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T E X A S S O C I E T Y O F M A Y F L O W E R D E S C E N D A N T S

2015-2017 Elected Officers

Rick Denham, Governor
 Lorie Holbrooks, Deputy Governor
 Prarie Counce, Corresponding Secretary
 Judie Allen, Recording Secretary
 Mike Nichols, Treasurer
 Jennifer Mitten, Lead Historian
 Betty Gosdin, Co-Historian
 Sheryl Schilling, Co-Historian
 Lavonne Bradfield, Assistant Historian
 Elizabeth Heise, Assistant Historian
 Richard Smith, Elder
 Charles Prince, Captain
 Lisa Pennington, Counsellor

A Message From Our Governor



Dear Cousins,

Thank You to the West Texas Colony of Mayflower Descendants for placing my name in nomination for Governor and Thank You to all those that supported my nomination and elected me to this office during our Annual Meeting at Houston in March. I also wish to offer thanks to the Houston Colony for hosting our meeting. It was so nice to visit with cousins from all the colonies and learn about their plans for the 2015 -2017 term. Having Governor General Lea Filson present her vision of the Mayflower Society and install our Texas Society Officers for 2015 - 2017 was special. Her vision along with the vision of our new Texas Society Committee Chairs promises to show Texas and the country how the society's work is so important to preserve the memories and story of our ancestors' voyage to America and their establishing the framework for our government.

I hope as many of you as possible will attend our next Annual Meeting which will be sponsored by the San Antonio Colony. It will be the 85th Anniversary of the Texas Society's Charter.

Sincerely,

Rick

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Corpus Christi Colony News

Corpus Christi Colony installed officers for 2015-2017 at their meeting April 11, 2015 at the Yacht Club in Corpus Christi. The new officers are Governor, Nancy Parker; Deputy Governor Jacqie Perabo; Secretary, Patsy Crocker; Treasurer, Nancy Parker; Historian, Marion Halvorsen; Elder, Donna Fossett; Counselor, DeWitt Alsup; BOA Representative; Judie Allen and Parliamentarian, Carolyn Fossett.



L-R Jacqie Perabo, Nancy Parker, and Patsy Crocker

Spotlight on our Scholarship Recipient



Catherine Prince Caprio is the recipient of the 2015 Texas Society scholarship. She is an Austin native who has loved animals since her earliest years. She is now preparing to study Biomedical Science at Texas A&M University followed by veterinary school. She has volunteered at the Humane Society and apprenticed with a local veterinarian. While active in her High School FFA organization she participated in competitions, debates, and raised two pigs, all the while maintaining a ranking of third in a graduating class of 434. She loves drama and participated in several high school plays including "Legally Blonde" and "Flowers for Algernon". She was a Girl Scout followed by Venture Scouting. This included a "Northern Tier" canoeing trip into Canada in 2014. She has been president of the Multicultural Anime Club in high school where she gained some cultural understanding of Japan and is planning to visit after graduation this spring. Catherine is a descendant of William Bradford and a Junior Member of the Texas Mayflower Society where she attends Central Texas Colony meetings with her grandmother, Betty Prince.

She studied the piano and Spanish for eight years. She has taken horseback riding lessons. She has a beautiful soprano voice and cantors at her church. She crochets well, and has taken commercial cooking lessons and baking lessons from her great grandmother. She is an accomplished pianist, equestrian and she bakes a delicious apple pie. She enjoys surfing while visiting her grandparents in San Diego during the summer. At the family ranch in West Texas, she paints interesting modern murals on the pump houses and tanks and takes shooting lessons from her grandfather. She is an accurate shot with both a pistol and a rifle. Catherine is a very busy young woman and a wonderful representative of our Texas Junior members.

Pictured above are l-r Dwight Benson, Central Texas Colony Governor, Catherine, and father David Prince.



