

The Texas Mayflower News

Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants



Governors Message

Hello All:

I want to share a message we received from the National Society regarding the importance of serving on committees.

There are many benefits to serving at both the state and national levels of GSMD. If you are reading this, you are already giving a valuable service to your state, or you are a national officer, being either a Deputy Governor General (DGG) or Assistant General (AG). Thank you for your service, and please consider lending your talents at the national committee level as well.

Serving on a committee gives you the satisfaction of honoring your ancestor (s) by serving the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at the national level. Here are some benefits if appointed by the Governor General:

GSMD National Committees

your unique valuable insight and ideas to create an even better committee and society

Improve your leadership skills as you translate your national assignments to the state level to improve your state society

Receive a training session for your committee once a year

Wear a national GSMD ribbon alongside your member and state medals

Earn committee title bars that you can place on your national medal

Be included in quarterly General Board of Assistants calls to learn from the Executive Committee what is happening at the national level

Create friendships with your fellow committee members while working together on your committee assignments

Discuss committee ideas with the Governor General and Exec Committee

Make your fellow members aware of who you are and what you have to contribute to the society

Notes from the vault

2015 Annual Dues

Thank you for continuing your membership in the Texas Mayflower Society. The 2015 Annual Dues campaign has started. Annual dues are \$25.

Life Memberships

Tired of having old money-bags hassling you for your annual dues each fall? Consider becoming a Texas Society Life member. The cost is \$625. For more information please contact either Prarie Counce, our Corresponding Secretary, or Mike Nichols, our Treasurer. The Life Member fee is likely to be increased at our 2015 Annual Meeting.

Please make your check payable to SOMD State of TX and mail it to:

Mike Nichols
Treasurer, TXSOMD
310 Clovis Drive
Georgetown, TX 78628

If possible, please write your TX Society # on your check.

You can email me at

nichols.ms@gmail.com

with any questions.

Mike Nichols
Treasurer, TXSOMD
310 Clovis Drive.
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ByLaws Committee

All of the proposed changes to the GSMD Bylaws/Constitution were approved. Our Bylaws will need to be changed in order to remain in compliance and to implement them.

If there are any changes which you feel need to be made to our Bylaws, please send them to me so the Bylaws Committee can process them.

You can email me at nichols.ms@gmail.com with any questions.

Mike Nichols
Bylaws Committee Chair, TXSOMD
310 Clovis Drive.
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Compact Day Notices:

- The Dallas - Fort Worth Colony Compact Day luncheon will be November 15, 2014 at the Texas Star Golf Course in Euless. The speaker will be Lloyd Bockstruck on genealogy.
- The Tyler Colony: We will have our annual covered dish luncheon on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Hamilton West Condos, 1521 Rice Road, Tyler, Texas at 11 A.M. We will need meat dishes, vegetable dishes, salad and desserts. Beverages will be provided. Please double your recipe so we will have enough food for everyone. Our speaker this year will be the Honorable Leo Berman.
- The Waco Colony will observe Compact Day with a luncheon on November 15th 2014 at the home of Colony Governor Ann Harder. The Harder home is located at 5125 Meadow Wood Dr. Waco, Texas 76708. Colony Members are asked to RSVP by phone or email by the 12th of November.
- The Houston Colony will hold it's Compact Luncheon at the Brae Burn Country Club, 8101 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77074. Adults \$30, Under 12 \$18. Dr. Hammonds of Houston Baptist University, back by popular demand, will provide another enjoyable program. Silent auction for Scholarship will have everything from antiques to seashells. We celebrate our Juniors
- San Antonio Colony will meet on Saturday, November 22nd at Los Patios. Our speaker, Dr. Tim Summerlin, President of Schreiner College in Kerrville, will discuss William Bradford's journal *Of Plymouth Plantation*.

Historian's Report Continued

JUNIORS

| TJ# | Member | Sponsor | Ancestor |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1125 | Victoria Jenness Wasik | Sandra Liwang | William Brewster |
| 1126 | Charles Andrew Stover IV | Laura Stover | Richard Warren |
| 1127 | Jonathan Edward Dale | Shirley Hunsperger | Francis Cooke |
| 1128 | Joshua Glen Dale | Shirley Hunsperger | Francis Cooke |
| 1129 | Meghan Sarah McCarthy | Shirley Hunsperger | Francis Cooke |
| 1130 | Kylie Ann McCarthy | Shirley Hunsperger | Francis Cooke |
| 1131 | Peyton Leigh McCarthy | Shirley Hunsperger | Francis Cooke |
| 1132 | Brooke Elizabeth Sutter | Shirley Hunsperger | Francis Cooke |
| 1133 | Campbell Vivian Saverien | Shirley Hunsperger | Francis Cooke |
| 1134 | Berlin Shay Grun | Philip Tomlinson | William Brewster |
| 1135 | Lily Kathryn McCain | Patti Necessary | John Howland |

