

*The Society of
Mayflower Descendants*



in the State of Texas

Greetings from Texas Governor - Linda Hill



It's hard to believe that this will be my last governor's message. It has been a very busy and productive two years. I would like to thank all the state officers and committee chairman for their support and hard work. I believe we have worked together well.

One goal of my administration was to increase membership. We concentrated on this in two ways. We made research materials more readily available to potential members throughout the state, and we actively encouraged our junior members to move up to adult membership. I am happy to report that Library Committee Chair, Leah Davis, did a wonderful job surveying Texas libraries and placing Silver Books where they were most needed. It is my hope that this will be an ongoing project and that someday we

may have colonies as far west as El Paso! Junior Membership Chair, Janice Doss, has been hard at work getting good addresses on our Junior Members. If you have sponsored a junior, please let her know your junior's current address!!

Due to health, family and personal business concerns, state historian Dr. Robin Ruth Alexander found it necessary to resign her position. Most of her files have been transferred to Historian Carol Scarborough, who has combined them into her own workload.

The Institute for Texas Cultures in San Antonio, which archives our State Society papers and memorabilia, recently informed us that they no longer wished to store the Alice Lathrop Memorial Chest. I am happy to announce that Dr. Murray Worsham, the granddaughter of founder Wilbur Leslie Evans, has agreed to take custody of the chest. We are very pleased that the chest has found a good home.

Just a year ago we celebrated the 75th Annual meeting of the Texas Society in Amarillo, and this past December we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of our Mayflower Charter in San Antonio. For these occasions a special 75th Anniversary pin and a 75th Anniversary Keepsake Ornament were designed. Both of these will be available for purchase at the Annual meeting in Austin, or you may contact me.

The upcoming meeting in Round Rock will be a very busy one. This is an election year and the Nominating Committee has worked hard to present us with a solid slate of officers. Please take time to read the short bios on those that are being presented.

In addition, there are a small number of bylaws changes being proposed by the By-laws Committee. Please take a few moments to study these as well.

Make sure to get your reservations mailed and your hotel room booked early for the Annual Meeting in Round Rock. Details of the meeting and the reservation form are in this newsletter. The hotel reservation deadline is February 28th and the Registration Deadline is March 14th. A special opportunity is the visit to the Texas State Library.

Finally, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve this Society as Governor. It has truly been a wonderful experience.

Linda

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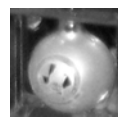
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**The SOMD 75th Anniversary
Commemorative Ornament**

75th Anniversary Celebration of the Texas State Society

The San Antonio Colony hosted the *Texas State Society of Mayflower Descendants*



L to R: Mary E. Eck, Past Texas Governor; Linda Waggon Hill, Texas State Governor; Donald E. Child, Past San Antonio Colony Governor; Joe B. Cox, San Antonio Colony Captain; Dr. Murray Worsham; Col. Cannon Pritchard, Guest Speaker; Mrs. Deborah Werner, San Antonio Colony Governor.

celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the organization. Members and guests gathered at noon on December 2, 2006, for visiting, lunch, program, and a perusal of an array of memorabilia consisting of original minutes and other historical documents, scrapbooks, pictures, newspaper clippings, and the Alice Lathrop Memorial Cabinet which houses the Articles of Incorporation.

San Antonio Colony Governor Deborah Werner presided over the luncheon and program. Greetings were brought to the group by State Governor Linda Hill. A power point presentation of the history of the *Texas Society* featuring pictures of past governors, officers, events and celebrations, was prepared by Mrs. Mary E. Eck, former *Texas Society* Governor. She presented a review of the organization's history, officers, and members along with the pictures. The Wilbur Leslie Evans family were important figures in organizing the *State Society*. Col. Cannon Pritchard, noted genealogy researcher, presented a program on the Evans family that was exceptional in his depiction of the character of the family that had such a great interest in genealogy and an impact in the *Texas Society*. Members of the Evans family were instrumental in the organization of other lineage societies. Following this presentation, a representative of each of the eight colonies in the state presented a review of the development of their colonies through the years.

The *Texas Society* began on December 24, 1931, with a single State organization which stood alone for nearly fifteen years. The group met in San Antonio for the annual meeting while the membership grew across the large state. There was an early agreement that San Antonio would not organize a colony until another city created a colony. Some fun has come from the rivalry of which was the first colony in the state but the order is as follows: Houston Colony, Dallas/Ft. Worth Colony, San Antonio Colony, Corpus Christi Colony, Amarillo Colony, Austin Colony, Waco Colony and Tyler Colony. The first three colonies were organized within a period of seven months. The membership has grown from the original 20 members to almost one thousand members.

The *Texas Society* has a rich heritage of friendliness, cooperation, and worthwhile activities. The Alice Lathrop Memorial Fund, originating from a donation by Alice Lathrop through her will, provides money for educational purposes that is used by the colonies in various ways to keep the history of the Pilgrims alive in the classrooms of the Texas schools. This is an ongoing project of many years.

