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Special Event - September 14-16, 2007!

Florida Mayflower members are in for a special treat. For the first time since 1989 when our own Cay Lanham was governor general, we are hosting the Board of Assistants meeting because our Life Member Edward Delano Sullivan is the present Governor General.

Between September 14 and 16, the General Society's Board of Assistants will be meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Orlando near the airport. (Parking is free.) The Board consists of elected general society officers and appointed committee chairpersons plus the two elected representatives from the 52 State Societies (including D. C. and Canada). Florida's representatives are Deputy Governor General Bonny Stover and Assistant General George Allerton.

Details of this event and specific registration instructions appear in the March issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly*. Or, perhaps you would prefer just to see the General Society in action? The business meeting is all day Saturday. If seating is

available, you could just drop in and witness the reports and business transactions. Only Bonny and George are allowed to speak and to vote, but you would certainly find the proceedings interesting.

Or perhaps you wish to register and join the welcome gathering on Friday night? Meet the wonderful Mayflower people who have come to visit us in Florida. Or perhaps you would enjoy the special banquet on Saturday night? The entertainment is truly outstanding. Your participations show that Florida really cares.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist in many capacities: registration, lunch and banquet settings, tour directors, local assistance, etc. Your help is needed!! Contact Bonny Stover with your questions at mhstove@aol.com.

Margaret (Bonny) Stover, Deputy Governor General
Frances Lopus, State Governor, Co-Chairpersons

69th Annual State Meeting

<http://www.geocities.com/flmayflower/>

The 69th annual state meeting of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants was held Friday and Saturday November 17 and 18, 2006 at the Laurel Manor Recreational Center, The Villages, Florida. The meeting was hosted by the James Chilton Colony, Jean E. Albrecht, Colony Governor. We were greeted by Christine Heaton, Bobbie Ackerman, Sue Hennings and Nancy Sherman, who distributed welcome envelopes.

On Friday afternoon a special meeting was called to discuss plans and designate committees for the September 2007 General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Board of Assistants meeting to be hosted by the Florida Society. Deputy

Governor General "Bonny" Stover explained what measures have already been accomplished and some of the future plans that are being considered. Some tasks were assigned to committee members while ideas and suggestions were discussed for future consideration.

The Isaac Allerton Colony was given the publicity award of the year and it was accepted by Fred Kraiss, Allerton Colony Governor.

Following this meeting, two workshops were held for Junior Membership and Education Membership committees presented by DGG, GSMD JR. Chair "Bonny" Stover and GSMD Education Chair Arthur Chapman.

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69th Annual State Meeting (cont.)

On Friday evening, members and guests visited with new and old friends at a delicious sit down banquet. Each place setting was complimented by a bookmark with the Mayflower flag pledge, courtesy of the Chilton Colony.

State Governor Frances Lopus extended all our thanks to the James Chilton Colony for their hospitality and introduced the GSMD and State officers. A "Thinking of You" card was passed among the tables for signatures to be sent to GSMD Publicity Chair Dorothy Hornus in recognition of her many years of service to the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants. State Governor Frances Lopus announced that a "Penny Bear" would also be sent to Dorothy. A certificate of special recognition was presented to "Bonny" Stover and Arthur Chapman for their afternoon workshops.

Former Allerton Colony Governor Edward Buckley won the Pilgrim teddy bear and Betty Sullivan won the Pilgrim figurines which were auctioned off by the Chilton and Mullins Colony.

Following the banquet our guest speaker was Dr. Dallace Meehan who presented an animated program "Before Plymouth: The Discovery and Early Settlement of Florida."

69th ANNUAL STATE MEETING

State Governor Frances Lopus called the Board of Assistants meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Education Chair Daniel Dragonetti proposed a charity ball. After discussion, it was amended and voted that individual colonies could hold a Mayflower Ball with the proceeds to be used for the scholarship program. Each colony reported membership "drops" for non-payment of dues.

The general meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Governor Frances Lopus with approx. 40 officers and members present. After opening exercises and announcements a Memorial Service for deceased members was conducted by State Elder Kenneth Carter assisted by Chilton Colony Governor Jean Albrecht and Tilley Colony Elder Harold Crapo. A white carnation was placed in a vase while Colony members stood in respect as the names of their deceased members and ancestors were read.

State Secretary Sheila See performed the roll call with 14 of the colonies represented. Sheila reported on the special spring meeting of the FSMD, which

was held on Sunday, 30 April 2006, at the Clock Family Restaurant in Clewiston, Florida.

Ren Cushing announced our total membership 1,175 as of November 2006 and State Historian Muriel Curtis Cushing reported that we have 103 new members with 23 applications and supplementals waiting to be reviewed in Plymouth.

State Treasurer Susan Shannon proposed that new members elected to the State Society after the end of July of each year be exempt from paying \$10 colony dues and \$9.00 State dues. This would be contingent upon colony ability to waive the fee.

New members would then only be billed the \$11.00 fee required by the General Society. The motion was proposed, seconded and passed by a majority vote.

A motion was made and voted that the Florida Society donate \$1,000 in honor of our Gov. General Edward Delano Sullivan to assist in the renovation of the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth.

State Deputy Governor Robert Burt reported on the scholarship fund and recognized donations made from the colonies. Robert thanked State Webmaster Ren Cushing for placing a copy of the scholarship application on the website and thanked the members of the scholarship committee extending an invitation for them to serve again in 2007. It was requested that when making a donation to the scholarship fund that the money be sent to Susan along with a note addressed to Robert, so that he can send a thank you note to the donor.

Elder Kenneth Carter reported 24 deaths and displayed the certificate each family member will receive. Ken also reported his intention of making a book of memories which will include all the names of deceased members and pertinent information.

GG Edward Delano Sullivan reported on some of his activities and findings of the General Society since taking office in September 2005. He applauded the work of Secretary General Faith Edwards and Secretary Treasurer Judith Swan and related some of his planned projects for the next few years. He told of his extending an offer to Plymouth Plantation to use the Mayflower Rose Garden, House and Administration Building during the 2007 "Mayflower II" 50th Anniversary celebration.

State Captain Reynolds Cushing again stated he needs to be notified on changes from all of the

State Meeting (cont.)

colonies. He also encouraged colonies to keep up their colony webpages.

GSMD Jr. Chair "Bonny" Stover explained about the three categories similar to that of the General Membership Committee that was featured in the June MQ. The top three in each category will be recognized at the Board of Assistants Meeting in Florida in September, 2007.

State Governor Fran Lopus gave some of the particulars that have already been decided upon for the 2007 GSMD BOA meeting and explained that all Mayflower members are welcome to attend. It was noted that this may be a good chance for members to see how the general society operates. The date will be 14-16 September 2007 (Fri. - Sun.) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida. More information will be on the website at a later date.

Reports of each Colony were presented by each Colony. Interesting, creative and unique colony reports provided stimulating ideas to the group.

William Bradford Colony Governor Laura Brock reported on plans in progress for the Florida Society 2007 Annual Meeting at St. Petersburg and distributed pamphlets for Colony Governors to take back for their colony members. The date will be November 16-17, 2007 details to be announced.

The meeting adjourned after the reading of the Compact by Tilley Colony Governor and State Captain Ren Cushing and the benediction by State Elder Kenneth Carter.

Overseas Pilgrim Websites

The Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association:
www.pilgrimfathersorigins.org/Pilgrim_Fathers_Origins_Tour.html This is an excellent website for anyone interested in the origins, heritage and trail that our Pilgrim ancestors took.

The Leiden American Pilgrim Museum:
www.pilgrimhall.org/LeidenMuseum.htm
This site tells the story of our Pilgrim Fathers during their stay in Holland from 1609 to 1620.

Bassetlaw Museum:
www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk/

Gainsborough Old Hall - Medieval Manor House
www.gainsborougholdhall.co.uk/

Welcome New Members

The Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants welcomes our new members for the period of June 2006 through January 2007.

Alden Colony

Kenneth Haberland
Berthanna Johnson
Brian Johnson
Philip Johnson
Anne Musial

Allerton Colony

Marilyn Boudreaux
Dana Greene
Richard Hopkins

Bradford Colony

Alyce Dziedzic
Susan Day
Susan Fotopoulous
Lauren Hammett
Robert Hughes
Richard Hurley
Rachel Kuck
Christin Kuck
Joanne Mangeot
Mary McLachlan
Janet Parker
Lee Peterson
Kay Peterson
Dorothy Stowe

Chilton Colony

Henry Baer
Erin Carter
Meaghan Carter
Thomas Hodges
Florence Porter

Cooke Colony

John Baker
Jean Hathaway
Julia Simison
Patrick Thomas

Cooke Colony (cont.)

Patrick Thomas, Jr.
Tracy Thomas

Fuller Colony

Robert Japinga
Bonnie Knox

Hopkins Colony

Angela Lewis
David West

Howland Colony

Rex McCarty
Karen McMillan
Mitchell McMillan

Mullins Colony

Emylen Collins

Standish Colony

Clyde Blanchard
Christine Daneau
Daniel Daneau
Karen Carlson
Harold LaBelle
Jean Hutt

Tilley Colony

LaDonna Blevins
Barbara Flint
Isabelle Fraser
Christine McCartney
Robert Tayler
Eric Tiainen

Warren Colony

Denise Anderson
Thomas Knowles
Joan Scales

Winslow Colony

Baldwin Bunkley
Margaret Martin - 3/06

Transfers into Florida Society

Alden Colony

Peggy Jacobs - from OH

Cooke Colony

Donna Ihns - from AZ
William Stemper - dual membership with NY

Howland Colony

Kathleen Thieme - from CT

Tilley Colony

John Mange - from PA

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, April 28, 2007

Florida Society Board of Assistants

9:30 AM - 2 PM at the Imperial Swan Hotel, Lakeland, FL

September 14-16, 2007

General Society Board of Assistants

at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL

November 16-17, 2007

Florida Society Annual Meeting

St. Petersburg, FL (Details to be announced.)



Change of Address?

*Don't forget to notify "your" Colony if your address or telephone number changes.
Colony Governors please send Ren Cushing your updated Colony membership lists.
Thank you for your help.*

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