



Illinois Mayflower News

Since 1897

Governor's Message

Governor, Max Douglas Brown



Winter 2012

Looking Backward, Looking Forward

Your Board of Assistants recently conducted its annual retreat. At our retreats each year the Board of Assistants reviews how close we came last year to achieving last year's goals. We also formulate new goals for the coming year. All in all upon review we did pretty well this past year. Here are the 2011 goals set by the Board at last year's retreat:

- Establish a yearly calendar of events and meetings
- Change publication dates of our newsletter to more closely coincide with events
- Review and update our corporate bylaws
- Find a more accessible venue for semi-annual meetings
- Provide educational grants
- Improve use of our website at:
www.illinoismayflower.com

To help keep better track of its yearly activities one of the first things the Board did this past year was to establish a calendar of events for the upcoming year. In itself this may seem like a relatively minor

accomplishment but it is an important first step to better organizing and scheduling of events throughout the year.

Closely related to establishing an annual calendar of events was the need to change the publication dates of our newsletter. We did this so as to be able to report on past events and activities closer to the time they occurred and alert members to upcoming events closer to the time they will take place in the future. In this issue of the newsletter you will find articles about the most recent General Society meeting in Plymouth in September, our annual state membership meeting in November and information on the scholarship award to be announced this next April. Our very capable newsletter editor, Luann Benoit, has been working very hard to provide a fresher look to the newsletter with less written text and more colorful pictures. We hope you enjoy the look of your newsletter.

Your Board spent a good deal of time this past year reviewing and updating our corporate bylaws. Most of the revisions were made for the purpose of conforming our bylaws to our current practices. Other revisions were for the purpose of making our practices more efficient. All of the revisions are available for review by our state membership and will be submitted for approval of the entire membership at our next year's spring meeting. See related article in this newsletter issue.

Under the leadership of our new Education Chairman, William Conger, the Board has begun to award small grants to worthy organizations in the area. This past year we awarded a three-year grant to the Chicago Metro History Education Center which, among its many other activities, sponsors the Chicago History Fair competition.

The last two meetings of the membership of the Illinois Mayflower Society which have been held in Naperville, Illinois have been quite well attended by our membership. Much of the credit goes to our Deputy Governor,

2012 Board of Assistants

Governor, Jane Schleinzer, who has sought to offer membership entertaining and informative programs at accessible venues and at reasonable prices. Our program this past spring featured songs of the Colonial era and our program in the fall offered a brief history of illumination and lamps. See related article in this newsletter about our annual meeting.

If you have not checked out our website recently at www.illinoismayflower.com please do so. Our Captain and Webmaster Dorr Lewright has done a wonderful job of keeping the site current. It is chock-full of helpful information about our organization and its activities.

When you measure us against the goals we set for ourselves this past year your Board of Assistants has met virtually every goal we set out to achieve.

So, what's in store for 2012? Our #1 goal for 2012 has to be to solve our record storage problem. Let me explain. As an organization and lineage society which has been in operation since 1897 it is not surprising that over the years our organization has accumulated a whole lot of paper, enough to fill several file cabinets. There are 115 years of minutes and correspondence, duplicate application forms, and a trove of supportive documentation. Finding adequate storage space for archived material has become a major problem, not only for us but for a number of other state Mayflower societies. Other state societies facing this same problem have opted to "go paperless." It is time that we did the same. But first we will want to establish a protocol in line with national standards to determine which historical documents should be saved and which may safely be discarded. Those documents which should be saved will be scanned and catalogued on discs for more easy retrieval by historians and other researchers. Scanning and cataloguing all of our documents is big undertaking but it looks like this is as good a year as any to get started tackling this problem. We will keep you advised of our progress.

Best regards to all in 2012,

Max

Max Douglas Brown
Governor
Illinois Mayflower Society

The Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants is always looking for people who would like to serve on the Board of Assistants. If you, or any member you know, is interested please contact Governor, Max Brown at 708-771-6886 or Dr.Tort@comcast.net.

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2011 Mayflower Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon of the Descendants of the Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois met on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Monarch's Landing in Naperville, Illinois. The reception began at 11:30 and Governor, Max Brown welcomed us all at 12:30 p.m. After the invocation and pledge of allegiance, Mary Morony read the Mayflower Compact. This is always a moving moment as each Mayflower passenger's name is read, while his or her descendants rise in recognition of their ancestor.

