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Greetings from Your Governor

by Sarah Weddle, Indiana Society Governor

My term as your Indiana Governor will end with the election of officers and members of the Board of Assistants at our Thanksgiving meeting. As happens every three years, the gavel and the Indiana Governor's medal of office will be presented to the next Indiana Governor.

Deputy Governor Robert Marr has worked very hard to conduct the business of our society as well as to provide interesting and informative programs for our member meetings. He hopes to have the honor of service as our next Indiana Governor (see the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee on page 4).

Thank you to the outgoing officers and members of the Board of Assistants for the time and effort you have devoted to fulfilling the duties of your offices and committees. Thank you to the proposed slate for saying, "Yes, I will serve our Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants."

Finally, thank you Indiana members for your comments and suggestions (we take these seriously), for paying yearly dues in a timely manner, and for participating in member meetings. Some members drive several hours to our Indiana meetings as well as a few who come from out of state. A highlight of being your Indiana Governor has been to talk with members who return year after year and to see new members attending their first meeting.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Indiana Governor. I look forward to future meetings of our Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Daily Life of our Pilgrim Ancestors Is Topic for Fall Luncheon

The Fall Thanksgiving luncheon meeting of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants will take place on Saturday, November 20, at 12 o'clock noon at the Woodstock Club, 1301 West 38th Street in Indianapolis. The Woodstock Club is on the south side of 38th Street, directly across the street from the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Speaker for the meeting will be Bil Orland, a Plimoth Plantation colonial interpreter. His topic will be, "Daily Life in 1627 Plimoth." He will be cast as Pilgrim John Howland, and his conversation will be enlivened by historical details that we know about John Howland and the 17th century background and world view existing at that time. Bil has been an accomplished role player on Plimoth Plantations's sites since 1987.

Price of the luncheon will be \$24.75 for adults and \$11.40 for children 10 and under. Reservations should be made with Jane Moore by phone at 317-255-9527 no later than November 18. Any cancellations should be received by that date.

Friday Reception

Mayflower Pilgrims John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley will be the focus for a special reception and party to be held on Friday, November 19, at the SullivanMunce Cultural Center, 225 West Hawthorne, Zionsville, IN from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Mr. Bil Orland, who will be the speaker at our Indiana Society Fall Luncheon meeting the following day, will make a brief presentation. Refreshments will be served.



2004-5 Meeting Schedule

Fall 2004 Luncheon Spring 2005 Board Meeting Spring 2005 Luncheon Fall 2005 Board Meeting Fall 2005 Luncheon November 20 March 20 April 9 September 25 November 20

2004 Officers

Governor Sarah Weddle Deputy Governor Robert Marr **Board Secretary** Jean Perney Corres. Secretary Jane Stigleman Treasurer Graham Morev Assistant Treasurer Richard Gould Historian Marilyn Phillips Assistant Historian Lynne Orvis Junior Historian Jane Stigleman Dr. Gilbert Barnes Surgeon Captain Dale Buck Elder Jeffrey Marr Past Governor Kathryn Lerch Deputy Governor Gen. Jane Stigleman Asst. Governor Gen. Graham Morey

2004 Board of Assistants

Jack Buck
Donald Goss
Donald Hattin
Mary Kuhlman
Spencer Lerch
Jane Moore
Allen Pickard
Jane Radcliffe
Janice Swartz
Diana Weber
Peggy Turner
Bryant Petigo

Ruth Pickard



Ruth Pickard was the winner of our door prize award at last April's luncheon meeting. Ruth and her husband Allen are both members of our Indiana society, being only one of three couples where both husband and wife have proven Mayflower lineage. Ruth has been a member for more than 20 years, and is a descendant of both William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins.

Ruth was born in Schenectady, New York, but lived most of her early life in New Haven, CN. She earned a bachelor's degree in History from Brown University, and a master's in education from the State University of New York in New Paltz, an old Dutch settlement in the Hudson Valley north of New York City. She taught school for 21 years, the last part of that time in Indianapolis.

Ruth and Allen have been married for 53 years. They met in New Haven. They have four children, two of whom are stepchildren for Ruth (a daughter in California and a son who is a real estate attorney in New York City). The two children who are children of their marriage are a son who is a computer software engineer and a son who works in the hotel industry in Indianapolis. Ruth and Allen have lived since 1981 on a beautiful country property in Brown County.

Ruth is a member of DAR, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, the Flagon and Trencher Society (Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers), the Nashville Literary Club, and is a certified genealogist. Besides her obvious interest in genealogy and history, she enjoys gardening and reading.

Report of Historian

by Mrs. Marilyn Phillips

The following have been accepted as new members since our Spring meeting:

Sharon Sue Doty Lewis

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James Earl Barnett

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General #73073, State #1278, LIFE member

Ancestor: Myles Standish NJBARNETT2@aol.com

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Greensburg, IN 47240

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Floyd Knobs, IN 47119

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Ancestor: Edward Fuller

Barbara Lehman Henderson

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Fremont, IN 46737

General #73313, State #1284, LIFE member

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Ancestor: Edward Doty

Brett Nanna

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Fort Wayne, IN 46845

General #73454, State #1286

Ancestor: William Brewster

Mark Allen Riley

7505 East 650 South

Edinburg, IN 46124-8904

General #73455, State #1287, LIFE member

Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins

In Memoriam

James H. Gould, a member of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants since 1988, died on Saturday, September 25, 2004. Mr. Gould, who was 88 years of age, had been living recently in Carmel, IN. For 42 years, he had been associated with the YMCA in Boston, Detroit, and Mishawaka, and with Camp Eberhart of the Michiana YMCA in Three Rivers, MI. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Gould is survived by his wife, three sons, and five grandchildren. A descendant of William Brewster, he and his three sons are all members of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, and his son Richard is a former Governor of the Indiana Society.

