

Don't Forget to Make Your Reservations!

September 14-16, 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 are in the March issue of MQ. ***Deadline to register is August 15th! See the enclosed pre-registration form.***

The William Bradford Colony is rolling out the pink carpet!! We are eagerly awaiting your visit to St. Petersburg in November for the **Annual Meeting of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants** to be held on **November 15-16-17, 2007** at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton Hotel, 333 1st Street South, St. Petersburg, FL. The Hilton has arranged an online reservation link for us at: www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/sptshhf_fsm/index.jhtm. There is an ***October 17th deadline*** to secure your room at the \$109.00 rate.

Come a day early and go with us to the Dali Museum (\$5) and have dinner at the newly built restaurant at the Albert Whitted Airport. Friday at 10:00 AM we will gather in the lobby to hop the looper (25 cents, 10 cents for 65 +), or visit the pier and lunch on the roof at CHA CHA Coconuts right outside your hotel room, or take a cruise on the John Alden Schooner, Ellida (\$30) then hop on the looper and go back to the Hilton for official registration and to pick up your packet and ticket to the cocktail party and dinner we have planned for you!! Our very special speaker will be George Morgan of Ancestry.com plus many other notable venues. Weekend meetings will include a Saturday 8:15-9:00 AM Board of Assistants Meeting and a 9:00-12:00 noon 70th Annual General Membership Meeting followed by a 12:30 PM lunch at Frescoes on the water (2nd Ave and Bayshore). Plan on an absolutely wonderful pre-Thanksgiving celebration!!!

Barbara Washburn, Chairperson
Laura Brock Colony Governor.

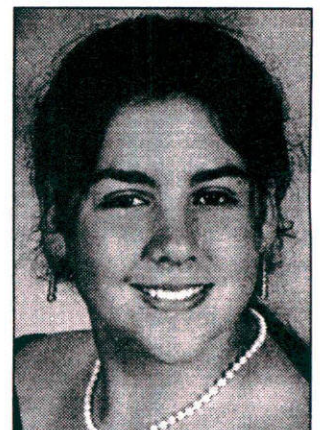
2007 FSMD Scholarship Winner

By Robert Burt, Deputy Governor

This year's Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship winner is **Addie Jo Schonewolf**, a 2007 graduating senior of South Caldwell High School in Hudson, North Carolina. FSMD Scholarship Chairman and Deputy Governor Robert E. Burt made the \$1,000.00 scholarship award announcement at the Annual Spring Board of Assistants Meeting.

Addie is the daughter of Richard and Cynthia Schonewolf, and granddaughter of Beverly Schonewolf the Historian of the James Chilton Colony. She had perfect attendance all through high school, was on the "A" Honor Roll, receiving recognition for academic

excellence. She is a National Merit semi-finalist and one of the school's nominees for the prestigious Morehead Scholarship. Addie is ranked as 11 of 364 and has a 4.0 GPA. Her United Methodist Church Director of Music and High School Counselor have sited many accolades. She has been accepted at The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and will study astrophysics. Her essay is on page 2.



Addie Jo Schonewolf

“My Ancestors Were Rule Breakers”

By Addie Jo Schonewolf, 2007 Scholarship Winner

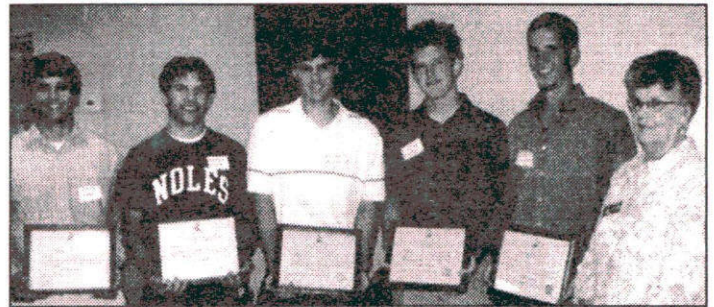
I sat in the back of my Advanced Placement United States History class. I sat there not because I was unintelligent, bored beyond all comprehension or extremely lazy. I sat there because I loved the look on my teacher's face when I raised my hand with the answer and stunning additional information, unknown to my classmates and teacher. It was, in my own small way, rebellious and unexpected (though the surprise only lasted a few days into the semester), I felt like I was changing the stereotype of lazy back row inhabitants and main life better for my fellow back-rowers everywhere. The Pilgrims, I think, must have felt in a similar way about a much more significant and justifiable cause.

