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The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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Message from the Governor

Compact Day meeting will held be in Richmond Nov. 19



Betty Diakun

Our annual Compact Day luncheon meeting will again be held at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond on Saturday, November 19th.

As you know, I have been urging all of you to go to Plymouth as delegates to the triennial Congresses of the General Society and I am happy to report that at this year's Congress, we had four Virginia delegates attending for the first time.

Our guest speaker at the Compact Day luncheon this year will be Gordon Compton, who joined our Society last year as a John Howland descendant, and was a first-time delegate to the General Society Congress in September.

He will give us what I am sure will be his very interesting, very informative impressions of the work of the Congress, and his very special experience visiting historic Plymouth.

In mid-September, I was joined in Plymouth by Former Governor General of the General Society and past Virginia Governor Mildred Ramos, by our current Deputy Governor General of the General Society and past Virginia Governor Dr.

Bill Paquette, by current Virginia Society Elder and past Virginia Governor Nancy Barrow, by current Virginia Society Deputy Governor Mark Cox, by current Virginia Society Historian Marsha Masone, by current Virginia Society Assistant Historian Col. Jack Sweeney, by current Virginia member Robert Kendall, and by current Virginia member Gordon Compton — all as delegates to the 39th triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The Congress, in its major work, approved consolidation of the General Society's Constitution and By-Laws. In contested elections, the Congress chose Bruce C. MacGunnigle of Rhode Island to be Governor General; Lea Sinclair Filson of Louisiana as Assistant Governor General; Susan E. Roser of Canada as Secretary General, and Sarah L. Clingman of South Carolina as Counsellor General — all for 3-year terms.

In uncontested elections, the Congress chose Donald T. Studley of Connecticut as Treasurer General, Paul S. Bumpus of Maine and Hawaii as Historian General, the Rev. Dr. C. Corydon Randall of Michigan and Indiana as Elder General, Kenneth R. Callison of Iowa as Captain General, and George P. Garmany Jr., M.D. of Colorado as Surgeon General.

At last November's Compact Day meeting we proudly approved the establishment of the Virginia Mayflower Society Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund. Applications are now being accepted for the first \$1620 scholarship award (*see Page 3*).

I would urge all members to consider making tax-deductible donations to this exceptional, worthwhile cause. If your employer makes matching contributions, the value of your tax-deductible donation can be doubled.

Assistant Historian Sandra Alley is busy resolving medical problems and unable to continue her duties. The Board has approved John Clarke Bursley of Springfield as her replacement. We welcome him and wish Sandra a speedy recovery.

It will be a pleasure seeing you at the Commonwealth Club on November 19th.

First-time Virginia Delegate Gordon Compton will share his impressions of Congress

Our Compact Day speaker, who attended his first Mayflower General Congress last September, has accepted Gov. Betty Diakun's invitation to share his personal impressions of that Congress with us on Nov.



Gordon Compton

19. A New Jersey native, Gordon Compton is retired from the CIA and resides in Alexandria, Va. Educated at Guilford College and at the American University, Gordon has served as a volunteer with the Smithsonian Institute, the National Parks Service, the Travelers' Aid Society (at Reagan Airport), and the Fairfax Co. Board of Elections. He is presently in his 31st year as a volunteer with Wolf Trap, helping run its gift shop.

His interests include archaeology, Ancient and Colonial U.S. history, and genealogy.

While in Plymouth, Mass. for the triennial Congress, Gordon also attended meetings of the Pilgrim John Howland Society. He joined the Mayflower Society last year.



Among the Virginians at Plymouth were (from left) Betty Diakun, Carol and Jack Sweeney, Nancy Barrow, Gordon Compton and Marsha Masone, shown here at the Congress Banquet.



Historian's Report

We welcome 15 new members

By MARSHA L. H. MASONE

Since the Spring of 2011 newsletter, we are pleased to welcome 15 new members to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia. One is a dual member with Illinois. In addition there have been 2 supplementals approved. Two members transferred to Virginia from other states, and one member transferred to the District of Columbia.

