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Richard S. Wheeler, Editor

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

My thoughts and wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to all. As we enjoy the holiday season with our families and friends, may we remember our ancestors' unwavering

faith that gave them the courage to face the conflicts of their time and to endure the struggles and hardships of their convictions.

As we look forward to the New Year -- It is with pleasure that I can report our membership continues to grow and we anticipate further development of the many great ideas of our state and colony officers. We are pres-

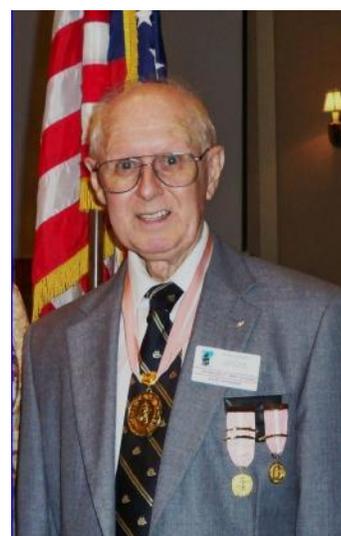


ently working on updating and improving our bylaws, have set up new committees for establishing guidelines for state meetings, are compiling a list of available speakers for colony meetings, and are gathering thoughts for Florida's involvement in the 2020 celebrations.

My very best wishes to you all.

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"All persons over eighteen years of age who are descended from a passenger on the Mayflower on the voyage which terminated at Plymouth, New England, in December 1620, shall be eligible for membership." Article III, Section 1, FSMD By-Laws



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

(from 1 Oct 2013 through 30 Nov 2013)

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Location	Gen/FL #s	Ancestor	Colony
Patricia Morgensen Malley	Naples	86079/4962	Stephen Hopkins	Standish
Lydia Abigail (Fuller) Kruesi	Naples	86084/4963	E. Fuller	Standish
Nelson Dale Rhodes	Boca Raton	86213/4964	Isaac Allerton	Allerton
Alice Lee (Moranville) Clarke	St. Augustine	73573/4966	William White	Warren
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Douglas Curry Weatherby	St. Petersburg	86223/4967	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
George Alexander Pasquel	Carmel, IN	86243/4968	Myles Standish	Samson
Dianna Slocum Sicilia	New Hope, VA	86244/4969	Myles Standish	Samson
Guy Thomas Sicilia Jr.	Plainville, CT	86245/4970	Myles Standish	Samson
Robert N. White IV	Troy, AL	86246/4971	Myles Standish	Samson

TRANSFERS IN/OUT

Nellie Irene Gushee Hedstrom	Naples	76833/4972	Isaac Allerton	Standish
		TR IN FROM ME		
Lisa Kristin Hedstrom	Naples	77597/4973	Isaac Allerton	Standish
		TR IN FROM ME		
Warren Everett Hedstrom Jr.	Naples	77681/4974	Isaac Allerton	Standish
		TR IN FROM ME		
Willard Baxter Piper		68634/3806	John Howland	Chilton
		TR TO NC#1624		

RESIGNED IN GOOD STANDING

Jennifer McLucas Lee	Mansfield, TX	66742/3592	John Alden	Mullins
Vivian Isabelle Allen	Tallahassee	39209/3311	John Howland	Winslow
Stacy Ann Sjostedt Hough	Cambridge, MA	80852/4563	John Howland	Winslow
Kristin Joy Koehler	Tampa	84147/4806	Richard Warren	Bradford
Robert Stanley Kryder Jr.	Atlanta, GA	79719/4457	William Bradford	Bradford
Joyce Lola Toland McClelland	Brooksville	77653/4331	E. Fuller	Chilton
Alice Pond McKee	Summerfield	32530/4088	William Brewster	Chilton
Joan MacMann Monetta	Naples	82930/4721	William Brewster	Standish
Debra Jane Russell	Orlando	80181/4493	Isaac Allerton	Chilton
Elizabeth Stoutamire	Tallahassee	40481/2050	John Howland	Winslow
Roy Alden Overholt	Clearwater	71907/3944	John Alden	Bradford

REINSTATEMENTS

Nancy Catherine Schoot McDermott	Miami Beach	37070/933	George Soule	Brewster
Barbara Anderson Kerr		72260/3968	William Badford	Chilton

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death	Gen/FL #s	Ancestor	Colony
Carolyn Cook Cromartie Holt	27 Oct 2012	82949/4723	Stephen Hopkins	Cooke
Josephine Coan Latham	1 Aug 2012	53216/2825	Stephen Hopkins	Cooke
Elliott Barrington Davis III	22 Jun 2013	35184/841	Isaac Allerton	Mullins
Rhoda Emme White Rollin	16 Jun 2013	60116/3213	William White	Howland
Laura Jo Hilston Simkins	22 Nov 2013	81110/4595	E. Fuller	Mullins
Lena E. Fellows Woolsey	7 Sept 2013	27169/509	John Howland	Howland

STEPHEN HOPKINS COLONY

The Stephen Hopkins Colony held its Fall meeting on 10 Oct 2013 at C. J. Cannons restaurant at the Vero Beach airport. Our featured speaker was John Coprai of the local Salvation Army Center. John outlined the development projects of the Army such as the soup kitchens, the need for Bell Ringers during the holidays and plans to build a new and larger Thrift Store.

Our colony makes a \$500 contribution each November to help provide meals for the local needy. The money is raised by individual colony members' donations and our treasury.

The next meeting will be held at 1130am on 14 Nov 2013 to remember our Pilgrim ancestors. We will again recite The Legend of the Five Kernels.

