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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Mayflower Cousins:

What a great privilege it is to know one's "roots." To know one's ancestors, their faith, their bravery and their sacrifices that shaped their descendants' lives ... our lives.

Yes, we are fortunate to know of our descent from such dedicated people and it is our legacy to uphold their beliefs and to perpetuate their trust for our future generations. To continue to keep our Mayflower Society strong, respected and progressive requires us all to take some time to share our knowledge, to correct the many misconceptions and to demonstrate pride in our flag and country.

We belong to a great family society and we need to recognize our inheritance. To quote Henry Ford – "Coming together is a beginning,. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

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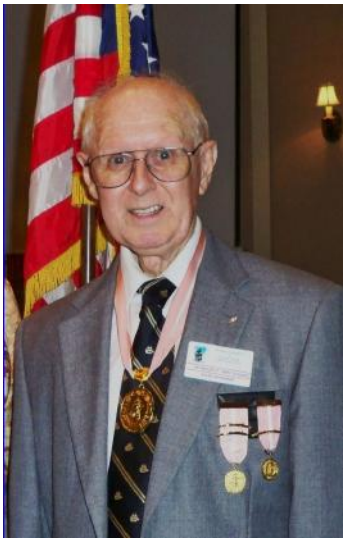

Governor Reynolds P. Cushing

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"All persons over eighteen years of age who are descended from a passenger on the Mayflower on the voyage which terminated at Plymouth, New England, in December 1620, shall be eligible for membership." Article III, Section 1, FSMD By-Laws

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
(from 1 Dec 2012 through 31 Mar 2013)

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Location	Gen/FL #s	Ancestor	Colony
Paula Maynard Schwind Hylen	Lecanto	85157/4883	William Brewster	Chilton
Nicole Joanne Gudith	North Naples	85177/4884	James Chilton	Standish
Robert Williams McGuire	Cape Coral	85178/4885	Samuel Fuller	Samson
Alexandra Jean (Weir) Teller	Naples	85206/4886	Stephen Hopkins	Standish
Karen Diane Donnell Boatright	Fleming Island	85227/4887	Stephen Hopkins	Mullins
Max Douglas Brown	River Forest, IL	77879/4888 DUAL w/IL #3007	Edward Fuller	Brewster
Kirsten Adele Wonn	Deerfield Beach	85228/4889	William Mullins	Alden
John Sinclair Leech	Fort Lauderdale	85229/4890	Richard Warren	Alden
Jane Corinne Utley Palmer	St. Petersburg	85255/4891	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
Donna Rae Chapuis-Matthews	Cape Coral	85281/4893	William Brewster	Samson
David Spencer Orcutt	The Villages	85282/4894	Mary Chilton	Chilton
Denman Keith Hines	Port St. Lucie	85283/4895	William Bradford	Hopkins
Jeffrey Alan Wandell	Naples	85319/4897	John Alden	Standish
Nancy Van Aken Marti	Fort Myers	85320/4898	Edward Fuller	Samson
Nancy Ann Hall Ratner	Naples	85321/4899	William Bradford	Standish
(Dulce) Anne Ashton Garrison	Tampa	85332/4900	John Howland	Bradford
Michele Ann Christopher Anderson	Dunedin	85333/4901	Stephen Hopkins	Fuller
Margaret McNasser Blair	Tampa	85334/4902	William Brewster	Bradford
Mary Jane Hunt	Tampa	85350/4903	Richard Warren	Fuller
Christopher Robb	Brandon	85367/4904	Myles Standish	Fuller
Robert Charles Ravas	Orlando	82398/4906 DUAL w/IL #3096	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
Louanna Gertrude (Markle) Mueller	Port Charlotte	82627/4907 DUAL w/MI #2653	William Bradford	Tilley
David Lee Slavik Jr.	W. Sacramento, CA	85400/4908	Stephen Hopkins	Fuller
Bradford Martin Strieter	Indialantic	85416/4910	William Bradford	Hopkins
Lee Howard Allen	Coral Gables	62157/4911 DUAL w/MA #9768	Francis Cooke	Brewster
Beverley Jeanne (Clark) Ferguson	Naples	85436/4913	Stephen Hopkins	Standish
Forrest Cedric Myers	Enola, PA	85449/4914	John Howland	Samson
Constance Church Lizak	Fort Myers	85463/4915	John Howland	Samson
Ernest Eugene Wilkes	Jacksonville	85464/4916	John Howland	Warren
Brian Bartlett Rogers	Venice, CA	85465/4917	Thomas Rogers	Bradford
Ginger Arlene Decker	Orlando	85474/4918	Francis Cooke	Cooke

RESIGNED IN GOOD STANDING

Georgia Margaret Chandler Martin	57913/3104	Richard Warren	Standish
Katherine H. Williams	74155/4084	Stephen Hopkins	Standish
Jacqueline (Baker) Humphrey	72543/3980	William Bradford	Howland
Patricia (Condon) Garrett	77442/4309	William Brewster	Howland
Harold Burton Crapo III	74587/4107	William White	Tilley
Dana Adric Crapo	74586/4106	William White	Tilley
Colin Garrett Crapo	81425/4616	William White	Tilley
Felicia Ruth (Adams) Grant	77620/4327	John Alden	Tilley

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<><><><><> NEWS FROM ACROSS THE SUNSHINE STATE ~ OUR COLONIES IN ACTION <><><><><>

