



# IOWA HAWKEYE



## NEWSLETTER of the IOWA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

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### Iowa Mayflower Society Officers 2017-2020

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	<b>Counselor</b> Bernadine McGuire	<b>Governor Emeritus</b> Maureen D. Wilson	



## GOVERNOR GENERAL GARMANY to visit Iowa Saturday, May 4, 2019

We will be welcoming Governor General George Garmany to Iowa at our Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Rd, Urbandale, Iowa.

We will also be announcing our 2019 Scholarship Winner.

**10 A.M. Board of Assistants meeting**  
**11 A.M. Business meeting**  
**NOON - Dinner \$18 includes gratuities**

Roast Pork Loin  
Potatoes  
Vegetables  
Coleslaw  
Cottage Cheese  
Bread and Butter  
Cookie

Coffee, Milk, Water, Soft Drinks

**PROGRAM**  
Governor General George Garmany

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

**RESERVATIONS are needed.**  
Please contact Linda Cassman-Randall (319)  
215-0360 • [lindaellen4765@gmail.com](mailto:lindaellen4765@gmail.com) before  
**April 26.**

## IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY GOVERNOR

This spring our Iowa Society has the honor of hosting our Governor General George Garmandy MD at our Annual meeting. Following our Compact meeting last November we had a lot of positive feedback on the location for our meeting. Once again we will be meeting at the Machine Shed in Urbandale. I realize it can be a rather long drive for some. I will be taking reservations so please feel free to contact me if you will be willing to give someone a ride or if you need a ride. I will see what I can do to connect you with someone. My cell number is 319-215-0360.

How many other people can say they know as much as we do about where their grandparents were 400 years ago. About their voyage to America and what their lives were like when they arrived. Modern technology makes new discoveries every day.

PLEASE teach your children and grandchildren about their family history. Donate one of the beautiful books we now have available to your local school, public library, go to your local school and read a story to them next fall. You will be amazed at how they enjoy your visit. I still have adults say to me, “I remember when you taught us \_\_\_?\_\_\_ “, that was 20+ years ago for some. I would love to hear what you are doing to share our Mayflower family. We need to start with our youth.

*Linda Cassman-Randall*  
Governor

## IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MINUTES

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants met at the Bonanza Steakhouse in Des Moines on March 23, 2019. Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members in attendance were, Iris Eriksen, Ken Callison, Maureen Wilson, Pam Manning, Barb Gregersen, John Butler, Dan Wiechmann, Ruth Tucker, Bill Nichols, and Barb Clayton.

Associate Governor Ken Callison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Bill Nichols led us in prayer.

The minutes of the November 3, 2018, meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter..

Treasurer Danielle Knutson was not present. Her report will be approved when it is presented.

Historian Pam Manning reported that 16 Preliminary applications have been sent to Plymouth since Nov. 3, 2018. Two applications have been approved. Since the same date 2 Preliminary Applications for Supplemental Lines have been sent to Plymouth and 2 Supplemental Lines have been approved. The report is attached. Four of the Preliminary Applications are not included on this attached report. The Iowa Society's membership is 374.

Junior Membership Chair Ruth Tucker reported that there are 252 Junior Members in the Iowa Society. As of December 31, 2017 there were 245 members.

Report of Plans for the visit of Governor General Garmany, Jr to the May 4, 2019 meeting

John Butler will meet him at the Des Moines airport when he arrives on Friday. Accommodations will be made for him and his wife at the motel adjacent to the Machine Shed where the Saturday meeting will be held. A “turkey dinner” was approved for the Saturday noon meal. John was requested to reserve a room in “Johnny’s Steak House” for the Friday evening meal. Board of Assistant members (and spouses) were invited to attend this meal. John Butler will act as chauffer the Governor General during his stay.

Scholarship Committee Report: The scholarship has been awarded. John Butler will write a notification letter to the winner. The winner and guests will be invited to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for a formal presentation of the award.

Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall would like a new picture of our 2020 T-shirt put on the website.

New Business:

a. Quorum – The issue of the number for a quorum at the Board of Assistants meeting. There are fifteen officers. The number necessary is 1 more than half. Eight members must be present. Either the Governor or Deputy Governor must be present for business to take place. **2**

b. The cost the Iowa Society charges to process an application to the National organization. - The charge for the Iowa Society is currently \$115 (\$75 to GSMD and \$40 to Iowa Society,(\$25 for first year dues and \$15 for processing). Much discussion followed with no action taken.

c. Counselor Bernadine McGuire reported that she filed the 990-N e-postcard with the IRS on February 17, 2019. She also filed the Biennial report for Iowa Non-Profit corporation with the Iowa secretary of State on January 16, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 11: a.m.

*Barb Gregersen*

Recording Secretary

**APPROVED APPLICATIONS since the Winter, 2018-2019, Newsletter**

**Descendant of William White**

Gen# 94795 IA#1554

Mary Ann GOTTSCH ECKHART

Newton, Iowa

**Descendants of Stephen Hopkins**

Gen# 92141 IA# 1530 S#3

Janice Maureen SHOEMAKER PETERSON

Madrid Iowa

**JUNIOR MEMBERS in IOWA**



If your junior member's family has an email address, please send it to us and we will send him/her copies of this newsletter! Please help keep our records up to date and save a little money!