Our speaker will be Alvene Watson with stories of what was happening in surrounding areas.



Hopkins Colony governor Aline Scott and John Coprai

EDWARD FULLER COLONY

The Fuller Colony met on 12 Oct 2013 at Mimi's Café in Lakeland with 25 members present. Colony Governor James Preston called the meeting to order at 1110am. Colony Elder Lorraine Hooser gave the Invocation. Captain Tom Williamson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Governor James Preston led the Salute to the Flag of Society of Mayflower Descendants. Vice Governor Chris Robb read the Objects of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.



Historian Margaret Wheaton reported four new members: Tamara Marques, Donald Robb, Herb Waldron and Raymond LaCombe. She has also been in contact with six prospective members: Karen Hixson, Jim Doty, Brian Harte, Jan Hartsaw and Keith Campbell.

Governor James Preston introduced the two guests present: Sarah Winslow and his wife Sarah Preston.

Secretary Dan Sprague reported that the minutes of the 4 May 2013 meeting had been e-mailed to the membership, so the reading was waived by unanimous consent. There were no additions or corrections and without objection, the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Barbara Reed reported on the state of the colony's treasury and Junior Membership chair Jane Brumbaugh reported that the colony has 47 junior

members with no new applications pending.

Governor James Preston reported that the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Florida Society will be held in Highland Beach on 22-23 Nov 2013. All members were invited and anyone wishing to go could get the registration form from Jim.

A motion was made and seconded to donate two books to the Polk County Genealogical Library in Bartow in memory of Claire Miller and Donald Winslow. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. Jean Harden volunteered to ask which books the library needed.

Governor Preston reported that Jean Harden has been working on the Fuller Colony By-Laws. Proposed changes will be presented at the December 7th meeting. A motion was made and seconded to create a Nominating Committee for new officers. The committee members are Governor James Preston, Vice Governor Chris Robb and Jean Harden. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. Next meeting will be 7 Dec 2013; meeting place has yet to be determined.



Jean Harden



A Candlelight Memorial Service was held for Fuller Colony members Claire Miller and Donald Winslow by Colony Elder Lorraine Hooser. Claire Miller's obituary was read by Jean Harden. Donald Winslow's obituary was read by Governor James Preston.

Dan Sprague
Fuller Colony Secretary

Photos courtesy of Colony Governor Jim Preston.

JOHN HOWLAND COLONY

The Fall meeting of the John Howland Colony was called to order at noon on Monday 4 Nov 2013 in Duxbury Hall of the Mayflower Retirement Center off Aloma Avenue in Winter Park by colony governor Hank Dressel, who offered the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the salute to the Mayflower flag. A call of the ancestors' roll revealed four members descended from Richard Warren and three from John Alden, Edward Doty and William White.

The program speaker was Howland Colony longstanding member, US Navy veteran of World War II and retired engineer James A. Dunlop V (pictured at right). Jim was elected to the Florida society on 4 Apr 1967 as FL #643 when the Howland Colony was only 5 years old. He served as an ensign radar officer aboard the battleship USS Iowa during WWII, including her Nov 1943 voyage to transport President Franklin D. Roosevelt from Washington to Algeria en route to his meeting with Stalin and Churchill in Tehran, Iran.

Jim spoke about the fun he's had with genealogy, including compiling and publishing two volumes of his research for his family members. Most remarkably, he succeeded in passing his passion down to future generations by enlisting the active participation and assistance of 3 of his children and 2 of his grandchildren in this project. His daughter Rosemary Dunlop Garris was his guest for lunch; she served as Chief Editor for the volume on the genealogy of the Dunlop family ("Digging Up Dirt on the Dunlops") published in 2009, while her son Ian was Production Editor.



Jim is descended from Mayflower passengers John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, and also from John Winthrop, one of the founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630.

The next meeting of the Howland Colony will be on Monday 13 Jan 2014.

RICHARD WARREN COLONY

The Fall luncheon meeting of the Richard Warren Colony was called to order at noon on Saturday 9 Nov 2013 by colony governor Richard S. Wheeler in the Terrace Room at San Jose Country Club in Jacksonville. There were 21 members, prospective members and guests present. The invocation was given by deputy colony governor Jon H. Wheeler. Colony captain Michael Boutin led all in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag, the salute to the Mayflower flag, and The American Creed. Members introduced themselves and their guests. Prospective members present were Cindy Glenn, Suzanne Sachatello, Bernie Nowotny and his wife Patty, and MA Mayflower life member Alice Clark who's applying for dual membership in FL. Also present was our junior member, 10 year old Stevie Kowalchuk, grandson of colony historian Laura Farmer and her husband Chuck, both of whom were beaming with pride.

The program speaker was colony governor and FSMD Counsellor Richard Wheeler who gave a status report on the FSMD Bylaws Committee's 2-year project to completely rewrite our state society's bylaws and standing rules. "A preliminary working draft of the new governing documents was submitted to the BoA last April for discussion and comment," Wheeler said, "and we're absolutely on track to submit the final proposal to the members for a vote at the 2014 annual meeting."