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Gen. Soc. No.</i>	<i>State No.</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Robert Malcolm Thomas	Annandale	83145	1371	William Brewster
Kathleen Verie Mack Hastings	McLean	83269	1372	Edward Fuller
Joseph Daniel Barham	Lexington, Ky.	83315	1373	William Brewster
Benjamin David Bleicken	Williamsburg	73577	1374	Richard Warren
Charles Adams Roberts	Clifton	83370	1375	William Brewster
Martha Ruth Opuda Turner	Oakton	83385	1376	George Soule
Cynthia Diane Colbert Weidner	Waynesboro	76345	1377	James Chilton
Matthew Steven Perriello	Ashburn	83396	1378	William Bradford
Carolyn Annette Parkhurst Vick	Newport News	83438	1379	Francis Cooke
Mary Elizabeth Ayers Berry	Midlothian	83474	1380	Edward Fuller
Jeffrey Keith Soles	Richmond	83516	1381	George Soule
Donald Elwood Soles, Jr	Smithfield	83517	1382	George Soule
George Herbert Patrick Bursley	Silver Spring, Md.	83529	1383	John Howland
Paul Fonda Brown	Bealeton	83598	1384	William Brewster
Linda Jean Renfroe Harwell	Lynchburg	83619	1385	Francis Cooke

Supplementals

<i>Member</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
John Clarke Bursley	Springfield	Edward Fuller
John Eldridge Sweeney	Springfield	William Mullins

Transferred In

<i>Member</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Benjamin David Bleicken	Williamsburg	Richard Warren (from Massachusetts)
Cynthia Diane Colbert Weidner	Waynesboro	James Chilton (from Louisiana)

Transferred Out

Marguerite Frances Gosnell Kelly	(to District of Columbia)
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Supplemental certificate guidelines and lineage policy

All passengers on the Mayflower who have proven descendants are eligible to have claims of descent allowing membership and/or supplemental applications to be filed through them.

The number of possible ancestors includes 27 men, 10 women and 16 children.

All approved supplemental applicants will be issued certificates by the Virginia Society. Any member who had a supplemental approved before October 2008 may obtain a certificate by sending a check for \$5 to Bonnie Conant, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, MA 02361-3297.

Be sure to include your name, address, General Society number, the name of the supplemental ancestor, and the date when the supplemental application was approved.

Make checks payable to "GSMD."

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Founded January 10, 1950

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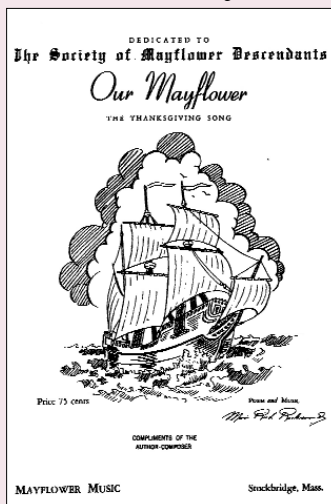
Mayflower music and melodies over the years

Interested in learning about and listening to Pilgrim-related music, both old and new?

► "Centennial History" (published by the General Society in 1999) includes 15 pages of Pilgrim-related music, including "Our Mayflower" (at right).

► A 12-page PDF collection of Pilgrim-related music assembled by Faye Bowman can be downloaded from the Florida Society's web page [http://flmayflower.com/Early_Mayflower_Music\[1\].pdf](http://flmayflower.com/Early_Mayflower_Music[1].pdf)

► More recent Pilgrim-related music, including Dizzy Gillespie's jazzy "Mayflower Rock" and the children's "Mayflower/Music to Educate," can be downloaded from iTunes for 99¢ each — as can Paul Simon's 1973 classic "American Tune," which contains the lyrics "We come on the ship they call the Mayflower..." —David Chapin, Editor



New Scholarship honors our Former Governor General and Past Governor

The Virginia Mayflower Society's Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund begins

At the Fall meeting in November, 2011, the Scholarship Committee will officially invite all eligible students to submit applications for the first award of the \$1620 Virginia Mayflower Society Mildred Ramos Scholarship.

The Scholarship will be awarded to the winning applicant at the Spring meeting in 2012.

An applicant must be a high school senior, a college undergraduate student, or a university graduate student, under the age of 26, enrolled in an accredited educational institution, with a grade point average of at least B or the equivalent.

Applicants need not be members of the Society or related to a member, but must be sponsored by a member of Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Applicants must present to the Committee a brief personal résumé including their record of academic and extracurricular achievements, a copy of their official academic transcript for the preceding three years, and an essay of no more than 1500 words in MLA, APA, or Chicago Manual of Style format on the subject *"Why couldn't the spirituality of the Pilgrims be accommodated within the religious mores of 17th century England?"*

The Applicant's sponsor must also send the Committee a brief letter containing the name, address, telephone number and other contact information for the proposed applicant as

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*Mildred Ramos
Scholarship Fund*



well as that of the sponsor.