The Pilgrims, those who escaped from religious persecution in England to America, did the rebellious thing to fix life for 17th century “back-rowers”. The scale of their rebellion is something that is still felt today. They went out and did something to change their station, an action which was not expected from lower class English citizens. In so doing, they changed the stereotype of peasant ignorance and unintelligence. As reformers of the Anglican church, they changed the view of monarchical absolute control over the church. As authors of the first attempt at self-government, the Mayflower Compact, they changed the Old World way of government, opening up the door for the democracy America fights for today. These people, who left hearth and home for the hope of a start of a new life, set up a colony at Plymouth that still inspires students of history today with their dedication and ability to remain strong through trials and tribulations.

The amazing thing is that I can say that my ancestors were part of such important changes. It is something to be proud of, a heritage that is powerful. The accomplishments of the passengers of the Mayflower are a palpable part of the society in which I live. When I turn on the news and watch the government work, I see the results of the Pilgrims' labor. When I walk into my church on Sunday, Monday or Wednesday, my eyes are confronted with a very concrete example of their influence. Of course, the most apparent example of their effect on my world was the week spent in my junior history class on their impact on the American nation, even before the American nation was the “forced alliance of very different peoples” that Thomas Jefferson named our early country.

Hundred of years after the Mayflower left England, my life is bettered by their influence and not simply by a high grade on a paper in my history class. My Mayflower heritage means that my ancestors were part of the formation of a great society and the fact that their influence can affect lives today says more than 500 words can express. To me, their effect today means I have something in my genealogical past to be proud of. My ancestors were rule breakers and historical influencers that changed the face of the World. I have something in my history worthy of aspiration.

FL Students Honored



Left to right: Michael T. Mosel, St. Edward's Upper School; Nathan T. Self, Vero Beach High School; Steven C. James, Sebastian River High School; Joshua G. Powell, Masters Academy; Gust J. Madeira, Indian River Charter High School, and Colony Gov. Aurie Morrison.

On April 10, 2007, the Stephen Hopkins Colony awarded special framed certificates and a copy of the Mayflower Compact to five outstanding high school students, who had demonstrated civic leadership skills and a sound knowledge of American history in their respective schools.

In Memory

Dorothy Plumb Bent passed away Feb. 5, 2007. She was born in Whitingham, VT, June 1, 1920. Dorothy's passengers included Richard Warren and John Alden. She had been a member of the FSMD since July 3, 1981. Dorothy was State Elder 1984-1986, State Treasurer 1986-1988, and Assistant Governor 1987-1990. Dorothy served as Edward Fuller Colony Governor 1993-96, and for more than twenty years she was Colony Historian. Survivors include her sister, Marion G. Landers, Past Governor of and current Secretary of the Edward Fuller Colony.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

September 14 -16, 2007

General Board of Assistants Meeting

Orlando, Florida

REGISTRATION FEE (each adult member and each guest)

Names of members, titles/state society and guests

TOTALS

(\$20.00 ea.) _____

FRIDAY (9:30 AM - 4:00 PM) All-day Tour to Sea World. Entrance fees, transportation and tips included. Lunch on your own

Names for tour

(\$70.00 ea.) _____

FRIDAY (6:00 PM) Welcome Reception with cash bar, cooperatively hosted by the General Society and Florida Society, Crowne Plaza Hotel (Substantial hors d'oeuvres planned) (No charge)

SATURDAY (noon) Luncheon for those attending the General Board of Assistants Meeting and guests, Crowne Plaza. Meal and tips included.

Names for luncheon

(\$30.00 ea.) _____

SATURDAY (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Tour to The Holy Land Experience. (For those not attending the General Board of Assistants Meeting) Admission, transportation and tips included. Lunch on your own.

Names for tour

(\$40.00 ea.) _____

SATURDAY (6:00 PM) Banquet, cash bar and entertainment, Crowne Plaza. Meal, entertainment and tip included. Business or semi-formal attire.

Names for banquet

(\$50.00 ea.) _____

SUNDAY (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) All-day Tour to Kennedy Space Center. Admission, lunch, transportation and tips included.

Names for tour

(\$85.00 ea.) _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

(Please print)

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Spring BOA Meeting

By Fran Lopus, Gov. Gen. & Shiela See, Sec.

On Friday, April 27, 2007, fourteen met at the hotel for a casual evening meal. After dinner, State Governor Fran Lopus requested that each tell something about themselves. Some interesting stories were shared.