JAMES CHILTON COLONY

The winter meeting of the members and guests of the Chilton Colony was held at The Links at Spruce Creek South in Summerfield, FL, on Saturday 5 Jan 2013. Dr. Peter E. Waldron, elder of the William Bradford Colony in the Tampa Bay area, was the featured speaker. His topic was "My Ancestor Stephen Hopkins" in which he described Hopkins' amazing life, including: the shipwreck of the *Sea Venture* in Bermuda in 1609; the mutiny for which Hopkins was sentenced to death; his subsequent pardon because of his "much pleadings for his wife and children in England;" his connection to Shakespeare's play, The Tempest; the terror on the tight, cramped quarters on the Mayflower in 1620; the role Hopkins played behind the scenes that gave cause for the Mayflower Compact; Hopkins being the first to go ashore and the first to meet with the Native Americans; the Hopkins family's survival the First Winter and their help for the sick, widows and fatherless; and the Hopkins' hospitality extended toward Squanto. In summary, Dr. Waldron told the members and guests that Hopkins was passionately dedicated to personal liberty and should be remembered for a lifetime of steadfast courage in the face of danger and hardship.

Dr. Waldron is the founder and CEO of Christians Restoring America's Greatness and has authored several books, including Rebuilding The Walls: A Biblical Strategy for Restoring America's Greatness. He is also a political consultant, having working on several Presidential, Senatorial and House campaigns, and in 1998 organized the successful campaign for a pro-marriage amendment to the Alaska Constitution. Beginning in 2002, he worked in Uganda in an effort to facilitate the safe and efficient delivery of anti-retroviral drugs to HIV-infected patients. His efforts to help people around the world in the fight for personal freedom resulted in false imprisonment, torture and great personal loss. His exploits are the subject of a major motion picture, *The Ultimate Price*. He is a frequent guest on radio, cable and TV programs.

JOHN HOWLAND COLONY

Jim Dunlop

Members and guests of the Howland Colony met for lunch in Duxbury Hall at the Mayflower Retirement Center in Winter Park on Monday, 14 Jan 2013. Newly-elected member Curtis Johnson was congratulated by all on the approval of his application and his election to FSMD. Long-time member Jim Dunlop of Winter Park was also welcomed to what he admitted was only his second colony meeting since his election to FSMD on 10 Apr 1967. Joe Jenkins, a member of the Brewster Colony, and his wife Joan from Sanford attended their first Howland Colony meeting. Joe is transferring his membership from Brewster to Howland.

The program was presented by colony governor Hank Dressel, who spoke about his ancestor Francis Cooke.

Joan & Joe Jenkins

ELIZABETH TILLEY COLONY

The Elizabeth Tilley Colony gathered at Lakewood Holiday Inn, Lakewood Ranch, FL, for its January 12, 2013 meeting.

The guest speaker was Historian Cathy Slusser of the Manatee County Historical Society. She presented a program, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," by asking twenty questions with multiple choice answers for members to select from. Enlightening and knowledgeable, Ms. Slusser surprised members with the history of some of the early pioneers and residents of Manatee County, FL.

Elder Jim Collins advised members of the recommendations that were made in regard to the Elizabeth Tilley Colony Scholarship Award. One requirement will be that the person awarded the scholarship must be a descendant of a Mayflower passenger.

A new member present was Diane Gentsch and husband. Diane is a descendant of John Alden.

Governor John Mange announced to members that the colony's past governor, Harold Crapo, has agreed to serve as interim Vice Governor. Governor Mange expressed the colony's appreciation that he accepted this position.

Members and guests enjoyed a choice of salmon or pork for the lunch menu with cake for dessert to conclude the meal.

Sheryl Spain
Colony Secretary

HENRY SAMSON COLONY

Members of the Samson Colony and guests from across the state, totaling 90 in all, gathered on Saturday 19 Jan 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Myers to welcome General Society Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle and his wife Kate on their first official visit to Florida.

Colony governor Clyde A. Blanchard welcomed the following FSMD officers who were in attendance: DGG Fran Lopus, Governor Ren Cushing, Deputy Governor Ken Carter, AG and Historian Muriel Cushing, Secretary Jessie Brabham, Treasurer Hank Dressel and Counsellor Richard Wheeler. Colony officers present included Standish Colony governor Nancy Fodi, Mullins Colony governor Richard Sumner, Winslow Colony governor Suzanne Adams, Howland Colony governor Dressel, Warren Colony governor Wheeler, Cooke Colony vice governor Ruth Ann Fay, and Mullins Colony secretary Brabham. Adams came the farthest to attend, a 393 mile drive from her home in Tallahassee.

Tilley Colony governor John Mange with guest speaker Cathy Slusser (photo courtesy of Sheryl Spain)

L to R: Samson Colony governor Clyde A. Blanchard, GSMD Governor General Bruce C. MacGunnigle and FSMD Governor Reynolds A. Cushing

In addition to governor Blanchard, Samson Colony officers in attendance were: vice governor Ellen Full, secretary Mary Keiser, treasurer Patricia Myers, historian Marilyn Fielding, captain Dr. Albert Myers, and archivist Julia Monastero. In the photo below, L to R: Patricia Myers, Mary Keiser, Ren Cushing and Ellen Full, with GG MacGunnigle in the background.

