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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to say that it is an honor to serve as your Governor. While I got off to a slow start, due to health issues for my Dad, I am looking forward to a great three years.

The June meeting will be at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier on June 23rd. Later that day, Vermont will host the New England Governors at the Capitol Plaza. While at Plymouth, we met as a group and shared ideas. There are a lot of exciting things happening in New England and with the sharing of ideas and issues, we can become even stronger.

At the October meeting, I issued three challenges; 1) read and learn about our Mayflower ancestors and spread the word; 2) tell your story so your heritage is not forgotten by the next generation and 3) begin the process for a scholarship program. To promote the first challenge, I would encourage anyone to submit a brief review of any books they have read. There are many out there and it is difficult to know which ones are good.

A Scholarship Committee has been formed. I have e-mailed some information to those who have expressed an interest in serving on that committee. If anyone else is interested, please e-mail me (klbarrett@gmavt.net) and I will send you the information. I would like to have a brief meeting after lunch on June 23rd to get the process started. We have commitments for \$3,000 to begin the program and would like to be able to offer scholarships to students for the 2013-14 school year.

We will have a presence at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge the weekend of June 16 and 17. Thanks to Peg Sherlock for continuing to head this up.

As I sit and reflect over this past winter, which was unusually warm and lacked snow, I wonder if the brave souls of the Mayflower would have had a better survival rate that first winter. I hope everyone has had a good winter. I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting.

-Kathleen L. Barrett, Governor

86th SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, 23 June 2012

Capitol Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
100 State Street, Montpelier, VT

Directions: I-89 exit 8, take Memorial Drive to Route 2, left on Bailey Avenue then a right on State Street. Parking is behind the hotel (free). There is also a paid parking lot, and limited parking on the street. People not able to walk long distances should be dropped off at the front of the hotel which is on State Street. The meeting room is just past the front desk on the left (Montpelier Room).

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 To Include Mystery Speaker
12:00 Noon	Luncheon.
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Scholarship Committee Meeting

Our meal will be a buffet consisting of Vermont Maple Baked Ham with Pineapple Chutney, Grilled Chicken with Apple Cider Sauce, Oven Roasted New Potato, Smashed Potatoes, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Homemade Rolls and Apple Crisp, coffee and/or tea. Please use form on page 5 for meeting and luncheon or just the meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE MEETING

Listed below are several hotels in the area. All have phone numbers listed on their web sites. We are not endorsing any.

Comfort Inn & Suites at Maplewood, Montpelier, VT
Days Inn, Barre, VT
Best Western, Waterbury, VT
Capitol Plaza, Montpelier, VT

Also there are a multitude of hotels in the Burlington, VT area as well as the Comfort Inn in Rutland where Sharon Matyas will be from June 20 - 25.

**MINUTES OF 85TH ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011
WINDJAMMER INN, SOUTH BURLINGTON, VERMONT**

Governor Charles Walter opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the meeting and recognizing the past governors of the Vermont Society in attendance at this meeting. Rev. Donald Pepper gave the invocation and read the names of our recently deceased members. The flag salute was led by Randy Roberts and the Mayflower Compact was read by Dana Roecker.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by Elise Roessler, **SECOND** by Randy Roberts, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 25, 2011, meeting since they were published in the September 2011 *Green Mountain Pilgrim*. **VOTING:** all in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Governor: Charles Walter noted he had enjoyed serving as governor for the last three years and had appreciated everyone's help. He thanked the members for their team efforts.

Deputy Governor: Kathy Barrett said it had been an honor to attend the General Congress in Plymouth in September as a Vermont Society Delegate. Kathy noted that 50 out of 52 state societies were represented which was more than usual. The General Society is working on the sixth generation books. The number of new applications had decreased. There had been an unprecedented number of amendments to the by-laws presented by the state societies (complete written report of the General Congress filed with these minutes)

Treasurer: Randy Roberts reported the Society had ended the year with \$15,263.04 in the checking account. (complete report filed with these minutes). Member donations had come close to the budgeted amount and he thanked the members for their contributions.