On Saturday, April 28, twenty were present at the 10:00 AM meeting. Governor Fran Lopus called the meeting to order and the Invocation was given by Elder Kenneth Carter. The Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the Mayflower flag was led by Captain Reynolds Cushing.

Colony Governor Jean Harden of the Edward Fuller Colony introduced Marion Landers, sister of the late Dorothy Bent. Mrs. Landers presented a memorial fund of \$350 to the State Scholarship Fund in memory of her sister. The contributions came from family, friends, and Fuller Colony members.

A letter from GSMD Public Relations Chairman Dorothy Hornus was read. She thanked everyone for the cards and letters of condolences received and for the Certificate of Appreciation and gifts sent after our Annual Meeting.

Muriel Cushing, State Historian, reported that 61 new members have been enrolled since our November Annual Meeting. Ren Cushing reported a total of 1202 members in Florida. Governor Lopus stated that we should be keeping track of the sponsors of our Junior members since they are the ones who will help bring in the Juniors as full members. The advantage of becoming a full member before age 25 is the \$50 fee is waived.

A discussion on publicity was held. It was suggested that Mayflower information should be on display in every library, with the name and phone number of the historian of the local Colony. Kenneth Carter was appointed to check on producers of Mayflower flags.

Deputy Governor Robert Burt announced that the State Mayflower Scholarship of \$1 000 was awarded to Addie Jo Schonewolf of Granite Falls, NC. (See page 1.)

Deputy Governor General Bonny Stover spoke of the upcoming General Board of Assistants meeting to be held in Orlando. She encouraged all to attend, but reminded us that only she and Assistant Deputy Governor George Allerton would be allowed to speak, being Florida's representatives. She stated that all Florida members would receive advance information on this meeting.

Laura Brock, Bradford Colony Governor, invited all to our Annual Meeting to be held in St. Petersburg next November. A Courtesy Resolution, thanking the host colony, was read by Robert Burt. Reynolds Cushing read the Mayflower Compact. The meeting was adjourned.

Thanksgiving Cruise

Florida Mayflower Society announces the Annual Fund (and fun) Raising Cruise with a new cruise line and all new ports of call! ms Westerdam Eastern Caribbean November 18-25, 2007 roundtrip from Ft. Lauderdale Bring your friends and families and enjoy fun-filled days on Holland America Line's luxurious ms Westerdam and raise money for our Endowment Trust Fund. Even if you have been with us in the past, this year will be new, better and different. Special Mayflower Society Rates begin at \$731 per person and include our customary gifts, plus a Fountain Soda card, lunch at the Pinnacle Grill and one 8x10 color photo per stateroom.

Sample rates are: Mayflower Double Rate per person from \$731 for Large Inside Double Cabin, from \$828 for Oceanview Stateroom, from \$957 for Deluxe Verandah, and from \$1,432 for Superior Verandah Suite; Mayflower Single Rate per person from \$1,217 for Large Inside Double Cabin, from \$1,363 for Oceanview Stateroom, from \$2,030 for Deluxe Verandah, and from \$2,980 for Superior Verandah Suite; add \$550 per person for third or fourth adult.

You may view your cabin locations at the Holland America website <http://www.hollandamerica.com>. Prices are cruise only, based on double occupancy and include port charges. Government fees of \$69.37 are additional. Prices are subject to change and based upon availability at time of booking. Additional categories are available upon request. Children between the ages of 2-18 traveling as 3rd or 4th person in a cabin pay \$450 pp plus taxes. Normal cruise line terms/conditions apply. Travel Insurance is not included but is available and recommended. A deposit of \$350 per person is required with final payment due by August 15th.

Art and Toni are working with Cruise Specialists to coordinate this group. For Cruise information and reservations contact Shannon Nelson at Cruise Specialists (800) 544-2469 or snelson@cruisespecialists.com Mayflower Society questions should be directed to Art Chapman, Lt. Gov. Elder Wm Brewster Colony 1988-1993, phone/fax (678) 493-2400 or email: arthur.chapman@comcast.net

Arrangements for air fare or hotel room are available for an additional charge. Remember, this cruise will not only be fun, but will raise money for our Society. Our rates are on a first-come, first-served basis, so the earlier you book and pay in full, the better your chance at securing the stateroom and rate you desire.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 14-16, 2007
General Society Board of Assistants

at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
Orlando, FL

November 16-17, 2007
Florida Society Annual Meeting

at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton Hotel
St. Petersburg, FL



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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