The meeting opened with an invocation by Rev. Allen Brown and the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag led by Julia Monastero. The Mayflower Compact was read by Dr. Albert Myers, who then led the group in reciting the Pilgrim's Pledge.

Special announcements were made by Ellen Full and Patricia Myers, who explained the unique (and natural) centerpieces which graced each table.

The roll call of Pilgrim ancestors was read by colony historian Marilyn Fielding.

After lunch and a brief business meeting conducted by colony governor Blanchard, FSMD Governor Ren Cushing introduced the guest speaker, GG Bruce MacGunnigle.

Bruce began by explaining that GSMD now has over 29,000 members but lacks the endowment funds enjoyed by other much smaller hereditary organizations, funds necessary to support "a number of urgent projects" which GSMD must undertake. These projects, identified in his 26 Nov 2012 fundraising letter to all GSMD members, are:

- ◊ Expanding the Five Generation Project (the silver books)
- ◊ Expediting document digitization
- ◊ Preserving archival documents
- ◊ Supporting program development and better utilization of the Museum House
- ◊ Improving GSMD services to state societies for membership growth, genealogical research and other areas of mutual concern

In the photo at right, FSMD Governor Ren Cushing presented GG Bruce MacGunnigle with FSMD's check for the $1,000 donation which had been approved by the State BoA in response to MacGunnigle's fundraising appeal. Individual FSMD members are urged to give their most thoughtful consideration to GSMD's needs when planning their 2013 charitable giving. Because GSMD is a tax-exempt Section 501(c)(3) organization, all donations to it are tax-deductible for persons who itemize their deductions for Federal income tax purposes.

In the photo above, Samson Colony secretary Mary Keiser (L) and vice governor Ellen Full (R) sell tickets for the colony's primary fundraiser, a raffle of a beautiful Mayflower afghan and 6 lovely gift baskets.

Bruce MacGunnigle drew the first winning raffle ticket, which turned out to be held by Richard Wheeler, and Wheeler drew the next winning ticket, which turned out to be held by Kate MacGunnigle.

Wheeler chose the afghan.

In the photo at right, Kate selects the gift basket of her choice.

An avid historian and genealogist in his own right (i.e., he's the author of the silver book on his ancestor Edward Fuller), Bruce then related some little-known but fascinating details about Mayflower passengers Francis Cooke, Richard More, William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins.

crowd shots

<<——— Left:
DGG Fran Lopus

Right: ————>>
FSMD Secretary
Jessie Brabham and
Mullins Colony governor
Richard Sumner

(Photos courtesy of Dr. Albert Myers & your Editor)

FSMD Deputy Governor Ken Carter

L to R: FSMD Treasurer & Howland Colony governor Hank Dressel, FSMD Secretary (and Mullins Colony secretary) Jessie Brabham and Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle

FSMD WEBMASTER RON DAILEY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

At the General Society's Board of Assistants meeting held on 8 Sept 2012, in Mt. Laurel, NJ, FSMD webmaster and membership chair (and Mullins Colony treasurer) Ron Dailey of Gainesville received a special Governor General's Commendation & Appreciation Award "for his work on GSMD's website and other state society websites, providing guidance and instruction on their operation." Ron's been responsible for the major improvements in both the appearance and ease of use of FSMD's website since taking over as webmaster in Dec 2011. Ron also serves as webmaster for the North Carolina Mayflower Society and as governor of its Northeast Colony.

Pictured from left to right are: Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle, GSMD Executive Committee Member-At-Large & Awards Committee Chair Virginia Mucciaccio, Secretary General Susan Roser and Ron Dailey.

FSMD AG & HISTORIAN MURIEL CUSHING IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT PENNSYLVANIA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday 26 Jan 2013, Muriel Curtis Cushing gave the keynote address at the 116th annual meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (SMDPA) at the Merion Cricket Club in Bryn Mawr, PA. Her topic was "Mayflower Women in History" which highlights some of the notable descendants of the often-overlooked women passengers aboard the *Mayflower.*

Did you know that *Mayflower* descendant Annie Edson Taylor was the very first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel and survive? And she did it on her 63rd birthday, 24 Oct 1901? And that she lied about her age and claimed to be 20 years younger? And that, far from bringing her the fame and fortune she sought, she died a pauper 20 years later?

Or that Sybil Ludington, a 16 year old descendant of William Bradford and William Brewster, on 26 Apr 1777 rode 40 miles through rural Putnam County, NY, to muster her father's regiment to oppose the British who'd just burned Danbury, CT? There was no William Wadsworth Longfellow to memorialize her heroic deed in verse as with Paul Revere, who rode less than half that distance, but she earned the personal thanks of General George Washington.

These stories, and much more, are brought to life in Muriel's "Mayflower Women In History" presentation. She also discussed GSMD's Women of the Mayflower Project (WOM), of which she is chair, and the DNA/mtDNA Project, of which she is co-chair.

Muriel is a native of Massachusetts, born in Taunton, attended Boston University and, after marriage, moved to Duxbury where her paternal ancestors lived from the time of the first settlers. She's a descendant of 18 Mayflower families with 62 ancestral lines. Muriel worked at the Jordan Hospital in Plymouth for 25 years before retiring to Florida where she's been able to follow her passion for genealogy.

