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## Message from the Governor



Mark T. Cox, IV

This year's Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, 2 May, at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, Virginia. Please be sure to send in your Luncheon

Reservation Form as soon as possible to Miss Mildred Ramos. If you would like to spend Friday night in Portsmouth, please contact the hotel directly ((757) 673-3000) to make room arrangements. I will look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd!

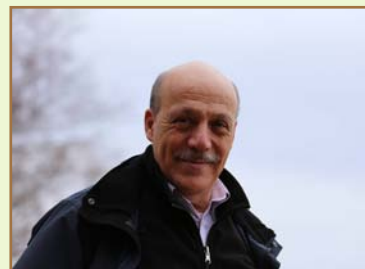
Our speaker this Spring will be Mr. Anthony Carlino, Adjunct Professor at Rhode Island College. His topic will be Roger Williams. Although most people

today in Virginia are not very familiar with Roger Williams, he, in fact, had a greater and more lasting impact on our history than most other Englishmen in North America during the 17th Century. In addition to founding Rhode Island and the First Baptist Church in America, he was the first to incorporate the guaranty of religious freedom in the colony's governing charter. Tony will help us better understand this complex, multifaceted man. I am sure that you will find the program of great interest and one not to be missed!

We will also award our fourth Mildred Ramos Scholarship at the Spring Meeting. This year's challenging essay topic is "What did Roger Williams bring from the Plymouth Colony Experiment to the colony he founded in Rhode Island? Did the ideas of Plymouth take root in Rhode Island? Take a position and explain." I would like to thank all of you who have supported our scholarship program with your very generous donations as well as your support of our very successful silent auctions. It is primarily through our scholarship program we are able to encourage and support the study of Pilgrim related history in Virginia.

Assistant Governor General George Garmany has initiated a process to have the United States Mint issue a coin series in commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the pilgrims' landing in Plymouth and has requested our assistance in this effort. The U.S. Congress must approve any such issue so AGG Garmany has requested that we all write our U.S. representatives in support of this effort. A suggested text of such a letter is included on page five of this newsletter.

## Anthony Carlino is our May Speaker



Tony Carlino has been an Adjunct professor at Rhode Island College since 1998. His Master's thesis on Roger Williams was published in the May, 2000 edition of Rhode Island History. He has also written for The Providence Journal, Cobblestone Magazine, and has served on various panels and lecture programs for the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Camp Canonicus, The John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, The Roger Williams National Memorial, and The John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage. He grew up in Rhode Island, and lives in Warwick.

### Our Spring Luncheon Meeting

will be held  
**Saturday, May 2**

at  
The Renaissance

Portsmouth-Norfolk Hotel

Address and Directions on page 7.



No-Host Social 12 Noon  
Luncheon at 12:45 p.m



Your Luncheon  
Reservation Form

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