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COMPACT DAY MEETING The Greens Country Club

13100 Green Valley Drive
Oklahoma City

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Board of Assistants Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

General Meeting – 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon, followed by program – Noon

Menu: Green salad; chicken roulade filled with cranberry, feta, basil, spinach and pine nuts, topped with champagne sauce; roasted potatoes and vegetable medley; hot rolls and butter; New York style cheesecake with alternating chocolate, raspberry and caramel; and assorted beverages.

\$22 per plate

Deadline for registration is November 09, 2015.

No cancellations or refunds after that date.

(Reservation form, p. 3)

Governor's Message

Governor Stuart Denslow

Dear Oklahoma Mayflower Society Descendants:

As the tinges of fall colors predominate in the landscape, it gently reminds us of the awesome gift of history our Mayflower ancestors provide us. The annual November Oklahoma Compact Day and our Thanksgiving holiday remind us of our ancestors' grit and courageous legacy. It is a time to remember and to celebrate freedom on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at The Greens Country Club in Oklahoma City.

When you were conducting research to become a Mayflower member, did you consider that you were recording history of the courageous Pilgrims? Did you realize you were publishing history and commemorating the deeds of Mayflower interests? Their voyage days were trying to the Pilgrims. Your application and supporting documents record their novelty in deep water transportation and are historical records. This is historic preservation in action.

Why is it important for us to support our state Mayflower Society with our presence, our time

and financial support in Mayflower activities? Who will teach our young people about the development of America 400 years ago? Your state society is creating Mayflower Society bookmarks listing the names of the Mayflower Compact signers to sell. Who will distribute Mayflower Society bookmarks to local classrooms as a reminder of the beginnings of freedom? Will you contact me and state your wish to purchase 100 bookmarks? Will you provide and give away 100 bookmarks? Who will encourage and provide the Mayflower video to the local classroom teachers to share this wonderful history? Will you? Mildred Greenstreet has six copies of the 15-minute video, entitled "The Mayflower's Story," available for purchase for \$20.00. She is trying to find more from the publisher. These are a few ways for each Oklahoma Mayflower Society member to keep this 400-year-old history alive. It's a great investment.

For younger children, share the story about the eleven girls, ranging in ages from one through 17, among the Mayflower passengers. These young females were of great importance to the survival of Plymouth Colony. Many of the children had become accustomed to hard labor since they needed to work in Leiden (Holland) to help support their families. Young girls proved to have the strongest bodies of all during the first winter: 75% of the women died; 50% of the men died; 36% of the boys died, but only 18% (2) died (Ellen More, age 8 and Mary More, age 4). A Power Point program is available entitled, "Girls on the Mayflower."

We can't leave this undertaking at someone else's door. Education in the beginning history of our country makes the difference for all children. You can be a positive force in encouraging and supporting your local teachers. Oklahoma Society members have a beautiful Mayflower story to tell. (See p. 2)



About Our Speaker

John Waldron will present a sketch of Oklahoma History

“Sagebrush to 2016”



John Waldron, grew up as the eighth of nine children in a busy New Jersey home. He graduated with a B.A. Degree from the University of Virginia and a Master of Arts Degree from George Washington University. His professional career as a high school social studies teacher began in 1993 in Washington, D. C. In 1999, he was delighted to become a teacher at Booker T. Washington High school in Tulsa. His realm of teaching includes courses in: International Baccalaureate World History, AP Comparative Government, Ancient and Medieval History, Constitutional Law and U.S. Government. In 2007, he achieved and received his National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification.

Accolades and Honors bestowed on John include: 2003 Tulsa Public School Teacher of the Year; 2007 Educator of the Year, by the National Council for International Visitors; 2009, he began compiling “History of Booker T. Washington High School” in preparation for its 100th anniversary in 2013; 2010-11 participated in Leadership Tulsa Program; 2013 Oklahoma Secondary Teacher of the Year – by OK Foundation for Excellence; and April 2016, recipient of the Claude Dyer Memorial Award for legislative advocacy on behalf of education.