Installation of new officers for 2015-17 l-r Lea Filson—Governor General, Rick Denham—Governor, Judie Allen—Recording Secretary, Prarie Counce—Corresponding Secretary, Mike Nichols—Treasurer, Betty Gosdin, Jennifer Mitten, and Sheryl Schilling—Co-Historians, Charles Prince—Captain, Richard Smith—Elder, and Lisa Pennington—Counsellor

Disposition of Motions from the 2015 Annual Meetings

The first Board of Assistants meeting convened on Friday, March 27th at 4 PM. Both the sitting Governor and Deputy Governor were unable to attend. Governor Carol Scarborough wished that Linda Hill, Recording Secretary, serve as Governor pro tem and chair the meeting and that Prarie Counce, Corresponding Secretary, serve as Recording Secretary pro tem. This action was approved. Housekeeping motions relating to the approval of the minutes of the 2014 minutes, the appointment of a time keeper and the tellers for the 2015 Annual meeting were presented and approved. The results of email votes by the Board of Assistants since the last meeting in March 2014 were approved. The motions were to approve Mike Nichols as Acting Assistant General for the 2014 GSMD Annual Meeting, approve funds for equipment for the Co-Historians not included in the 2014 budget and approve the appointment of Judie Allen to serve as acting Assistant Governor until her election at the GSMD meeting in fall 2015.

The recommendations of the Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman, Endowment Committee Chairman, and Audit Committee were presented and approved. A Policy Committee shall be created and that committee will prepare a Whistle Blower Policy and a Conflict of Interest Policy. The Duties of the Officers in the Bylaws shall be changed to ensure compliance with the approved policies of the TXSOMD and these approved policies shall be added to the Yearbook. The Nominating Committee shall canvas the colonies and identify a candidate for Treasurer who shall serve on the Finance Committee. Any surplus at the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year shall be transferred to the Life Membership fund. A mid-year meeting of the Texas Society officers and the Colony Governors shall be held with \$800 being budgeted for expenses. A second scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 shall be awarded and added to the budget. Six items specifying transfers between the various Endowment funds to balance the funds and reduce risk and exposure were presented and approved. A new vendor to provide credit cards for the Historians shall be researched. The Education Committee should provide a resource list for the use of Colony Education funds to encourage colonies to use the allocations. Education funds not used by the colonies by December 31st shall be forfeited and available for use by other colonies. Competitive bids shall be obtained from vendors for the pricing of the newsletters and Yearbook. The Historians shall submit receipts from their debit cards to the Treasurer quarterly. Mary Eck, Scholarship Chairman, moved that the eligibility statement for scholarship applicants be reworded and that the Scholarship Chairman be moved from "Other Committees" and be added to "Standing Committees". The motion to reword the eligibility statement was approved. The change from Other Committees to Standing Committees requires a Bylaws change and was referred to the Bylaws Committee for action. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

The second Board of Assistants meeting convened on Saturday, March 28th at 3:30 PM. Rick Denham, Governor Elect, presented his Committee Chairman appointments. All were approved. A motion that the TXSOMD destroy in a secure manner all paper applications and supporting documents by year end 2015 was approved. A new scholarship eligibility statement was moved and approved as follows "The graduate may hold a Texas Junior Mayflower membership number or a parent or grandparent must be a currently verifiable member in good standing of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants." A motion to Eliminate the Annual Meeting Liaison position from the Standing Rules was out of order and referred to the Bylaws Committee. The second Board of Assistants meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Annual Meeting Motions Continued

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants convened at 9:21 on March 28th in Houston. Housekeeping motions to adopt the program, approve the standing rules for the meeting, appoint three members of the body to read and approve the 2015 minutes, and the appointment of timekeepers and tellers were approved. The recommendations from the Treasurer, Finance Committee, Endowment Committee, and the audit committee presented during the First Board of Assistants meeting were moved for endorsement. All were approved. The bylaws amendments as printed in the Winter newsletter were moved and approved with the exception of eliminating the office of Surgeon. This proposed amendment was withdrawn because it would conflict with the General Society bylaws. The slate of officers as presented in the Winter Newsletter was elected, as there were no nominations from the floor. Leah Davis was nominated to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee; this was approved. A motion to approve Judie Allen as Assistant General Nominee was made and approved. The business portion of the meeting recessed at 3:20 P.M.

Linda Hill, Governor pro tem, called the banquet meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Lea Filson, Governor General, spoke about “The Mayflower Society in the 21st Century, It’s More Important Now than Ever.” The Annual Award of Recognition was presented to Charles Prince, Houston Colony, and Michael Byrne, San Antonio Colony for their contributions to the State Society and to their colonies by Judie Allen representing the Awards Committee. Catherine Prince Caprio was awarded the 2015 state Mayflower scholarship. The new officers were introduced and installed by Governor General Filson. The Governor’s neck medallion and gavel were presented to new Governor Rick Denham. Prarie Counce, Corresponding Secretary, read the Courtesy Resolutions and Michael Byrne issued the invitation to the 2016 Annual Meeting to be held in San Antonio. Governor Denham adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.



Bart Henson and Mike Nichols present reports during the business meeting. Lea Filson, Governor General , presents her vision for the General Society at the banquet.

New Members

Name	Ancestor	Name	Ancestor
Patricia Anne Brennan Rorschach	John Alden	Lawrence Frederick Francis	Francis Cooke
Lawrence Tyler Francis	Francis Cooke	Shirley Doering from MO	William Bradford
Nancy Howland Washburne from FL	John Howland	Larry James Peik	William Bradford
Hope Lockwood Griscom	Francis Cooke	Carey Cleveland Swan	William Bradford
Jane Gale Parr Saliba	John Billington	Sarah Ruth Wilkerson Scott	Francis Cooke
Rachel Lynn Wilkerson	Francis Cooke	Ellen Grace Wilkerson	Francis Cooke
Lydia Deming Manchester Beaver	William Brewster	Constance Vivian Abell McCall	John Alden
Judith Kay Hopkins Baker	John Howland	Raymond Lloyd Coleman	Edward Fuller
Wyndi Jonette Wyman Fuqua-Flanigan	John Alden	Robert Louis Meservey	John Howland
Jerral Duane Blair	Edward Fuller	Sarah Anne Fountain Willingham	William Brewster
Lydia Faye Sills Chambers	Myles Standish	Barbara Gail Weed Urban	Thomas Rogers
Suzanne Jane Merritt Clinesmith	John Alden	Margaret Lou Moore Gallagher	Constance Hopkins
James Elbridge Griffes	Richard Warren	Irene Dean Smith Bates from RI	James Chilton
Jennifer Jean Reeves Haskell	William Bradford	Anne Michelle Hockens	Stephen Hopkins
Sidney Nicholas Hockens	Stephen Hopkins	Valerie Jean Hockens	Stephen Hopkins
Michelle Nicole Laroche	Thomas Rogers	John Richard Sanborn	Richard Warren
Cindy Lucas Rucker	Edward Fuller	Carl Baker King	James Chilton
Douglas Allan Mineo	Stephen Hopkins		

New Junior Members

Name	Sponsor	Ancestor
Meredith Inez Chavez	Melinda Chavez	Miles Standish
Ryan Furlow	Lisa Pennington	Isaac Allerton

New Supplemental Ancestors

The following members had new ancestors approved since the last newsletter.

Diane Marston Wood --- William Brewster Michael Shannon Nichols — Elizabeth Tilley

Kathleen Gayle Phillips Kelley — Stephen Hopkins Stephen Lane Gray — Edward Fuller

Howard Chamber Dailey III — John Alden

Past Governor Carol Scarborough, 1946-2015

We were all saddened to learn of the death of our immediate Past Governor Carol Scarborough on April 8, 2015

Carol loved the Mayflower Society. Her membership was approved in 2002. She founded the Waco Colony in 2003 and served several terms as Governor of that Colony.

Carol was elected as Assistant General representing Texas in 2005 and served thru 2008. She was appointed Texas Society Co-Historian in 2006, and elected Historian in 2007. She loved being Historian, but her health kept her from serving another term. She was elected as our Texas Society Governor in 2013. Unfortunately her health kept her from attending our 2015 Annual Meeting.

Being Governor of the Texas Mayflower Society gave Carol great joy. It was an important part of her life. We shall miss her.