For this award, all application materials should be sent to Mark T. Cox, IV, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, 9 E. Glenbrooke Circle, Henrico, VA 23229 before March 15, 2012.

The mission of the Mildred Ramos Scholarship is to encourage and support the study of the Mayflower Pilgrim experience and values.

It is and will be funded on an ongoing basis through charitable contributions made by our members as well as others who wish to support our scholarship program.

Your support will strengthen our Scholarship program and is fully tax deductible.

Donations should be sent to Mrs. Rebekah B. Fleury, Assistant Treasurer, 10173 Granburg Circle, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. You may also use the envelope enclosed with your latest Dues notice. (Mark the "Educational Fund" box.) Checks should be made payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society.

Early Scholarship donations from members already have been received, led by Dr. Robert Edward Paine, Jr. and his wife Alice of Salem, Va.

In next spring's newsletter, we will acknowledge all contributions received as of Apr. 30, 2012. Contributors' names will be listed, unless a preference for "Anonymous" is specified.

Education Committee is planning an 'encore' exhibit of members' Mayflower memorabilia and keepsake items



Dorothy Perkins

Our "Show and Tell Exhibit" at last year's Compact Day meeting was so much fun that we're going to do it again at this year's Compact Day meeting in Richmond Nov. 19.

The pictures in the Spring newsletter captured the festivity of the occasion.

Start now to think about the "items" you may have that others would love to see, and learn the stories you have about them.

It was fun putting the exhibit together but even more exhilarating to hear the history of the items and your joy in sharing the story with others.

Along with our Mayflower memorabilia, many of us have favorite books about the Mayflower and the immortal Pilgrims

who undertook that historic voyage.

Bring your favorite book (along with your favorite memorabilia) and share with us what it means to you.

We will have cards for identification

and your written comments.

We're looking forward to our November "Show and Tell" exhibit and to seeing you and your favorite Mayflower "items."



Last fall's "Show and Tell" exhibit of Mayflower-related objects, books, newspapers, certificates and other printed items proved to be of interest to many of our members. As a follow-up, the Education Committee invites members to bring additional items to share on Nov. 19.

A Virginia Mayflower regional event

An afternoon gathering to highlight and preserve our American Pilgrim history and heritage

By KERRY GRYCZYNSKI

Four centuries of American history and heritage were highlighted for members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Central Virginia on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 18.

Two periods in American history were the focus of the afternoon's activities. Dr. William Paquette, Ph.D., immediate past Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia, gave a presentation focusing on the Pilgrim era.

The afternoon started off with Society member Carolyn Elstner leading a tour of her family's plantation home, Ellwood Manor. Ellwood was built in the 1790s and is now a part of the National Park Service.

Carolyn and volunteers from the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield explained the history of the house from family home, where James Madison, "Light Horse Harry" Lee, and the Marquis de Lafayette visited, to the role the plantation played in the Civil War.

The home is famous for being the final resting place of Stonewall Jackson's arm. On May 2, 1863, General Jackson was wounded at Chancellorsville, his arm was amputated, and it was buried in the Lacy family burial grounds of Ellwood Manor.

Carolyn explained the renovation of the house from a family home where she played as a child while visiting her grandparents to a museum highlighting the manor's 220-year history.

During the past decade more than \$600,000 has been raised to restore the home to a Civil War-era property. Work on the upstairs of the home continues with plans for more historical exhibits including, perhaps, a display of a Civil War-era hospital.

The Lacy family sold the property to



(From left) Walter Braman, Ed & Kerry Gryczynski, Cathie Braman, Dr. William Paquette, Laurie and Barbara Rennie, and Carol Elstner enjoyed a tour of Ellwood Manor, a presentation by Dr. Paquette and afternoon tea. Also in attendance were Carolyn and Jim Cahill and their daughter Catlin.

Carolyn's Willis family in 1907. Carolyn's father's decision to donate land and the National Parks Service's purchase of the Manor house in 1977 have given Americans an opportunity to experience what life was like in the middle part of the 19th century on a Virginia plantation during a tumultuous time in our nation's history.

Carolyn continues her family's legacy by volunteering at Ellwood Manor and by sharing her family's history with those visiting the property.