New Indiana Society Officers To Be Elected

The Nominating Committee has proposed, and the Board of Assistants has approved, the following slate of officers and board members for the Year 2005. Election will be held at our November 20 meeting:

Governor Robert Marr Deputy Governor Richard Gould Mary Kuhlman Board Secretary Corres. Secretary Jane Stigleman Dr. Gilbert Barnes Surgeon Captain Dale Buck Elder Jeffrey Marr Historian Lynne Orvis Asst. Historian Marilyn Phillips Junior Historian Jane Stigleman Treasurer Graham Morey Asst. Treasurer Richard Gould

The following members were nominated to the Board of Assistants Class of 2007:

Dee Ann Gillies E. Laura Stocker Spencer Lerch

Also, *Robert Hessong* has been nominated to fill a vacancy in the Board of Assistants Class of 2006. Other officers and board members whose terms continue in 2005 are:

Deputy Gov. General Jane Stigleman Assistant Gov. General Graham Morey Board of Assistants Class of 2005

Don Goss Don Hattin Allen Pickard

Board of Assistants Class of 2006

Jack Buck Jane Radcliffe Janice Swartz

Board of Assistants - Ex-Officio

Bryant Petigo Peggy Turner Board of Assistants - Past Governors

Kathryn Dearing Helen Blackburn Richard Gould Kathryn Lerch Sarah Weddle

Pilgrim Heritage Sunday To Honor Pilgrims

Your pew is reserved.

The drum is calling you to worship at First Congregational Church, 7171 North Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, on Pilgrim Heritage Sunday, November 21, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.

Every year on the Sunday before Thanks-giving the church welcomes members of the Indiana Mayflower Society to attend worship and then stay for a traditional dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. The cost of the meal is only \$7.00 per person.

To make a reservation, call the church office by November 16 at 317-257-5397 or RSVP by e-mail at: www.fcc.indy.org.

Minister of the church is Rev. Richard Clough. He and his wife Andrea have been invited to be guests at our Mayflower Society's fall luncheon on Saturday, November 20, at the Woodstock Club.

In the Star North Section of the *Indianapolis Star* of September 22, 2004, Andrew Ragsdale, a Junior at Park Tudor High was featured in the Neighbors Section. He cited as his favorite teacher, "All the teachers at Park Tudor that I have had are great. **Kathryn Lerch,** my freshman history teacher, helped me out a lot by getting me involved in a program in which I could take advantage of my love of history."

Congratulations, Kathryn!

Society Awards Five Scholarships

by Donald Hattin, Scholarship Chairman



Karen Baughn



James Barnett



Jeffrey McGowan



Samuel Turner



Stephen Weller

Scholarships were awarded to five students for the 2004-2005 academic year by the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants. Four of these students are now college freshmen and one is a sophomore.

Winner of a \$1,000 scholarship is **Karen Baughn**, of Boise, Idaho, who along with four other members of her family are Indiana Society members.
Karen is a freshman at Occidental College in Los Angeles, California, majoring in Theater Arts. Her long-term plans are to pursue careers in acting and directing. She is descended from John Howland.

Four \$500 scholarships were awarded. One winner is **James Emerson Barnett**, of Indianapolis, IN., the grandson of Indiana Society member Mary E. Kuhlman, and a descendant of John Alden. Emerson is a sophomore this year at the University of Evansville, with a major in Mechanical Engineering. His goal is to become chief engineer of an open wheel racing team.

Another scholarship winner is **Jeffrey Douglas McGowan**, Saratoga, CA., grandson of Indiana Society member Clarence J. McGowan. Jeff is a freshman at Loyola-Marymount University, in Los Angeles, and is planning a career in medicine.

Samuel Soule Turner, of Loveland, CO., is a freshman at the University of Colorado, majoring in Political Science. He is grandson of Indiana Society member Margaret S. Turner and a descendant of George Soule and John Alden. His career plan is to serve as a lobbyist for organizations which have worthy goals.

Stephen Weller, of Brownburg, IN., is a freshman at Wheaton College, grandson of Indiana Society member Margie A. Weller,

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and is descended from Edward Fuller. His major is not yet decided, but he hopes to have a career that will have a positive impact on the lives of others.

Since inception of the scholarship program, the Indiana Society has made awards to 25 deserving students (15 young women, 10 young men). The award total has been \$20,500.

Included with this newsletter is a Scholar-ship Application Form for the 2005-2006 academic year. The applicant must be a member of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, or a direct descendant of a member. The deadline for receiving applications is March 15, 2005.

GDMD Ties Are Available

A limited number of attractive 100% silk men's ties, made in the USA and designed exclusively for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will be available for purchase at our Fall Luncheon meeting on November 20. Our Treasurer, Graham Morey, will have these ties available for \$40.

These ties were recently introduced at the recent General Board of Assistants meeting in Wilmington, DE. They would make great Christmas or birthday gifts!

See Graham if you are interested.

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