

# The Virginia Mayflower

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## Message from the Governor



Mark T. Cox, IV

This year's Fall Compact Day Luncheon Meeting will be held on Saturday, 21 November, at The Commonwealth Club in Richmond. I will look forward to seeing you there.

We will hold elections of officers who will serve for the next three years. The Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of candidates for your consideration that appears on page 3. Our Society is fortunate to have such a distinguished list and I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their hard work in putting it together

We will also be holding a silent auction before the meeting to raise money to help support our Mildred Ramos Scholarship program. We have been very successful to date in attracting some

outstanding young scholars and, with your continued support, hope to be able to further expand the program in future.

Our speaker this fall will be Dr. Sydney Watts, Associate Professor of History and WGSS Coordinator, First Year Seminars, at the University of Richmond. Her topic will be the Huguenots. This group of French Protestants left France because of religious persecution moving to England, Holland and ultimately to North America where they were permitted to maintain their religious practices. Some of our Pilgrim ancestors – George Soule and Francis Cooke to mention two – share this French heritage. Huguenot immigrants also played a very prominent role in growth of Virginia.

Dr. Watts will help us better understand where these people came from and describe their long journey to North America. I am sure that you will find the program of great interest and one not to be missed!

The General Board of Assistants of the General Society met this past September at the Pequot casino and hotel complex in Connecticut. Our Society was represented by Mildred Ramos, former Governor General of the General Society, and by Dr. William Paquette, past Governor of the Virginia Society and Acting Assistant General of the General Society.

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 2.

This is my final message to you as Governor. It has been a great honor to serve you these past three years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your steadfast support!

## Sydney Watts is our November Speaker



Sydney Watts was born in Brussels, Belgium where she spent the first two-and-a-half years of her life. She subsequently moved with her family to Upstate New York where she was raised as an American citizen. Ms. Watts attended Sarah Lawrence College on a dance scholarship and in 1987 she received her B. A. in the Liberal Arts. During her undergraduate years, she spent a year abroad at Wadham College in Oxford, England where she read history and literature and rowed for the college crew. She then studied in Paris, France and in 1989 was awarded the Grande Diplôme from La Varenne Ecole de Cuisine. Ms. Watts received her Ph.D. in French History from Cornell University 1999. Since then, she has taught early modern European history at the University of Richmond where she is currently Associate Professor and Director of the First Year Seminars program. She has published several journal articles and essays on food history, and a book on the meat trade, *Meat Matters: Butchers, Politics and Market Culture in Old Regime France*, published with University of Rochester Press. Her current research on Lent and secular society focuses on changing food habits and religious norms in early modern urban France.

### Our Compact Day Fall Luncheon Meeting

will be held  
**Saturday, November 21**  
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 13.**

## Draft Minutes of the Spring Meeting at Portsmouth on May 2, 2015



Nancy Southworth Barrow,  
Secretary Pro Tem

Governor Mark Cox called meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Elder Nancy Barrow offered the Invocation and Blessing. Captain 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 the head table and former Governor General Mildred Ramos. Past Governors Martha Ellen Brockner, and Nancy Barrow were also introduced.

After a recess for lunch, the meeting reconvened.

Mark Cox, Governor and Lee Woody, Deputy Governor, presented the Mildred Ramos Scholarship to Mr. Brenton Morris, 2015 recipient of the Mildred Ramos Scholarship.

Governor Cox introduced the speaker, Anthony Carlino, a professor from Rhode Island. He spoke on Roger Williams.

The Roll Call of Passengers was called by Assistant Historian Jamie Callender.

Jamie Callendar also reported that we had 10 new members and 1 transfer.

Junior Membership Chair Lee Woody announced we had 18 new Junior members, bringing the total number of Junior members to 279.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Rebekah B. Fleury, Assistant Treasurer.

Governor Cox announced that the General Board of Assistants would meet September 9-13 at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, CT. The Next meeting of the Virginia Mayflower Society would be in Richmond, VA on November 21, 2015, at the Commonwealth Club.

The Benediction was given by Elder Nancy Barrow.