After the tour, the group adjourned upstairs to enjoy a Pilgrim harvest-themed traditional afternoon tea. Dr. William Paquette then gave his presentation on the National Endowment for the Humanities grant he headed in 2010 for 50 educators from 26 states at Plymouth, Mass.

Highlighting the need to educate Americans on the importance of our nation's pre-Revolutionary War history, Dr. Paquette's presentation exemplified the exciting time educators experienced while visiting sites in Plymouth.

The educators were welcomed to Plymouth by the Rev. Professor Peter Gomes of Harvard University. Dr. Gomes spoke of the need for Americans to understand the original "Pilgrim experience" and of the experience of today's pilgrims looking towards America as a land where they can live free.

Dr. Paquette presented slides of the educators visiting Plimoth Plantation and seeing re-enactors experiencing life as the

Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans lived during the 1600s. The educators were able to hear the many English accents the colonists would have spoken, were able to see how the colonists and the Wampanoags farmed — the food-stuff, crops and livestock they grew and the types of dwellings they lived in.

The grant participants were able to learn about the importance of religion in the life of the Pilgrims. They were able to find out how the Pilgrims' religious beliefs changed from the time they lived in England to the time they lived in Holland, and finally how their beliefs were modified by living in the New World. Dr. Paquette also shared slides from the group's visit to Pilgrim Hall. Many Pilgrim objects were on view and the educators were able to see first-hand the belongings of some of our ancestors, such as Peregrine White's cradle, William Bradford's cup, Richard Warren's porringer, and Priscilla Mullins' spinning wheel.

The members expressed their thanks to Dr. Paquette and to Carolyn Elstner for promoting our history and heritage.

The afternoon was most entertaining and informative. Learning about Dr. Paquette's efforts to bring back into focus the importance of our 1620s Pilgrim history and about Carolyn Elstner and her family's efforts to share Ellwood Manor's colonial and Civil War history provided the group with an afternoon filled with 400 years of American heritage.



A Pilgrim harvest-themed traditional afternoon tea was served at Ellwood Manor.

Scenes from our Spring Meeting in Fredericksburg



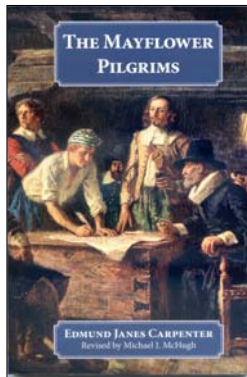
The Virginia Society welcomes two new Junior members

By MARK COX, *Junior Membership Chairman*

Since May 2011, the following people have become Junior members of the Virginia Society:

■ **Cash Cullen Carver** (Junior Member No. 582) son of Daniel and Bridget Carver, 102 Stecky's Twist, Yorktown, VA 23692 and great nephew of Mrs. Elizabeth Carver Diakun (Virginia Society No. 743) 105 Glenn Circle, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins

■ **Nicholas Muir Aunspach** (Junior Member No. 583) son of Mrs. Suzanne Ralston Aunspach (Virginia Society No. 1242), 6304 Dahlia Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Ancestor: Richard Warren



This brings the total Junior Membership of the Virginia Society to 245.

◀ Each new Junior member of the Virginia Mayflower Society will receive a copy of "The Mayflower Pilgrims" by Edmund Janes Carpenter, revised and edited by Michael J. McHugh, as long as supplies last. The book is published by Christian Liberty Press.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP is available to all those with proven lineages of any age up to 18 and may continue up to the age of 25. After Junior members turn 18, they may apply for regular membership in the Society.

To request junior membership for your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, please provide me with the following information:

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| 1. Full name of applicant | 6. Full name and address of the Sponsor of Applicant for Junior Membership |
| 2. Date of Birth | 7. Sponsor's Virginia State Membership number |
| 3. Place of Birth | 8. Sponsor's relationship to Applicant |
| 4. Mayflower Ancestor | |
| 5. Full names of parents and their address | |

There is a \$10 fee per applicant, so please include a check payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society along with the requested information.



My e-mail address is m.markcox@comcast.net and my street address is:

Mark T. Cox, IV
9 Glenbrooke Circle East
Richmond, VA 23229.

When the process is complete, I will send the Junior Membership Certificate to the Junior Member at the address of the parents unless otherwise instructed.

Please call me at (804) 285-7301 if you have any questions on this.

