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Message From the Governor



Lee Hardin Woody

This year's Spring Meeting will be held Saturday, May 6, at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Hotel. Portsmouth and Norfolk abound with activities. One can visit the Chrysler Museum,

the Children's Museum of Virginia, or the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Take a tour of Hill House, 1797 Moses Myers House, or the USS Wisconsin. There is something for everyone! 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 (757-673-3050) to make room arrangements; ask for Joanna Kim. I look forward to seeing you on the 6th!

Our speaker this spring will be Gary E. Baker. Mr. Baker held curatorial positions at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk from 1982-2007. Beginning in 1990 he was the Curator of Glass and in 2002 he assumed additional duties as the Acting Curator of Decorative Arts and Historic Houses. Mr. Baker will speak to us about Tiffany Glass and historical influences upon Louis Comfort Tiffany's designs. Did you know that LTC is a direct descendant of Isaac Allerton? You will not want to miss this informative and entertaining program, especially if you are an Allerton descendant.

We will also award our sixth Mildred Ramos Scholarship at the Spring Meeting. This year's essay topic is "In 1620, 102 passengers sailed on the Mayflower with a crew of 30. During the crossing, one died and a child was born keeping the number at 102. During the winter of 1620/21 death plagued the Colony and only 51 passengers survived. By the time of the first Thanksgiving, Peregrin White was born bringing the number to 52. Did the death of many of the Pilgrims change the concept of family? If it did not change, how did the survivors embrace and raise orphaned Pilgrim children?" The Board of Assistants is thankful to all who have supported our scholarship program with your very generous donations as well as your support of our silent auctions. The mission of the Mildred Ramos Scholarship is to encourage and support the study of the Mayflower Pilgrim experience and values.

Mark your calendars for 2017 is a Congress year! We would love to have a strong Virginia contingent attend this year. Congress kicks off September 8 and ends September 13. Business days will be September 11 and 12. The closing banquet will be Tuesday evening. Please contact me for hotel information. The Congressional agenda and schedule will be posted to the Members Only Section of the General Society's web page. (<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>)

Gary E. Baker Norfolk Chrysler Museum Curator is Our May 2017 Speaker

Gary E. Baker retired from Norfolk's Chrysler Museum after a distinguished career as a museum curator that spanned nearly thirty years. Baker began his museum career at the age of 22 in 1976, serving as the curator of a historic house museum where he had collections of fine and decorative arts and historic materials in his keeping. From 1982 through his retirement in January 2007, he held curatorial positions at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, Virginia, beginning as Assistant Curator of Glass in 1982 and becoming Curator of Glass in 1990. In 2002 he assumed additional duties as Acting Curator of Decorative Arts and Historic Houses.

Mr. Baker is internationally known for his expertise in the area of glass, but is broadly knowledgeable in fine and decorative arts. During his tenure at the Chrysler, he was responsible for the addition of numerous objects to that Museum's collection which included glass purchases ranged from Renaissance Venetian, major contemporary sculptures, English cameo and Tiffany glasses, and a Frank Lloyd Wright window. Other purchases included American furniture, folk art, and American and English silver. Gary Baker installed the Chrysler's glass galleries, planned and implemented the Norfolk History Museum (opened September 2005), and oversaw the Chrysler's restoration of the interior of the ca. 1797 Moses Myers House in Norfolk. His temporary exhibitions included varied as "The Decorative Arts of Louis Comfort Tiffany," "First in the Hearts of his Countrymen: America Remembers George Washington," 20th-century Italian glass, and contemporary glass, serving as principal advisor to the region-wide "Art of Glass in 1999."

Mr. Baker holds a Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Fine Arts and History from the College of William and Mary, and a Master's Degree from the University of Delaware, where he was a Winterthur Fellow in Early American Culture.

Our Spring Luncheon Meeting Will be Held Saturday, May 6 at

The Renaissance Portsmouth Norfolk Hotel
425 Water Street,
Portsmouth, VA 23704

(For Lodging Reservations:

Call Joanna Kim
757-673-3050)

Address and Directions on
page 7.

No-Host Social 12 Noon
Luncheon at 12:45 P.M.

Your Luncheon
Reservation Form
See page 7.

Draft Minutes of the Virginia Mayflower Society's Fall 2016 Luncheon at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, Virginia on November 19, 2016

Governor Lee Woody called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, including first time attendees and guests.

Elder Nancy Barrow offered the Invocation and Blessing.

Captain Channing Zucker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Historian James Callender read the Mayflower Compact. Past Governor Betty Diakun, with the help of Assistant Historian Deborah Shea, shared the story of the "Five Kernels of Corn."

Governor Woody introduced those seated at the head table: Elder Nancy Barrow, Treasurer Richard Burke, Secretary Rebekah Fleury, Historian James Callender, Deputy Governor James Maloney, Librarian Dr. S. Dawn Goldstine and Captain Channing Zucker. She also introduced Former Governor General and Past Governor Mildred Ramos, Past Governor Mark Cox, Past Governor Betty Diakun and Past Governor Martha Ellen Brockner who were also present.

Scholarship Chair James Maloney announced that silent auction items to benefit the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund would be available for bids during the luncheon.

After a recess for luncheon, the meeting reconvened.

Governor Woody introduced the speaker, James T. Callender, Retired Air Force Test Pilot, VAMS Historian and Webmaster. Jamie is currently a Senior Systems Engineer working on development of concepts and products related to air and missile defense. His topic was on the GSMD DNA Testing Policy and how it is used to support GSMD applications. (Our scheduled speaker, Dr. Christine Arnold-Lourie, was unable to attend the meeting.)

The Roll Call of Passengers was read by Assistant Historian Deborah Shea.

The minutes from the Spring meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Richard Burke reported a balance on hand as of June 30, 2016 of \$76,876, including \$14,249 in the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund and \$6,647 in the Memorial Fund. Revenues for the same period were \$28,205, expenses were \$21,406. The net income was \$6,799. We are in the process of collecting 2017 dues. Annual dues to the General Society are our largest expense.

Historian James Callender reported that since our Spring meeting we have welcomed 19 new members into the Virginia Mayflower Society; 17 by application, and 2 by transfer. Two supplemental

applications have been approved. Four members have transferred out. There are currently 13 applications pending in Plymouth.

Junior Membership Chair James Maloney reported that 16 new Junior members have been added since the Spring newsletter. We have recently added 4 additional Junior members. Junior members in attendance were recognized.

Mildred Ramos Scholarship Chair James Maloney announced that information on the 2016 scholarship is available on the VA Mayflower Society website. To be eligible a student must be a high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student under the age of 26.

The 2017 essay topic is:
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At our Spring meeting a member proposed that we submit a petition for a VA license plate recognizing the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing in Plymouth in 2020. Governor Lee Woody has looked into the feasibility of his proposal. Special interest license plates require a minimum of 450 prepaid applications before the General Assembly will agree to authorize them. State law requires you to submit prepaid applications within 30 days from the effective date of the authorization. Due to time constraints, costs and other factors, VAMS will not pursue this proposal. We have just over 700 members and 60% of them would have to submit a prepaid application.

Governor Woody attended the General Board of Assistants meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Two of the four GSMD Scholarship winners announced at the meeting were from Virginia; Hannah Wheaton who received a \$4,000 award, and John Hazelton who received a \$2,000 award.

(Today's silent auction raised a total of \$187 to benefit the Mildred Ramos Scholarship fund.)

Governor Lee Woody announced that the next meeting of the Virginia Mayflower Society will be at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Hotel in Portsmouth, VA on May 6, 2017.

Following the Benediction by Elder Nancy Barrow, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Rebekah B. Fleury, Secretary

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Governor Bradford is Looking for You!

Secretary Rebekah B. Fleury has had undeliverable newsletters and emails returned to her when sending the Virginia Mayflower Newsletter. Please notify Rebekah of any changes to your Postal address or to your e-mail address. Her address is: 10173 Granbury Circle, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

She'd also appreciate hearing from anyone who can help us re-establish contact with any of the following "lost members."

- Miss Claire McHenry Barlow, South Boston, MA
- Mr. John Ashton Edgar, Apple Valley, MN
- Miss Andrea Leigh Hosmer, Redondo Beach, CA
- Mrs. Christiana Elizabeth Jackson, Alexandria, VA
- Ms. Mary L. Lawson, Altavista, VA
- Mr. Jeffrey Allen Sharer, Chesapeake, VA
- Miss Jennifer Leigh Sharer, Chesapeake, VA
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1. Send an email to the Secretary using the contact form found on the Virginia Mayflower Society web page
2. In the Subject field of your e-mail please type "Mayflower E-Mail Request"
3. In the body of your message, please provide your name & address, noting any needed corrections or changes
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In Memoriam

Mrs. Patricia Delano Gray of Tucson, AZ, died July 17, 2016, GSMD No. 60421, VA No. 772

Mrs. Patricia Downey Murphy of Annandale, died June 18, 2016, GSMD No. 61327, VA No. 789

Ms. Dale Crissey DeButts of Chesterfield, died November 15, 2016, GSMD No. 75055, VA No. 1150

Congratulations are in Order!

At the General Board of Assistants Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana in September, 2016, the 2015-2016 Scholarship Committee announced that two Junior Members of the Virginia Society were among the 2016 GBOA Scholarship winners!

\$4,000 Award: Hannah Wheaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wheaton, of Chesapeake. Hannah is a descendant from William White, Richard Warren, Edward Doty, Francis Cooke, and Stephen Hopkins. Hannah is a graduate of Norfolk Academy and is attending Washington University in St. Louis where she is a John B. Ervin Scholar where she is studying Political Science and plans to become an attorney.

\$2,000 Award: John Hazelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hazelton, of Henrico. John is a descendant of Myles Standish, Stephen Hopkins, John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, and Richard Warren. John is a graduate of Collegiate School where he received the Dartmouth Book Award and was inducted in the Cum Laude Society. He was accepted Early Decision into the School of Engineering at Vanderbilt University where he plans to study engineering and business related fields.

Highlights from the General Board of Assistants Meeting

Governor Lee Woody represented the Virginia Society at the General Board of Assistants Meeting held at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 10, 2016. Below are some of the highlights from the September meeting.

- The 2020 Committee has focused its efforts towards four projects to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Voyage. The four projects include: a Permanent Commemorative Monument in Plymouth; United States Commemorative Stamp Project; Commemorative Coin Bills in Congress; and promotion of State Projects.
- First Parish Church- GSMD made

Historian's Report

By Jamie Callender, 24 Jan 2017

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed 10 new Members, including 1 transfer, into the Virginia Society of Mayflower Descendants and had 5 members transfer out. There are currently 12 applications pending at Plymouth.



New Applicants	Passenger	VA_Num	GSMD
John Hadley Stevens	William Brewster	1553	90784
Henry August Rodgers	William White	1554	90846
John Spencer Rodgers	William White	1555	90847
Katherine Carolyn Barrett Baker	John Howland	1556	90864
Christopher Steffens Kehde	William Bradford	1557	90865
Stacie Beth Murphy	William Brewster	1558	90866
Gerald Ross	George Soule	1560	90939
Ryan Jefferson	James Chilton	1561	90951
R. Oliver Schwab, Jr.	Isaac Allerton	1562	90952

Transfer In

Steve O'Brien - from MD	William Brewster	1559	87805
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Transfer Out

Molly Anne Jones Wagner	John Howland	1451	86250
Alistair W. Angus	William Bradford	1188	76256
William M. Wasbrough	William Bradford	1198	76654
Claire V. (Wasbrough) Newman	William Bradford	1199	76655
Matthew J. Wasbrough	William Bradford	1200	76656

a motion which passed for the Society to pursue a cooperative endeavor agreement with First Parish Church that if an endowment for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse can be raised by GSMD by 2020, First Parish Church will donate the meeting house to the Society.

- DNA Policy -GSMD implemented a DNA Testing Policy. Please visit the below

link for more information:

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/news-events/item/235-mayflower-dna>

- Charter Request for a New Society in Europe- A motion was made and approved to accept the application for a charter for a new Society to be called the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Europe on condition that 20 resident members have been approved within 3 months.

We Welcome 3 new Junior Members to the Virginia Mayflower Society

By James Maloney, Jr.,
Junior Membership Chairman

Since January 2017, the following 3 people have become Junior members of the Virginia Society which brings the number of Junior members in the Virginia Society to 299:

Junior	Member #	Sponsor	Ancestor
Norah Mae Sorrell	700	Ella Mabie	Stephen Hopkins
Preston Michael Mabie	701	Ella Mabie	Stephen Hopkins
Trevor Frederick Mabie	702	Ella Mabie	Stephen Hopkins

Announcement:

On November 19, 2016 the VA Board of Assistants voted on the following policy. Any non-life member who is delinquent with their dues on March 31st of the second year will automatically be dropped for non-payment of dues.

Scholarship Committee Report

By James H. Maloney,

Applications for the 2017 Mildred Ramos Scholarship were due March 15, 2017. The Scholarship Committee will announce the scholarship recipient at our May 6 Luncheon Meeting in Portsmouth, Virginia.

The essay topic for the 2016 award was: "In 1620, 102 passengers sailed on the Mayflower with a crew of 30. During the crossing, one died and a child was born keeping the number at 102. During the winter of 1620/21 death plagued the Colony and only 51 passengers survived. By the time of the first Thanksgiving, Peregrin White was born bringing the number to 52. Did the death of many of the Pilgrims change the concept of family? If it did not change, how did the survivors embrace and raise orphaned Pilgrim children?"

The committee encourages all members to support the Virginia Mayflower Society Mildred Ramos

Scholarship Fund by being as generous as you can with your donations going forward. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank all of the donors who have so generously given to date.

In addition, I would like to thank committee members Betty Diakun, Martha Ellen Brockner, Lee Woody, and Mark Cox for their continued leadership and commitment to this project. Most importantly, we must express our deep appreciation and gratitude to Mildred Ramos for her many years of faithful service and leadership.

Please share your e-mail address with us.
Send it to
Secretary@VirginiaMayflower.org
(Include your full name.)

Junior Membership

in the Virginia Mayflower Society 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 James H. Maloney with the following information:

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

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

When the process is complete, James Maloney will send the Junior Membership Certificate to the Junior Member at the address of the parents unless otherwise instructed. Please contact him if you have any questions. James's address is:

1763 Bluff Mountain Farm
Madison, VA 22727-3379

If you are a junior member who has reached your 18th birthday, consider becoming a full member by submitting an application. Please contact the person who sponsored your Junior membership and Historian Jamie Callender for more information about the membership process.

John Alden Copenhaver
Education Chairman

Our Governor was contacted by Jamie Callender and Deb Shea with an idea of inspiring our members to become more active and visible in the community. They suggested some members might be willing to go to schools, libraries, etc., to make presentations.



In addition to having volunteers speak to school groups, the official Mayflower website is an outstanding resource. There are excellent teaching materials and information that exists through the website and through Plymouth. The Education Committee could review the existing materials and outline a core group of potential presentations, then build on this. The teaching units which could be developed by educators could be relevant to social studies, language arts, visual arts, programs, etc., as subject matter or relevant themes. They also could be relevant to and tie into standards of learning objectives in the school curriculum. Teachers are always looking for new and interesting ways to meet the required learning objectives and we may be able to generate interest by raising the awareness of resources available through our organization. Inspiring creativity may also lead to new discoveries through research and inspiration for a new generation interested in our organization.

Once we have the presentation material organized we can get a list of school systems state wide, find the appropriate contact person, then send out an invitation for them to use this material. This could be appropriate on the collegiate level as well as in K – 12 programs.

We can continue to raise the awareness of our organization, expand its relevancy, and perhaps grow our membership through these efforts.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Education Committee and help get this organized, please contact Lee Woody or me, John Alden Copenhaver at John@FC-FineArt.com. It will be fun!

Thank you and all best wishes,

John

Visit our web site
VirginiaMayflower.org
for updates and additional information about our state society.

The Virginia Mayflower Society
Spring Luncheon and Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 6, 2017

The Virginia Mayflower Society will meet at the The Renaissance Portsmouth Norfolk Hotel

425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704

(For Lodging Reservations: Call Joanna Kim 752-673-3050)

12:00 Noon — No-Host Social 12:45 p.m. — Luncheon

Menu

The Buffet Luncheon will be held in the Madison Room and will feature: Mixed Greens with Assorted Dressings, Tangy Cucumber Salad, Homemade Coleslaw, Pulled Pork Barbecue, Southern Style Fried Chicken, Panned Green Beans and Bacon, Collard Greens, Whipped Red Bliss Potatoes, Cornbread or Rolls, Carrot Cake, Caramel Apple Pie, Coffee and Tea

\$38.00 per person

Child (10 and under) **\$19.00 per child**

My enclosed check in the amount of \$ _____ covers _____ Luncheon reservation(s).

Please make check payable to “Virginia Mayflower Society”

My guest(s) will be:

(1) _____
 (2) _____
 (3) _____

Member's(s) name(s):

Check if: _____ New Member OR First Time Attending _____ Junior Member

Please mail your reservation and check by Thursday, April 27 deadline to:

Miss Mildred Ramos, Assistant Secretary

1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt. 635, Richmond, VA 23227 (804) 264-6793

Directions to the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Hotel

The address of The Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Hotel, where our Spring luncheon meeting will start at 12 noon May 6, is 425 Water St. Portsmouth, Virginia 23704.

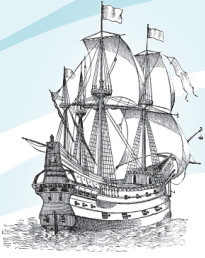
The Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Hotel's phone number is (757) 673-3000.

- From Newport News/Williamsburg: take 64 West. Follow 64 West to 664 South. After traveling through the tunnel, take 164 East to Portsmouth. After 8 miles, continue to follow 164 east to London Blvd. Take London East...London dead ends into the hotel.
- From Norfolk: Take I-64 East to I-264 West. Take Downtown Tunnel, stay in right lane, take 1st exit (#7) immediately, sharp turn right to Crawford Street. Take a right on Water Street. The hotel is on the left.

2017 Congress
Plymouth, Massachusetts
September 8-13, 2017

2017 is a Congress year! We hope that you will want to attend! The business days will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12th, with the closing banquet Tuesday evening. Additional information about Congress activities will be posted soon on the General Society's web page under the Members Only Section.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Lee Woody (lwoody@yahoo.com) for hotel information.



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