Six of her Pilgrim John Alden lines are to Thomas Delano whose father, Philip Delano, came to Plimoth in 1621 aboard the *Fortune*. Muriel has served as genealogist for the Delano Kindred of America since 1993 and currently also serves as its President. To date, she's had 6 books published on the Delano Family by the Mayflower Society.

A life member of the Massachusetts Mayflower Society, Muriel's a dual member of FSMD. In Florida, she's served as historian (and

presently serves as captain) of the Elizabeth Tilley Colony in Sarasota, and is also currently a director of the Henry Samson Colony in Ft. Myers. At the state level, she's been Historian for the past 12 years, shepherding literally hundreds of applications through Plymouth for approval during that time. At the national level, she's Florida's AG on GSMD's General BoA, chair of the WOM and co-chair of the DNA projects.

She's also Vice President and Genealogist of the Henry Samson Kindred and Registrar for the Jean Calvin Chapter of the Florida Huguenot Society. She's also held offices in the DAR and Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

Following her speech, Muriel was presented the 15th Katharine F. Little Distinguished Achievement Award by SMDPA Governor Joan Reed Miller for "exemplifying the role of women who came on the *Mayflower* ship in 1620, writing numerous articles to promote and encourage others to be educated on the contributions and sacrifices women of the *Mayflower* made, and being a direct descendant of several women of the *Mayflower*."

Former GSMD Assistant Governor General Harry Folger and *Mayflower Quarterly* Editor Alice Teal were in attendance to witness the presentation of this prestigious award. Prior recipients include former GSMD Historian General Caroline Lewis Kardell in 1999, Robert Charles Anderson in 2000, Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs in 2001, James W. Baker in 2002, Rev. Gary I. Marks in 2003 and *Mayflower Quarterly* Editor Alice Teal in 2004. Congratulations, Muriel, there's no one more deserving of special recognition and thanks for all you do.

Warren Colony captain Mike Boutin (2nd from right) with his wife Rhoda (far right), mother Barbara Boutin (3rd from right), sister Barbara Sullivan and new colony member George Smith Jr.

RICHARD WARREN COLONY

The regular winter membership meeting of the Warren Colony was held on Saturday 9 Feb 2013 at the San Jose Country Club in Jacksonville. Colony governor Richard Wheeler presided and welcomed the 21 members, prospective members and guests present, including new Warren Colony member Mary Ellen Boyd and her husband Gene, and new Mullins Colony member Karen Boatright. Three prospective new members were also welcomed: Bernie Nowotny and his wife Rosemary, Ernie Wilkes and Janice Turner. Ninety-one year old Warren Colony member Barbara Boutin and her daughter Barbara Sullivan were also visiting from Tallahassee.

The program for the meeting was a memorial service conducted by colony governor Wheeler and elder Jeri Ruane to honor the lives of the five colony members who had passed away during the past year: Kenneth Berry Mason (a member since 2007), Robert Charles Hawkes (a member since 1974 and colony governor 1996-1999), Phyllis Trout Sparta (a member since 1980), Dr. Frank Turner Kurzweg (a member since 1993) and Winifred Noyes DeVille (a member since 1996).

Colony treasurer George Lockhart reported on the state of the colony's finances (which are strong) and colony governor Wheeler added a report on the financial aspects of the colony's hosting FSMD's 75th anniversary annual meeting last November. Thanks to generous donations by governor Wheeler, deputy governor Jon Wheeler, captain Mike Boutin and historian Laura Farmer, the colony was "in the black" with a modest excess of revenues over expenses. Governor Wheeler also read a thank you letter received from annual meeting keynote speaker Lea Sinclair Filson, Assistant Governor General of the General Society, which in part said: "Thanks so much for your kind hospitality during the Florida Mayflower Society's 75th anniversary celebration. I can't begin to tell you how wonderful the event was. The Richard Warren Colony is amazing. When I think of the details that went into planning this auspicious occasion, I truly don't know how you all did it."

ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER COLONY

The Brewster Colony held its Winter luncheon meeting on Friday 8 Feb 2013 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove. Meet and greet reception was at 1130am followed by a delicious luncheon served at noon. Choices were Caesar Salad with chicken breast, Almond Chicken Crepes or Shrimp Platter a la Luis. Dessert was a choice of creamy key lime pie or yummy rich chocolate cake. Colony captain Jon Stemples was our host.

Attendees at the Brewster Colony 8 Feb 2013 meeting:
Back Row L-R: colony governor Clara Waterman Powell, Steven Kravchuk, colony elder Richard Friberg, Michael Tisdale, Louise Cluff, Thomas Cluff, colony historian Donald Randolph, colony captain Jon Stemples, Denise Jemeson.
Front Row L-R: colony treasurer Melanie Davis, Charlen Randolph, Lucy Hanafourde, Phyllis Kepler, Rhonda Johnson, colony secretary Teryl Sovacool, and Ruth Henshaw.
(Photo courtesy of Clara Waterman Powell)

Robert J. Jensen moderated a PowerPoint presentation of postcards from 1907 thru the 1970s depicting the History of Deep South Dade. Jensen described the photographers' styles and lives. He referenced current structures pictured in old postcards. His PowerPoint presentation was a trip down memory lane for many of us. Jensen is a well known, well informed South Dade historian. He is Vice President for Community Liaison at 1st National Bank of South Florida, president of the Florida Pioneer Museum and a retired Navy Commander with 28 years service.

Robert J. Jensen receives a certificate of appreciation from colony governor Clara Waterman Powell

Colony governor Clara Waterman Powell welcomed the attendees. Colony captain Jon Stemples led the Pledge to Our Flag. Colony elder Richard Friberg provided an inspiring invocation and then conducted a very moving tribute to the memory of our vice governor Paula Harper who passed away last year. Self introductions followed by colonists including reference to their passengers and introduction of their guests. Colony historian Dr. Don Randolph provided a member update. Colony treasurer Melanie Davis assured us we are solvent. Colony governor Clara Waterman Powell summarized the state meeting and encouraged all to view the Florida Mayflower website www.flmayflower.com. She also noted that compilation of the colony's pink book is underway. Colony secretary Teryl Sovacool read the The Mayflower Pledge. Colony captain Jon Stemples read The Mayflower Compact. Colonist Rhonda Sovacool Johnson closed our meeting with a benediction.

We visited with old friends, made new friends, had a wonderful meal, and heard a marvelous speaker.

Clara Waterman Powell
Brewster Colony Governor

EDWARD FULLER COLONY

The winter membership meeting of the Fuller Colony was called to order at 1130am on Saturday 2 Feb 2013 by colony governor James W. Preston at Mimi's Café in Lakeland. The invocation was offered by colony elder Lorraine Hooser, while the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and Salute to the Mayflower Society Flag were led by colony captain Tom Williamson. Colony vice governor Blythe Thomas read the Objects of the GSMD and then introduced the 12 members and 7 guests in attendance. A Memorial Service for departed colony member Adriana Jahna was led by elder Lorraine Hooser, with the eulogy given by vice governor Blythe Thomas.

Colony treasurer Barbara Reed submitted her report in writing, as did colony historian Margaret Wheaton. Junior membership chair Jane Brumbaugh reported no new junior applications since the last meeting. Colony governor Jim Preston reported on the colony's preparations for hosting the next State Board of Assistants meeting on 27 April 2013 in Lakeland at the Avenue Hotel. All members of the colony are invited to attend. Governor Preston also reported on the progress of FSMD's Bylaws Committee (of which he is a member) working on updating and revising the state bylaws. Colony captain Tom Williamson read The Mayflower Compact and elder Lorraine Hooser gave the benediction.

The featured speaker was Jim Rogers, governor of the Albany Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York, who gave a video presentation on Plymouth.

EDWARD DOTY COLONY

Front center: Elvis Levoy*
Standing L to R: Ward Correll*, Helen Correll, colony elder Dorothy Heideman, Suzanne Weathers*, captain Sally Thomes King, governor Patricia Crumly, vice governor Larry Igo, Pat Levoy, Genevieve Tavares*, Peter Tavares, secretary Barbara Page and treasurer (and past governor) Bunny Halligan
(photo courtesy of Jerry Crumly) (* denotes guests)

Here in the Up Side of Florida, the Edward Doty Colony gathered Saturday 9 Feb 2013 at the Tryon Branch Library to hold a short business meeting. We could not pass up the opportunity to let the "good times roll." Celebrating Mardi Gras, Jerry Crumly, the governor's husband, made his famous king cake, a favorite of certain members. Members enjoyed socializing before the meeting with cake and hot drinks. Attending were nine members and five guests. A generous donation from the colony has been made to GSMD to put towards the Silver Books project.

Patricia Crumly
Doty Colony Governor

FRANCIS COOKE COLONY

Thirty three members, prospective members and guests of the Francis Cooke Colony met for lunch on Saturday 2 Feb 2013 at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach. The meeting was called to order and colony officers were introduced by colony governor Lara Yancey. Colony elder Carol Smith gave the invocation, while the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Mayflower Society flag were led by captain Daniel Yancey. The Ancestors' Roll Call read by secretary Nelda Thomas disclosed that John Howland had the most descendants present with seven. The program was presented by colony vice governor (and past governor) Ruth Ann Fay (photo at right in period attire) who gave an illustrated talk on clothing and fashion from the early 1600s. Among the fascinating facts she discussed were:

In England from the reign of Edward III (1312-1377) until well into the 17th century, so-called "sumptuary" laws dictated what color and type of clothing, furs, fabrics, and trims were allowed to persons of various ranks or incomes (*i.e.,* it was illegal to "dress above your station" in life).

It's a myth that Pilgrims dressed only in black and white with buckles for adornment. In fact, historical records of Pilgrims' clothing paint a very different picture than the late 17th century artists depicted. For starters, the Pilgrims didn't wear buckled hats or buckles on their shoes or waists. Buckles were expensive and not in fashion at the time. They also didn't wear only black and white. Their common garb was very colorful, as was the fashion at the time. They wore predominately black and gray clothing only on Sundays. The rest of the time, they wore heavily dyed clothing in many different colors; basically all the colors that could be achieved with natural dyes. For example, Pilgrim William Brewster's will described items of his clothing as "one blew clothe suit, green drawers, a vilolete clothe coat, black silk stockings, skyblew garters, red grograin suit, red waistcoat, tawny colored suit with silver buttons."

JOHN HOWLAND COLONY

Members and guests of the Howland Colony met for lunch in Duxbury Hall at the Mayflower Retirement Community in Winter Park on Monday 4 Mar 2013. The meeting was called to order by colony governor (and FSMD Treasurer) Hank Dressel, who led a moment of silent reflection and thanksgiving for the life of former colony governor Sonia T. Richardson who passed away on 1 Feb 2013. Sonia was born in Newton, MA, in 1926 and relocated to Winter Park in 1972. She worked as senior rehabilitation counselor for the State of Florida until her retirement in 1996. An active member of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park, she was in on the planning stage for the Mayflower Retirement Community when it was first conceived by a committee of that congregation. Before the center opened in 1989, she named the main meeting room the Standish Center and the two wings Bradford Hall and Alden Hall. She lived in the Mayflower Retirement Community for the past 12 years and was a past President of its Board of Directors. At a memorial service held on 1 Mar 2013 at her beloved Mayflower Retirement Community, Standish Center was renamed the Sonia Thresher Richardson Center in honor of her life of devoted service.

Sonia T. Richardson at 9 Jan 2012 colony meeting (photo courtesy of your editor)

At the suggestion of colony treasurer Nancy Norris, the colony members unanimously approved a $500 donation to the General Society's Five Generations Project in memory of Sonia and her second husband Harold, himself a Mayflower descendant and Howland Colony member.

The meeting program was a talk by colony member (and Pilgrim editor) Richard S. Wheeler, Esq., entitled "A Lawyer's Take on The Mayflower Compact." He argued (and supported with historical analysis) that the Compact ought to be called The Mayflower Covenant as it represented the secular covenant made in 1620 for the civil governance of the new colony similar to the spiritual covenant made by the Separatists in Scrooby in 1606 (and renewed in Leiden in 1608) to cement their ecclesiastical break with the Church of England. Wheeler also contends that, logically, The Mayflower Covenant is in seven separate parts, all but two of which have words or phrases with hidden (and sometimes ironic) meanings.

"We read the Mayflower Compact at each meeting," Wheeler explained. "Its archaic words and peculiar phrases have become as familiar as those of The Lord's Prayer, so the recitation takes on a somewhat sing-song quality. We all know where the pauses come ... what phrases go together. We hear and recite the same words over-and-over. But, I wondered to myself, how many pause to contemplate what these archaic words and phrases actually meant to those who wrote them? By explaining my own take on those words and phrases, I hope to give each of you a new perspective on what our Pilgrim fathers meant."

L to R: FSMD Governor Ren Cushing, AG & Historian Muriel Cushing, Winslow Colony historian Larry Reese and Winslow Colony governor Suzanne Adams

EDWARD WINSLOW COLONY

Twenty-five members and guests of the Winslow Colony met on Sat 9 Feb 2013 at the Holiday Inn on Graves Road in Tallahassee to enjoy a roast beef lunch and an illustrated PowerPoint presentation "Classic Heroes" by FSMD Governor Ren Cushing. According to colony governor Suzanne Adams, Ren's speech "gave us the real historical story behind several of today's famous characters" and was very well received. At the conclusion of his presentation, Adams presented Governor Cushing and his wife, FSMD's AG & Historian Muriel Cushing, with a commemorative piece of slate used on Florida's Old Capitol Building (razed decades ago) and a signed photograph of one of Tallahassee's beautiful canopy roads as mementos of their trip to the Capitol City.

FSMD PARTICIPATES IN FAMILY HISTORY FAIR IN TALLAHASSEE

FSMD's Governor Ren Cushing, AG & Historian Muriel Cushing and Winslow Colony governor (and newly-appointed state education chair) Suzanne Adams represented all Mayflower descendants at the free 7th biennial family history fair, "Finding Families," held on Sat 2 Mar 2013 in Tallahassee sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). Other exhibitors included Sons of the Confederacy, DAR, Tallahassee Genealogical Society, Tallahassee Irish Society, Southern Georgia Genealogical Society, Riley House, and the Florida Department of State, which is the state agency that manages the Florida Archives and the Florida State Museum.

ABOVE (L to R): Ren Cushing, Suzanne Adams & Muriel Cushing in front of the Florida Mayflower Society display tables

RIGHT: Young Master Brown seems mesmerized by FSMD Historian Muriel Cushing as she tells him about the Pilgrims' historic voyage and settlement in the New World as part of the genealogical exhibits at the Family History Fair on Saturday March 2, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Tallahassee.

Suzanne filed this report on the event along with the accompanying photos:

"The Mormons sponsor regional History Fairs, apparently all over the country. The North Florida area fair is held every other year and features genealogical organizations as exhibitors and a variety of free workshops. This year workshops included "Getting Started," "Social Networking: A Valuable Resource for the Genealogist," "The Rest of the Story: Putting Flesh on the Family Bones," "Fraudulent Lineages, Genealogy Hoaxes & Scams," and "Using FamilySearch.com" and many others. The event was held at the Stake Center across from the FSU College of Medicine on Stadium Drive in Tallahassee.

Muriel Cushing, with a GSMD brochure in hand, answers questions from an interested couple

We had a prime location with 2 tables flanked by 6 ft. tall USA and Mayflower flags, centered under FSMD's 75th anniversary banner. Our exhibit had a continuous PowerPoint program of the Mayflower story displayed on a flat screen TV, a beautiful replica of the ship constructed by one of Winslow Colony's members, 2 storyboards with information and photos about FSMD, reproductions of various items used by the Pilgrims, Winslow Colony's original Charter from 1977, and a variety of available research books, articles and children's books and educational materials.

