward D. Sullivan wants Florida Society to propose two changes to the GSMD Constitution and Bylaws to read as follows:

Article V. Section 3.

There shall be an Executive Committee to consist of the Governor General, Assistant Governor General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Historian General, Counselor General, Former Governor Generals, and three members of the General Society, one of whom shall be from a State Society west of the Mississippi, said three members to be elected by the Congress after nominations for the same are made from the floor.

Article VI. Section 9. Paragraph 3:

The Governor General shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, through the Secretary General is authorized to use electronic communications for ballots and shall render a report at each meeting of the General Board of Assistants. Motion passed.

Counselor Sullivan also explained the IRS rules for 501C exemption and rules to use E postcard instead of form 990. (IRS phone # 877-829-5500 to ask for info on filing E postcard).

Education Chair Jean Albrecht reminded us that education is one of our primary functions. The "Chilton Colony Players" have made many presentations to elementary schools (3rd grade) and various Colonies. Several Colonies have expressed an interest in a like program. The Education Display Board featured many pictures, thank you notes from children for the wonderful skit. It is very important to get the media involved with the ongoing events of the Education programs.

Scholarship Chairman Laura Brock reported that the 2010 Scholarship topic will be "How has being a Mayflower Descendant influenced the way you act and think about your abilities, education, talents and future goals?"

State Secretary, FSMD
Jessie Brabham



**ALICE PAUL GAERTNER
MYLES STANDISH COLONY
DESIGNED AND PIECED A
SPECIAL MAYFLOWER QUILT**

Alice Gaertner displayed a Mayflower quilt depicting her Mayflower heritage and talked about what the various sections of the quilt represent at the November meeting of the Myles Standish Mayflower Colony in Naples.

The quilt shows her family (in the tree in the center) and the three Mayflower passengers in the border. She is descended from William Bradford, John Howland and Samuel Fuller.

The blocks around the family tree represent the Mayflower voyage and the three men who are her ancestors through her mother's family. One of the top blocks is a depiction of the ship and another shows her three Mayflower an-

cestors, which are copied from a poster at the Pilgrim's Museum in Plymouth, MA.

The side panels represent the flags of the original thirteen colonies at the time of the Revolutionary War and the modern United States of America flag. Also shown are flags over time representing her family's English heritage. The bottom left flag is the flag of England as of 1620. Directly across from it is the modern day Union Jack (English flag). The two flags in the center of each side panel are those of the General society of Mayflower Descendants and the Myles Standish Colony.

Within the bottom blocks are a map of the Mayflower's voyage and the St. George flag. The latter was the flag of England before it united with Ireland and Scotland. It was one of two flags atop the Mayflower on its voyage to the new world. The other was the original Union Jack, i.e., the flag of England as of 1620.

The quilted "star" in the solid red and light blue blocks is named the Mariner's Compass. The quilt was pieced by Sheila Colvin.

FLORIDA COLONY NEWSLETTERS

Please regularly email a copy of your colony newsletter to the state editor , Nancy Fodi at nancyfodi22@embargmail.com, and to the state Governor Robert Burt at rootssar@bellsouth.net.

EARLY MAYFLOWER MUSIC

Have you every wondered if the Pilgrims sang and, if so, what did they sing? Several years ago Faye Merrill Bowman presented a program on this topic at a meeting of the Edward Fuller Colony, reports Governor Blythe



Thomas. Faye Bowman was an organist at St. Philip's Episcopal church in Topeka, Kansas, and later assistant organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winter Haven.

Faye worked many years for the Veteran's Administration in Topeka and then many more as an executive secretary for the Kansas State Senate. Faye was originally from Gowanda, New York. She studied piano and organ at Peabody Music conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland. She spent many years in Topeka, Kansas, before moving to winter Haven, Florida to live with her sister, Claire Miller. She joined the Edward Fuller Colony, of which Claire is still an active member.