Assisting Governor Werner in the preparation for the event were Barbara Warnock, Mary E. Eck, Judith Renker, Suzanne Scott, and Pat Taylor.

Annual Meeting Early Bird Special -Texas State Library

Arrangements have been made for members attending the Annual Meeting to tour the Texas State Genealogical Library in Austin on Friday, March 30, 2007 at 11:00. We look at it as an early-bird special. Both the library staff and Colony members will be on hand to help people research their lineage.

Treasurer's Report-First Nine Months

This report reflects the Income and Expenses for the first nine months. Our Budget Year is only eleven months. We adjusted our budget year at the 2006 State meeting to begin April 1, 2006 and end the last day of February 2007.

Total Income for the general account was \$28,653 and the Total Expense was \$11,567 leaving a favorable balance of \$17,086. Prior to Budget year end we will have some heavy expenses including Society fees of approximately \$11,000 and Annual Meeting expense of \$1,500 as well as the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. These expenses will reduce the favorable balance significantly.

Contributions: We have received contributions totaling \$767 from the following members:

Karen Hall.....	General purposes
William Marrs.....	General purposes
Susan Claveness.....	General purposes
Ruth Ann Thomas.....	Whatever needed
Laurie Behn.....	In Memory of Charles Gray
Bart Henson.....	Mayflower Fund
Ron Moranville.....	Mayflower Fund

These welcome contributions will be transferred to the Mayflower Fund.

Ron Moranville-Treasurer

Awards Committee Reminder

Please submit names of members who have served the Texas Society in a special capacity. Each year we hope to select someone worthy to receive this special recognition for their efforts in promoting the Society.

Submit names to : Mary E. Eck, 13205 George Road, San Antonio, TX 78230-3018.

Color Guard, Alert!

We are mustering up the troops! Make a grand entrance! Wear your historical costume! See flags presented in their glory! Be patriotic! Show that you are proud to be a SOMD member! Have lots of fun! Join the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas' Color Guard! Both Pilgrims and Indians from across the state are welcome. Envisioned and organized by Harlan Green, this may be the most awe-inspiring project ever undertaken by SOMD TX members. The Color Guard has been requested for the 2007 Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2007. Come join us! To be a part of the color guard, learn more about it, or contribute to the project, contact:

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Colony News



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Central Texas Colony (formerly Austin Colony)

The Central Texas Colony meeting at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado on November 18, 2006 was well attended and mostly devoted to planning the 2007 SOMD TX Annual Meeting, which we are hosting. We invite everyone to attend this important meeting, have fun, and meet up with both old and new friends. The Colony continues to provide children's books on Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony to small libraries and schools. The Georgetown Public Library has requested a set of silver books and Sun City may also have an interest in a set. Replacing outdated silver books at the State Library and new books for Georgetown will be the educational goal for 2007. The Austin Colony logo and banner are now historic items. A new Central Texas Colony logo needs to be designed. A final planning meeting for the Annual Meeting is planned for February 2007. For more information, contact Colony Governor Karen A. Renker at gemhem@hotmail.com or call 254-217-1750.



Corpus Christi Colony. The Corpus Christi Colony was saddened by the death of their last, faithful charter member, Richard Soule. The Compact luncheon held on

November 18, was dedicated to his memory. Guest speaker, Dr. David Murrah, spoke about another group of Pilgrims, 180 strong, who tried to establish a colony in 1684-85 in the Matagorda Bay area. The LaSalle French expedition failed due to poor leadership, disease, and unfriendly Indians—only six survived. The North Corpus Christi library was presented Texas Lineage Books III and IV in memory of Richard Soule. Carolyn Fossett will distribute the state funded Silver Books to libraries. The annual meeting will be March 24 with Dr. Harry Kevenik, former president of Texas Western University, as speaker. For more information, contact Colony Governor Charlie Adams as 361-774-0303 or at dewittadams4@msn.com.



Dallas-Fort Worth Colony. The Dallas/Fort Worth Colony held the Compact Luncheon on November 18th at Royal Oaks Country Club. Lloyd Bockstruck provided a

large audience of our members and their families and friends with an excellent program on the Pilgrims.

Jean DeSchweintz has graciously offered her home for our next meeting on Sunday, April 22nd. Jean lives in Colleyville at 4108 Greenway Court. The Education Co-Chairmen, Susie Ashbaugh and Carol Burnaman, are going to present an overview of what they offer the public schools and will welcome your suggestions. A new slate of colony officers will be installed at the meeting as well. Please join us Sunday afternoon for fellowship, food and ideas. Contact Barbara Chesney, Colony Governor for additional information: 214-348-3371, chesney2@tx.rr.com.