Handouts included copies of General Society's informational brochure "Do You Descend from the Pilgrims?" stamped with FSMD's website address, the Mayflower Compact, and stories of the First Thanksgiving and the Five Kernels of Corn. I think everyone who came into the Hall stopped by our tables. Several people expressed interest in finding out more about researching/documenting a line relating to a particular Mayflower passenger to whom they had been told they were related. The children were mainly curious about the ship's details, the coloring/activity books, the clay marbles and the 3-handled cup!

one of the storyboards

Muriel, in period costume, drew much attention and was a fount of information on every subject — couldn't have done it nearly as well without her!!! Ren was his usual charming, friendly and laid back self. I was happy to organize the exhibit and am hopeful that the Colonies will be contacted through the FSMD website."

Congratulations on and heartfelt thanks for a superb job, Suzanne. Members in other areas of the state should check with their local Mormon congregations to see if a family history fair is scheduled in their area. It's a perfect venue for FSMD to educate the public as to who we are. Members wishing more information from Suzanne may contact her at adamsjns@yahoo.com.

WILLIAM BRADFORD COLONY

The Bradford Colony held its regular winter meeting on Sat Feb 2 2013 at Belleair Country Club with colony governor George C. Pratt presiding. The Invocation was given by former colony elder Mary Kitchen. John Utley led the Pledges to the American and Mayflower Flags.

Distinguished guests were introduced by colony governor Pratt: FSMD Governor Ren Cushing, FSMD AG & Historian Muriel Cushing; past Bradford Colony governor (1974-76) Suzanne Provo; past FSMD Deputy Governor and past Howland Colony governor (1995-96 & 2000-02) Marjorie Turner; past Bradford Colony governor (1996-99) Dorothy Hornus; past Bradford Colony governor (2002-05) Robert Raup; and past Bradford Colony governor (2005-12) and current FSMD scholarship chair Laura Brock. Governor Pratt also welcomed new members Michele Nagel (a transfer in from CT), Audrey Conner and Jane Palmer, who were presented their membership certificates. Prospective members John Schaerffer and Elizabeth Whitehurst were also welcomed.

The program was an illustrated PowerPoint talk by FSMD Governor Cushing entitled "Classic Heroes." Governor Pratt presented a report on the 75th Anniversary annual meeting last November in Jacksonville which he and his wife, colony vice governor Mary Ann McLachlan and her husband and colony historian Laura Brock attended. Historian Brock also reported that the colony has 181 members (including 31 life members), 220 junior members, and is working with 46 prospective new members. Under new business, the colony membership voted to approve an increase in the Bradford Scholarship from $1,000 to $1,500.

Maryellen Jozwiak
Bradford Colony Secretary

FSMD'S BOARD OF ASSISTANTS SPRING MEETING IN LAKELAND

The Florida Society's governing body, its Board of Assistants ("State BoA"), held its regular Spring meeting on Saturday 27 Apr 2013 at the Avenue Hotel in Lakeland, hosted by the Edward Fuller Colony whose governor is also State Captain, James W. Preston. The State BoA consists of the 8 state officers, 3 members-at-large elected by the general membership, the immediate past governor, the 16 colony governors, and the DGG and AG, FSMD's representatives on the General Society's national BoA. The State BoA has a maximum of 30 members but, because of dual positions held by five persons (i.e., Hank Dressel, Muriel Cushing, Jim Preston, Nancy Fodi and Richard Wheeler), there are only 25 persons presently serving, 15 of whom were present. The meeting was called to order by Governor Ren Cushing promptly at 9am, and Deputy Governor Ken Carter offered the invocation. Captain Jim Preston led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the salute to the Mayflower Society flag. Officers, colony and committee reports followed.

Unanimous approval was given for FSMD donating $1,000 to Plimouth Plantation for maintenance of the *Mayflower II*, and $1,000 to the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum Foundation to support the research work of Dr. Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs.

The 3-year term of Nate Heuberger, former governor (2003-2005) of the Howland Colony, as one of the 3 trustees of the FSMD Endowment Fund has expired and Nancy Norris, treasurer of the Howland Colony, was appointed to serve a 3-year term as trustee in his place.

Laura Sharpe Brock, chair of the Scholarship Committee, announced that the winner of FSMD's 2013 scholarship in the amount of $2,000 is Michael Patrick O'Brien of Dalton, GA, grandson of Barbara Hordusky, member of the James Chilton Colony. Michael has a 3.97 GPA and is 15th in his class of 326; he plans to attend the University of Georgia in Athens this Fall. A more complete article, photo and copy of Michael's winning essay will appear in the Fall 2013 issue of the *Pilgrim*.

PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY BEING ORGANIZED

Are you a descendant of Mayflower passenger William White who died in February 1621 a few months after the Mayflower landed in Cape Cod Bay? After 392 years, a group has come together to honor him with his own society, The Pilgrim William White Society. Along with William White, the society will also honor his wife Susanna and their two children, Resolved and Peregrine. There are 2 different applications for membership. The first is designated for "members" and is for those who are descended from William and Susanna White through either Resolved or Peregrine with approved lineage papers by the GSMD Historian General and who are members in good standing of their State Society (i.e., current dues are paid). The other application is designated "friend" and is for those who have an interest in The Pilgrim William White Society such as a spouse or perhaps children or grandchildren but who have not yet made application to GSMD. A "friend" may not vote or hold office. There's a one-time $25 application fee to help with start-up expenses and annual dues of $15. If you have any questions, contact the interim Governor Prarie Counce at 2040 Saint Pierre Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006, 972-417-2456, prariec@me.com, or interim Corresponding Secretary (and Allerton Colony member) Susie Wuest at swuest@aol.com.

TRANSFERS IN/OUT

Elizabeth Wynn McDaniel	Reinstate & TR to CT	55476/2960	John Alden	Allerton
Linda Ray Rauch McReynolds	TR to NC	48467/3559	Francis Cooke	Bradford
Michele Anne (Quackenbush) Nagel	TR from CT (CT#4309)	80160/4892	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
Robert Morton Haff	TR from NY	64784/4896	Francis Cooke	Samson
Douglas Bruce Briggman	TR from CO	51375/4905	Francis Cooke	Howland
Charles Russell Sebrell	TR from CT	57473/4909	William White	Standish
Martin Campbell	TR from MA	71263/4912	John Alden	Mullins
Glenda Ruth Hartman Holifield	TR to MO	82689/4751	William Brewster	Brewster

REINSTATEMENTS

Stephanie Earle	Tallahassee	42861/2159	Richard Warren	Winslow
Roberta N. Hardin	Dunedin	40795/2074	George Soule	Bradford

SUPPLEMENTALS

Claudia Anna Walker Doddington	83149/4738	Richard Warren Thomas Rogers	Mullins
Sondra Lee (Ward) Harper	79952/4470	Myles Standish	Bradford
Raymond Francis Laurie	82096/4662	William Brewster	Tilley
Angela d'Elseaux Wakefield	84563/4837	John Alden William Mullins Priscilla Mullins Isaac & Mary Allerton Mary Norris	Standish
Florence Adele (Tallman) Wonn	81614/4626	William Mullins	Alden
Nancy Elaine Norris	80162/4489	William Bradford Isaac Allerton Edward Doty	Howland
Richard Lawrence Sumner II	75160/4144	William Brewster	Mullins
Elizabeth Helen McDermon Werner	84071/4799	Richard Warren	Bradford
Marian Manson Pinney Chase	75756/4820	Edward Doty	Bradford

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death	Gen/FL #s	Ancestor	Colony
Ruth Amidon Carneiro	14 Dec 2012	78701/4391	John Howland	Allerton
Paula Fish Harper	3 Jun 2012	32135/2543	John Alden	Brewster
Adriana Lathrop Jahna	3 Jan 2013	79669/4606	William Brewster	Fuller
Sonia T. Richardson	1 Feb 2013	42379/2145	John Alden	Howland
Winifred F. N. DeVille	4 Jan 2013	62895/3334	Richard Warren	Warren
Dr. Frank Turner Kurzweg	9 Dec 2012	59651/3192	Myles Standish	Warren
Winifred Louise Whitney	8 Dec 2012	73424/4043	William Bradford	Hopkins
Edward N. ("Bud") Casey	23 Jan 2013	46373/2793	Edward Fuller	Hopkins
Verna Brackett Kirby	3 Feb 2013	31380/2401	John Howland	Tilley
Thomas Jackson Bedford	7 Mar 2013	46424/2365	Peter Brown	Winslow
Linda Irene Pond Daneau	20 Mar 2013	44496/3085	Francis Cooke	Samson
Dean Laverne Sutton	27 Feb 2013	53056/2817	Edward Doty	Allerton
Ruth Alta (Soule) Sykes	5 Jun 2012	77364/4300	George Soule	Howland

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ALLERTON COLONY TO HOST ANNUAL MEETING ON 22-23 NOV 2013

The Isaac Allerton Colony will host FSMD's 2013 annual meeting and has chosen a gorgeous oceanfront resort as the venue. Conveniently located just 4 miles from Boca Raton, the Holiday Inn Highland Beach – Oceanside is located near popular attractions, shopping centers, restaurants and pristine beaches. Guests can enjoy exceptional comforts both in and around the hotel, relaxing on sandy beaches and enjoying the warm Florida weather. Renowned for its beautiful water and well-kept area, Highland Beach is the perfect place to spend the day.

For a one-of-a-kind cultural experience, visit Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. Discover traditional and contemporary Japan through a series of six diverse gardens, world-class exhibits, and bonsai display. Stop by the critically acclaimed Cornell Café for Pan-Asian cuisine and shop at the Morikami's distinctive museum store. For even more fun, guests should be sure to head to Boca Raton which offers a number of unique shops, exceptional golf courses, and restaurants.

After a day out on the town, guests can return to the Holiday Inn Highland Beach – Oceanside and relax in spacious hotel rooms. Grab a bite to eat at the on-site Latitudes Ocean Grille, work up a sweat at the fitness center, or head down to the beach for a little R&R. When you're ready to turn in for the night, comfortable accommodations provide a welcome retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday activity. For full details on the hotel, go to www.highlandbeachholidayinn.com/.

A registration form for FSMD's annual meeting is available for download on FSMD's website (www.flmayflower.com) or can be obtained from Allerton Colony governor Dottie Ferris at 5366 Stonybrook Dr., Boynton Beach FL 33437-1613 or email at dottiferris@yahoo.com.