Faye wrote that Pilgrims were not without music. While they were still in Leyden at the time of their plans to emigrate, Edward Winslow wrote that Pastor John Robinson preached, and following his sermon "...We refreshed ourselves after our tears, with singing of Psalms, making joyful melody in our hearts as well as with the voice, there being many of the Congregation very expert in music; and indeed it was the sweetest melody that ever mine ears heard." And again, when they first sighted land after the long voyage, William Brewster suggested a song of gladness and gratitude, and the rejoiced in the words of Psalm 100. And again, on their first Sunday on land, they spent the day in prayer

and meditation, singing psalms.

The editor of this newsletter has a copy of all of the Mayflower music collected by Faye Bowman. It will be copied and posted to the state website as a PDF file for anyone to download to review and use, possibly at some of your meetings.

JUNIOR MEMBER NEWS

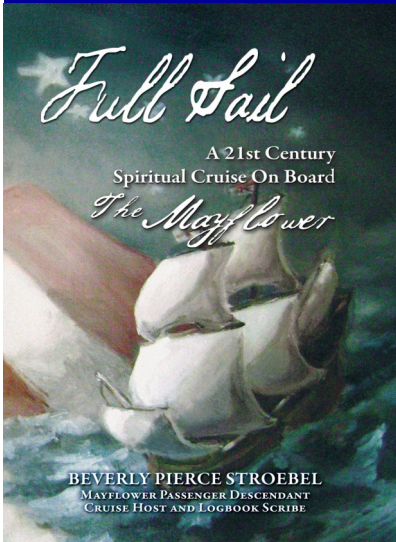
The state of Florida now has 938 junior members and an active junior program.

The GSMD Junior Member Committee is planning a sight seeing tour of Plymouth, MA and surrounding area in June 2010 for ages 15-25. (15-17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult). All parents are welcome to participate. The tour will gather in America's hometown and experience this unique opportunity to get to know Society Junior Members from other states. Participants will walk in the footsteps of their ancestors! Details and a registration form will be in the spring Mayflower Quarterly provided there is a minimum of 20 participants. If interested, please email Dayquacks@aol.com or debgeorgantis@yahoo.com.

Reminder to all Florida Junior Members: Please sign up Facebook on the Group "Mayflower Jr.s". You will receive current information from both the state and national societies as well as online discussions.

At the September Board of Directors meeting in Annapolis, 22 juniors from various states attended. If you wish to becomes more involved in the Junior Program in Florida, please contact Junior Chairperson, James Preston by email at james628@aol.com. We encourage Junior members to continue their Membership as adults at the age of 18.

RECOMMENDED READING



New *Mayflower* Book

Mayflower Society member Beverly Pierce Stroebel has authored a new *Mayflower* book titled *Full Sail ~ A 21st Century Spiritual Cruise On Board The Mayflower*. Filled with well-researched facts, each cruise day (13 chapters and generations) in the non-partisan and non-denominational logbook reviews and advances the Christian and civil Mayflower Compact goals signed by her ancestor's Francis Cooke and James Chilton. Please navigate through www.mayflowerfullsaillogbook.com for more information about Beverly and *Full Sail*. For acquiring the book, including signed copies, visit the "Store" page. For scheduling Bev to speak about the book (for now, just at west coast events and locations) and for

the book (for now, just at west coast events and locations) and for acquiring a free holiday-season letter listing gifts from America's Pilgrims, visit the "Contact" page to reach her via e-mail.

For our *Mayflower* family, Bev says, "I learned in the year 2000 that I am a Francis-Jane Cooke and James-Mary Chilton descendant in the 13th generation from Francis and James. After nine years of research and writing, now I can invite Mayflower Society friends aboard my *Mayflower* book released by my publisher on September 1, 2009. To introduce *Full Sail* at Mayflower Society and Colony meetings, especially at November Compact Day observances, you can say that the book is based on the Christian and civil Mayflower Compact, reviews American and Judeo-Christian history from the 17th to the 21st century, and contains a Thanksgiving feast of material for use around Thanksgiving tables. Please feel free to share this book introduction with your connections. I am thankful for my *Mayflower* family! God bless your holiday season." This *Full Sail* endorsement by another *Mayflower* descendant presents more reasons for coming on board to set sails in the 21st century:

"Using her genealogical calendar, Beverly Pierce Stroebel found proof to document the credibility and fulfillment of the Mayflower Compact goals to advance the Christian faith and glorify God from the seventeenth to the twenty-first centuries. I found that joining ancestors on board the *Mayflower*, in a spiritual way, is rewarding and meaningful. Once again, steadfast and courageous 'pilgrims' have the opportunity to follow a scriptural course. The difference between our first Pilgrims and now is that twenty-first-century passengers can bathe America and other nations in prayer and participate in activities to preserve, protect, and strengthen our liberties. As a concerned citizen, a father, a retired military man, a leader in the *Mayflower* descendant community, and a man of faith, I say that the need is great. Therefore, I invite all liberty lovers and spiritual and physical *Mayflower* descendants to join me on board in the twenty-first century. Working together to set and fill sails, we can continue to fulfill the Mayflower Compact goals. My best wishes and prayers are with you.

Edward Delano Sullivan, Mayflower Society Governor General 2005–2008

MORE RECOMMENDED READING



THANKSGIVING: THE PILGRIMS FIRST YEAR IN AMERICA

Author: Glenn Alan Cheney

Glenn Alan Cheney was inspired to write a book about the Pilgrims during a sermon in his local Congregational church over ten years ago. The minister was talking about how the Pilgrims had spent the first winter on the Mayflower, how they were all so sick that often there weren't enough healthy people to carry the dead to shore and bury them in the sand, how Squanto had already been across the Atlantic ocean for times before the Mayflower even got there. Cheney realized that he hadn't heard much about the Pilgrims since he was in the fourth or fifth grade. When he looked for a book about that crucial first year in Pilgrim history, he found that there was no such book, at least none for adults. So he decided to write it.

As he began to write the book, he realized that he wasn't writing about historical events. He was writing about people — just plain, working-class people experiencing something almost beyond the imagination of modern people. Consequently, *Thanksgiving*:

The Pilgrims' First Year in America isn't about events. It's about the people who were on the *Mayflower*, what they did, and what happened to them. It's the only book about the Pilgrims that isn't either a children's book that reduces the Pilgrims to cartoon characters or a history that reduces them to bystanders who happened to be present at historical events.

Here's a paragraph that pretty well summarizes what the book is about:

"So the Mayflower contained a cross-section of values that would become quintessentially American: the insistence on following the heart rather than the law; the inability to tolerate injustice; the audacity to demand authority over their authorities; the courage to pursue a better life no matter how much worse it might be; the wisdom of working together as a society for mutual benefit and personal profit. They believed in the power of the congregation. They would do their own thinking and make their own decisions. They would pray their own prayers. They would dig in their heels. The strong would bury the weak, perhaps suffer a moment of doubt, then remember the mercy of their God, and then get back to work."

Thanksgiving is available in hardcover, paperback, and audiobook. You can read excerpts at NLLibrarium.com/thanksgiving.php. If you order a book by sending a check directly to the author, he will not only sign the book, but make a donation of \$3 to your State Society or local colony. That offer is good only until the end of January, 2010. You can contact the author through the NLLibrarium.com website.

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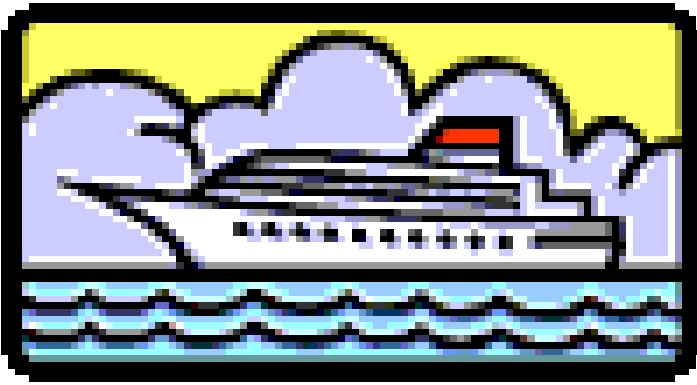
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Florida 2009 Mayflower Cruise



by Muriel Curtis Cushing

Drifting along on a balmy night with warm sea breezes as you relax in a lounge chair under the stars and watch a movie. How great is that? Pizza and popcorn close by to munch on while watching some of the latest movies, while on Deck 5 there are delicious pastries and espresso waiting to be claimed by the hungry passenger. Life is good.