Auditor: Kathy Barrett stated she had reviewed the treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

Budget: Randy Roberts presented the 2012 proposed budget (complete report filed with these minutes). The amount budgeted for revenues had stayed the same as last year. The amount for postage and printing was increased due to the cost of printing and mailing the directory.

MOTION by Donald Pepper, **SECOND** by Peg Sherlock, to accept the 2012 budget as presented. **VOTING:** all in favor, motion carried.

Historian: Sharon Matyas reported four new members and four supplements approved since June. This was a decrease from the normal number of applications but most of state societies had seen a drop in applications.

Juniors: Sharon Matyas said there were four new junior members since June. She thanked everyone for their donations and asked the members to start thinking about a scholarship fund. Sharon said she had been asked to be the General Society Junior Chairperson and she had accepted. This commitment would not conflict with her Vermont Society duties.

Nominating Committee:

MOTION by Michael Dwyer, **SECOND** by Dorothy Smith that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers as presented in *The Green Mountain Pilgrim*. (Listing of Officers on page 6.)

VOTING: all in favor, motion carried.

Governor Walter turned the meeting over to Kathy Barrett who presented Charles with a past governor's medal and thanked him for being a role model for her. Governor Barrett offered two challenges to the membership: 1) a challenge to learn about their heritage and to tell others 2) a challenge to start a scholarship fund – currently there is \$2,000 in a fund for a scholarship. A committee will need to establish the ground rules for the scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS: The newly elected officers were installed.

ROLL CALL:

John Alden 12	Issac Allerton 1	John Billington 0
William Bradford 2	William Brewster 8	Peter Brown 0
James Chilton 3	Francis Cooke 5	Edward Doty 5
Francis Eaton 2	Elizabeth Fisher 0	Moses Fletcher 0
Edward Fuller 8	Samuel Fuller 2	Stephen Hopkins 6
John Howland 14	Joan Hurst 7	Richard More 0
William Mullins 8	Mary Norris 1	Degree Priest 1
Thomas Rogers 4	Henry Samson 2	George Soule 4
Myles Standish 4	John Tilley 9	Richard Warren 14
William White 3	Edward Winslow 0	

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
-Ann M Gray, Recording Secretary

GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

August 15, 2011 - April 5, 2012

Ann Bielawski in memory of former Governor Marrison Waite
Barbara Liebig in memory of Jean F. Churchill Getty
Kathleen Bomgren in memory of Anita Fralick Dorn
Brian Parsons in memory of Gerald Parsons, uncle
Charlotte Adams
Carol Doucette
Charlotte Edson
Carol Marchegiani
Dana and Frances Roecker
Dorothy Smith in memory of family members
Eleanor Miller
Ed St. Clair
William Fitts
Gordon Maycumber
Geraldine Horohoe in memory of Helen Turner Copeland, aunt
Joanne Baker
Jean Beatty in memory of Fred and Dan Harvie
John Bigelow, Jr.
Joyce Cook in memory of Frances Fleury
Jeanne Kennedy in memory of Madeline Wilkinson
Kathy Barrett
Kathleen Van Wie
Barbara Little in memory of her mother, Anne Case Evans
Marion Chester
Mary Cole
Menzer Doud
Marilyn King in memory of Lina Battles Daniels Mikolajczyk
Maurice Brewster in memory of Miss Madeline Buttles and M/M
M.A. Brewster Sr.
Nelson Claflin
Nancy West in memory of her Snow ancestors
Paul Parsons in memory of Gerald Parsons and his wife Joy Parsons
Ruth Cozzons
Robert Hillick
Sharon Lasker
Sharon Matyas
Sylvia Stafford in memory of Janice Galutz
Virginia Howard in memory of Dorothy Kimball Lantz

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 our treasurer, Cindy Roberts, (Address on page 6).

A FEW WORDS ABOUT DUES

There are still 54 Annual members who have not paid their 2012 dues. The dues are **\$32** for one year or **\$145** for five (5) years. Dues were due by December 31, 2011 for the year 2012. Please make check or money order made to: **Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants** and mail to Cindy Roberts, Treasurer. (Address on page 6).

MEMBERSHIP BOOKLETS

A new Membership Booklet was printed in April 2012. Copies will be available at the June meeting. If you will not be at the meeting and would like a copy, please write to Betsy Isham, Editor (Address is on the masthead on page 1.) A contribution of \$2.00 to cover the cost of mailing is suggested.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

April 2012

WELCOME to the new members of our Society. We have had thirteen new people join our Vermont Mayflower Society since the September *Green Mountain Pilgrim*.

- Sharon A. Matyas, Historian

Susan B. Cano
VT # 1690 GEN 83,545
Lake Elmore, VT
13 - William Brewster

Robert Hendrickson
VT # 1691 GEN 83,618
Seattle, WA
11 - John Billington

Donna C. Reay
VT # 1692 GEN 83,693
Cuttingsville, VT
12 - John Alden

John W. Beatty III
VT # 1693 GEN 83,727
S. Burlington, VT
13 - James Chilton

Diane G. Burgess
VT # 1695 GEN 83,838
Hinesburg, VT
10 - George Soule

Kathleen C. Ouimet
VT # 1696 GEN 83,936
Orwell, VT
12 - Edward Fuller

Daniel J. Clerkin
VT # 1697 GEN 83,937
Buffalo, NY
12 - William Brewster

David W. Lewis
VT # 1698 GEN 84,087
Rutland, VT
12 - William White

Clarence R. (Chuck) Willard
VT # 1699 GEN 84,100
Montague, CA
11 - Henry Samson

Betsy B. Silcox
VT # 1700 GEN 84,098
Shelburne, VT
10 - John Howland

R. Warren Marsh
VT # 1701 GEN 84,345
Jericho, VT
11 - Richard Warren

Sandra V. Pautz
VT # 1702 GEN 84,346
Elmira, NY
11 - William Bradford

Dual with Massachusetts

Scott Andrew Bartley
VT # 1694 GEN 74,814
West Roxbury, MA
13 - William Bradford

Supplementals

Linda Clarke
11 - Francis Eaton

Donna C. Reay
12 - Thomas Rogers
11 - John Howland

Scott A. Bartley
13 - Stephen Hopkins

Janet H. Kral
12 - William White

Eleanor H. Billings
11 - Richard Warren

William C. Fitts
12 - Issac Allerton
12 - Richard Warren

Randy Roberts
12 - Richard Warren
12 - John Alden
13 - William Mullins

Amollia Grossman
11 - John Howland

Sixteen members were dropped for non-payment of dues, eight members resigned in good standing

2012 FALL MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

The 86th Annual Meeting of the Vermont Mayflower Society will be on October 27, 2012, the location to be announced at the June 2012 meeting.

JUNIOR GREEN MOUNTAIN PILGRIMS

Welcome to our five new Junior Green Mountain Pilgrims

<u>Jr. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
326	Caiden Whitcomb	John Howland	Kathleen Barrett	Aunt
327	Lauren Trombley	Richard Warren	Norine Williams	Grandmother
328	Taryn Trombley	Richard Warren	Norine Williams	Grandmother
329	Hannah Book	John Howland	Christopher Book	Father
330	Josephine Crisp	James Chilton	Michelle Crisp	Mother

We have added five new members since last October, not bad, but could be better, right? We did lose eight last year so we are pretty much even so far, but this year we are losing about ten. So, people, let's get busy and sign up your junior - more on that later.

As usual I would like to thank all who contribute to this program. It is with your help that this program has and will continue to be a success. Thanks again.

We put the contest on line this year thinking it would be more accessible and more of our juniors would enter and it just didn't work. We even had a couple of new drawings for both of the younger classes. These drawings were of the Jenny Grist Mill in Plymouth and done for us by Janet Kral's daughter (thank you!). Anyway, the entries this year were the lowest ever, so unless someone can come up with some solution as to how to interest our Juniors, this year was it for the contest. Please give me some ideas!!!

My congratulations to the winners this year and thanks to my family for being the judges again this year

Contest Winners

<u>Age 3 - 7</u>	<u>Age 8 - 12</u>	<u>Age 13 - 18</u>
Caraline Kennedy	Katherine Grimm	Michael Peterson
Ava Crisp	Lauren Bean	Rebekah Peterson
Josie Crisp	Hannah Cooney	Sean Rielly
Callie Kennedy	Natalie Hammond (tie)	
	Glenn Rielly (tie)	

Ok, now here we go again, the usual reminder, that is all I am saying. You all know what it is so I am not going to go into it as I usually do. I will not remind you what your Junior will get for ten bucks. I will not remind you that you are not sharing your heritage with them. I will not remind you that it is their heritage too. You won't share for ten bucks? Really, guess I will have to wait to see if this approach work.

Now, to you all, have an enjoyable Springtime, and, think of me driving around on my annual pilgrimage through the state during mud season. Take care, and hope to see all in Montpelier this June 23. So until then, I am

-Sharon A. Matyas, Junior Chair (Contact information on page 6)

WORDS FROM OUR FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN

I thank you for all your voluntary donations during the last few years. The Financial Chairman is always asking for donations to support the activities of our Vermont Society, and here I am again.

The future of our organization is our junior members, so ably managed by Sharon Matyas. We need to support Sharon and her work with this group. If you have a junior member, encourage them to participate in Sharon's contests which she offers to keep up their interests. Some junior members are signed up at birth so for \$10 they are members for 18 years. That is \$.55 a year or a little more than one postage stamp for a birthday card which she sends each year.

It would be a good investment for our Society to support the junior membership program with ideas for activities and contests as well as an occasional small donation to support the work that is done to whet their interest to become full members at age 18. As previously suggested, a section of one meeting every other year could be devoted to our junior members by a speaker or special presentation especially for them and a special menu just for the kids.

Donations could go a long way in establishing an active program for these young members who hold the future of our Society in their hands. If you wish to contribute to the Junior Program, make check or money order payable to **Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants** with the words "Junior Program" in the memo section, and mail to our Treasurer, Cindy Roberts. (See address on page 6)

Thank you for considering these ideas.

- Menzer Doud, Financial Chairman

MEMBER NEWS

Past Governor **Michael F. Dwyer** has published an article in *The Maine Genealogist* of August 2011, "Another Mrs. Silas Hall: Lucy (Randall) (Miller) (Marshall) Hall and Her Family".

At the 39th General Society Congress in September 2011 **Frances Ridgway Roecker** completed nine years as GSMD Membership Chair. She served under three administrations, those of Governor General Bob Davis, Governor General Ed Sullivan, and Governor General Judy Swan.

Dana and **Frances Roecker**, and **Kathy Barrett** were on the Congress Committee assisting Congress Chair Priscilla Usher and G. Steven Brown with various duties.

Historian and Junior Chair **Sharon Matyas** has been appointed chair of the General Society's Junior Program by Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle.

Also during Congress the Council of Governors of New England Societies of Mayflower Descendants had a meeting and our Governor **Kathy Barrett** was installed as President.

On Thanksgiving Day *the Rutland Herald* ran an article which featured several Vermont Society members. Past Governor **Michael Dwyer**, his mother **Marilyn Morse Dwyer**, Deputy Governor **Randy Roberts**, Treasurer **Cindy Roberts**, and member **Ruth Ann Barker** were interviewed about their Pilgrim ancestors and how this heritage affects their Thanksgiving celebrations.

HELP NEEDED

There are two areas where you can help your Mayflower Society, Address Changes and Member Deaths..

If you have had or anticipate an address change, please share this information so that our records are updated and we do not have to pay twice to mail *the Green Mountain Pilgrim* to you. We want to ensure we keep in contact with you.

If you know of a member who has passed away recently please let us know. Don't assume that someone else has. The Vermont Society is assessed by the General Society on the number of members we have, and we are finding that we are sometimes paying for those who have passed away. If the family wishes to continue receiving *the Green Mountain Pilgrim* we can make arrangements for that to continue.

Please notify either Historian Sharon Matyas, SAMatyas@aol.com. or Treasurer Cindy Roberts, cr1223@comcast.net. They will update our files and also notify the General Society to update theirs.

HISTORIAN'S UPDATE

Well, here it is springtime and it is only the first part of April. What a mild winter we had this year, that is, if you want to call it winter! A year ago, I had a herd of deer trying to eat from my bird feeders as the snow was so deep they couldn't get to food on the ground and this winter I never saw a deer, but I saw a lot of bare ground! This is one of the first winters I can remember where we seemed to get snow once a week and shortly after, a thaw. I swear we had a "January Thaw" at least once a week since November! I wonder what our Pilgrim ancestors would have thought of this year's winter.

Last year was one of the worst years overall for membership that we have had since I have been your Historian and my first year was 1997. We had a few new members, quite a few supplements were filed, but we also had many more deaths, resignations (eight) and sixteen members dropped for non-payment of dues. Let's hope this year is better. We now have three applications in Plymouth as well as a couple of supplements. As usual, there are a few applications in various stages of completion.

As of now, first part of April, I along with Vermont member Janet Kral, am getting ready to leave for my annual pilgrimage through the state and look forward to seeing old friends as well as meeting and making new friends. By the time you read this, I will have returned, and getting ready to go to Plymouth, so I thank you all for coming to the open houses; was great to meet our old as well as new members and applicants; and as always, great to see everyone and thank you all for your courtesies.

- Sharon A. Matyas, Historian (Contact information on page 6)

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences to the families of our departed members; may they walk hand in hand with their Mayflower Ancestors.

Gloria Vargas VT L672	+21 May 2001 Age 71	Member 25 yrs. GEN 38,366
Edna Granger VT L1142	+3 July 2003 Age 79	Member 10 yrs. GEN 59,104
Elizabeth Lincoln VT L1120	+26 November 2006 Age 75	Member 15 yrs. GEN 57,657
Judith Patten VT 1637	+ 26 October 2011 Age 77	Member 2 yrs. GEN 81,126
Richard Connor VT 1349	+9 November 2011 Age 77	Member 2 yrs. GEN 71,856
Priscilla Alden Marsh VT L1002	+25 January 2012 Age 90	Member 34 yrs. GEN 52,711
Robert H. Vannier VT L742	+17 February 2012 Age 92	Member 45 yrs. GEN 41,257
Shirley Martin VT 806	+23 February 2012 Age 84	Member 33 yrs. GEN 42,881
Eila Schiffer VT 1344	+27 February 2012 Age 84	Member 11 yrs. GEN 68,830
Elizabeth Sincerbeaux VT L924	+ 3 March 2012 Age 99	Member 28 yrs. GEN 47,778
Arnold Howe VT L1267	+19 April 2012 Age 82	Member 13 yrs. GEN 65,777

Husband of the former Historian General Betty Bradway
Philip Bradway +25 February 2012 Age 75

Husband of member Margaret Peg Shaw VT 1615
Kenneth Shaw +19 February 2012 Age 86

Father of member Donna Reay VT 1692
Arnold Clark +28 March 2012 Age 87

Reservation Form for June 23, 2012 Luncheon and Meeting

Our meal will be a buffet with baked ham, grill chicken, potatos, tossed salad, fresh seasonal vegetable, and dessert. Coffee and pastries will be available prior to the meeting. The cost for the buffet and meeting is \$31.00 and the cost for the meeting only is \$5.

Member Name _____ \$31.00 _____

Guest(s) Name _____ \$31.00 _____

Member Meeting Only _____ \$ 5.00 _____

Guest(s) Name Meeting Only _____ \$ 5.00 _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ reservations.

Contact Person: Name, Phone Number, or E-mail

Please make check payable to **VT Society of Mayflower Descendants** and send by **Saturday, June 9, 2012** to: Cindy Roberts, Treasurer, 230 Blueberry Lane, Rutland, VT 05701-9446