*Nancy Barrow, Secretary Pro Tem*

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[VirginiaMayflower@gmail.com](mailto:VirginiaMayflower@gmail.com)

(Include your full name.)

### Suggested draft letter to support the Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act.

RE: H.R. 2980, the "Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act"

Dear Congressman \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to urge you to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 2980, the "Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act." The proposed coin will honor the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Proceeds from a surcharge on the sale of these coins will assist the financing of the educational, scholarship, and outreach programs of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

There are numerous reasons to honor and commemorate the voyage of the Mayflower. The arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620 is a keystone event in American history, one that is studied by almost every grade school student in the country. And the manner of their arrival was the impetus for one of the foundational documents of our system of government: the Mayflower Compact.

Having arrived north of the boundary of their official charter, fare-paying Mayflower passengers (called "Strangers" by the separatist Pilgrims) suggested that the charter's authority no longer applied to them. The ensuing crisis led to the signing of Mayflower Compact, establishing a "civil body politic." The Mayflower Compact is widely considered our nation's original written expression of the principle of self-government, with influence that extends to both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Every American – regardless of their own country of origin, faith tradition, or personal family history – is the beneficiary of this legacy.

Please contact the bill's introducer, Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL), or Mr. Gary Timmins in his office, to indicate your desire to co-sponsor H.R. 2930. The companion bill in the Senate, S. 1715, is sponsored by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND).

Thank you very, very much for your kind consideration of this resolution.

Very truly yours,

## The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2015-2018

At our Compact Day luncheon meeting on November 21st, the members of the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of 16 nominees for election to state offices of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Others may be nominated from the floor, provided they have agreed to serve if elected.

Governor	Mrs. Lee H. Woody
Deputy Governor	Mr. James H. Maloney
Secretary	Mrs. Rebekah B. Fleury
Assistant Secretary	Miss Mildred Ramos
Treasurer	Mr. Richard S. Burke
Assistant Treasurer	Ms. Janita C. Sullivan
Historian	Dr. William A. Paquette
Assistant Historian	Mr. James T. Callender
Assistant Historian	Mr. Paul F. Brown
Assistant Historian	Anita J. Walters
Assistant Historian	Cynthia J. Carlson
Elder	Nancy S. Barrow
Captain	Captain Channing M. Zucker
Librarian	Dr. S. Dawn Golstine
Counsellor	Mr. Richard E. Dominguez, II
Surgeon	Dr. Arthur G. Gower

Officers to be nominated to the General Society:

Deputy Governor General	Mr. Mark T. Cox, IV
Assistant General	Mrs. Lee H. Woody

The members of the Nominating Committee are past Governors Miss Mildred Ramos (chair), Mrs. Nancy S. Barrow, Mrs. Martha Ellen Brockner, Dr. William A. Paquette, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Diakun.

### Scholarship Fund Donors

*We thank the following for their generosity*

#### Up to \$100

- Mr. David C. Wills
- Mrs. Kerry C. Gryczynski  
in memory of  
Edward Gryczynski
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- Mr. Richard Spencer Burke
- Mrs. Georgia E. Shoop
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward Francis Hudson

#### \$100-\$200

- Mr. James H. Maloney
- Mrs. Martha Ellen Brockner  
in memory of  
William L. Brockner, Esq.

#### \$500-\$1000

- Col. William Y. Epling

### Memorial Fund Donors

*We thank the following for their generosity*

- Mr. Richard Spencer Burke
- Ms. Robin Bledsoe  
in memory of  
James and Katharine Furlong

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  
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### Exciting Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a knack for publishing newsletters? Do you want to help the next generation continue learning about our important heritage by being a member of our Education Committee? Do you have a gift for organizing fundraising events? Would you be interested in greeting our members at meetings? Or maybe you have a talent for making nametags. You can be a part of all of this and more! The following opportunities below are open and we welcome your involvement. If you want to be part of this please contact: Lee Woody at [lhwoody@yahoo.com](mailto:lhwoody@yahoo.com)

*Newsletter Editor  
Education Committee  
Special Services and Hospitality Committee  
Mildred Ramos Scholarship Silent Auction Committee*

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

**VirginiaMayflower.org**

for updates and additional information about our state society.