Driving directions to the Commonwealth Club in Richmond

The address of The Commonwealth Club, where our Compact Day luncheon meeting will start at 12 noon Nov. 19, is 401 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va. 23220.

Refer to the adjacent map for parking areas and building entrances. Parking also is available on the streets adjacent to the club, where the city's parking-meter ordinance is not enforced on Saturdays.

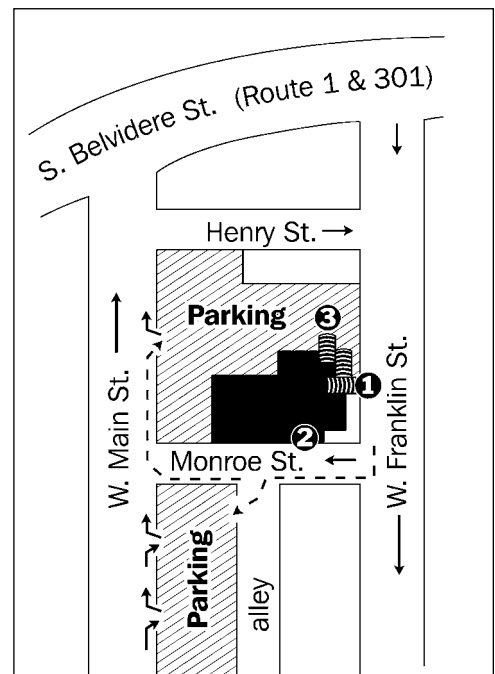
The Commonwealth Club's phone number is (804) 648-6543.

• **From Washington, D.C. and Fredericksburg:** I-95 South to Exit 76-B, Belvidere. At traffic light turn left onto Leigh Street. At the next traffic light turn right onto Belvidere. Continue south on Belvidere, then turn left at the fifth traffic light onto Franklin Street. The Commonwealth Club is in the second block on your right.

• **From Harrisonburg, Waynesboro and Charlottesville:** Take I-64 East to I-95 South. Take Exit 76-B (Belvidere), following directions given above.

• **From Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Newport News:** Take I-64 West to the Fifth Street Exit (stay in the center lane as you enter downtown Richmond). Proceed 8 blocks, then turn right onto Main Street (one way) and proceed west 9 blocks. Turn into the Commonwealth Club's parking lot (black iron fence with "Commonwealth Club" sign).

• **From Petersburg, Hopewell and Emporia:** Traveling north on I-95, take Exit 74-A as you cross the James River onto the 195 Downtown Expressway. Take the exit marked Belvidere (pay toll). At the first traffic light, turn right onto Belvidere and proceed north on Belvidere to the third traffic light. Turn right onto Franklin Street and go two blocks. The Commonwealth Club is on the right.



Use any of these entrances:

- ① Main door (front canopy), on Franklin Street.
- ② "Members Only" gate and disabled tunnel on Monroe Street.
- ③ Entrances adjacent to the club's disabled parking spaces.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB'S DRESS CODE:

Jackets and ties are required of gentlemen.
"Business casual" attire is appropriate for ladies.

(Jeans, shorts, sneakers, sweat pants or flip-flops are not permitted for men or women.)

The Virginia Mayflower Society

COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, November 19, 2011, at The Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Virginia
12:00 Noon—No-Host Social 12:45 p.m.—Luncheon

*Luncheon features a Field Green Salad with Bleu Cheese, Bacon, Candied Pecans, Tomatoes and Vinaigrette Dressing; Roasted Chicken Crêpes; Grilled Mixed Vegetables with a Light Parmesan Cream Sauce; Rolls and Butter; Coffee, Decaf or Ice Tea; and Pecan Tart à la Mode.
(Children's Meal: Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Fruit Cup, and Pecan Tart à la Mode.)*

\$34.50 a person (\$24.85 per child 12 and younger)

MY ENCLOSED CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ COVERS _____ LUNCHEON RESERVATION(S).
(Make check payable to "Va. Mayflower Society")

My guest(s) will be:

Member's(s) name(s):

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Telephone number: _____

Check if: New Member First time attending

✉ Please mail this Reservation Form with your check in time to be received by Friday, Nov. 11th, to:

Miss Mildred Ramos, Assistant Secretary
1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt. 635 • Richmond, VA 23227 • (804) 264-6793

(CLIP AND MAIL)

Greetings from your Elder

Another season has come and it is beautiful. God has given us a beautiful world. He has also blessed us immeasurably.