Houston Colony The Houston Colony enjoyed a wonderful Compact Day with an interesting slide presentation of the life of Mayflower passenger Issac

Allerton, including visits to places where Allerton lived and owned

property. Lisa and Richard Furlow, the presenters who are attorneys, undertook the project as if they were preparing a case study, and it was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 5 at 12:00 noon at the Briar Club, 26603 Timmons at Westheimer. New officers have been nominated for the coming two years: Governor-Charles Prince; Deputy Governor-Gayle Begley; Recording Secretary-Vivian Jordan; Corresponding Secretary-Pamela Nieto; Treasurer-Lisa Furlow; Historian-Marcia Skillern; Elder and Parliamentarian-Pat Howard; Captain-Lisa Furlow; and Librarian-Lou Gilpin. Contact: Colony Governor, Marcia Skillern, 281-531-1972.



San Antonio Colony. The San Antonio Colony

celebrated Compact Day on November 18, 2006 with a luncheon at The Doubletree Hotel. Guest speaker, Mr. Jim Hubbard, enlightened members with the program "Torpedoing the Myths of History." Members enjoyed a traditional meal of turkey and dressing. The colony will meet on February 3 at the Oak Hills Country Club at 11:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Mr. Al McGraw from the Texas Department of Transportation's Archaeological Studies program. The new slate of officers for 2007-2009 will be presented. Prospective members and guests welcome. Please contact Colony Governor Deborah Werner at (830)620-0879 or dwwerner@satx.rr.com.



Tyler Colony. The Tyler Colony is pleased to have 21

members, 6 applications pending and 6 prospective members. The Colony has had a successful first year, and celebrated its first Compact Day Luncheon on Saturday, November 18, 2006 with 33 in attendance which included members, spouses and prospective members. The program on "The Significance of the Mayflower Compact" was presented by Judge Roby Hadden. The Colony looks forward to being represented at the State Conference to be held in Round Rock in March 2007. Its next meeting will be held in the month of May, and more information will be announced about this meeting as the time draws near. For more information, contact Colony Governor Betty Corcoran at (903) 534-0742 or bboopflint@wmconnect.com.



Waco Colony. The Waco Colony Compact Day was

held on Nov 4th with a very interesting program by Estelle Owens of Amarillo, The Pilgrim Program was presented to 675+ students in the Waco area as well as two in East Texas, at the invitation of the Tyler Colony. The Waco Society was also represented in the Veteran's Day parade. The next meeting will be Feb 3rd when Madeline Alworth, Historian and Educational Chairman of the Tyler Colony, will present a program on "Discovering Nantucket's Cemeteries and the Art of Stone Cutting". New officers will also be elected. The nominees for the Waco Colony are: Governor-Ann Harder; Deputy Governor-Carol Scarborough; Recording Secretary- Brenda Jordan; Corr Secretary-Madeline Alworth; Treasurer-Jerrie Geisler; Historian-Lacy Scarborough; Captain-Gloria Walker; Elder-Margaret Middlebrook. Contact: Carol Scarborough, Colony Governor, 254-836-1278 or shewulf82@aol.com.

Junior Members The Texas Society is happy to have these new Junior Members since the Fall 2006 Newsletter.

TJ 944	Capt, Emmett Eugene	Kemah, TX	Francis Cooke	CS
TJ 945	Capt, Howdy Miller	Kemah TX	Francis Cooke	CS
TJ 946	Trainer, Brooke Miller	Spring Branch, TX	John Howland	CS
TJ 947	Trainer, Keaton Thomas	Spring Branch, TX	John Howland	CS
TJ 948	Lattin, Daniel James	Spring, TX	William Brewster	RA
TJ 949	Lattin, Mathew Thomas	Spring, TX	William Brewster	RA
TJ 950	Lattin, Lauren Elizabeth	Spring, TX	William Brewster	RA
TJ 951	Brown, Margaret Maye Olivia	Pittsburg, PA	William Brewster	CS
TJ 952	Hansen, Helen Ruth	Fairview, TX	Edward Fuller	CS
TJ 953	Hansen, Hannah Marie	Fairview, TX	Edward Fuller	CS
TJ 954	Evans, Kenleighn Beth	Lexington, TX	William Bradford	CS
TJ 955	Denton, Kirsten Anne	Sugar Land, TX	Richard Warren	CS
TJ 956	Denton, Mykal Alexandra	Sugar Land, TX	Richard Warren	CS
TJ 957	Denton, Elizabeth Nicole	Sugar Land, TX	Richard Warren	CS
TJ 958	Bailey, Charles Craig	Mt. Pleasant, TX	William Brewster	CS
TJ 959	Carter Dean Bailey	Mt. Pleasant, TX	William Brewster	CS
TJ 960	Bailey, Megan Christine	Ruston, LA	William Brewster	CS

Supplementals

53102	1380	Kathy Wells	Elizabeth Fisher	CS
58359	1660	James William Griffith	Stephen Hopkins	CS
61,551	1854	Julie Mudry	John Alden	RA
75798	2429	Norma Leigh Madison Foskett	William Bradford	CS

In Memoriam - *These members will be memorialized at the March 31, 2007 Memorial Service in Round Rock.*

#26897	426	Richard Claude Soule	7 Oct 2006	Corpus Christi
56312	2169	Robert C. Lonerger	17 Oct 2006	San Antonio



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