Our small band of travelers exchanging tales – just getting to know each other. Planning the next day's excursions and shopping trips or checking out the many activities on board ship while at sea.

Nate Heuberger surprised us all with his winning the “talk like a pirate” contest. We had attended a lecture on Pirates of the Caribbean that ended up with the contest. The other contestants were good but Nate was outstanding with his pirate dialog. Nate also took charge of our group called “Pilgrims” [what else] who tied for first place in one trivia contest and won first prize in a later trivia contest. I can't say that any of us were excited with the prize of a plastic passport case but we were up against some rather powerful competition and were proud to be the winners. The “Pilgrims” did well!

Trudy Burt was also a winner of a cookbook. You will have to ask her what the prize was for as cooking is not my choice and you will not find me at a cooking demonstration. However, we are all proud of you Trudy.

We couldn't have asked for better weather. Warm, sunny days and tropical nights. Flying fish darting about trying to escape the Gannetts as we approached the harbors. No rain to dampen the many pool dwellers.

It was disappointing that more Mayflower members did not support the state by joining our group. Many thanks to Mark and Wendy for donating their time and expertise to the Florida Society. We had a few meetings and discussed alternatives such as change of venue and a change from Thanksgiving week. Some felt that many members preferred to stay at home with their families for Thanksgiving and others felt the East and West Caribbean trips have been too repetitious. Also discussed was that Thanksgiving week was more expensive and more children were on vacation. We are now considering the Southern Caribbean and Panama Canal Cruises a few weeks earlier than Thanksgiving week. Please contact Ren or I if you have any suggestions or alternatives. Our purpose is to add to Florida's scholarship fund while having fun and taking the advantage of meeting and visiting with our Mayflower cousins.



Muriel Cushing is Florida State Historian and the GSMC national chair of the Women of the Mayflower Project.



STEPHEN HOPKINS COLONY

COMMEMORATES THANKSGIVING WITH DONATION TO SALVATION ARMY

VERO BEACH — Governor Ben Patt of the Stephen Hopkins Colony of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, recently presented a check for \$600 to Sgt. Elaine McNeal, representing the Salvation Army of Indian River County.

Past Salvation Army Chairmen Don Wade and Karl Steene also attended the ceremony at C. J. Cannons. The society also sponsored a Red Kettle location during the annual Red Kettle campaign.

Patt presented the gift to the Salvation Army for holiday dinners in remembrance of the American Thanksgiving tradition started by the Pilgrims in the autumn of 1621 in Plymouth.

NEWS FROM THE WILLIAM MULLINS COLONY

William Mullins Colony Governor, Dr. William Hopkins reports that the Mullins Colony has 101 members and 41 juniors. The Silver Book Project is still active. Mayflower family books are regularly donated to the Ocala Library or the Mathiesen Museum in Gainesville in memory of deceased members. Gov. Hopkins has written a book about the Hopkins Family and gives interesting family stories at the meetings. For more information about the Hopkins family book, Dr. Hopkins can be contacted by email at doch609@aol.com.