There are several new features in the preliminary working draft now being circulated:

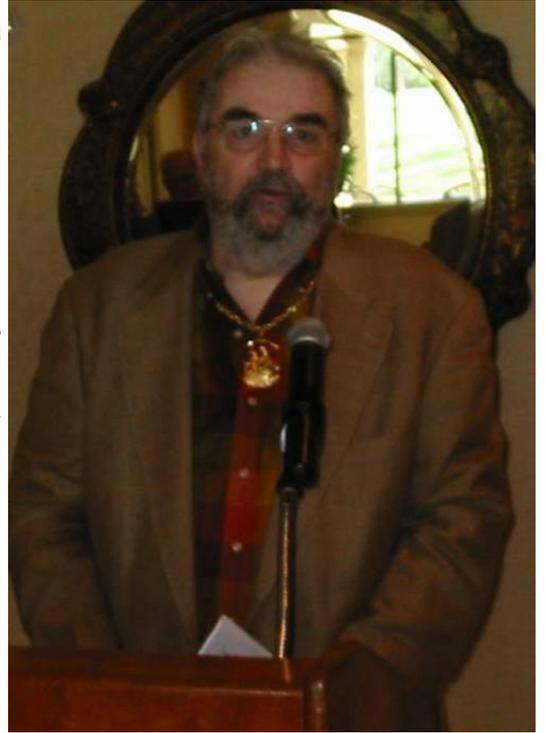
- there's a cover page with a certification to be signed by the Governor and Secretary as to the date of adoption/amendment, so officers and members can be certain they're consulting the most up-to-date version;
- although the Constitution & Bylaws and the Standing Rules are separate legal documents with their own rules as to how they are to be adopted and amended, they're being printed together in one integrated document for ease of members' reference and use, with each Standing Rule appearing under the Article and Section to which it relates;
- there are ten Articles in the existing bylaws and ten in the proposed re-write; the existing bylaws are 10 pages long and the existing standing rules are 3 pages; the preliminary working draft is 29-½ pages, but this includes a 1 page Cover, a 3-½ page Table of Contents and a 6-½ page Index not found in the existing bylaws;
- each Article deals with one subject matter with Sections laid out logically beneath; there's a Table of Contents at the beginning and an Index at the end to help officers and members easily locate answers to their questions about how FSMD is to operate;
- inconsistencies between FSMD's existing bylaws and GSMD's Constitution & Bylaws have been eliminated;
- to the fullest extent possible, FSMD's proposed new bylaws are written in clear, simple, understandable English.

To help members understand the changes that are being proposed, Wheeler has prepared a side-by-side comparison of the current bylaw provisions vs. the proposed new bylaw provisions, together with an explanation of the changes. Because of the size of this document, it's been posted on FSMD's website. Go to www.flmayflower.com and click on the "Bylaws Revision Project Status Report" link beneath the Governor's Greeting.

JAMES CHILTON COLONY

Members and guests of the Chilton Colony gathered for its 3rd annual Thanksgiving buffet lunch on Saturday 9 Nov 2013 at the Pimlico Recreation Center in The Villages. Colony governor Stephen "Scrib" Kelly presided, colony (and FSMD) elder Jeanne Albrecht offered the invocation, and captain Shirley Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag and the salute to the Mayflower Society flag and then read The Mayflower Compact. The colony furnished the roast turkey, stuffing and gravy for the meal while members and guests contributed all the side dishes and desserts.

Colony vice governor Marcia Dalkailitsis reported: "Our turnout gets better and better every year! We had such a variety of wonderful foods brought by our members. It's fun to see what others cook for Thanksgiving, and to get new ideas. Our crystal ice tea



Warren Colony governor and FSMD Counsellor
Richard S. Wheeler



Colony elder Jean Albrecht and colony governor "Scrib" Kelly

urn was kept very busy ... tea is a popular drink. The tables were very festive, with Thanksgiving tablecloths, plates and napkins, and decorated with personal decorations from Board Members' homes. We spent no money on decorations and everything looked great. A special moment was when a darling little six-year-old helped with our door prize drawings. Lilly Rose is the granddaughter of Nelda Thomas, Secretary of Francis Cook Colony, and visitors to our meeting. Lilly and Barbara Kelly, who organized the drawing, were entertainment all by themselves! At closing, everyone pitched in for clean-up, giving all some additional time to visit with old friends and get to know new ones."

Colony governor "Scrib" Kelly filed this report:

"For our November 9th meeting the James Chilton Colony decided to repeat our "Thanksgiving Feast" theme for the third time. Members seem to enjoy this casual meeting approach and apparently we get better pulling it together with each passing year. Several of our officers prepare turkeys at home

and bring them to the meeting. The colony provides mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, water, coffee and ice tea. Members bring a dish to share and their appetite.

"Attendance for our meeting was 62 including members, junior members and guests. We exceeded last year's attendance of 58, which required we separate the room into three columns of tables rather than two columns used in prior years.

"Our meeting guests ranged from the State Governor and his spouse, the secretary of the Francis Cooke Colony to other friends and family. We even enjoyed the attendance of 6 year-old Lilly Skye. She assisted in our 50/50 drawing and she was a big hit with members and guests.

"Ren and Muriel Cushing provided the program titled "Children of the Mayflower" which followed our lunch. The presentation was very interesting and informative as all in attendance were wide-awake and attentive even after a big turkey dinner."

WILLIAM BREWSTER COLONY

The Elder William Brewster Colony held its Fall luncheon meeting Friday 1 Nov 2013 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove. Meet and greet reception was at 1115am followed by a delicious luncheon served at 1130am. Choices were Caesar salad with chicken breast, almond chicken crepes or shrimp platter a la Luis. Dessert was a choice of creamy key lime or yummy rich chocolate cake. Colony Captain Jon Stemples was our excellent host.

Reknown historian Dr. Paul George explored "Miami's Place in History."