Governor’s Message

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Begin with a principal or teacher you know. Submit to your local media a photo and a 150-word article you have written, showing the passing out of Mayflower Society bookmarks to a teacher and/or principal. This is wonderful publicity and a great service to our Oklahoma Mayflower Society.

OSMD members have a responsibility to honor our ancestors; to talk about how our wonderful country began; and to encourage others to share this magnificent history. People need to think about why this brave group of people left England. What attributes did they process? Our ancestors processed lots of grit—perseverance and passion for long-term goals. They held steadfast to the goal of settling a new colony even when there were bumps in the road and progress toward their goal was slow.

Stuart O. Denslow

Governor
Oklahoma Mayflower Society

We Welcome Our Newest Members

998	Nancy Ann Yost Jones	Ponca City, OK	Edward Doty
999	Terrienne Frosch Lowe	Guthrie, OK	William Bradford
1000	Carol Ann Bowers Batterton	Cheyenne, OK	John Howland
1001	Robert Mike Terry	Enid, OK	Francis Cooke
1002	Leslie Allen Wiseman	Enid, OK	John Howland
1003	Joe Ray Hamil, M.D.	Ardmore, OK	Edward Fuller
1004	Stephen Edwin Moore	Sumter, SC	William Brewster
1005	Jamillynn Burroughs Youngberg	Tulsa, OK	Stephen Hopkins
1006	Jon Alan Draeger	Duke Center, PA	Edward Fuller
1007	Bethany Barton	Tulsa, OK	William Bradford
1008	Roger Stickley	Mustang, OK	Richard Warren



Did you know that thirty-five million Americans can trace their family history back to the original 102 Pilgrims who sailed to America on the Mayflower?

MAYFLOWER LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ dinners at **\$22.00** per plate \$_____

Optional Donation to the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants _____

Total \$_____

Member Name _____ Guest Name _____

Member Address: _____ Guest Name _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Will you need a paper name tag? YES No, I have a Mayflower nametag

My check payable to the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants is enclosed.

Please mail this form with your check made payable to

Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants to:

Laurie Robinson, Treasurer, 9789 Hefner Village Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73162-7764

NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS, 2017-2018
OKLAHOMA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS



- GOVERNOR David Knight**
- DEPUTY GOV.... Pam Hill**
- SECRETARY** _____
- TREASURER** **Lauri Robinson**
- HISTORIAN** **Kathy Patterson**
- ELDER** **Norma Hughes**
- SURGEON** **Gary Denslow**
- CAPTAIN** **Patrick Roark**
- COUNSELOR** _____

Nominees needed for offices of Secretary and Counselor.

The basic duties of the Secretary are listed below. It is not such a time-consuming job as it used to be, as the Secretary no longer does the directory and newsletters. Also, note that the Counselor needs to be an attorney. Please notify Judy Forehand Miller or Henry Baer if you have any suggestions for these two nominees. Contact Judy at 580-481-4248 or busylady2@sbcglobal.net and Henry at 405-650-8717 or hcbaer3@icloud.com.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY

1. Take minutes at meetings (General and Board of Assistants). Read previous minutes at each meeting and keep them on file.
2. Email announcements before all meetings. Some may have to go by snail mail. Postage will be provided.
3. The annual report to the General Society in January each year. General Society contacts you and gives you a template to fill out. Names and contact information of our State officers also goes on this report.
4. Other correspondence to General Society including deaths, changes of addresses and dropped members.
5. Welcome letters to new members when the Historian notifies you. Also, with the letter members first membership card is included. Treasurer gives them subsequent cards.
6. Keep up the master list of members with their State numbers, ancestors, etc. Maintain a mailing list of current members using emails when possible.
7. **THE SECRETARY NO LONGER DOES THE TWICE YEARLY NEWSLETTERS AND THE DIRECTORY.** These were the biggest time consuming duties that Secretary no longer has to do.