Texas SOMD Juniors

If your young family member is not a Texas Junior, he or should could become one very easily. They would be included in Texas SOMD activities, meet cousins they never knew they had and make lifelong friendships. Governor Rick Denham is developing a unique composition project with an equally unique symbolic award. Also, Junior Members will receive a national newsletter with a state newsletter insert. A web site just for them will be soon become a click away and your Junior may even become eligible for a scholarship! For information, please contact Junior Chairman Peggy Marsh at: peggymarsh@comcast.net or one of your Colony officers. **Design the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants, Texas Junior Member logo for tee shirts and correspondence. Send your design idea to Peggy Marsh by July 31, 2015.**



Juniors are involved in Colony and State meetings. Pictured are Juniors meeting with Governor Denham and Governor General Lea Filson.



In Memoriam

Ruth Hedden	December 23, 2014	Henry Samson
Lawrence Francis	November 24, 2014	Francis Cooke
Elmo Lee Brockman	November 21, 2013	William Bradford
Doris Jean Foreman	September 22, 2014	William Bradford
Charles Pendleton	December 13, 2014	John Alden
Richard Sheumaker	February 10, 2015	John Alden
Carol Scarborough	April 8, 2015	William Bradford



Yearbook and Newsletter Changes

As we get ready to issue our 2015-2017 yearbook, we are giving you the ability to select what information you want listed. You can choose to not have your address, phone number, and email address shown in the yearbook. All of these will be listed unless you tell us otherwise. If you desire to not have some of those shown, please let our Corresponding Secretary know and include your Texas Society member number.

We are also giving you an option to have your Yearbook delivered electronically via email. Several members have requested this. You also now have an option to have your TXSOMD Newsletters delivered electronically as well. If you desire to go with electronic delivery, please let our Corresponding Secretary know and include your Texas Society member number. An electronic newsletter will be in color!

One of the duties of the Corresponding Secretary is to provide a monthly report to the Texas Society Board of Assistants/Directors and the Historian's office in Plymouth (GSMD) containing changes made to the TXSOMD database throughout the month.

Please remember to report your change of contact information (address, phone, e-mail) to Corresponding Secretary Prarie Counce at prariec@me.com. If you are aware of the death of a member or former member of our Society, please report that to the Corresponding Secretary also. If you need to transfer or resign from the Society; or if you wish to be reinstated into the Society, please contact the Corresponding Secretary. Life Memberships are available to members at a cost of \$750. Upon the purchase of a Life Membership, you will receive a nice certificate from the Society and you will pay no more yearly dues. Please contact Corresponding Secretary Prarie Counce at prariec@me.com if you are interested in a Life Membership.

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Notes from the Vault

Due to the dues increase from the General Society, our Annual Dues have gone up to \$30. The fee for new Life memberships have also increased to \$750. I have added a new feature to our annual dues process that has been requested by several members. If you desire to pay the annual dues for others, please let our Corresponding Secretary know and include your Texas Society member number and the Texas Society member numbers of those whose dues you will be paying. When dues notices are prepared this fall they will be mailed directly to you.

Several years ago The Texas Mayflower Society Gifting Program was established to allow members to leave a lasting gift to the Texas Society. The Texas Mayflower Fund was created, other funds were consolidated into it, and the Endowment Committee was established to oversee the investment of the fund assets.

Our Scholarship, Education, and Library programs are all funded from The Texas Mayflower Fund. Several members choose to make a donation to this fund at the time they pay their annual dues. Any donations received, unless otherwise specified, are added to the Texas Mayflower Fund. We gratefully thank the Debra Hinkle, William Marrs, Bart Henson, Susan Pendleton, Elaine Thomas, Anne Agura Margaret Ivancevich and Stephanie Loomis-Price for their contributions last year. Memorials and other gifts to the Texas Mayflower Fund are gratefully appreciated and are Tax Deductible.

Tired of having old money-bags hassling you for your annual dues each fall? Consider becoming a Texas Society Life member. The cost is \$750. For more information please contact either Prarie Counce, our Corresponding Secretary, or Mike Nichols, our Treasurer. Please make your check payable to SOMD State of TX and mail it to me. If possible, please write your TX Society # on your check.. You can email me at nichols.ms@gmail.com with any questions.

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