Colony governor Clara Waterman Powell welcomed the attendees. Colony captain Jon Stemples led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. Colony elder Richard Friberg provided an inspiring invocation.

Self-introductions by colonists followed with each including a reference to his/her passengers, and introduction of his/her guests. A special welcome was extended to reinstated colonists Nancy McDermott and Gordon Winslow and to prospective colonists Robert Owers and Susan Winslow.

Colony historian Dr. Don Randolph with his wife Charlen provided a member update. Colony treasurer Melanie Davis assured us we are solvent. Colony governor Clara Waterman Powell announced the Florida State bylaws were being revised and after her attendance at the State meeting in November she



L to R: colony captain Jon Stemples, Dr. Paul George and colony governor Clara Waterman Powell

will communicate the planned changes. But the best news of all was that the Pink Book was completed! Personalized copies were distributed at the meeting. The remaining colonists not at the meeting will have their books mailed to them. All paid and current colonists were included in the book. A calendar was printed on the back of the book identifying important Colony dates.

Clara encouraged all to visit the Florida Mayflower web site www.flmayflower.com. Colony secretary Teryl Sovacool read The Mayflower Pledge. Colony captain Jon Stemples read The Mayflower Compact. Colony elder Richard Friberg closed our meeting with his moving Benediction.

We visited with old friends and made new friends, had a wonderful meal, and heard a marvelous speaker. Our Winter luncheon meeting will be Friday 7 Feb 2014 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club at 1130am. We will be privileged to have our State Governor Ren Cushing and his wife State Historian Muriel Cushing as our program speakers. Please email Mayflowerpowell@aol.com if you would like to join us. See you then.



L to R back row: colony historian Don Randolph, Denise Jameson, Gordon Winslow, Lee Allen, Judith Paul, Robert Owens, Steven Kravchuk; middle row: Charlen Randolph, colony secretary Teryl Sovacool, Susan Winslow, Susan Allen, Jean Paul, colony elder Richard Friberg; front row sitting: Nancy McDermott, colony treasurer Melanie Davis, Lucy Hanafourde, colony governor Clara Waterman Powell; front row standing: colony captain Jon Stemples.

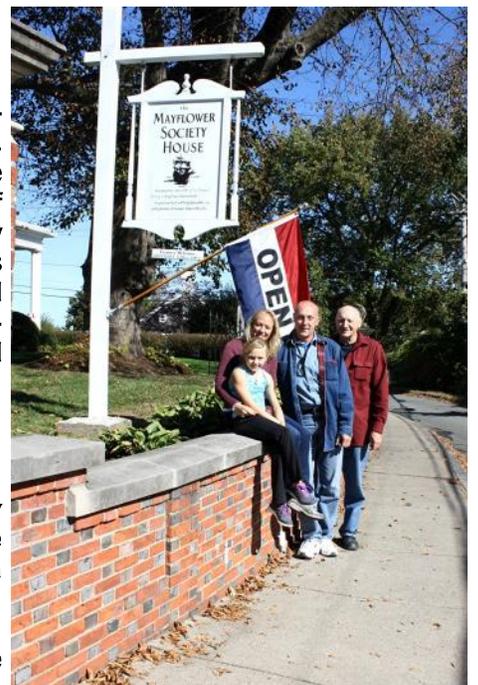
WILLIAM MULLINS COLONY

On 13 Oct 2013, Mullins Colony elder Charlie Day along with 3 other members of his family (all members of the Mullins Colony) visited Plymouth, MA. The visit included Plymouth Rock, the Mayflower II, the Plantation and the "Mayflower Society House." The Mayflower Society House has been Headquarters of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants since 1941. It was built in 1754 by Edward Winslow, great-grandson of Governor Edward Winslow. The Society House is filled with many artifacts dating back to the time of the Mayflower crossing. The famed rose garden is just behind the House and also has the noted brick walkway containing bricks inscribed by many Society members. Charlie Day family found their brick and had a great day in Plymouth.

HENRY SAMSON COLONY

The Fall meeting of the Henry Samson Colony was held on Wednesday 20 Nov 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Myers with forty members, prospective members and guests in attendance. Special guests were FSMD Governor Ren Cushing and his wife Muriel, FSMD's AG and Historian.

Colony Deputy Governor Ellen Full presided in the absence of Colony Governor Clyde



Blanchard, who was in Boston for medical treatment. Colony Historian Marilyn Fielding (pictured below) gave her report on the surge in new members and applicants to the delight of all.



Samson Colony Deputy Governor Ellen Full

Prospective member Stanley Parmeter (pictured below) was one of the guests present at the meeting.



The meeting program was Muriel Cushing's illustrated talk on the accomplishments of some notable female descendants of Mayflower passengers.



JOHN ALDEN COLONY

The John Alden Colony has awarded its first Junior Scholarship to Curtis J. Tucker of Oakland Park, FL, grandson of former GSMD Governor General (and FSMD Governor and Alden Colony governor) Edward Delano Sullivan. At the time of the award, Curtis was a senior at Westminster Academy with a 4.2 grade point average. He lettered in football 4 years and was a member, event coordinator and server of the National Honor Society, President for 3 years of the Westminster Fishing Club, member for 3 years of the Men's Honor Chorus, and member for 4 years of Key Club, a high school service organization sponsored by Kiwanis. He also had over 500 hours of community service in various roles.

His essay on "What being a Mayflower descendant means to me" is reprinted below:

Being a Mayflower descendant is an honor that has taught me about team work, perseverance, and commitment to your values and beliefs. The Pilgrims faced many hardships even before they reached America like their time in Leyden. What I have

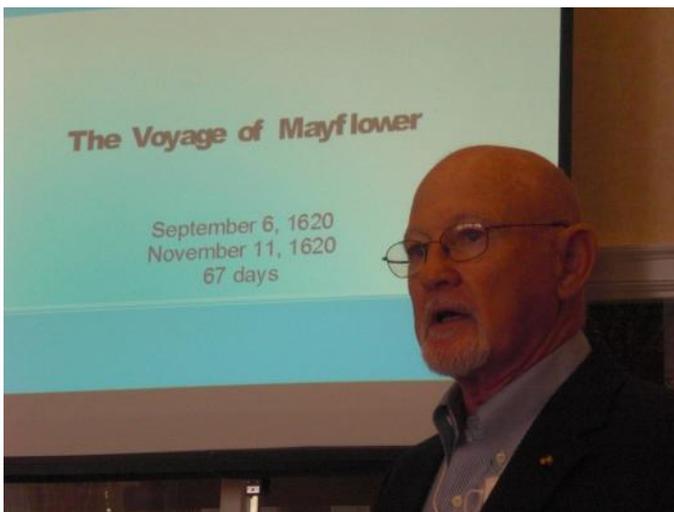
learned from my ancestors is that it takes a combination of hard work and team work to accomplish your goals, and that a few dedicated people can impact the world.

My goal every day at school, work and home is to do what is right and put forth my best effort. Throughout high school, I strived to maintain good grades, be involved not only in extracurricular activities but the community. I set high expectations for myself to challenge myself and prove to others I can do this despite difficulties I have faced. In a fast changing world, it is easy to lose sight of what our heritage means. The Pilgrims struggled and formed a bond that led to their success, we need to continue that bond and not let our past be rewritten or forgotten. My goal is to pass my Mayflower heritage down to my future family and live each day thanking God for everything He has done for all of us and will continue to do.

My objective is to obtain a Master's degree in Education where I can share and incorporate my ancestors' values, courage and determination into my life and my teaching.

Congratulations Curtis and best wishes from all FSMD members for continued success in your college studies!

EDWARD DOTY COLONY



Last year the Edward Doty Colony had as its speaker our Florida Society Governor Ren Cushing accompanied by Muriel our State Historian. What a treat it was to host them. This year we crossed the border and got the Vice Governor of the Jamestowne Society for the State of Alabama, Captain Jerry Crumly (pictured at left), to speak. I think this may be a first for our state, if not, it is for our Colony. Jerry's presentation entitled "The Voyage of Mayflower" informed us that the waters were not new to mariners. Numerous explorers had sailed across the Atlantic over the past century. Even Mayflower passenger Hopkins had been to Jamestowne and returned to Europe before coming over on the Mayflower. Hopkins knew what lay in wait and was willing to bring his family, including a wife who was pregnant and gave birth at sea. The role served by the printing press on the voyage was new to most if not all. We learned of the prevailing winds that made the ship's journey twice as long as the return Mayflower voyage. We had a demonstration of how a square rigged ship tacks as opposed to a contemporary sailing ship. One slide depicted the size of the ship, revealing

the deck that held 102 passengers and a small boat called a shallop. A picture of the Mayflower was shown at the top of the screen and a tennis court at the bottom. The tennis court is 78 feet long, the ship 90 feet, and keep in mind the birthing spaces are closer to the size of the court. Never will a tennis court be looked at without thinking about the Mayflower passengers crammed into that space with a shallop, sailing the waters of the Atlantic during storm season. Everyone walked away with new knowledge.

Azalea Trace Retirement Community was the setting for our meeting, and they provided us with our traditional Thanksgiving Day meal. Prior to the luncheon, punch and cookies were served for the meet and greet. Azalea Trace always takes exceptional care providing everything requested. Special thanks to our member Dorothy Heildeman for inviting us to her residence. After the presentation, the business meeting took place and two door prizes were awarded.

Back row L to R: Bill Addison, Kendria Carr-Turner, Jack Halligan, Ward Correll, Larry Igo, Jim Richardson, Dotty Burdick, Peter Tavares

Middle row L to R: Jerry Crumly, Ellen Addison, Pat Levoy, Sally Thomes King, Bunny Halligan, Helen Correll, Barbara Page, Dorothy Heildeman, Ruby Flowers, Genevieve Tavares, Becky Richardson, Marty Burdick

Front row L to R: Stella Lee, Elvis Levoy, Patricia Crumly



2013 ANNUAL MEETING

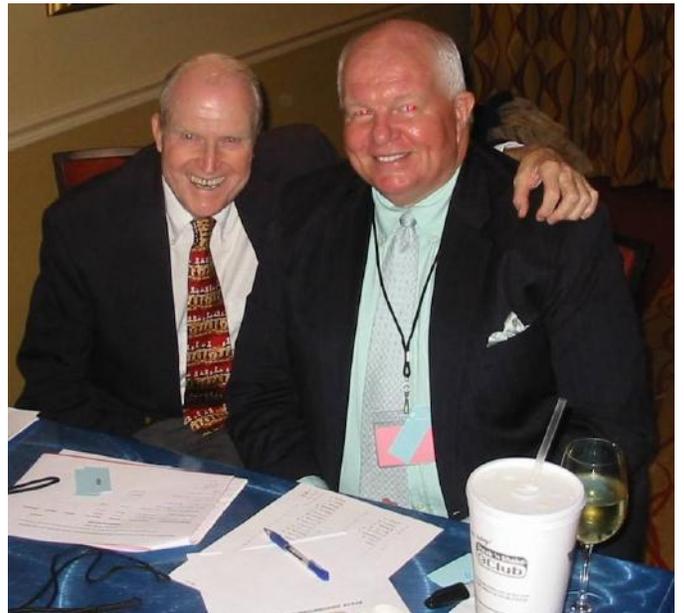
The ballroom overlooking the crashing surf of the Atlantic Ocean at the Holiday Inn Highland Beach - Oceanside was the comfortable setting as 60 members and guests gathered on 22 Nov 2013 for the traditional Friday night banquet which opened the 76th annual meeting of the Florida Mayflower Society hosted by the Isaac Allerton Colony.