THE HISTORY OF THE CALENDAR

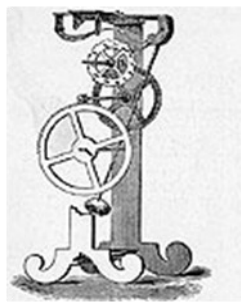
The Pilgrims in the 1600s used the Julian Calendar. Ever since 1752, we (the American Colonies) have used the Gregorian Calendar. The reason we switched to the Gregorian calendar was because the Julian calendar slightly miscalculated the exact length of a year by eleven minutes and fourteen seconds. During the 1500s and 1600s, the calendar was off by ten days. Hence, when we look back in time with our Gregorian calendar, we find that the Pilgrim's calendar was ten days behind. So what was September 6 by the Pilgrim's calendar is September 16 by our calendar.

By 1752 the calendar had become 11 days off. So the British Parliament, to fix the problem, declared the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, and renamed September 3, 1752 to September 14, 1752 to fix the eleven-day disparity.

The Parliament also declared that New Years would fall on January 1, instead of March 25. This "New Years" discrepancy is the reason why some dates have been double-dated and look like March 5, 1621/2. This means it was 1621 to them because their New Years had not yet occurred, but it is 1622 to us because our New Years falls on January 1, not March 25.

Time Keeping in 1627 Plymouth

How do you suppose Pilgrims knew what time it was? Did they have watches? How about Grandfather clocks? Wrist watches didn't become popular until around 1916! During the 1600's,



Galileo's pendulum and escapement diagram

very wealthy could afford them. Clocks were also very expensive. Watches and clocks were not very accurate time keepers anyway. They could lose half an hour a day and gain, say, ten minutes the next.

It wasn't until Galileo invented the pendulum in the 1630s and it was put on clocks in the 1650s that a clock could display fairly accurate time. "Grandfather clocks" were invented in the early 1660s.

An examination of the inventories of belongings of 14 of the Pilgrims show no clocks nor watches. There wasn't even a sundial. None of their wills include any either. Why not? Probably because they didn't need them. They didn't have a bus to catch or a show to see on TV.

The Pilgrims could tell the time of day by the position of the sun in the sky. If there was an important gathering to get to, they would be called by a drummer. Can you tell the time by the position of the sun in the sky like the Pilgrims did?

WHAT KIND OF FLAG FLEW OVER THE MAYFLOWER?

The flag that would have flown on the *Mayflower* was the King's colors consisting of the Cross of Saint George representing England across and atop of the Cross of Saint Andrew of Scotland.



Flag that Flew Over the Mayflower



**Oak and Birch Tankard -
early 17th century**

This tankard descended in the family of Mayflower passenger Peter Browne, on display at Pilgrim Hall

Museum. Similar tankards were discovered in the wreckage of Henry VIII's warship the *Mary Rose* (sunk in 1545), raised in the 1980's and now on display in the Portsmouth, England, Navy Yard. People knew they got sick from water and did not use water for drinking, unless wine or beer was not available. The lid kept insects out.

**Alden House Designated
a National Historic Site.**

The Alden Kindred of America is proud to announce that the Alden House Historic Site in Duxbury, MA., has been named a National Historic Landmark. Only about 2,500 sites throughout the country have qualified for this designation.

This is the homestead of Mayflower pilgrim John Alden. It is believed to have been constructed by John and his son Jonathan, in 1653 around an earlier house built perhaps as early as 1632. It was the last home of John and Priscilla Alden. More at this website:

www.alden.org.

**SPRING 2010 BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING
APRIL 10, 2010 9:00 AM**

Holiday Inn South, 3405 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33803

Hotel Reservations: April 9, Room Block—Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants

Telephone (863) 646-5731 Fax: (863) 644-0732 www.holiday-inn.com/lakeland-south

Room rate: \$89.00, plus 12% tax, includes complimentary continental breakfast.

Hotel has full service dining room for breakfast and dinner.

LUNCH SATURDAY, APRIL 10

_____ Vegetarian quiche with spinach served with side of fresh fruit

_____ Grilled hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce, onion, tomato and served with French Fries

_____ Caesar Salad with grilled chicken breast strips and parmesan toasts

\$17.00 - includes chef choice dessert, tea or coffee, and gratuity

Please send lunch choice and check in the amount of \$17.00 to:

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Deadline—Thursday, April 1, 2010

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