**JUNIOR MEMBERS added since Fall, 2018, newsletter**

JR#	NAME	SPONSOR	MF ANCESTOR
1300	Katherine Malia Meek	Mary Elise FISCH, IA# 1451, Mother	Richard Warren
1301	Braeden Paul Meek	Mary Elise FISCH, IA# 1451, Mother	Richard Warren
1302	Isabelle Marissa Siegal	Geoffrey GRIMES, IA# 1533. Grandfather	George Soule
1303	Avery Reine Siegal	Geoffrey GRIMES, IA# 1533. Grandfather	George Soule

**GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS**

**Junior Committee News**

**GSMD Junior Chairman Cynthia Tinney**



**Plymouth GSMD Pilgrim Progress**

If you will be visiting the Plymouth area in August, please consider participating in the Pilgrim Progress on August 2, 9, 16 & 23. Costumes are provided. Call Cythia Tinney at (718) 878-5273 for reservations and details. If you are planning a trip to Plymouth at Thanksgiving time, the famous Thanksgiving Parade and illuminations will be held on November 23.

**"Welcome Englishmen."**

Samoset welcomed the Mayflower Pilgrims to Plymouth Colony, by speaking English to them in March of 1621.



Bed, Bath and Beyond is selling a commemorative *Mayflower* door mat! The cost is \$20, and yes, your 20% coupon is good! Buy two and shipping will be free (free shipping for orders over \$30). The mat is not advertised on the website, but call the Plymouth, Massachusetts Bed, Bath and Beyond and they will mail the mat(s) to you! Their phone number is: 1-508-746-5975.

**Summer Scholarship deadlines from Family Societies**

*The Fuller Society* - [www.thefullersociety.org](http://www.thefullersociety.org), The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship between \$1,000-\$1620, deadline is June 1, 2019, is given to high school Senior.

*The Pilgrim John Howland Society* - Awards one \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline is June 1, 2019, and the applicant must be a member in good standing at the time

of application submission. Email request for application to: [rebecca.amy.adams@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.amy.adams@gmail.com).

*Soule Kindred in America* - [www.soulekindred.org](http://www.soulekindred.org), offers TWO \$1,300 scholarships. The deadline is July 1, 2019, for high school seniors.

**Join the 2020 Commemoration and Leave a Legacy Through Your Art!**

**Plymouth 400** - [Plymouth400inc.org/Events/postal-artwork-contest](http://Plymouth400inc.org/Events/postal-artwork-contest)

Announcing the Plymouth 400 Postal Artwork Contest where artists and aspiring artists alike, will have the opportunity to develop the official 2020 commemorative CACHETS. What is a CACHET? A cachet is "a design or inscription on an envelope to commemorate an historic event." In past commemorations, official "cachets" were created to represent key moments in history. We're asking YOU to help us create cachets for 2020!

***Mayflower* Travel Trivia**

The *Mayflower* travelled across the Atlantic at an average speed of 2 miles an hour (about the speed of walking)! The distance for the 1620 voyage from South Hampton, England to Cape Cod was 2,750 miles and took 66 days. The distance from Los Angeles, California to Plymouth, Massachusetts is 3,015 miles.

**April 5, 1621**  
***Mayflower* returns to England**



Match the words on the left with the best meanings on the right, then check the bottom of the page for the correct matches.

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| 1. September 6, 1620        | a. America  |
| 2. Pilgrim                  | b. The ship that the Pilgrims sailed to America in 1620                                       |
| 3. The New World            | c. A person who goes on a long journey  |
| 4. <i>Mayflower</i>         | d. The speed at which you walk (2 miles per hour)   |
| 5. A cargo ship             | e. The Pilgrims left England.   |
| 6. November 11, 1620        | f. This is the type of ship that would carry wine, vinegar...and even your Pilgrim ancestors. |
| 7. Atlantic Ocean           | g. The <i>Mayflower</i> sailed for 66 days on this body of water                              |
| 8. <i>Mayflower's</i> speed | h. A tablet that helped children learn to read and write                                      |
| 9. Hornbook                 | i. The Pilgrims arrived in the New World  |

ANSWERS: 1-e; 2-c; 3-a; 4-b; 5-f; 6-i; 7-g; 8-d; 9-h

The *Mayflower*, and crewmembers that survived the winter of 1620 through 1621, sailed away from Plymouth Colony to return to England on April 5, 1621. It was a smoother and shorter trip than the historic September 6, 1620, journey from England to the New World. The fall voyage had been delayed for months, causing the wooden cargo ship to sail during the stormy season over the Atlantic Ocean.

Two ships were hired to make the trip to America and the plan was to leave in late summer. *Mayflower* was intended to only carry investors to the New World. The *Speedwell* arrived with its passengers, the pilgrim Separatists and the two ships sailed together for America on August 15, but threatening leaks caused two delays. Many of the *Speedwell* passengers made the decision to join the strangers aboard the *Mayflower*, causing another delay.

After packing themselves and their belongings onto the already packed ship, they finally left on September 6, 1620 and arrived at Cape Cod on November 11, 1620. Not only did the 102 passengers of men, women and children travel over the dangerous ocean for 66 days, many had lived aboard the ship since August. Even as the men built homes in Plymouth, most pilgrim colonists continued to live aboard the *Mayflower*, anchored about a mile from the shore of Plymouth Colony. The several months spent on the ship, gave the children lots of time to share riddles, sing psalms of worship or work on their writing skills using their hornbooks. Hornbooks helped the children learn to read and write.

**IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY IS A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION**

As of December 9, 2014, the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. **This means that donors to the Iowa Society Scholarship Fund can deduct their contributions on their tax returns.**

**If you would like to make a donation to the Iowa Society Scholarship Fund**, please make your check payable to "Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants" with *Scholarship* in the *Memo* space, and send it to Danielle Knutson, Treasurer, 18473 Co. Hwy. D65, Hubbard, IA 50122-8401.

**IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP**

**400<sup>th</sup> YEAR COMMEMORATIVE MAYFLOWER SHIRT**

**Profit from these shirts goes to the Scholarship Fund.**

Orders are still being taken for these tee shirts or hoodies to be delivered at the ANNUAL Meeting May 4, 2019. They come in **Mayflower Hot Pink** or **Gray** with **black lettering**. Payment is requested at time of ordering. Contact Linda Cassman-Randall (319) 215-0360 • [lindaellen4765@gmail.com](mailto:lindaellen4765@gmail.com)



FRONT



BACK VIEW

Tee shirts - Sizes S,M, XL - \$15; 2XL & up - \$17  
Hoodie sweatshirt - \$30

**SILENT AUCTION**

**1990 "PILGRIM BARBIE" & GERMAN NUTCRACKER**

Long-time Iowa Mayflower Society member, Maureen Wilson, has a 1990 "Pilgrim Barbie" in the original box, a Nutcracker from Germany and other items for a silent auction at our Annual meeting in May to support the scholarship fund. Attend to have an opportunity to own these items. Great gifts.

**"TURKEY" & PUMPKIN table decorations**

\$10 Donation for each. Proceeds from the sale will go to the scholarship fund.

Contact Pam Manning, [pamandcharlie@aol.com](mailto:pamandcharlie@aol.com) • 712-527-3204



**National**

**Pilgrim**

### **Memorial Meetinghouse Plymouth Massachusetts**

On December 9, 2018, during the First Parish’s Sunday morning service, representatives of the First Parish Church who were members of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust signed documents resigning from the Trust.

Trust papers have now proceeded to the MA Attorney General’s office, which recommends the transfer of the Deed to the MA Supreme Court. Once that approval is given, GSMD will register the Deed as sole owners at the Plymouth registry of Deeds. The Meetinghouse will then forever tell the *Mayflower* story, keeping the memory alive of how civil and religious freedom was brought to America forever.



During Congress 2020, Members of the church will ceremonially hand the Deed over to GSMD at that time.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants asks you to consider contributing to our greatest endeavor yet, restoring and preserving a historic legacy in America's Hometown. The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse is located on the same plot where the *Mayflower* Pilgrims built the original Fort/Meetinghouse by 1622. This fifth structure, begun in 1897 and completed in 1899, stands at the top of Leyden Street overlooking Plymouth's historic Town Square.

Due to severe damage from storms and age, the 1897 Meetinghouse is in dire need of immediate repairs. Restoration of the stone façade is not only essential to maintaining the structural and historical integrity of the 1897 Meetinghouse, but to ensure the building's longevity through 2020 and beyond.

Through its Norman architecture and unaltered Arts & Crafts interior, the unique stained glass windows and many *Mayflower* descendant contributions, the 1897 Meetinghouse celebrates the birthplace of religious and civic freedom in America established by the *Mayflower* Pilgrims.

Our decision to restore and create an endowment for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and its records will be one of the most important legacies of The Mayflower Society. The First Parish Church and GSMD have created a Charitable Trust that will place the deed to the Meetinghouse into the trust. Upon raising \$3,000,000, First Parish church will resign from the trust leaving the deed to our society, making GSMD the new owner responsible for restoring and preserving this memorial to our ancestors. Once obtained and as our center of education, GSMD will bring the world to the Meetinghouse, the very place where the *Mayflower* Pilgrims built their life on this continent.

Ruth M.F. Tucker  
339 Lawrence St.  
Evansdale IA 50707-1231



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MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS  
Address Correction requested.

## SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

**“TURKEY” & PUMPKIN table decorations**

## SILENT AUCTION AT ANNUAL MEETING

**1990 “PILGRIM BARBIE” in box**

**GERMAN NUTCRACKER  
AND OTHER ITEMS**



### **GO GREEN: EMAIL REMINDER**

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants now uses email exclusively wherever possible to communicate with members, applicants and prospective members. This includes distribution of the Iowa Hawkeye newsletter. Regular mail is used only for those members who do not use email, or by request to [rmftucker@gmail.com](mailto:rmftucker@gmail.com). Please contact us if there is a death, marriage, address change, etc.