Each day take stock of the good and the bad and give thanks for both. Many times the bad has led to the good. We just don't recognize it. Thanksgiving is a time of celebration: for family, for friends, for our good fortune, for all the blessings of life. As we enter into this time of year, let us give thanks daily for the Pilgrims and their stalwart faith, for their journey of freedom, and the lessons they have passed on to us.

Thanks be to God.



Nancy Barrow

Minutes of the Virginia Mayflower Society's spring 2011 meeting

Held May 7, 2011
at the Hospitality House,
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Governor Elizabeth Diakun called Luncheon Meeting to order at 12:45. Elder Nancy Barrow gave the invocation.

The head table was introduced. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim Pledge, lunch was served.

Our guest speaker, Greg Mertz, Superintendent of National Battlefield Park, was introduced by Governor Diakun. Mr. Mertz talked about the Battle of 1862 on December 4 in Fredericksburg.

Historian Marsha Masone announced that 2 new members were attending for the first time. They were recognized. Ms. Masone continued with the Ancestral Roll Call.

Deputy Governor Mark Cox announced that we have 3 new junior members, 242 junior members

and 4 junior members present today.

The minutes of the fall meeting were approved as read.

Assistant Treasurer Rebekah Fleury announced that financially we are in good shape. We have \$59,748 on hand.

Governor Diakun had each table introduce its guests.

OLD BUSINESS

It was announced that the first Mildred Ramos Scholarship will be available in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor Diakun announced that the triennial Congress will be meeting in Plymouth in September and that we are accepting names of members who want to be delegates.

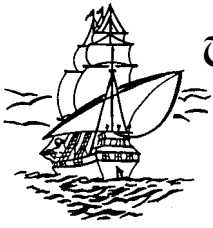
Adjournment was at 2:35 p.m., followed by the Benediction by Elder Nancy Barrow.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Barrow for Kerran Kempton*

IN MEMORIAM

• **Irma Carpenter (Mrs. George S.) Jackson**, of Rutherfordton, died at the age of 90 on Sept. 18, 2010. Formerly of Woodbridge, she was a Life member, a descendant of Peter Brown. (Virginia #546; Gen. #46758)

• **Richard Arthur Bishop** of Newport News died June 6, 2011. He was a descendant of John Alden. (Virginia #844; Gen. #64723)



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Save yourself time and our Society money

Members: We need your e-mail address

By DAVID CHAPIN, *Newsletter Editor*

At long last, the Virginia Mayflower Society is ready to send this newsletter electronically — as an e-mail attachment — to members who would prefer to receive it in the PDF format, rather than in its traditional “hard-copy,” printed-and-mailed format.

The layout of the electronic version will be identical to the traditional, printed version, except the 8½ by 11-inch pages will be arranged consecutively.

By opting for electronic delivery, members will receive the newsletter earlier, and in full color. If you wish, you may print paper copies on your own printer, of course.

The principal benefit to your Society in delivering your newsletter to you electronically vs. “snail mail” is reduced printing and postage costs, which continue to rise.

Our members who live outside the United States will especially appreciate receiving their newsletters much sooner by e-mail — the same time as our Virginia residents.

To start receiving your newsletter via e-mail, please follow these four simple steps:

(1) Send **your e-mail address** to us at this e-mail address, which has been

set up specifically for this purpose:

VirginiaMayflower@gmail.com

(2) Type the following in the “Subject” field of your e-mail:

“Mayflower E-Mail Request”

(3) In the body of your e-mail message, please provide your **name & address** as they appear in the mailing panel directly above this article (noting any needed corrections or changes).

(4) Please also provide your individual 5-digit **Gen. Soc. Membership Number**, which we have in our records as:

That’s all there is to it. Should you change your mind later and wish to revert to the mailed “hard copy” version, send us another e-mail (providing the same information requested above) letting us know of your wishes. Also, don’t forget to notify us if you change your e-mail address later.

Be assured that your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone outside the Virginia Mayflower Society.

Unfortunately, we cannot honor requests to send you the newsletter in both formats.

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Saturday, Nov. 19

at

The Commonwealth Club,

Richmond, Virginia.

(Address, Directions, and Map are on page 6.)



Your Luncheon Reservation Form

(See Page 7)

and Check must be received no later than

Friday, Nov. 11.