Call for Nominations

The Texas Society Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the following state offices: Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two or more Co-Historians, Assistant Historians, Elder, Captain, Surgeon, and a Counsellor. The nominees for Governor and Deputy Governor will come from the West Texas Colony for the next biennium. Duties of these officers and qualifications can be found in the bylaws. A copy of our bylaws is in your Yearbook and can also be found on our website

www.Texasmayflower.com. Nominees can be submitted to any member of the Nominating Committee. Members are Pat Nichols, Chairman; Dwight Benson, Central Texas; Nancy Parker, Corpus-Christi; Linda Hill, Dallas-Fort Worth; Charles Prince, Houston; Deborah Werner, San Antonio; Carolyn McCall, Tyler; Ann Harder, Waco Colony, and Lorie Rubenser, West Texas. You may contact the chairman directly at patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members who have been approved since publication of our last newsletter and those who have transferred from other state societies, which are noted by an asterisk following their state number.

| TX# | GS# | Name | City | Ancestor |
|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 3090 | 87012 | Gerald Dean Hector Lilly | Midland | Edward Fuller |
| 3091 | 87051 | Brandy Erin Bassett | Austin | John Alden |
| 3092 | 87075 | Ruth Marye Collins Wilkerson | Lubbock | Francis Cooke |
| 3093 | 87126 | Penelope Jo Maley | Austin | William Bradford |
| 3094 | 87127 | Wynn Patterson Rickey | Houston | Edward Doty |
| 3095 | 87133 | Mary Louise Young Dillahunty | Heath | William Bradford |
| 3096 | 87157 | Courtney Alexis Orynich Gillenwater | Boca Raton, FL | William Brewster |
| 3097 | 87158 | Judy Eline Powers | Vernon | Francis Cooke |
| 3098 | 87159 | Philip Ray Tomlinson | Mesa, AZ | William Brewster |
| 3099 | 87189 | Ellana Roxanne Jones Hollmuller | Shady Shores | George Soule |
| 3100 | 87190 | Lynne Ellen Zalesak | Houston | Stephen Hopkins |
| 3101 | 87203 | Melinda Inez Davis Chavez | Austin | Myles Standish |
| 3102 | 87221 | Paula Jean Snider Patterson | Tyler | George Soule |
| 3103* | 74960 | Robert Todd Giffin | Newburgh, IN | Francis Cooke /James Chilton |
| 3104 | 87237 | Ina Lynne Brundrett Maddox | Round Rock | John Howland |
| 3105 | 87273 | Catherine Ashley Orynich | Boca Raton, FL | William Brewster |
| 3106 | 87274 | Gregory Geissler | England | William White |
| 3107* | 87222 | Robert Wesley Price | McKinney | George Soule |
| 3108 | 87319 | Diana Ximinia Clark | Dallas | John Howland |
| 3109 | 87334 | Sharyn Lynn Williams Milligan | Keller | Samuel Fuller |
| 3110* | 83995 | Dorothy MacKay Greene | Austin | William White |
| 3111 | 87350 | Ronald Cyril Knecht Jr. | Kingwood | William Brewster |

NEW SUPPLEMENTALS

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|----------|------------------------|------------------|
| TX #2629 | Nancy Freeman Powers | William Bradford |
| TX#2819 | Velda Jean Wilson Reed | Richard Warren |
| TX#2971 | Toni Gail Tucker | John Cooke |

RICK

DENHAM



At the SMD Congress Rick Denham was elected as one of the GSMD Executive Committee Members At Large.

Picture by Charles Prince of Rick receiving his GSMD EC MAL Medallion



The Texas delegation holding down the back row at GSMD Congress.

2013-2015 Elected Officers

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Governor | Carol Scarborough |
| Dep. Governor | Ann Harder |
| Co-Historian | Laurie Behn |
| Co-Historian | Peggy Durack |
| Assis Historian | Jennifer Mitten |
| Assit Historian | Sheryl Schilling |
| Assis Historian | LaVonne Bradford |
| Corresp. Sec. | Prarie Counce |
| Recording Sec. | Linda Hill |
| Treasurer | Michael Nichols |
| Captain | Michael Byrne |
| Elder | Lisa Pennington |

Dear Board of Assistants/Directors,

Congratulations to TXSOMD member Rick Denham, who was elected to the GSMD Executive Committee at the 2014 Triennial Congress in Plymouth.

Rick has asked to be relieved of his duties as Assistant General.

I have appointed Judie Allen to serve as interim AG until the Texas Society Annual Meeting in March 2015.

I hope you are well and enjoying the start of fall weather.

Carol Scarborough
TXSOMD Governor



Twenty-two members of The Pilgrim William White Society met for the first time in conjunction with the 40th General Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on Monday, September 8th, 2014. The meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Business transacted during the meeting included the election of officers. Left to right: Barbara Williams, Patricia Nichols, Prarie Counce, Susie Wuest, Leah Davis, J. Benese Scherrer, and Kenneth R. Whittemore, Jr. D. Alan Smith was not present.

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