## 2015 Mildred Ramos Scholarship Award

By Lee Woody, Scholarship Chair

Brenton Morris, our 2015 Mildred Ramos Scholarship Recipient, was honored at the 2015 Spring Virginia Mayflower Luncheon. Brenton, a Virginia Space Coast Scholar, is a graduate from Cumberland High School and the Governor's School of Southside Virginia with a 4.4 GPA. He is currently at Virginia Tech where he plans to major in aerospace and ocean engineering.

Elected by his peers to be the Senior Class President, Brenton was also a member of the National Honor Society, Forensics Team, Concert and Marching Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the captain of the soccer team, and a member of the cross country team. Volunteer activities included Relay for Life, Central Virginia Food Bank, Christmas Mother, Powhatan Historical Society, and the Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center.

In addition, Brenton has been a member of Boy Scouts since 2003, attaining Eagle Scout with the Silver Palm rank. For his Eagle Scout project he engineered and led the construction of a large aviary pen for A.W.A.R.E. Animal Rehabilitators of Powhatan, Virginia. In 2014 he served as the Senior Patrol Lead for his Scouting District's Apollo Junior Leadership Training Course. He has also served as a Patrol Leader at the 2013 National Jamboree and was the Crew Captain for his troop's 2014 Florida Sea Base sailing adventure in the Florida Keys.

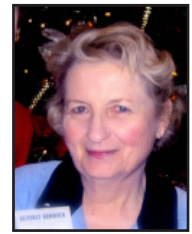
Brenton is the son of Jeffrey and Cindy Morris of Cumberland.

[Read Brenton's Mayflower essay online at [VirginiaMayflower.org](http://VirginiaMayflower.org)]

## Historian's Report

By Beverly Berwick, Historian

Since the spring meeting we have welcomed eighteen new members into the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Virginia, including two transfers.



New Member	Residence	GS #	State	Ancestor
Margaret Ann Gallagher	Locust Grove	88180	1499	John Billington
Kara-Anne Carpenter Pantalena	Springfield	88181	1500	Isaac Allerton
Raleigh Hunter Watson	Berryville	88182	1501	Edward Fuller
John Campbell Maloney	Arlington	88183	1502	Stephen Hopkins
Thomas Michael Taimi	Clifton	88184	1503	John Howland
Daniel Noah Ward	Mechanicsville	88238	1054	Richard Warren
Mark Edward Peters	Great Falls	88413	1506	Francis Cooke
Mary Elizabeth Ambrose Wilkins	Williamsburg	88604	1507	John Tilley
Jonathan Gregory Little	Winchester	88605	1508	Thomas Rogers
Jason Kolowski	Aldie	88606	1509	William Bradford
Richard Gamble	Alexandria	88724	1510	Myles Standish
Jeannette Purrington Twomey	Vienna	88725	1511	Myles Standish
Roliff Holmes Purrington	Houston, TX	88726	1512	Myles Standish
William Clarke Ames	Richmond	88779	1513	John Alden
Ann Katherine Watson Phillips	Berryville	88780	1514	Edward Fuller
Elizabeth Boyd Watson Martin	Winchester	88781	1515	Edward Fuller

### Transferred in

Stephen David Perry	Virginia Beach	78469	Richard Warren
Martha Jane Cauthen Wessman	Springfield	84630	Thomas Rogers

### Transferred out

John Eldredge Sweeney	to District of Columbia
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Brenton Morris receives 2015 Mildred Ramos Scholarship Award from Deputy Governor Lee Woody and Governor Mark Cox

### 2016 Mildred Ramos Scholarship Topic

*"Compare and contrast the rights and privileges accorded to the Pilgrim women upon landing at Plymouth in 1620 with their rights and privileges at the time of Plymouth Colony's absorption into the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1691."*

For more detailed information please check the Virginia Mayflower Website after November 21, 2015.

## General Board of Assistants Meeting

Ledyard, Connecticut; September 12, 2015

By Dr. William A. Paquette

**Virginia was represented by Former Governor General, Miss Mildred Ramos, and Past Governor, Dr. William Paquette as acting AG. What follows is a summary of the highlights of the meeting. All committee reports will appear in an upcoming issue of the Mayflower Quarterly.**

1. Delegate Mallory of Maryland asked Virginia to join the Maryland and DC Societies to support the minting of a commemorative coin in 2020. The GSMD would also like to see a series of four stamps to recognize 2020.
2. The GSMD is investigating the establishment of societies in Australia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.
3. The GSMD netted \$83,000 from the auction of Mayflower House items.
4. The Audit and Finance Committees are now combined.
5. Three major projects ongoing in Plymouth are the restoration of the Mayflower II and both Historic Churches in the heart of Plymouth. Pilgrim Hall Museum is also in need of additional funding. It will cost \$5 ½ million to restore the Mayflower II.
6. A state archaeologist is being contacted to seek permission to examine remains at Coles Hill. The GSMD has contributed \$18,000 toward repairing the monument to those who died in the winter of 1620/1621.
7. The GSMD is encouraging state societies to undertake events to commemorate 2020. This should include requesting State Governors to issued proclamations.
8. The Wampanoag urge that the word celebration not be used to commemorate 2020 in any events undertaken by GSMD and State Societies.
9. The Education Gazette be will an online publication posted on the GSMD website.
10. A preliminary archaeological study of the Mayflower House reveals that the wood was beveled and painted a beige color, much like Mt. Vernon currently looks.
11. Alice Teal is stepping down as editor of the Mayflower Quarterly and was honored at the GBOA meeting for her decades of service. The Mayflower Quarterly will now be published at Plymouth.
12. During 2016, the Easton, Sarah Alden, Billington and final two Alden books will be published. The Hopkins, Delano, and Soule books are in preparation for publication. Rogers, Bradford, and Cooke volumes are in progress.
13. The GSMD is encouraging DNA testing for female descendants of women of the Mayflower to create a databank.
14. The 2016-17 GSMD budget is an increase of 6.3% over the previous year. Staff positions will receive a 2% increase. There will be a new part-time position to help researchers.
15. A proposed change to the Constitution, Article 5, Section 5, regarding Nominations: election should be by plurality vote except for the members-at-large.
16. Future meetings of the GBOA are scheduled for Indianapolis in 2016, New Orleans in 2018, and Denver in 2019. Congress will meet in Plymouth in 2017.

## Observations from the Scholarship Committee By Lee Hardin Woody

Over the past four years the scholarship committee has been fortunate to come into contact with many talented, intelligent, and hard-working young people. We have found ourselves in awe of their accomplishments and their dreams. However, the committee has noticed each year that the essays have not always made a clear distinction between Pilgrim and Puritan. They are not alone for Ronald Reagan, near the end of his presidential term, referenced John Winthrop as "that Old Pilgrim." George Bush, a Howland descendant, stated in 1992, "This Thanksgiving... let us renew the solemn commitment that John Winthrop and his fellow Pilgrims made more than 100 years ago."

Most recently several applicants when answering the 2015 scholarship question, "What did Roger Williams bring from the Plymouth Colony Experiment to the colony he founded in Rhode Island?" did not reference the two years that he spent in Plymouth. It appeared that they had not dug deep enough while researching the topic or that they had relied upon blogs or web sites which do not always provide references regarding their sources.

The committee members have pondered the whys which led to an in-depth discussion about SOLS, the information age, etc. After we exhausted all of the whys, we discussed what to do to further educate our young people for we realized that the whole Pilgrim/Puritan history can be confusing when one first begins studying it.

One solution was to create a Plymouth Colony bibliography and suggested reading list. This list compiled by Dr. William Paquette can be accessed on our web page not just for scholarship applicants, but for our members and any others interested in learning more about our Pilgrim heritage. It is located under the Scholarship tab. We are indebted to Dr. Paquette for creating this thorough list of references.

Another goal in the works is to compile a list of children's books about our Pilgrim heritage that our junior members and other young people will enjoy reading. If you have any suggestions of children's books, please send them to our Librarian, Ed Hudson.

Finally, it is our hope that you will share the above lists with family, friends, and others who are interested in learning more about our shared Pilgrim history. History told well not only provides a sense of identity and unity, but is beautiful. Let us pass this passion on to our children and grandchildren.



From Left to Right Deputy Governor Lee Woody, Mrs. Carolyn Hudson, and FGG Mildred Ramos sample the Buffet table at the Spring Meeting

# Fall 2015 Junior Report

By *LEE HARDIN WOODY, JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN*

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.



Lee Woody

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 parents and 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](mailto:lhwoody@yahoo.com) and my street address is:

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

The current number of Junior members in the Virginia Society is 270. Fourteen Juniors will age out by the end of 2015.

## Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

*Founded January 10, 1950*

### THE BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

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## Junior Milestone Birthdays in 2015

Congratulations to Junior Members who turned 25 in 2015:

Keil Brendan Brandt	Robert Morgan Byrne-Diakun	Linsay Michelle Drotos
Julie Maria Gibson	Peter Bradford Hurley	Emma Hayes Johnson
Andrea Lee Kawalik	Michael Dean Langhorn	John Mason Pruitting
Heather Davidson Randall	Mary Elizabeth Schmidt	Nicholas James Tsakanikas
Alexis Van Meeteren	Ashleigh Rae White	

Congratulations to Junior Members who turned 18 in 2015:

James Douglas Atkinson	Matthew Keith Bandy	Thomas John Bettor
Cameron Bailey Brandt	Caleb Fulton Claytor	Hudson Howard Cooke
Thomas Everett Dominick	Emily S. Pickering	John Spencer Rodgers
Brandon Darrow Strain		

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 Beverly Berwick at [berwickh@comcast.net](mailto:berwickh@comcast.net) for more information about the membership process.



Mr. John Copenhaver (right) attending his first Virginia Mayflower meeting greeted by Governor Cox

**The Virginia Mayflower Society**  
**Fall Compact Day Luncheon Reservation Form**  
**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

The Luncheon and General Membership meeting will be held at the Commonwealth Club, 401 W. Franklin St, Richmond VA 23220

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

**Luncheon features:** Baby Spinach Salad with candied pecans, gorgonzola and a poppy seed honey vinaigrette; Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, String Bean Almondine, Mashed Potatoes; Pecan Pie with whipped cream; Commonwealth Rolls; Coffee, Tea (hot or cold) and water.

**\$33 per person**

The children's menu: child-size portion of the main menu with a chocolate-chip cookie for dessert.  
**Children 12 and under \$17 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 OR First Time Attending    Junior Member

**Please** mail this Reservation Form with your check in time to be received by **Friday, November 13** to:

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

(CLIP and MAIL)

## Third Silent Auction will benefit Scholarship Fund



The Third Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund Silent Auction will 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. If you would like to donate an item to be included in the auction, please contact Lee Woody at [lhwoody@yahoo.com](mailto:lhwoody@yahoo.com)

### Directions to the Commonwealth Club

The address of The Commonwealth Club, where our Compact Day luncheon meeting will start at 12 noon Nov. 21, 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 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.

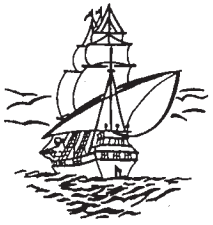
- **From Harrisonburg, Waynesboro and Charlottesville:** Take I-64 East to I-95 South. Take Exit 76-B (Belvidere), following directions given above.

- **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.

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.)



## The Virginia Mayflower

Send address changes to:

Rebekah B. Fleury  
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Mechanicsville, VA 23116

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

### Photos from the spring meeting, Portsmouth 2015



Col. Bill Epling, Mr. Tony Carlino,  
Governor Cox and Nancy Barrow at  
the Head Table



Our Speaker, Mr. Anthony Carlino,  
talking on Roger Williams