

Iowa Hawkeye

Newsletter of the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants



Iowa Mayflower Officers Join Governor Kim Reynolds as she signs a Proclamation declaring Thanksgiving 2021 as the 400th Anniver-

Good morning Cousins,

Due to the busy schedule of our Governor General, Jane Hurts, we have made the decision to hold our Annual meeting on the 18th of June. We realize this is not an ideal week-end but it was the best choice available.

According to our by-laws the Compact meeting must be held in the greater Des Moines area. Some of our members have expressed concern that they would rather we move our Annual meeting around the state. I understand this but we have many members all over the state. It can be difficult them to attend our meetings. I am hoping that some of our members will be willing to carpool? You may contact me if you are willing to give someone a ride or need a ride.

In 2023 my term as Iowa governor will end. We desperately need members to replace our outgoing officers. Please let me know if this is something you would be willing to do.

Let's give our Governor General a good ole Iowa turn out.

Linda Cassmann-Randall

Iowa Governor 319-215-0360

Iowa Mayflower Society Officers 2020 - 2023

Deputy Governor General -
Daniel F. Wiechmann, Jr.

Assistant General -
Kenneth R. Callison, Sr.

Governor -
Linda E. Cassmann-Randall

Deputy Governor -
John Butler

Secretary -
Barbara J. Gregersen

Treasurer -
Gerald M. Graves

Historian -
Pamela J. Manning

Assistant Historian -
Judy Stumbo

Captain -
Thomas R. Jacobson

Elder -
Kenneth R. Callison, Sr.

Surgeon -
Barbara Clayton, RN

Jr. Membership Chair -
Mary Ann Eckhart

Counselor -
Bernadine McGuire

Governor Emeritus -
Maureen D. Wilson



WANTED!

Copies of the Silver Books

Contact: Linda Cassman-Randall

319 215 0360

Save the Dates!

June 18, 2022.

GSMD Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt will be the honored guest be the honored guest.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) elected Jane Hurt as Governor General for the 2020 - 2023 term. During her term, GG Hurt will work with the Society's

Executive Committee and General Board of assistants to govern the Society's Plymouth, MA international headquarters and serve its 30,000 plus membership. Governor General Hurt will lead a twelve-member Executive Committee that is tasked with setting policy and guiding the operation of the society through its Executive Director and staff in Plymouth, MA.

"Jane brings a breadth of knowledge from her leadership in many other lineal societies as well as her years of experience with GSMD," said former Governor General George P. Garmany. "She will lead the Society as the fifth woman elected to this office."

Governor General Jane Hurt most recently completed a term at GSMD as Secretary General. A member of the Kansas Society, she has served as Governor, Historian, and Webmaster. She has served as State Treasurer and Chapter Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution; State Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Colonists; State President of the Kansas Colonial Dames of the XVII Century; and is a life member of the Jamestowne Society. She is pleased to have proven her Pilgrim descent from William White, Susanna White, Peregrine White, Francis Cooke, John Cooke and Richard Warren of the Mayflower.



IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY SCHOL- ARSHIP - - - - Deadline extended to June 1st.

A \$500.00 scholarship will be paid to the post-high school institution the student attends after the first semester/term is completed.

Requirements:

The applicant must be a descendant from one of the Mayflower passengers who came to America in 1620. The applicant need not be a member of the Iowa Society but must have a blood relative who is a member of the Iowa Society. The ancestor and the Iowa member's name and relationship to the applicant must be included.

The applicant must be a high school senior or a home school student who is the equivalent of a senior. The applicant must attend an accredited university, college, junior college, community college, or certified trade school.

Application must include at least two letters of recommendation from non-family members. The letters should include identification of the writer along with a home or business address, the relationship with the student and length of time he/she has known the student, and the student's qualities, which make the student an appropriate candidate for consideration.

A 500 word original typed or word-processed essay that includes a bibliography of at least two sources must be included.

A list including GPA, community service, school and/or church, or any activities of importance should be provided. These activities are not mandatory, but are factors that may be considered.

