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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone. I trust you are all having a great summer. As I write this, it is hard to believe school has started for some and is starting next week for the rest. Where has the summer gone? I am looking forward to the annual meeting. Unfortunately, I am unable to tell you who the speaker will be. The speaker who was scheduled, Ginny Mucciaccio, will be undergoing knee replacement surgery just prior to our meeting. So I am looking into other options.

The Scholarship Committee has been working hard and is submitting a draft of the criteria for the scholarship. Please see the draft in this newsletter. The final criteria and the application form will be on the website shortly after the meeting, based on any comments we receive. We are very excited to offer this.

On September 8th, the General Society Board of Assistants meeting will be held in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Dana Roecker and I are your representatives to that meeting. However, Dana is unable to attend and Carolyn Adams was elected as Acting AG at the June meeting. At that meeting, we will hear about the exciting developments since the Congress last September. Carolyn and I will be presenting a report of that meeting. I have attended the Congress (held every three years in Plymouth) twice and this will be my second opportunity to represent Vermont at the Board of Assistants meetings. They are very informative and I would encourage anyone who wants to learn more to plan to attend Congress in Plymouth in 2014. There are wonderful tours, the plantation is open and there will be lots to do and see.

See you in October.

- Kathleen L. Barrett, Governor

MEMBER NEWS

It's always nice to hear about our members' travels. **Amollia Grossman** joined a tour organized by the Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society. Her report is on page 6.

Member **Lois Bodoky**, a.k.a. Burlington's Church Street "Hot Dog Lady" has retired. She has moved to California to be with her daughter.

86th ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, 27 October 2012

Brandon Inn
20 Park Street
Brandon, Vermont

Directions: The Brandon Inn is located at 20 Park Street which is Route 7 that goes through the village of Brandon. There is limited on street parking in front of the Inn. There is a parking lot behind the Inn for additional parking. The entrance to the parking lot is just past the Inn if you are heading North on Route 7. If members park in the parking lot, they should enter the Inn through the RED door at the rear of the Inn

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Board of Assistants Meeting
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Social Reception
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:30 - Noon	Program
12 Noon	Luncheon

Our meal will be a plated meal consisting of Chicken Vegetable Noodle Soup and your choice of either Ham and Swiss Cheese Wrap or Chicken Salad on Wheat Bread, with beverage and cookies. A Vegetarian option is also available. Please use form on page 5 for reservations.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE MEETING

The Comfort Inn at Trolley Square, Rutland, VT (1-800-432-6788) has accommodations. When you call the Comfort Inn, mention that you are a Vermont Mayflower Society member to receive a special rate.

**MINUTES OF 86TH SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012
CAPITAL PLAZA, MONTPELIER, VERMONT**

Governor Kathy Barrett opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Michael Dwyer gave the invocation. The flag salute was led by Carolyn Adams and the Mayflower Compact was read by Menzer Doud.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by Elise Roessler, **SECOND** by Randy Roberts, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 22, 2011, meeting since they were published in *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*. **VOTING:** all in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Treasurer: Cindy Roberts reported the Society had \$3,161 in the checking account and \$18,069 in the savings account. (report filed with these minutes). The largest expenses were the Pilgrim, the Directory and General Society dues. She thanked the membership for continuing to make contributions.

Historian: Sharon Matyas said it had been a privilege and pleasure to serve as Historian for the last fifteen years. Eleven new members have been approved since October. There were currently thirteen supplements and five applications pending approval in Plymouth. Eleven members have been lost due to death (report filed with these minutes).

Juniors: Sharon Matyas reported eight new junior members. She will no longer be doing the junior contest due to lack of interest even though it had been posted on the webpage. She was working on a new idea that juniors draw a picture with the winning picture being made into a bookmark.

History Expo: Peg Sherlock reported on History Expo held in Tunbridge on June 16. She explained what happens at Expo and stated there was quite a bit of interest in the Vermont Mayflower Society from attendees.

Nominating Committee: Governor Barrett reported that the Board of Assistants had appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Randy Roberts, Jeanne Kennedy, and Elise Roessler to fill the slate for two Board of Assistants members whose term expires in 2012. The Committee asked members who were interested in one of these positions to contact them.

Scholarship Committee: Governor Barrett said that the Scholarship Committee would meet after lunch. It was hoped they would have a plan in place for voting at the October meeting so that a scholarship could be awarded next year.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governor Barrett said that it was Vermont's turn to host the New England Governors' meeting and it will be held in conjunction with our October 2012 meeting. The speaker for our October meeting will be Ginny Mucciaccio. Her topic is the relationship of the state societies with the General Society.

Governor Barrett said that our June 2013 meeting will probably be in Williamstown and perhaps involve the juniors. Our speaker for the October 2013 meeting will be the Governor General.

ROLL CALL:

John Alden 13	Issac Allerton 3	John Billington 0
William Bradford 2	William Brewster 7	Peter Brown 0
James Chilton 3	Francis Cooke 6	Edward Doty 4
Francis Eaton 3	Elizabeth Fisher 0	Moses Fletcher 0
Edward Fuller 9	Samuel Fuller 0	Stephen Hopkins 2
John Howland 13	Joan Hurst 10	Richard More 0
William Mullins 9	Mary Norris 1	Degory Priest 2
Thomas Rogers 3	Henry Samson 1	George Soule 8
Myles Standish 4	John Tilley 6	Richard Warren 13
William White 5	Edward Winslow 0	

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann M Gray, Recording Secretary



JUNIOR GREEN MOUNTAIN PILGRIMS

Last year at this time, in the three months from one meeting to the next, we had added two new members, and during the winter (if you want to call that winter) we added five. This year, ZERO! You can't tell me that all the youngsters in your families are Junior Members. I know I tried a different approach the last couple of reports, but people, I didn't mean it when I said I wouldn't remind you to make the youngsters Junior members. You can be sure I will remind you from here on. So with that said, this is the reminder, don't forget to make your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, etc, a member. For ten bucks, that is a deal. Don't wait until we have to raise the fee. Hey, maybe I should tell you we are going to raise the cost, and you will all rush to pay only the ten bucks to make the whole family junior members! All under 18, of course!!

By the way, I have received a couple of ideas about a contest for next year. I plan on something, I just don't know what yet. Check our web site and in November or so, there will be some info on the Junior web page section at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtsmd/index.html>

If you do not have e-mail, let me know and I will send the information.

So now I want to wish you all an enjoyable rest of the summer, Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year also a Happy Groundhog Day and beginning of Spring that will all take place before I make my usual "I have Cabin Fever" trip to Rutland the middle of March. I hope to see some Juniors at the meeting in Brandon on 27 October.

- Sharon A. Matyas, Junior Chair

e-mail: samatyas@aol.com

HELP HELP HELP

The Vermont Mayflower Society is requesting your help to keep our records up to date. If you know of any member who has passed away recently and is still getting mailings of *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*, we need to know. The VT Society is assessed on the number of members it has, and we are finding that we are sometimes paying for those who have passed away. If the family wishes to continue getting *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*, we can make arrangements for that to continue. Please notify our Treasurer, Cindy Roberts, 230 Blueberry Lane, Rutland, VT 05701 (e-mail: cr1223@comcast.net) so our files can be updated.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee comprised of Menzer Doud, Jeanne Kennedy, Diane Leary and myself met briefly after the meeting in Montpelier to begin the process. We have looked at the criteria and application forms from other New England States and the General Society. We have shared ideas and have come up with the following draft for review at the meeting:

Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Fund THIS IS A DRAFT ONLY

The Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants is pleased to have established a scholarship fund for its Juniors and/or regular members to assist in post secondary education. Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be a regular member for at least two years or a junior member for at least 3 years. Juniors must be sponsored by either a direct relative, such as a parent or grandparent, or an indirect relative, such as an aunt or uncle, who is a member of the Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants.
2. Applicant must complete an application form, write an essay and provide two letters of reference.
3. Applicant must submit an original essay entitled "My Pilgrim Heritage" (not more than 500 words). The essay may be published in our newsletter, *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*, and on our website www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtsmd.index.html
4. The references should include one academic and one personal, not related, reference. To make it easier for your references, you should also provide them with a stamped envelope with the address of the Scholarship committee.
5. Applicant must be accepted at or currently enrolled in a certified program beyond high school, including educational programs and/or vocational program. Proof of enrollment must be provided before the check is issued.
6. Application Deadline is April 25th each year. It would be nice, but not required, if the recipient could attend the June meeting of the Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants as a guest.

The committee would appreciate any feedback prior to and at the meeting. You may email me at klbarrett@gmavt.net and all comments will be considered by the committee. Once the draft is finalized by the committee, the criteria, application form and reference form will be published on the website. We will also be asking for volunteers to be on the Scholarship Selection Committee in the hopes that the first scholarship can be issued for the 2013-14 school year.

- Kathleen L. Barrett, Governor

GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS
April 6, 2012 - August 20, 2012

Bonnie Bartlett
 Kathy Barrett
 Menzer Doud
 Sharon Matyas

If you wish to contribute to the General Fund please send your check or money order, payable to **Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants** with the words "Contribution - General Fund" in the memo section, to Cindy Roberts, Treasurer., 230 Blueberry Lane, Rutland, VT 05701

NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS

The Governors of the New England Mayflower Societies will be gathering on Friday evening, October 26, 2012, at South Station for a cocktail hour, brief meeting and dinner. We look forward to meeting with our counterparts from the area to share ideas, problems and other issues facing all the Mayflower Societies.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT DUES

There are still several members who have not paid their 2012 dues. The first notice was last fall's *Green Mountain Pilgrim* and a reminder notice has been sent to those who did not pay at that time. In this copy of *the Green Mountain Pilgrim* to our members, we are enclosing an envelope with your mailing label attached which states your **Paid Through Date**. If it reads "Paid Through 2011" you will be dropped at the end of this year (2012) with your file noted as not in good standing. If you wish to not continue as a member, but want to remain in "good standing", it is recommended to pay the 2012 dues and send a letter of resignation. Your file will then be marked as resigned in good standing. If you are considering not renewing your membership for 2013, we would appreciate knowing before 12/31/12. Remember, the Society is charged by the General Society for the number of members on that date.

The dues are still **\$32** for one year or **\$145** for five (5) years. With the receipt of this *Green Mountain Pilgrim*, you have your first notice that 2013 dues are due. Please use the enclosed envelope to submit your check or money order made payable to: **Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants**.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT
August 2012

WELCOME to these new members of our Society! Six new people joined our Vermont Mayflower Society since the *May Green Mountain Pilgrim*.

- Sharon A. Matyas, Historian

George B. Gover

VT # 1703 GEN 84,529
 Otto, NC
 11 - William Brewster

Stacy B. Manosh

VT # 1704 GEN 84,530
 Johnson, VT
 12 - Stephen Hopkins

Alan W. Cheever

VT # 1705 GEN 84,664
 Marshfield, VT
 12 - William Bradford

Richard Kaufman

VT # 1706 GEN 84,665
 Mendon, VT
 11 — William White

Peter Haskell

VT # 1707 GEN 84,705
 Burlington, VT
 12 - William Bradford

Susan A. Kral

VT # 1708 GEN 84,815
 Camillus, NY
 13 - William White

Supplementals

Betsy Isham

11 - Mrs. Edward Fuller

William Fuller

12 - John Alden

Donna Reay

11 - Isaac Allerton

STEPHEN HOPKINS' FOOTPRINTS IN BERMUDA

by Amollia Hooks Grossman

Friday, June 8, 2012, I sailed out of the Boston Harbor on the *Norwegian Dawn* with 26 of my “Hopkins” cousins along with 27 family and friends. We came from across the US—most of us were retired—but enjoyed various careers in our earlier life. We were joined by Caleb Johnson and his family. The purpose of this trip was to visit the place where the *Sea Venture* and its passengers were shipwrecked in 1609.

This adventure was organized by Rick Denham, Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society Deputy Governor and Governor of the West Texas Colony of Mayflower Descendants. His other passion besides Mayflower activities is being a cruise consultant for the Norwegian Cruise Line—so this was his dream trip.

After we met the registration deadline Rick got us involved communicating with each other over the internet. One member asked us for a short description of ourselves, picture and e-mail address. He organized the info and sent it back to us in a packet by e-mail. Another member asked us to send our Hopkins lineage. She put together a lineage map so we could see if our ancestors had interacted with each other at some earlier time. During our trip one member sang a song about Stephen Hopkins that she had written and another cousin sang a song from Shakespeare’s play —“The Tempest”—what talent. Another member showed us a video of her discussing the *Sea Venture* experience with “Stephen Hopkins” at the Plymouth Plantation.

We arrived on Sunday afternoon and left Tuesday afternoon. Those afternoons were free to investigate Bermuda. Rick had arranged an all day field trip for Monday. What a day—beautiful weather. We traveled to St. George via a ferry and were met by a direct descendant of one of the two men who stayed on the island when the *Sea Venture* passengers left to go to Jamestown, VA, in May 1610.

The highlights of this trip for me were standing on St. Catherine’s Beach where the *Sea Venture* passengers landed and listening to Dr. George Cook, retired President of Bermuda College and an historian, give a detailed talk on the life of the passengers while living in Bermuda.

Since our visit a plaque has been installed on the upper area of St. Catherine Fort that over looks St. Catherine’s Beach.

Rick has already started to organize the 2013 trip!

WHY NOT TAKE THE TIME RIGHT NOW

TO SEND YOUR DUES FOR 2013

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE BRANDON INN