Standing L to R: FSMD Deputy Governor Ken Carter, former GSMD Governor General Ed Sullivan and FSMD Captain and Fuller Colony Governor Jim Preston; seated: Sarah Preston

After a social hour which gave everyone chance to mingle and make new friends as well as renew old acquaintances, colony governor Richard A. Hopkins (pictured above) welcomed those in attendance on behalf of all Allerton Colony members. FSMD Governor Ren Cushing responded by complimenting Allerton Colony (and especially George M. Allerton, former colony and state society governor and 2013 annual meeting chair) for the choice of venue and excellent turnout.

Governor Cushing presented the inaugural Governor's Honor Roll award to Helen Bennett of Tampa (pictured below) "in recognition of her outstanding volunteer performance for the betterment of the Florida Bradford Colony from November 2012 to November 2013."



George M. Allerton (L) and colony treasurer David Kuschel (R) man the registration table and greet those attending the banquet with warm welcoming smiles

Governor Cushing also presented Laura Sharpe Brock (pictured at right) of St. Petersburg, former Bradford Colony governor (2005-2011) and current FSMD Scholarship chair, with the GSMD Governor General's Commendation & Appreciation Award which had been given by GG Bruce C. MacGunnigle at the GSMD General BoA meeting on 14 Sept 2013 in New Orleans ... "in recognition of her outstanding service to the William Bradford Colony and The Florida Society."

Helen's and Laura's awards were well-deserved and each received a rousing ovation from those in attendance.



Following a delicious meal, George M. Allerton introduced the program speaker for the evening, Craig D. Ames (pictured at left). Craig is a composer, pianist, and musical director living in Boca Raton. He has won four Carbonell Awards for his work as a musical director. He has been music director for three productions at Palm Beach Dramaworks since 2004. Craig is also the recipient of the Palm Beach Cultural Council's Clyde Fyfe Award for his work in bringing the arts to the community in Palm Beach County. His principal studies have been in classical piano with Russian pianist Zhanna Dawson at the University of Wisconsin, and French pianist Philippe Drevet in So. Florida and in France. In 2011 Craig received a fellowship from the Gilder Lehrman Institute to study his other love, Early American History, at Yale University with Prof. Emeritus and author John DeMoss.

In addition to serving as an educator in South Florida, Craig is the pianist for the First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Randolph A. Frank Prize for the Performing Arts.

Craig's topic for the evening was Music of the Mayflower, focusing on the Elizabethan music of the late 16th century and the Baroque mu-

sic of the early 17th century, the music with which the Pilgrims were most likely familiar. He interspersed his talk with lively examples played on his portable keyboard, holding his audience in rapt attention. He noted that there's no direct evidence that any of the Pilgrims brought musical instruments on board for their voyage, but there is evidence they brought sheet music in the form of sacred psalters. His presentation was a refreshing combination of music and history and was very well received by a most appreciative audience.

The banquet concluded with the door prize drawing. The three gift baskets were won by (L to R) Alden Colony member Cheryl Leech, Alden Colony treasurer Susie Wuest, and Susie's guest (and mother) Marjorie Gearhart.



On Saturday morning 23 Nov 2013, the annual meeting of the Board of Assistants (BoA) was called to order by Governor Ren Cushing at 830am and Secretary Jessie Brabham called the roll. Nineteen of the 25 members of the BoA were present, twice the number required for a quorum. Motions were made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the BoA's 27 Apr 2013 meeting (which had been emailed by the Secretary to all members with the notice of the annual meeting) and to approve those minutes as distributed. Reports were made by each colony present as to the number of members in that colony who had failed to pay their 2013 annual dues. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the 31 members reported as delinquent in payment of dues be dropped from "in good standing" status on the membership roll.



Members attending general membership meeting

This action is necessary so that delinquent members not be included in the list of active members as of Dec 31st each year reported to GSMD and for each of whom FSMD must pay GSMD \$11 national dues. The BoA also approved Governor Cushing's appointment of Chilton Colony deputy governor Marcia Dalkalitsis as director-at-large to serve the unexpired term of Sherman Bishop, who resigned.

The 2013 annual membership meeting was called to order by Governor Cushing at 900am. He noted the presence of at least 20 members in good standing, the minimum required for a quorum. The invocation was given by Elder Jean Albrecht. The pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the salute to the Mayflower flag were led by Captain Jim Preston.

Election of a new slate of state officers will take place at the 2014 annual meeting, so Governor Cushing asked for member approval of his appointment of Ruth Ann Fay of Cooke Colony, Suzanne Adams of Winslow Colony and Laura Farmer of Warren Colony as the nominating committee required under FSMD's existing by-

laws. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving those appointments.

A memorial service was conducted by Elder Jean Albrecht, assisted by Standish Colony governor and director-at-large Nancy Fodi, for the 31 members who had passed away since last year's annual meeting. As Jean read each name, the memorial bell was tolled and a carnation was placed in the vase while those from the deceased member's colony stood in silent homage and respect.

Officers' reports followed. Deputy Governor Ken Carter reported that the Spring 2014 BoA meeting will be held on 12 Apr 2014 at the Swan Hotel in Lakeland, hosted by the Fuller Colony, and that the 2014 annual members' meeting will be 21-22 Nov 2014 at the Holiday Inn— Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota, hosted by the Tilley Colony. Ken also made an appeal to the colonies for volunteers to host the 2015 and 2016 annual members' meetings.



L to R: Elder Jean Albrecht and Standish Colony governor Nancy Fodi

Historian Muriel Cushing reported that we have 98 new members ... 76 new, 17 transfers in and 5 dual. ... and that there are 28 applications now pending at GSMD in Plymouth.

DGG Fran Lopus reported on her attendance at the GSMD BoA meeting last September in New Orleans.

Treasurer Hank Dressel reported that FSMD had an excess of revenues over expenses for the 12 month period ending 31 Oct 2013 and a healthy balance of undesignated funds. He also reported that his books had been audited by Ruth Ann Fay and everything was found to be in perfect order. Motions were made, seconded and passed: (1) to increase the FSMD scholarship from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for 2014; (2) to make a \$1,000 donation to Plimoth Plantation; and (3) to make a \$1,000 donation for the repair and restoration of the Mayflower II.

The next order of business was reports from FSMD's standing committees.

Jim Preston, Junior Membership chair, reported that 46 juniors aged out in 2013, 2 converted to regular membership and 52 new juniors were admitted. There are 945 juniors at present, with Bradford Colony having the most with 188. Of those 945, 367 are past their 18th birthday and, thus, are eligible to convert to regular membership and 49 will age out in 2014.

Laura Brock, Scholarship chair, reported that she's been in touch with past year's scholarship winners to check on their educational progress. They each were appreciative of our continued interest.

Ken Carter, Bylaws Committee chair, reported that "we are absolutely on track toward our goal of having a completely rewritten and updated set of bylaws and standing rules ready for member approval at next year's annual meeting." He also noted that "to help members understand the changes that are being proposed, a side-by-side comparison of the current bylaw provisions vs. the proposed new bylaw provisions, together with an explanation of the changes, has been posted on FSMD's website." Click on the "Bylaws Revision Project Status Report" link under the Governor's Greeting on the home page.

Suzanne Adams, Education Committee chair, reported: "FSMD is proud to announce its affiliation with the State of Florida's annual "Florida History Fair" (FHF) with the establishment of the Mayflower Legacy Scholarship. The 2014 scholarship will award \$500 each to two winners, one middle school student and one high school student, for the best researched and developed paper on the historical significance of The Mayflower Compact, linking it to the 2014 FHF theme of *Rights and Responsibilities of Today's Americans*. The FHF is associated with the "National History Day" organization established in 1974 and is open to all middle and high school students in Florida. Final judging of all statewide projects and the presentation of awards will be held in May 2014 in Tallahassee. " If anyone wants more information or would like to help at the local level with this new statewide educational outreach effort, please contact Suzanne Adams at adamsins@yahoo.com.

Webmaster and Membership chair Ron Dailey reported on the need to continue making improvements in member communications. Newsletter editor Richard Wheeler reported on the cost of producing and mailing the Spring 2013 and Fall 2013 issues.



FSMD's officers: L to R, Governor Ren Cushing at podium; seated: Deputy Governor Ken Carter, AG & Historian Muriel Cushing, Secretary Jessie Brabham, Captain Jim Preston, and Elder Jean Albrecht. Missing: Treasurer Hank Dressel and Counsellor Richard Wheeler (who took the photo)

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Colony reports followed.

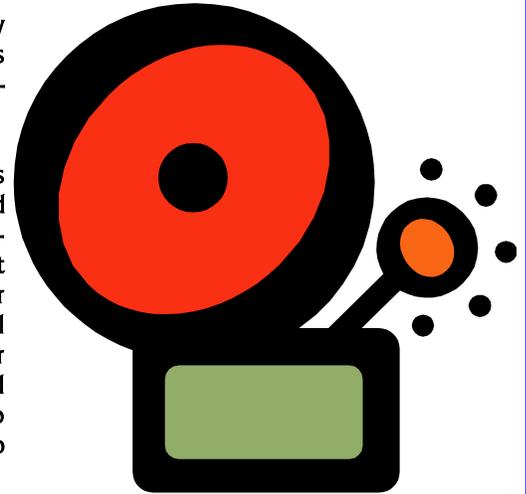
The meeting concluded with Captain Jim Preston's reading of The Mayflower Compact and the benediction by Elder Jean Albrecht.

Deputy Governor Ken Carter read and then presented a courtesy resolution thanking the Allerton Colony for its work in hosting the 2013 annual meeting. The photo at left shows (L to R) George M. Allerton, former Allerton Colony and FSMD Governor and 2013 annual meeting chair, Ken Carter and Allerton Colony current governor Dick Hopkins

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

This newsletter is one of the primary methods by which the Florida Society communicates with you, the individual member. We take our side of this responsibility very seriously ... each issue of *The Florida Pilgrim* takes considerable time and effort by many people to publish.

Colony officers submit photos and reports on each of their meetings. State officers also submit items of interest for publication. The *Pilgrim* editor assembles and formats all submissions to make each issue. The state secretary and state membership chair maintain and update the statewide membership roll so a mailing list can be prepared of all members who've opted for "postal mail" delivery of their newsletters. The state webmaster maintains and updates a list of members' email addresses so those members who've opted for "online" or "email" delivery of their newsletters can receive their copies. The general membership has cooperated overwhelmingly in the past two years so that the ratio of "postal" delivery to "online/email" delivery has been reduced from 85-15% (Summer 2011 issue) to 48-52% (Spring & Fall 2013 issues).



However, each individual member also has an important responsibility in connection with this communication vehicle. **YOUR JOB IS TO NOTIFY US OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR MAIL OR EMAIL ADDRESS.** No matter how diligently we do our respective jobs, no matter how many hours we spend to put together the best possible newsletter we can, it's all for naught if you don't take 5 minutes to do your job.

To save money, we use bulk mail to deliver the *Pilgrim* to those members who've opted for "postal mail" delivery. The US Postal Service forwards first class, but not bulk rate, mail. For the past several years, we've used the "Return Service Requested" special endorsement on our newsletters. If for any reason the Postal Service can't deliver the item, it would return it to us with a notation of why. If USPS had a new address for the recipient, it would advise us of that. The cost for using this special endorsement is that we have had to pay first class postage (now \$0.46) on each returned item. For the past 6 issues, returns have cost us nearly \$400 plus hours and hours of our time dealing with the problem.

To save time and money, starting with this issue, we are no longer using the "Return Service Requested" endorsement. This means that, if you fail to do your job and advise us of your new address, not only will you not get your newsletter but also we'll not be made aware of that failure. **IF YOU WANT TO BE SURE TO GET YOUR NEWSLETTER, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT MAIL AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS.** Thank you.

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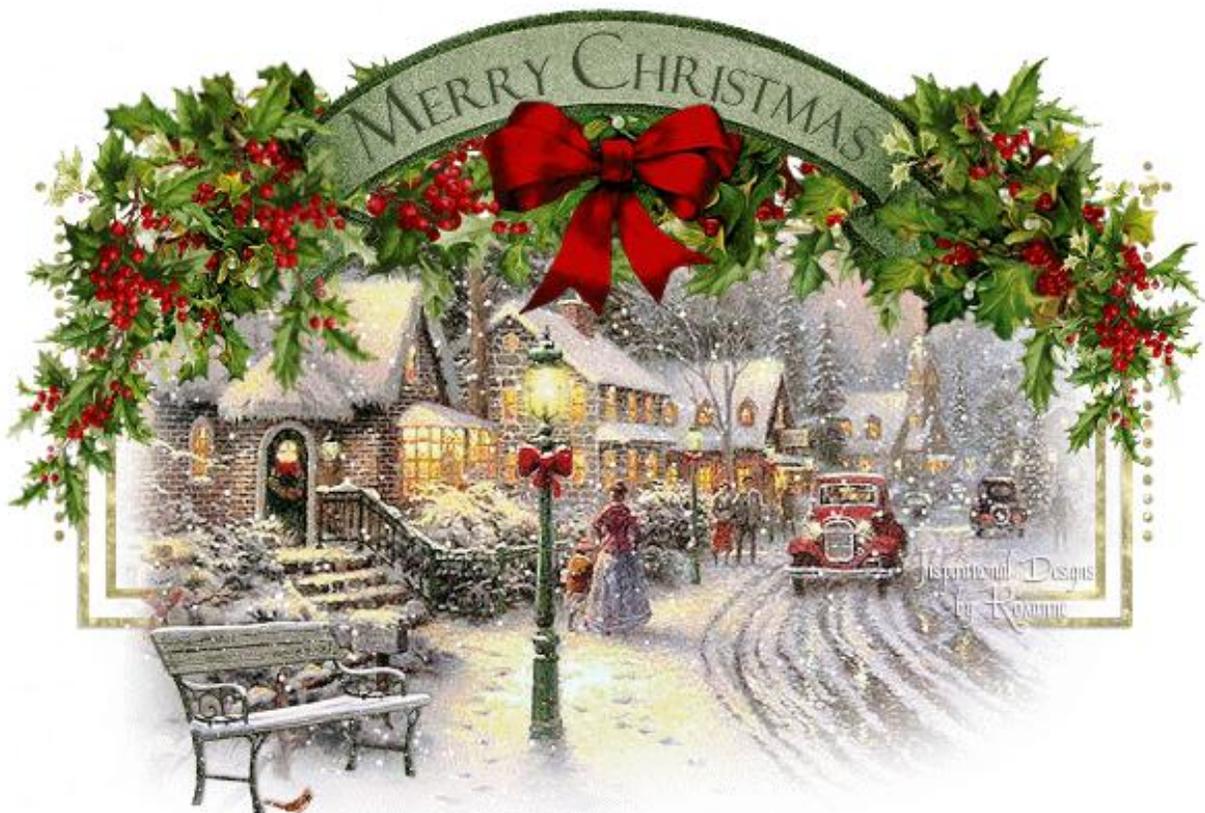
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Ice-skating rink
Rock-climbing wall
Full-size basketball court
Royal Promenade
(open 24 hours)
Johnny Rockets '50s-style restaurant
Golf simulators
Themed bars and lounges

Adventure Ocean youth facilities
ShipShape Day Spa & Fitness
Center
In-line skating
Portofino's Italian Restaurant
9-hole miniature golf
Casino RoyaleSM

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