In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering themselves. **The topic is:** Discuss the religious, societal and economic reasons that led to the voyage to the New World. The length and research requirements remain the same. Application Deadline for the 2022 GSMD Scholarship Program is June 1 2022. A relative of the applicant may not be a judge in the rating of applications.

The application must be postmarked no later than June 1st, 2022. Send to: Linda Cassmann-Randall, 21957 Hwy 3, Allison IA 50602-9310, Phone: 319-215-0360

2. General Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarships APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS SCHOLARSHIPS see <https://themayflowersociety.org/about/scholarship-information/> GSMD member only logon required. The next application for students graduation in 2023 will be available late fall 2022. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is offering several scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are Mayflower descendants and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college. ANCESTRY REQUIREMENTS For an applicant to be considered for a Mayflower Scholarship, the Application Form must include a valid active GSMD membership number for either the applicant or for a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent of the applicant. (Do not include State Society Numbers)



It's not too late to order a t-shirt! Profit from the sales benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Contact Linda Cassman-Randall 319 - 215 0360 to order in pink or gray.

Hoodie sweatshirts also available.

Welcome New Members:

Karla Sturtevant Turney

Sonia Lynn Mulder Gaschler



Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants

Board of Assistants Meeting March 2, 2022

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants met at Perkins Restaurant in Altoona on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Governor Linda Cassmann-Randall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members in attendance were Maureen Wilson, Pam Manning, Barb Gregersen, John Butler, Linda Cassmann-Randall, Bernadine McGuire and Gerald Graves.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Maureen Wilson led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report The minutes of the November 6, 2021 meeting were corrected by the proper spelling of Kristine Bartley, the Newsletter editor. Bernadine McGuire moved and Pam Manning seconded that the corrected minutes be passed. Motion was approved.

Bernadine McGuire noted that the Mayflower Compact was not read at the November meeting. This was an oversight. The suggestion was made that for future meetings, an agenda or order of the proceedings of the meeting should be made and handed out to all members as they come in the door.

Treasurer's Report Gerald Graves' report is attached and filed for review.

Scholarship Committee The scholarship entries are due April 1, 2022. The topic is "Discuss the Religious, Societal, and Economic Reasons that Led to the Voyage to the New World". The entries are to be mailed to Linda Cassmann-Randall. She will distribute the entries to the committee members – John Butler, Pam Manning, and Barb Gregersen. The decision on the winner will be made before the June 2022 meeting. Hopefully, the Governor General, Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, will present the award and check to the winner.

Historian Report Pam Manning's report is attached. The Iowa Society's membership is 346 as of March 1, 2022. It was noted that the Iowa Society pays the national dues of the people who have been members of the Iowa Society for 50 years or more.

Junior Membership Report No report


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

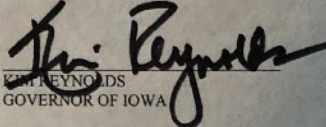
- WHEREAS,** In November 1620 A.D. 102 Passengers on the ship Mayflower landed at Plymouth in the New World to establish a new colony; and
- WHEREAS,** In the year following one half of the passengers perished in the horrible Winter from disease and terrible conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** those that survived were able to erect suitable shelters, and with the assistance of Native Americans, to plant and harvest adequate crops sufficient to survive the next Winter; and
- WHEREAS,** in gratitude for their survival and fair prospects for the coming year they planned a grand dinner celebration to commemorate and invited the Native American Chief to join them; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Chief came in attendance along with 95 of his tribe bringing 5 deer to the feast which is symbolic of the friendship and acceptance between races; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been estimated that at least ten percent of Iowa's population are direct descendants of those passengers; and
- WHEREAS,** this event and the Pilgrim passengers have become the basis and symbol of the American Thanksgiving Holiday, and 2021 is the four hundredth anniversary of First Thanksgiving celebration of the Passengers of the ship Mayflower.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 25th, 2021, as

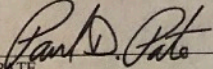
**FOUR-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST
THANKSGIVING**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE