

The Virginia Mayflower

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Message from the Governor

NOVEMBER 2013 (Website Edition) NUMBER 2

November 23 — Silent Auction to benefit Scholarship Fund



Mark T. Cox, IV

I will look forward to seeing you all at our annual Compact Day meeting at The Commonwealth Club in Richmond on Saturday, November 23rd and hope that you will like the program that has been arranged.

Our speaker, Dr. Robert Galgano, from the University of Richmond, will talk about the indigenous American world before 1600. Most of us are familiar with Europe at that time but we tend to have a much more limited understanding of the complex political and cultural structure of North America in the 16th and 17th Centuries. Dr. Galgano's talk should give us not only a better understanding of the native peoples encountered by our ancestors but also how those native

Our Compact Day Fall Luncheon Meeting

will be held

Saturday, November 23

at

The Commonwealth Club Richmond, Virginia

(Address, and Directions, on page 7.)

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

> Your Luncheon Reservation Form (See Page 7) and

Check must be received by **Friday, November 15.**

peoples fit into the larger political and social structure of 17th Century North America

We will also be holding something new and different – a silent auction the proceeds from which will go to help fund the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund. Many of you have continued to provide generous gifts to the Scholarship Fund and this auction will provide yet another way to support one of our Society's primary educational programs while acquiring some exciting Mayflower-related items.

During the meeting, we will also consider some proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Virginia Society of Mayflower Descendants. The proposed changes are listed on page 3 in this Newsletter.

This past September, the General Board of Assistants of the General Society met in New Orleans. The Virginia Society was represented by Mildred Ramos, former Governor General of the General Society, by Elizabeth Carver Diakun, former Virginia Governor and Deputy Governor General of the General Society, Ms. Barbara Carpenter, Virginia Secretary and former Secretary General of the General Society, and myself. As the new Virginia Governor, I was elected Assistant General of the General Society. Please see Betty Diakun's report of the meeting on page 8.

The position of Editor of the Newsletter still remains vacant. If you have had experience with editing and would be willing to take on an exciting new challenge, please get in touch with me in this regard. The previous Editor, Mr. David Chapin, did a wonderful job of making our newsletter both interesting and informative. Going forward, I hope that we will be able to continue to improve it.

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OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER

DR. ROBERT GALGANO

completed a history major at the University of Virginia in 1992 and after graduation moved to New Mexico



to teach Navajo and Hispanic fourthgraders in the poorest parochial school in the United States. He returned to Virginia to complete an M.A. in American history in 1996 and a Ph.D. in 2003, both at the College of William and Mary. While in graduate school, he also completed an apprenticeship in historical archaeology through Colonial Williamsburg's Department of Archaeological Research. He excavated a colonial coffee house and St. George Tucker's garden in historic Williamsburg, searched for James Fort on Jamestown Island, and surveyed the warehouse district in Yorktown.

In 2005, Galgano published his dissertation entitled Feast of Souls: Indians and Spaniards in the Seventeenth-Century Missions of Florida and New Mexico. Between 1998 and 2004 he taught courses on the colonial Americas and Native America at William and Mary and James Madison University. He then moved with his wife, Dr. Kimberly Galgano, and their two girls to Richmond. In 2007 they welcomed a third child this time a boy — to the family. He has taught courses at the University of Richmond on a part-time basis since 2004.

Currently he offers a class on early relationships between Native peoples and various European newcomers and a course comparing Indian, colonial, and slave rebellions in Early North American history.

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Historian's Report

By Beverly Berwick

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed thirteen new members into the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Virginia. In addition, one supplemental has been approved. Seven applications are pending at Plymouth.

New Member	Residence	GS#	State	Ancestor
Kevin Robert Durrenberger	Virginia Beach	85615	1436	William Bradford
Steven Douglas Gurney	Reston	85616	1437	Francis Cooke
William Clarence Wheaton	Chesapeake	85617	1438	William White
Christopher Edwin Snow	King George	85618	1439	Stephen Hopkins
Barbara Everett Darden Dominick	Greenville, NC	85620	1440	William Brewster
Ellen Bowen Gerry-Bauer	Alexandria	40859	1441	George Soule
Diane Wakeman Leslie Laabs	Williamsburg	85667	1442	Stephen Hopkins
Ritchie Gilbert Dagg	Woodbridge	85832	1443	William Brewster
Harold Benjamin Carter	Hampton	85678	1444	Stephen Hopkins
Patricia Hopkins Phillips-Holbert	Gainesville	85679	1445	John Alden
Lucy Jean Higgins Sinkular	Germany	85831	1446	Stephen Hopkins
Susan Elizabeth Crysup Pierce	Yorktown	85954	1447	John Alden
Transfer				
Kenneth Alison Burt	Doswell	78186	1448	James Chilton
Supplemental				
Jack Hutchins White Jr.	Fairfax Station	84706	1413	James Chilton

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT, designed to ensure peace among the passengers carried by the Mayflower to America, was signed by 41 of the ship's 101 passengers on Nov. 11, 1620, while the Mayflower was anchored in what is now Provincetown Harbor. As the first governing document of the Plymouth Colony, it specified basic laws and social rules for the new colony and served as a



foundation for the democratic structure of the settlers. The Mayflower's enduring significance is that it articulated concepts

that helped shape the history of America. Historian Samuel Eliot Morison wrote: "The Compact, like the Virginia Assembly, is an almost startling revelation of the capacity of Englishmen in that era for self government."

In Memoriam

Mr. George Kenneth Allen of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Died August 11, 2013. Virginia State No. 924

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Minutes of the Virginia Mayflower Society's May 4 Meeting in Natural Bridge



Barbara H. Carpenter Secretary

Governor Mark Cox called meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Elder Nancy Barrow offered the Invocation and Blessing. Captain Bill Epling led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

The Governor introduced those seated at the head table: Captain Bill Epling, luncheon speaker Mr. Terry Marr and his wife, Secretary Barbara Carpenter, Historian Beverly Berwick, and Elder Nancy Barrow. He also introduced Former Governor General and Past Governor Mildred Ramos, Past Governor Martha Ellen Brockner, Past Governor Nancy Barrow, Past Governor Bill Paquette, and Past Governor Betty Diakun.

After a recess for luncheon, the meeting reconvened.

Martha Ellen Brockner introduced the Mildred Ramos Scholarship winner, Julie Anna Guthrie of Dublin, VA, and Governor Cox presented her with a check and certificate.

Governor Cox introduced the speaker, Terry Marr, a historical reenactor, who spoke on Henricus.

The Roll Call of Passengers was read by Historian Beverly Berwick.

The minutes from the fall meeting were approved as read.

Historian Beverly Berwick reported nine new members: eight by application and one by transfer. One supplemental application was approved, and nine applications were pending in Plymouth. She introduced the five members attending for the first time.

Governor Cox reported 15 new Junior members, bringing the total number of Junior members to 253. Junior members in attendance were recognized and presented a book

Assistant Treasurer Rebekah Fleury reported a balance on hand as of March 31, 2013 of \$78,018, an increase of approximately \$5,000 over the balance reported on November 17, 2012, and over \$10,000 in the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund. To date in 2013, the Society had received \$1,182 in donations for the scholarship fund and \$233 for the Memorial Fund.

Governor Cox announced the appointment of committee chairs for the term 2013-1016: Constitution & By-Laws James Maloney, Education Dorothy Perkins, Finance Richard Burke, Junior Membership Lee Woody, Publicity & Scrapbook Mary Knight, Mildred Ramos Scholarship Lee Woody, Special Services & Hospitality Carolyn Hudson, and Webmaster David Chapin.

Following the Benediction by Elder Nancy Barrow, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Barbara Hensley Carpenter, Secretary

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Virginia Society of Mayflower Descendants

The following proposed amendments were recommended by the Board of Assistants at the May 2013 board meeting and are proposed for amendment at the November 2013 membership meeting.

Language proposed to be deleted is shown in strikethrough (strikethrough) style, and language proposed to be added is shown in underscore (underscore) style.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, SECTION 4(B)

To amend by adding the words shown underlined:

A Spring Meeting of the Society shall be held <u>each year on or about the first Saturday in May</u> at some place agreed upon by the Board of Assistants, on or about the first Saturday in May, each year. The Spring meetings shall be scheduled across the state over the three-year term of a slate of elected officers in the following geographic distribution: one in Northern Virginia, one in the western part of the state, and one in the Tidewater and/or southern part of the state.

As amended the section would read:

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Rationale:

The members of the Society live throughout the Commonwealth, and this amendment would provide a better opportunity for those members who cannot travel great distances to attend a meeting of the Society at least once in each administration.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1

To amend by deleting the words shown struck through and adding the words shown underlined:

COMMITTEES, Article IV

Section 1. Standing committees shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- (a) Awards Special Services and Hospitality Committee
- (b) Constitution & By-Laws

- (c) Education
- (d) Finance
- (e) Junior Membership
- (f) Newsletter Editor
- (g) Publicity & Scrapbook
- (h) Mildred Ramos Scholarship
- (i) Webmaster

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Rationale:

The committee's duties have been expanded, and the name change better reflects the current duties of the committee.

A day to Welcome, Celebrate, and Educate: Spring Luncheon Meeting 2013

Juniors Welcomed





Mildred Ramos Birthday Celebrated

Miss Mildred Ramos, Former Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and Past Governor of the Virginia Mayflower Society, was given a surprise birthday cake by the Board of Assistants at a Friday night dinner prior to the Saturday luncheon meeting in Natural Bridge, Virginia.



First-time attendees



Spring Meeting speaker Mr. Terry M. Marr and Mrs. Marr

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The Virginia Mayflower Society's Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund

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

The Scholarship will be awarded to the winning applicant at the Spring meeting in 2014.

The Mildred Ramos Scholarship is funded 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 Granbury Circle, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. You may also use the envelope enclosed with your latest Dues notice. Checks should be made payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society.

In next spring's newsletter, we will acknowledge all contributions received as of March 30, 2014. Contributors' names will be listed, unless a preference for "Anonymous" is specified.

Julie Anna Guthrie 2013 Scholarship Recipient

The 2013 Mildred Ramos Scholarship Recipient is Julie Anna Guthrie of Dublin, Virginia. She is a 2013 graduate Pulaski County High School and the Southwest Virginia Governor's School where she maintained a 4.186 GPA and was ranked number one of 322 students. She is a dedicated runner who has been awarded All-District honors in Cross Country, All District and All Region honors in the 3200 meter run, and All-District honors in the 4 by 800 meter relay. In addition, she was a member of the Golden Cougar Marching Band, serving as Drum Major. She has attended numerous youth leadership conferences including Virginia Girls' State, is a member of



several honor societies, and is active in her church. Julie has worked on her family farm which has been owned by the Guthrie family since 1795. She is attending Yale. Julie is the daughter of Joe and Carol Guthrie.



Nov. 23 Silent Auction will benefit Scholarship Fund

The Board of Assistants of the Virginia Mayflower Society will be donating Mayflower related items for a silent auction to be held during the social hour before the November Compact Day luncheon. Minimum bids will be established for each item. The monies raised will be donated to the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund. Be sure to bring your check book and be generous. The donated items could become excellent Christmas presents. ■

Signed photograph of Mayflower II donated by Dr. William Paquette, Past Governor.

Scholarship Fund Donors

We thank the following for their generosity

Up to \$100

Col. William Bradford DeGraf Mr. Gordon F. Compton Mrs. Edward Stephen Gryczynski in memory of Nellie E. Shaw Mrs. Edgar Noel Mr. William Alfred Carpenter, PhD and Mrs. Barbara Hensley Carpenter in memory of Mary Jane Hensley Mr. Robert Johnson Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mrs. John Rusina Mrs. Roger John Masone Mrs. Barbara F. Rose in memory of Col. Murray F. Rose, USMC

\$100 - \$200

Mrs. William Brockner in memory of Dr. Millard Tolson Traband, Past Governor, Maryland Soc. of Mayflower Desc.

\$500 - \$1000

Col. William Y. Epling

\$1000 or More

Mr. David J. Chapin in honor of Mildred Ramos and in remembrance of Betty Burgess Chapin

Memorial Fund Donors

We thank the following for their generosity

Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. Mrs. Richard Frederick Stanfield Mr. David Ware in memory of Mary Kline Vail Ware Mrs. Beth Webb Grice Mr. Donald M. Bishop Mrs. Barbara F. Rose in memory of Col. Murray F. Rose, USMC Mrs. Robert Stephens Slamin in memory of Jeannette S. Eustace

DONATIONS TO OUR MEMORIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS NOT LISTED HERE WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE MAIL DONATIONS TO: REBEKAH B. FLEURY, ASSISTANT TREASURER 10173 GRANBURY CIRCLE MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23116

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for updates and additional information about our state society.

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Virginia Mayflower Society Announces \$1,620 Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

- The 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 or home-schooled equivalent.
- The applicant must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:
 - Be a resident of Virginia.
 - Be related to a resident of Virginia.
 - Be a member or Junior member of the Virginia Mayflower Society
 - Be related to a member of the Virginia Mayflower Society
- ♦ The applicant must have a grade point average of at least B or the equivalent.
- The applicant must be sponsored by a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia or by one of the applicant's current teachers. The applicant does not need to be a member of the Society or be related to a member of the Society.
- Family members (children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law) of members of the Virginia Mayflower Society's Board of Assistants or its Scholarship Committee are not eligible for scholarship awards.

DEADLINE

- Applications must be received by our Scholarship chairwoman by March 15, 2014.
- The Scholarship Committee will meet before April 28, 2014 to select the winner of the scholarship. The Committee's decision will be final.
- ♦ The recipient of our 2014 Scholarship will be notified by the Governor of the Virginia Society in April.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants must present to our Scholarship Committee chairwoman a brief personal résumé including a list of their of academic achievements and community service
- Applicants must present a copy of their official academic transcript for the preceding three years.
- Applicants must submit an original essay of no more than 1500 words in the MLA, APA, or Chicago Manual of Style format on the subject:
 - "During their stay in Leiden the Pilgrims were exposed to Huguenot exiles from France. Explain how the Huguenots may or may not have influenced Pilgrim beliefs before their sail to the Americas."
- Applicants must cite a minimum of 5 print/web sources. A bibliography is located on the Virginia Mayflower web site.
- Applications may be submitted in "hard-copy" printed form or submitted electronically (on a disc or by e-mail attachment)—preferably in both forms.
- Separately, each applicant's Sponsor must send the Committee a brief letter containing the name, address, telephone number and other contact information of the proposed applicant as well as that of the Sponsor.

All applicants will be judged on their compliance with the eligibility requirements, on their academic record and résumé, and, predominantly, on their essay.

CONTACT US

Prospective applicants who have questions or who would like additional information are invited to contact:

Mrs. Lee Woody, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman

The Virginia Mayflower Society

3547 Londonderry Lane, SW

Roanoke, VA 24018-5071

lhwoody@yahoo.com or (540) 397-3173

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY



The Virginia Mayflower Society

Mildred Ramos

Scholarship Fund



The mission of the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund is to encourage and support the study of the Mayflower Pilgrim experience and values. The Scholarship is named for the former Governor General of the General Society and past Governor of the Virginia Society.

Our full name is The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Founded in 1950, we are the Virginia component of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, a non-profit hereditary, charitable, and educational society based in Plymouth, Mass. Each of our members is descended from one or more passengers aboard the Mayflower's historic voyage in 1620.

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We welcome 12 new Junior members to the Virginia Mayflower Society



Lee Woody

By Lee Hardin Woody, Junior Membership Chairman

Since April, 2013, the following 12 people have become Junior members of the Virginia Society. In addition 8 Juniors have aged out which brings the number of Junior members in the Virginia Society to 256.

- Miss Hannah Waverly Chipman (Junior Member 605), daughter of Jonathan Ward Chipman and Hope Winston Rennie, 185 Turnpike Road, Norwich, VT 05055-9447, and granddaughter of Barbara Anne S. Rennie (VA Society No. 150), 1500 Westbrook Court, Apt. 1123, Richmond, VA 23227-Ancestor John Howland.
- Mr. Burke Wellman Smith (Junior Member 606), son of Scott Wellman Smith and Heather Burke, 6228 New Harvard Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23059, and grandson of Richard Spencer Burke (VA Society No. 1408), 4112 Park Commons Loop, Glen Allen, VA 23059-Ancestor William White.
- Mr. Luke Miller Smith (Junior Member 607), son of Scott Wellman Smith and Heather Burke, 6228 New Harvard Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23059, and grandson of Richard Spencer Burke (VA Society No. 1408), 4112 Park Commons Loop, Glen Allen, VA 23059-Ancestor William White.
- Miss Natalie Spencer Schildt (Junior Member 608), daughter of Stephen Joseph Schildt and Amy Burke, 1100 Blackmore Court, Ambler, PA 19002, and granddaughter of Richard Spencer Burke (VA Society No. 1408), 4112 Park Commons Loop, Glen Allen, VA 23059-Ancestor William White.
- 5 Mr. Jack Phillip Haywood (Junior Member 609), son of Jon Christopher Haywood and Kelley Burke, 2320 Equestrian Drive, Matthews, NC 28105, and grandson of Richard Spencer Burke (VA Society No. 1408), 4112 Park Commons Loop, Glen Allen, VA 23059-Ancestor William White.
- Miss Adelyn Rae Callender (Junior Member 610), daughter of Eric Thomas Callender and Carly Rae Estes, 41652 Appleyard Place, Ashburn, VA 20148, and granddaughter of James T. Callender (VA Society No. 1394), 8921 Applecross Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-1212- Ancestor- William Bradford.
- Miss Anna Clare Callender (Junior Member 611), daughter of David Michael Callender and Christina Shaw, 6107 Utah Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20015, and granddaughter of James T. Callender (VA Society No. 1394), 8921 Applecross Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-1212- Ancestor- William Bradford.
- Miss Isla Ruby Callender (Junior Member 612), daughter of Eric Thomas Callender and Carly Rae Estes, 41652 Appleyard Place, Ashburn, VA 20148, and granddaughter of James T. Callender (VA Society No. 1394), 8921 Applecross Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-1212-Ancestor- William Bradford.
- Mr. Derek James Lucier (Junior Member 613), son of Jamie Lucier and Heather Leigh Callender, 25992 Talamore Drive, South Riding, VA 20152-1758, and grandson of James T. Callender (VA Society No. 1394), 8921 Applecross Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-1212-Ancestor-William Bradford.
- Mr. Miles Shaw Callender (Junior Member 614), son of David Michael Callender and Christina Shaw, 6107 Utah Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20015, and grandson of James T. Callender (VA Society No. 1394), 8921 Applecross Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-1212-Ancestor-William Bradford.
- 11. **Mr. Andrew Harrison Redford**(Junior Member 615), son of Mark Andrew Redford and Autumn Heather Keene Redford (VA Society No. 1335), 2406 Tomahawk Meadows Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112 Ancestors- William, Susanna, and Resolved White.
- Mr. Alexander Mark Redford (Junior Member 616), son of Mark Andrew Redford and Autumn Heather Keene Redford (VA Society No. 1335), 2406 Tomahawk Meadows Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112 - Ancestors- William, Susanna, and Resolved White.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Founded January 10, 1950

THE BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

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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 me with the following information:

1. Full name of applicant; 2. Date of Birth; 3. Place of Birth; 4. Mayflower Ancestor; 5. Full names of parentsand their address; 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, I will send the Junior Membership Certificate to the Junior Member at the address of the parents unless otherwise instructed. Please call me at (540) 397-3173 if you have any questions on this. My e-mail address is lhwoody@yahoo.com and my street address is:

Lee Hardin Woody, 3547 Londonderry Lane SW, Roanoke, VA 24018

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The Virginia Mayflower Society

Compact Day Luncheon Reservation Form

Saturday, November 23, 2013, at the Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Virginia

12:00 Noon — No-Host Social

12:45 p.m. - Luncheon

Luncheon features: Mesclun Greens Salad, Roast Turkey, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce,
Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea and water, and Pumpkin Cheesecake
\$30 per person

The children's menu: child-size portion of the main menu with a chocolate-chip cookie for dessert.

Children 12 and under \$14.50 per child

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, November 15 to:

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



Jamie Callender to help Society adopt updated software tools

At our Board of Assistants meeting in Natural Bridge last May, Governor Mark Cox appointed Jamie Callender to chair a new ad hoc committee charged with helping the Virginia Society make better use of modernday software tools and processes.



Jamie Callender

Callender, an assistant historian, has an interest and expertise in working with relational databases and other modern-day software.

Our State Society's officers and committee chairmen currently operate and maintain separate databases for tracking and updating membership information, making it difficult if not impossible to keep their membership records in 100% agreement with each other at any given time.

Callender's committee will undertake to help consolidate these disparate databases into one master database, helping our officers specify the features and functions they need, and assisting them in adopting the new software to full advantage, saving time and effort, while enhancing the accuracy of the Society's membership data.

Directions to the Commonwealth Club

The address of The Commonwealth Club, where our Compact Day luncheon meeting will start at 12 noon Nov. 23, is 401 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va. 23220.

Ample free parking is available in the club's own private lots adjacent to its building, as well as on the streets adjacent to the club, where the city's parkingmeter 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.

Please observe 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 and flip-flops are not permitted.)



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Send address changes to: Barbara H. Carpenter 1202 Saugus Court Great Falls, VA 22066-2016

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The twice-a-vear newsletter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

2013 General Board of Assistants meeting in New Orleans



Betty Diakun Deputy Governor General of the General Society and former the heart of the Governor of the Virginia Society

The General Board of Assistants of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants met September 12-14 in New Orleans at the Omni Roval Orleans Hotel, in French Quarter.

The Virginia Society was represented by Mildred Ramos, former Governor General of the General Society and past Virginia Governor, by Betty Diakun, Deputy Governor General of the General Society and past Virginia Governor, by Mark Cox, Assistant General of the General Society and current Virginia Governor, and by Barbara Carpenter, past Secretary General of the General Society, past District of Columbia Governor, and current Secretary of the Virginia Society.

The Board heard reports from all General Society officers and committee chairs. Changes to the General Society's Constitution and By-Laws, largely clarifications but with some substantive

modifications, were approved by the Board for consideration at the 2014 General Congress, where final decision will be made.

In an awards ceremony, the Governor General's Commendation and Appreciation Award was made to our own David Chapin, in recognition of his outstanding work in establishing our Virginia website and his continued service as webmaster of the Virginia Society.

A formal dinner was held at the world-famous Antoine's Restaurant (a half block away). At the dinner a long, very interesting presentation on physical, forensic anthropology was made by Dr. Douglas Owsley and Karin Browelheide of the Physical Anthropology Department of the Smithsonian Institution.



There have been enormous advances in this field, allowing the study of skeletal remains to tell us a great deal about the people who came to Jamestown early in the 17th century. This is enormously relevant to us, since our General Society is now involved in considering performing similar scientific analysis of any bones that may be found on Cole's Hill in Plymouth, the site of probable burials in the first winter of 1620-21. DNA analysis should be possible, and, if skulls can be found, it may even be possible to reconstruct the faces of some of our Pilgrim ancestors.

There is an exhibit – "Written in Bone" – in place at the Natural History Museum of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, that tells the story of Jamestown and other Chesapeake settlements and shows the techniques that anthropologists use to draw conclusions from the studied skeletons. It is appropriate for all ages, and if you can visit the exhibit, you will find it a truly worthwhile experience.

Mildred Ramos, former Governor General of the General Society and past Virginia Governor, enjoys a Mississippi cruise during the meeting at New Orleans.