Did you know?

Mary Allerton Cushman was three years old when she began the voyage aboard the Mayflower. When she died at 83, she was the last surviving passenger who had made the historic trip.

The Cry of A Stone, by Robert Cushman

"A Treatise Showing What Is Right Matter, Form, and Government of the Visible Church of Christ." This is a must read for those interested in Mayflower history. First published in London in 1642, and long out of print, Cushman's work has been rescued by the efforts of Editor Michael Paulick, who notes that this work is "the only known book written by a Pilgrim in 1619, close to the time of the *Mayflower* sailing." For the first time Pilgrim enthusiasts may read Cushman's published original text together with a modern transcription, supplemented by annotations provided by noted Pilgrim scholar James W. Baker.

GMSD MEMBERS ONLY. Membership number is required to receive the discounted member price of \$25. Available at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org>

OSMD Scholarships

Each year the Oklahoma Society awards a \$1,500 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in a four-year college or university who is related to an Oklahoma Society member. This includes those related by adoption or marriage.

The award is based on college major, level of studies, grade point average and relationship to Mayflower passengers and society members. [Details to submit an application are available online at http://www.okmayflower.com/about_scholarships.html.](http://www.okmayflower.com/about_scholarships.html) The deadline for submission is March 2017. Previous applicants may reapply by submitting updated transcripts.

Diane Seebass, Scholarship Chair - 4645 S. Wheeling Ave., Tulsa, OK 74105

In Memoriam

Margaret Burns Harlan, Aurora, CO, d. 21 Dec 2015



Cook, Sylvia Crum, 96, Edmond, d. 29 Feb 2016. Survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 10 gr grandchildren and two brothers.



JoAnn Pielsticker, 81, Tulsa, d. 17 Aug 2016. Survived by husband Bob, three children, eight grandchildren, one great grandchild and two brothers.

Presidential Mayflower Descendants

Have you checked out the website of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants lately? Since this is an election year, you may find this list of presidents and vice presidents who are Mayflower descendants of interest:

- ◆ **John Adams** (1735-1826): 2nd Pres.
 - ◆ **John Quincy Adams** (1767-1848): 6th Pres. Descendants of Pilgrims John Alden, William Mullins.
 - ◆ **George Herbert Walker Bush** (1924-): 41st Pres. Descendant of Pilgrims John Howland, Francis Cooke, John Tilley.
 - ◆ **George W. Bush** (1946-): 43rd Pres. Descendant of Pilgrims John Howland, Francis Cooke, John Tilley, Henry Samson.
 - ◆ **Calvin Coolidge** (1872-1933): 30th Pres. Descendant of Pilgrim Edward Doty.
 - ◆ **Charles Curtis** (1860-1936): 31st Vice Pres. under Herbert Hoover. Descendant of Pilgrim Peter Browne.
 - ◆ **Charles Gates Dawes** (1865-1951): 30th Vice Pres. Descendant of Pilgrim William Brewster.
 - ◆ **James A. Garfield** (1831-1881): 20th Pres. Descendant of Pilgrim John Billington.
 - ◆ **Ulysses S. Grant** (1822-1885): U.S. General & 18th Pres. Descendant of Pilgrim Richard Warren.
 - ◆ **Hannibal Hamlin** (1809-1891): 15th Vice Pres. Descendant of Pilgrim William Brewster.
 - ◆ **Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller** (1908-1979) 41st Vice Pres., 49th Governor of New York. Descendant of Pilgrim William Brewster.
 - ◆ **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (1882-1945): 32nd Pres. Descendant of Isaac Allerton, Francis Cooke, John Howland, Degory Priest, John Tilley, Richard Warren.
 - ◆ **Zachary Taylor** (1784-1850): 12th Pres. of the U.S.. Descendant of Pilgrims Isaac Allerton, William Brewster.
- <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/the-pilgrims/notable-descendants>

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