We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Dan Mattausch, a specialist in historical lighting, from the Smithsonian Institution. Dan told us of many uses of historical accuracy in period lighting, which includes not only museums, and movies, but it also gives us a fuller understanding of how our ancestors lived. He and his wife Nancy's home in Washington D.C. is lit completely with gas lighting. He brought several different lamps that were used prior to electricity and demonstrated different purposes for different lamps, fuels, and how to light each one, and keep it burning properly. I think it's fair to say that we all went away with a greater appreciation for what our ancestors did to create light after dark, as well as how much we take our electricity for granted today.



Do You Know Someone Who Needs Money For College?

Do you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew who is in need of funds for college? Or do you know of another young candidate worthy of receiving assistance? If so, you will want to let them know about the new Mayflower Scholarship Fund.

A scholarship fund has been created by the Board of Assistants which awards an annual scholarship of \$2500. It is one of the largest scholarships awarded by any state chapter of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. To be eligible an applicant for the award must be nominated by a member of the Illinois Chapter. The scholarship will be awarded based upon academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service and financial need. See application form which is included with this issue of the Newsletter.

RULES:

-Amount: \$2500

-Number of Scholarships to be Awarded Each Year: 1

-Educational Use: Enrolled or accepted in an accredited college or university

-Educational Level: Freshman year...any undergraduate year...graduate education

-Applicants are nominated by a member of the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants.

-Preference will be given in awarding scholarships to those applicants who are proven descendants of a Mayflower passenger.

-Basis of award: Academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service and financial need.

-Letter of recommendation is required from a school official, teacher, academic advisor or counselor (may be a separate letter or included as part of application)

-Letter from applicant explaining what it would mean to him/her to be awarded the scholarship should be included as part of application.

-Supportive documentation: transcript, GPA, ACT or SAT scores and class rank

-Deadline: April 1, 2012

-Person awarded scholarship will be invited to attend the spring Mayflower meeting.

-Submit applications to Sally Krigbaum, Chair, Scholarship Committee, 65 South Side Country Club, Decatur, Illinois 62521-9125; telephone number: (217) 429-5606; e-mail address: JS2414@aol.com.

If you would like to contribute to the Mayflower Memorial Scholarship Fund, please use the donation card below. Please fill out the card and make your check payable to the Illinois Mayflower Scholarship Fund. Send it to Chairman of the Scholarship Committee: **Sally Krigbaum, Chair, Scholarship Committee, 65 South Side Country Club, Decatur, Illinois 62521-9125.**

Mayflower Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$100 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Please make check payable to: **Illinois Mayflower Scholarship Fund**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

My contribution is being made in honor of the following Mayflower ancestor or family:

_____ of City _____ State _____

Previous Recipients of the Illinois Mayflower Scholarship Award



Illinois Mayflower Scholarship Award Winners
Benjamin Ujcich, 2010
Rebecca McMullin, 2011



Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws of Illinois Mayflower Society

Below are the major changes to the Bylaws of the Illinois Mayflower Society approved by the Board of Assistants at its October meeting and submitted for approval by the Society's membership at the next spring luncheon to be held on May 19, 2012.

- The role of the Education Committee is expanded and two new committees—a Program Committee and a Scholarship Committee—are created.
- Appointment of multiple historians—called co-historians—is permitted.
- Two new officers positions are created—Newsletter Editor and Counselor.
- Quorum for a meeting of the Board of Assistants will remain the same but the quorum may be achieved through telephonic communication.
- The current practice of approving all prospective members before they have proved their lineage will be eliminated. Members will only be approved once their lineage papers have been accepted by the General Society in Plymouth.
- In addition to allowing persons under 18 years of age to become junior members through sponsorship, persons under 18 years of age will be able to become a member by independently proving his/her lineage (similar to any adult member).
- Written notice of any future proposed amendments to the bylaws will continue to be sent to members. Members will be able to review the amendments on the official website of the Illinois Society or, upon request, will be mailed a written copy of the revisions.

Members may review all of the proposed changes on the Illinois website at www.illinoismayflower.com. See link to REVISED BYLAWS. Copies of the revised bylaws were made available to members at the annual meeting in November. And a complete set of revised bylaws will be mailed to each member in anticipation of the May 19, 2012 meeting at which time the revised bylaws will be submitted to the membership for approval.

Any questions concerning the revisions can be directed to Governor Max Douglas Brown. His email address is:

Dr.Tort@comcast.net.

**General Society of the Mayflower Descendants
Journey to Historic Massachusetts
Plymouth, Massachusetts
September 14-20, 2011**



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Bruce MacGunnigle

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**Illinois Members Attending
the General Society Meeting**

Sylvia Brewer
Sally Krigbaum
Ralph Moore
Mary Morony
Carolyn Pribble



Enjoy A Blooming Good Time

OUR SPRING LUNCHEON WILL BE AT
THE MORTON ARBORETUM

There is no more beautiful time to visit the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois than in the spring of the year. This amazing outdoor museum of trees offers visitors the chance to see more than 1,400 different species of trees and shrubs planted across 1,700 acres of scenic ecosystems, woodlands and natural landscapes. Over 186,000 catalogued plants from all around the globe are gloriously on display throughout the year.

The Arboretum features a 4-acre interactive Children's Garden and a 1-acre Maze Garden. Other popular landscaped attractions include the Fragrance Garden, the Ground Cover Garden, the Hedge Garden and the Schulenberg Prairie which is one of the largest restored prairies in Illinois.

Members of the Illinois Mayflower Society will have the special opportunity to enjoy this horticultural treasure because on Saturday, May 19, 2012 the Arboretum will be the site of our annual spring luncheon.

After a cocktail reception, a brief business meeting and a delicious lunch served on the premises, Mayflower members and their guests will board special trams which will take them on a 30 minute guided tour of the Arboretum. Before and after the tram ride Mayflower members may walk the grounds as they wish and visit the arboretum store. The cost of the entire afternoon—the entry fee to the park, the cocktail reception, the lunch AND the special guided tour of the park on the trams—is \$45.00. This is a great value of which we are sure you will want to take advantage.

The Morton Arboretum was established in 1922 by Joy Morton, the founder of the Morton Salt Company. Mr. Morton's father, Julius Sterling Morton, is often credited with being the founder of Arbor Day in America. The Arboretum is easily accessible by car and is situated just west of Interstate 355 and north of I-88 on Illinois Route 53 (also known as Lincoln Highway) in Lisle, Illinois.

Have you always wanted to visit the Morton Arboretum but never found the time? Now is your chance. Don't miss out on this great value. Mark your calendars today for this unique opportunity to visit this wonderful outdoor museum.

Board of Assistants Meeting Calendar 2012

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| February 1, 2012 | Board of Assistants meeting (Chicago) |
| March 7, 2012 | Board of Assistants meeting (Chicago) |
| April 4, 2012 | Board of Assistants meeting (Chicago) |
| May 2, 2012 | Board of Assistants meeting (Chicago) |
| May 19, 2012 | Spring Luncheon (Lisle, IL) |
| August 1, 2012 | Board of Assistants meeting (Chicago) |
| September 6-9, 2012 | General Society Meeting (New Jersey) |
| October 3, 2012 | Board of Assistants meeting (Chicago) |
| November 7, 2012 | Board of Assistants meeting (Chicago) |
| November 17, 2012 | Fall Luncheon/Annual Meeting (location tbd) |
| December 1, 2012 | Board of Assistants Retreat (location tbd) |

In Memoriam

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| Richard Carlton Christian | Died October 3, 2009 |
| Glenn J. Church | Died June 18, 2010 |
| Susan Blake Newton-Chambers | Died March 17, 2011 |
| Julianna Crippin Mason | Died June 11, 2011 |
| Past Gov. Mary Eileen Moschel | Died August 2, 2011 |
| Betty Jane Mingus Shea | Died August 10, 2011 |
| Jeremiah Felker Reynolds | Died August 11, 2011 |
| Martha Margaret Ryan | Died September 18, 2011 |
| Eleanor N. Schweizer | Died October 21, 2011 |

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our deceased members. May God be with them on their final voyage.

We Welcome Our New Members

These are new members since the last issue. Any changes that occurred since December 1, 2011 will not appear below. Memberships which occur after this date will be listed in the next issue.

| Full Name | Number | Home | Ancestor |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|
| Joyce Dianna Siguaw | 83265 | Lewistown, IL | William Bradford |
| Michael Claud Loebach | 83306 | Sugar Grove, IL | Richard Warren |
| Carole Jean Wing Wayland | 83305 | Monmouth, IL | Edward Fuller |
| Stephen Jeremy Austin | 83304 | Peoria, IL | William Bradford |
| Stephanie Anne Austin | 83303 | Peoria, IL | William Bradford |
| Roselyn Jane Adams Wallis | 83444 | Springfield, IL | William White |
| Leslie Louise Kroeger | 83698 | Clinton, IL | John Howland |
| Brenda Sue Kinsel | 83697 | Lewistown, IL | Mary Allerton |
| Peter Byron Smith | 83773 | Chicago, IL | John Alden |

Board of Assistants Annual Retreat

Saturday, December 3, 2011
 Monarch's Landing, Naperville, IL



Junior Associate Corner

By Mary E. Gardner, Junior Associates Membership Secretary

As a reminder, the following Junior Associates will reach their Mayflower Society Age of Majority in 2012. The Junior Associate category terminates on this birthday and these young men and women will be automatically dropped as Junior Associates from the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants. To help these Junior Associates mark this important milestone, we invite them to continue on in our prestigious society as Adult Members.

The Society waives the customary application fee for those who have been Junior Associates and choose to become Adult Members! Each Junior has one year from his/her birthday to submit a completed application for membership. All the normal requirements and procedures for membership must be fulfilled (except for the Application Fee), so start now with that paperwork! However, because Juniors had sponsors in the same line of descent, this paperwork can be simplified by using the sponsor's or another family member's paperwork. If a Junior decides to become a Regular or Life member later than one year after "aging out" of Junior membership, the regular fees, etc. will apply.

If you are a sponsor or a Junior Associate, please check below to see if your name appears. If it does, and you want to become a Regular Member or a Life Member, please contact the Membership Secretary for a preliminary Application. Don Sherman prefers contact *via* e-mail to DWSherman2@aol.com .

| <u>Membership #</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Birthdate</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1857 | Michael Richard Arda | 10/27/87 | Mary Vial Anda |
| 1605 | Drew Montague Banta | 2/28/87 | Jeanne Montague Banta |
| 1604 | Katherine Harper Besser | 1/29/87 | Patricia B. Besser |
| 1939 | Ross Timothy Christensen | 4/28/87 | Audrie E. Skinner Christensen |
| 1620 | Holly Kathleen Dolph | 3/13/87 | Myron P. Dolph |
| 1934 | McKillop Bradford Erlandson | 4/12/87 | Elizabeth Bradford Erlandson |
| 1850 | Paul Chartri Fenoglio | 11/13/87 | Barbara Park Fenoglio |
| 1831 | Alicia Dale Garrison | 3/26/87 | Duke Alan Garrison |
| 1680 | David Edward Grayson | 6/7/87 | R. R. Grayson, M.D. |
| 1645 | Anne Clarke Norton Greenwood | 4/5/87 | Beatrice V. Mac Bride |
| 1629 | Evelyn Susan Grund | 12/9/87 | Louis F. Dulany, Jr. |
| 1721 | Theodora Lynn Hanks | 11/7/87 | Darren Hanks |
| 1623 | Julia Dale Hayes | 8/31/87 | Winifred Dale Hayes |
| 1631 | Alison Elizabeth Jordan | 7/17/87 | Tracy Elizabeth Thomas Jordan |
| 2003 | Hallie Margaret Lehman | 8/28/94 | Diane M. Lehman |
| 1853 | Ryan Robert McCauley | 5/2/87 | Marilyn Carr |
| 1655 | Taylor Stephanie Reid | 8/28/87 | Harold G. Woodworth |
| 1602 | Matthew William Rice | 3/4/87 | Anna Trimble Berry |
| 1630 | Gregory Michael Schar | 12/14/87 | Kenneth V. Schar |
| 1756 | Timothy Phillip Smeenge | 11/24/87 | Jean Lively Anderson |
| 1698 | Kasi Bonnie Stange | 7/2/87 | Mrs. Charles E. Lowes, Jr. |
| 1634 | Matthew Edward Styx | 4/12/87 | Sherrie Ann Adamson Styx |
| 1618 | John Garman Van Geem | 5/8/87 | Leo H. Garman |
| 1870 | Katherine Elizabeth Vanoteghem | 3/27/87 | Ilene Ida Havens Correll |
| 1834 | Emily Grace Wetter | 10/11/87 | Elinor Clare Vance |

*FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE: The National Society Junior Chairman has a **Facebook** page for Junior Members. The name of the group is Mayflower Jr Members (2009). I encourage all Junior members to make contact with other Juniors through Facebook. When you sign into the page, let others know you are a member of the Illinois Society. We in Illinois also have a website for our Society. It can be found at: www.illinoismayflower.com and is filled with informative and interesting things.*

As always, all our Junior members are welcome to attend our two meetings a year to spark interest and participation within the Society.

Bea Fritz turns 107

Bernice Lake Barnes "Bea" Fritz is an Illinois Mayflower member with ties to our Great Prairie Colony. Bea celebrated her 107th birthday on November 3, 2011. What an milestone! We're sure she would enjoy cards and greetings from fellow Mayflower members. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: P.O. Box 2204, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-2296.

Mayflower Voyage Trivia Test

So you think you know a lot about the voyage of the Mayflower? Test your knowledge by answering these five simple questions:

1. How long did it take for the Mayflower to make its famous voyage?
2. By the time the Mayflower reached what is now known as Massachusetts, supplies were running dangerously low. The dwindling supply of what foodstuff caused the passengers the greatest concern?
3. Everyone knows that Miles Standish was the military officer hired by the Pilgrims to accompany them to the New World. Who was the captain of the ship Mayflower?
4. Before the Mayflower carried the Pilgrims to the New World the ship Mayflower transported what trade goods between England and France?
5. What was the name of the last English town from which the Mayflower ship departed before making the voyage across the Atlantic?

All of the answers can be found on page 11 of this newsletter and in Nathaniel Philbrick's book Mayflower, A Story of Courage, Community and War. The page of the Mayflower on which the correct answer can be found is noted.

Eileen Moschel

Mary Eileen Moschel died Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at the age of 79. Eileen was active in the Mayflower Descendants Society in addition to several other lineage organizations including Colonial Dames and Daughters of the American Revolution. She served as Governor of the Illinois Mayflower Descendants Society from 1986-1989. Our condolences go out to Eileen's family and friends.

Supplemental Lines

| Name | Nal # | Home Town | Ancestor |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------|----------------|
| Carol Diane Gordon Sellers | 66027 | Salem, IL | Isaac Allerton |

United States Presidents

Descendants of Mayflower Passengers

Eight presidents are known to be descended from Mayflower passengers. This information can be found at www.mayflowerhistory.com, the internet's most complete resource on the Mayflower and Pilgrims. Many of these lineages were originally published by Gary Boyd Roberts of the New England Historic and Genealogic Society.

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| President John Adams | Descended from John Alden |
| President John Quincy Adams | Descended from John Alden |
| President Zachary Taylor | Descended from William Brewster |
| President Ulysses S. Grant | Descended from Richard Warren |
| President James A Garfield | Descended from John Billington |
| President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Descended from Richard Warren, Isaac and Mary Allerton, Francis Cook and John Howland |
| President George H. W. Bush | Descended from John Howland, John and Elizabeth Tilley, Francis Cooke |
| President George W. Bush | Descended from John Howland, John and Elizabeth Tilley, Francis Cooke Through his mother, First Lady Barbara Bush, he is also descended from Henry Samson. |

Great Prairie Colony

The Great Prairie Colony held its annual picnic on June 11, 2011 in Rochester, Illinois at the historic home of Ralph and Carolyn Moore. It was an Independence Day theme and a wonderful time was had by all.



Answers to the Mayflower Trivia Quiz

1. The voyage took a total of 65 days. The ship left England on September 6, 1620 and arrived at what is now known as Massachusetts on November 9, 1620. (Page 3.)
2. Beer. Before their arrival the passengers had run out of firewood and were reaching the bottoms of their water casks. But of greatest concern was the fact that they were down to their last casks of beer. Due to the notoriously bad quality of drinking water in the seventeenth century England, beer was considered essential to a healthy diet. (Page 3.)
3. The ship's commanding officer and part-owner was Christopher Jones, an experienced sea captain in his 50's. Possibly as a result of suffering the effects of that first desperate winter in Plymouth, Jones would die shortly after his return to Europe in 1622. (Page 24.)
4. Woolens to France, wine back to England. The *Mayflower* was a typical merchant vessel of her day. Records indicate that Christopher Jones had been master of the *Mayflower* for the previous eleven years, sailing back and forth across the Channel with English woolens to France and returning to London with French wine. Wine ships such as the *Mayflower* were known as "sweet ships," since the inevitable spillage of the acidic wine helped to temper the stench of the bilge. (Page 24.)
5. Plymouth. A few passengers were taken aboard in London. The *Mayflower* then sailed to Southampton to meet up with the *Speedwell* which was the second ship which was supposed to sail to America. However, the *Speedwell* proved to be leaky and needed repairs so both vessels sailed for Dartmouth, a port seventy-five miles south of Southampton. After the repairs were made the ships departed Dartmouth but the *Speedwell* soon sprang another leak and the ships put in at Plymouth, a port about fifty miles west of Dartmouth. The group had no choice but to give up on the *Speedwell*. The *Mayflower* finally set off by itself from Plymouth on September 6, 1620, with what William Bradford called "a prosperous wind." (Page 29.)

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Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL**