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SPRING 2018 LUNCHEON REMITTANCE FORM

Sunday, May 6

Social hour at 1:30 p.m. ~ Seating for lunch at 2 p.m. ~ Meal service to follow

Entrée Choices:

*Chicken Cordon Bleu ~ or ~ Grilled Salmon ~
or Seasonal Vegetarian Ravioli*

Entrées include green salad & dressing, bread basket, chef's choice of starch and vegetables, dessert, and beverage (coffee, tea, or iced tea). The meal cost for each choice, inclusive of gratuity, is **\$30 per person**. A child's plate is available for \$5.

**Reservation deadline (including payment)
Tuesday, May 1, by noon**

*If you register for lunch and cannot attend,
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**To cancel, CALL Francie Fessler at 503-399-0442
by noon on Thursday, May 3, or you will be
charged the full cost of your lunch.**

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Your name _____ OR state member # _____

Lunch guest(s) name(s) _____

Lunch selection:	(1) Chicken Cordon Bleu	No. _____	X \$30 = _____
	(2) Grilled salmon	No. _____	X \$30 = _____
	(3) Vegetarian Ravioli	No. _____	X \$30 = _____
	(4) Child's plate	No. _____	X \$ 5 = _____



Donations: The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants (general fund) \$ _____
 The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants (scholarship fund) \$ _____
 National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Fund (see Page 5 for info) \$ _____

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NEWSLETTER OF THE OREGON SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

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SPRING 2018 LUNCHEON MEETING Sunday, May 6*



*NOTE: Change of date due to meeting room availability



Hayden's Lakefront Grill
8187 Tualatin-Sherwood Road, Tualatin, OR 97062
(Exit 289 west from Interstate-5, at the west end of the Century Hotel)

The Board of Assistants will meet beforehand
at noon in the board room.

Social hour at 1:30 p.m. ~ Seating for lunch at 2 p.m. ~ Meal service to follow

We are delighted to welcome re-enactors **Mike and Mary Hutchens** to our spring 2018 meeting! They will tell the fascinating story of **Georgiana and Henry Pittock**, best remembered for what is today known as the Pittock Mansion. In 1855 at the age of nine, Georgiana Burton crossed the Oregon Trail with her family to settle in the new rough-and-tumble stumptown called Portland. Ten years later, after graduating from fledgling Portland Academy and Female Seminary, she married a young typesetter named Henry Pittock, who was destined to own the *Oregonian* newspaper. In this interactive performance, Mrs. Pittock will reminisce about her life in early Portland, her advocacy for women's suffrage, and her work to create the Portland Rose Society, the Portland Rose Festival, and bring the Lewis and Clark Exposition to fruition.

Mary Hutchens is a retired teacher who has spent 18 years in community theater and portrays Mrs. Pittock. **Mike Hutchens** is a former administrator from Portland Public Schools who portrays Mrs. Pittock's chauffeur, Herman Hawkanson. Their presentation will be followed by a time for questions and answers. Since 2007, their stories have been presented to over 6,000 school children, residents of elder living facilities, museums, libraries, civic, philanthropic, and historical organizations. If you would like to engage the Hutchens for a performance at your club or organization, contact them below for more information. Phone (503) 357- 3979 or E-mail: mhutchens625@gmail.com



Photos courtesy of Mary Hutchens.

For information about touring the Pittock Mansion in Portland, visit their website at <http://pittockmansion.org/>



Dear Mayflower Cousins and Friends,

On March 18, Deputy Governor Beth Lambright and I had the pleasure of attending the spring meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Washington state.



This meeting, held at the Tacoma Yacht Club overlooking Puget Sound, was very special because **Governor General George Garmany** of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (national) was present to give the address.

Governor Garmany spoke of the Mayflower Society's work over the years to preserve the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors through research, education, and preservation of pilgrim artifacts and sites. Having served as chair of the 2020 Committee for the past three years, Mr. Garmany is especially interested in fulfillment of the society's current project to restore the historic Pilgrim Church in Plymouth (renamed the "National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse"). He said all 50 member societies have each pledged to donate \$5,000 over the next three years towards the restoration of the Meetinghouse. As reported at our last meeting, Oregon's Board of Assistants is also pledging a \$5,000 donation for meetinghouse restoration in anticipation of the 400th commemoration of the Mayflower voyage in 2020. We invite Oregon Society members to help us by writing a check in any amount to the Meetinghouse Charitable Trust.



Pictured Left to Right: WA Society Governor Bruce Harrison, GSMD Governor General George Garmany, OR Society Governor Patrice Sproul Petersen, and OR Society Deputy Governor Beth Lambright.

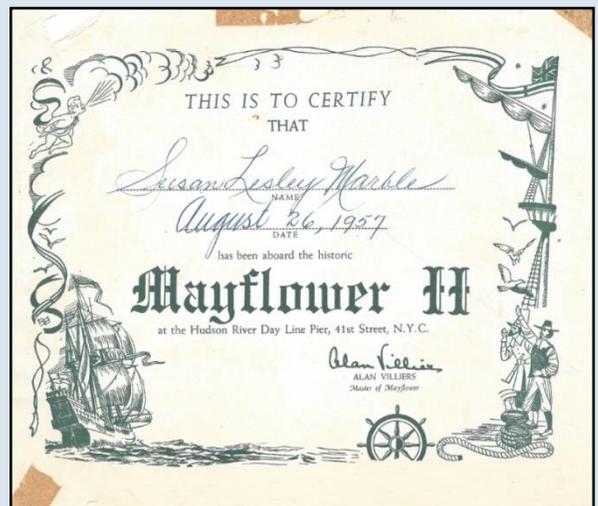
Please note that your donation check should be mailed in care of the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants (rather than directly to GSMD) in order to be counted as part of Oregon's pledge. You can send your check with your luncheon meal reservation or separately using the donation form on Page 5.

Warmest thanks to our Mayflower Society members,
Patricia Sproul Petersen, Governor
The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants

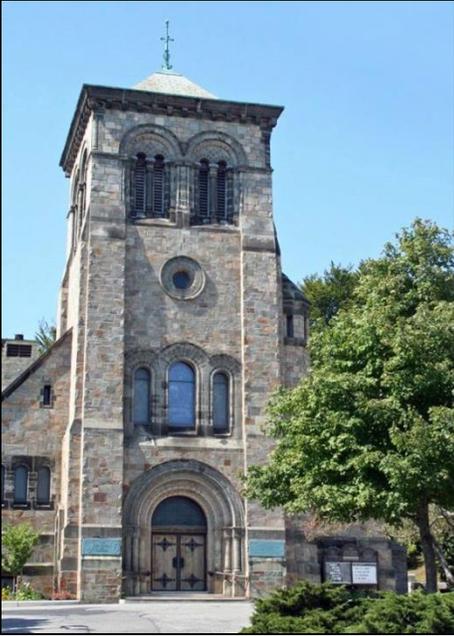
Mayflower II Memories

Pictured at right is the certificate I received in 1957 when my Mother took me to New York to see the Mayflower II. Little did I, or for that matter any members of my paternal family, know we were descended from at least five of the passengers of the original ship. It wasn't until many years later I discovered we descend from Thomas Rogers, Richard Warren, Mary Chilton, Francis Cooke and Stephen Hopkins. Since we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the ship in 2017, I wanted to share this certificate with the GSMD membership. Amazing what a child would keep for such a long time!

~ Sue Glen, member of The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants



NATIONAL PILGRIM MEMORIAL MEETINGHOUSE DONATION FORM



You are a part of a large number of donors who believe the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse should be a permanent landmark to the memory of the Mayflower Pilgrims and that the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) should accept the donation of the Meetinghouse from the First Parish Church in Plymouth.

Please be sure to SPECIFY between the two designated funds (PRESERVATION or RESTORATION) below for the Meetinghouse by marking **one** of the spaces below. Both options will count toward the \$3 million needed to allow GSMD to accept the donation of the Meetinghouse and its records.

Make your check payable to Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Mail your check to Francie Fessler, Membership Chair,
5753 Aetna St. SE, Salem, OR 97317

You will receive acknowledgment of your gift for tax reporting purposes.

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YES, I WANT TO DONATE to the MEETINGHOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST

RESTORATION

A Charitable Trust has been set up between GSMD and the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church and the deed to the Meetinghouse has been placed in the trust. Giving to this fund will help restore the Meetinghouse. Presently the exterior is not strong enough to hold the stained-glass windows, re-roofing the building is needed, and the entire exterior needs to be resealed. Inside, water leaks have caused stains in the historic walls and ceiling in the sanctuary as well as in other areas. New heat and air conditioning need to be installed among other needs. **Money donated to the Charitable Trust will remain in the trust to repair the structure even if GSMD does not accept the donation of the Meetinghouse. This money will not go to the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church but will remain in the trust to be used to restore the Meetinghouse back to health.**

PRESERVATION

A GSMD Meetinghouse Fund has been established for this donation. Funds given will be used to operate the Meetinghouse. **If GSMD does not accept the donation of the Meetinghouse from First Parish Church, the funds will remain with GSMD and be used on other GSMD initiatives.**

Both of these choices are equal in importance. No matter who owns the current Meetinghouse, it is important to save the structure on the spiritual land where the Mayflower Pilgrims built the first Meetinghouse. Please note, however, that all plans and efforts being made are for the acceptance of the building donation and its records, and GSMD fully expects to raise the necessary funds.

Name: _____ Amount Donated: \$ _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING MINUTES ~ by Jennifer Kent, Secretary

November 18, 2017. The Board of Assistants (BOA) meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Governor Patrice Petersen. After a last-minute room change at Hayden's Grill, members found their places and a quorum was confirmed. Introductions were made around the table to welcome two new BOA members. Minutes from the May 13, 2017, BOA meeting were approved as published in the *Oregon Pilgrim*.

Officer reports began with Ms. Petersen announcing a new method of introducing motions and distributed said forms to the board. She then relayed information about keeping a "resolution notebook" to have a permanent record of motions that are passed by the board, citing ease of quick reference.

Deputy Governor Beth Lambright unveiled a project she had been working on for the board — individual binders for each board member with GSMD bylaws, Oregon bylaws, *Oregon Pilgrim*, meeting agendas, financial reports, and a cover page with directions to access our state and GSMD websites.

Secretary Jennifer Kent relayed correspondence from Secretary General Hurt that GSMD librarian Carolyn Travers was involved in a serious car accident. Ms. Kent offered an address for members to send well wishes.

Treasurer Tad Davies brought up the need for an official fiscal year end, citing that without one he was unable to provide a current financial report. As it stands, every expenditure reimbursed by Mr. Davies must be approved by the board. This brought up his next point: the need for a budget. Mr. Davies reported that invoices for membership dues were sent out in October with a follow-up in November for dues still unpaid. Present balance is \$26,417.90 in the OSU Credit Union account.

Historian Joan Hunter was then given the floor. Ms. Hunter announced a new member list had been sent out and reminded the board that her annual Ancestry.com (\$150) and The Mayflower Descendant (\$40) subscriptions were due to be reimbursed as previously agreed. Ms. Hunter proposed a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Ms. Lambright. After some minor changes the motion was re-read and passed unanimously. Elder Richard Bellingham recently moved. Mr. Bellingham's new address is 4017 SE Vineyard Road #309, Milwaukie, OR 97267

Membership Chair Francie Fessler reported that current membership is 236 - putting The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants at #10 in growth in the country with 4 percent yearly growth. Ms. Lambright requested that the membership directory be placed on the luncheon check-in table so members could make changes to their information. She said about 69 people are expected at today's luncheon.

Oregon Pilgrim editor Connie Ganz greeted the board and had some questions pertaining to how data is submitted for the newsletter. She proposed increased coordination between herself and those submitting information. It was mentioned that some newsletters are being returned "addressee unknown." A possible solution may be printing these names in the newsletter in an effort to obtain current addresses for members.



Ms. Lambright updated the board on Scholarship Committee activity. The deadline for our scholarship has been moved up to February 1. This will allow the Oregon winner to apply at the national level also. Discussion followed about the scholarship amount offered by other states. Counselor James Oberholtzer mentioned the possibility of heightened fundraising efforts for our scholarship project. Junior Committee Chair Ms. Lambright reported a gain of 17 junior members this year for a total of 89. She shared copies of the GSMD juniors newsletter, written by Peggy Marsh, that is sent electronically to those members. Ms. Lambright encouraged board members to "like" GSMD on Facebook. She said that today's meeting will focus specifically on junior members.

Governor Petersen updated the board about 2020 news, saying 15 members from our society have contacted her to report that they have an Oregon Trail pioneer ancestor.

Cascade Colony Governor Cleve Twitchell announced the next colony meeting is April 14 in Medford. Mt. Hood Colony Governor Terry Maloney reported that Mt. Hood Colony had a delightful summer event at McMenamin's, Edgefield, in Troutdale, which was followed by the regular meeting in October.

ABOVE: Photo taken at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth. Source: <https://www.facebook.com/themayflowersociety/>

Board of Assistants Meeting Minutes, continued...

Unfinished business was tabled for a later date. Ms. Petersen opened the new business portion of the BOA meeting by sharing information about the Plymouth (First Parish) Church, the longest site that has had a functioning congregation in America. Originally built in 1622, the current church dates from the late 1800s and is faced with a \$3 million repair. The GSMD has formed a joint venture with the congregation. The agreement is to hold the deed in trust until September 1, 2020, with each state society pledging to contribute \$5,000 over a three-year period pending approval from their respective boards. In return, GSMD would own the deed and allow the congregation to continue weekly worship free of charge. Jane Slack made a motion to follow through on this pledge, Ms. Maloney gave the second. The motion passed with one nay.

**Pictured at right: Interior of Pilgrim Meetinghouse.
Photo courtesy of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.**



Ms. Petersen then moved on to discussion of updating our website. Ms. Lambright told the board about a professor, Stephen Hodges, who teaches web design at OSU. He has agreed to this task and estimates a total cost of \$300-\$800 at \$75/hour. Mr. Oberholtzer suggested that a website committee be formed to help build and maintain the website. The possibility of borrowing from other Mayflower websites was discussed, and Ms. Ganz interposed a word of caution about copyright rules. A motion to proceed with the new web design was made by Ms. Lambright and seconded by Captain Bud Hagan. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business addressed our society name. Since its beginnings in 1928 the Oregon state society has used numerous names. In order to function properly, the society needs to conform to one standard name for all official uses. The proposed name is: **The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants**. Discussion followed regarding the legality of updating the name before amending our constitution and bylaws. Counselor Oberholtzer pointed out that any change to our constitution must be approved by the membership at large. It was agreed that this vote would be put forth at the luncheon meeting to follow the BOA. Mr. Davies made a motion that the society be called henceforth by the name The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants for all official purposes and that the constitution and bylaws of the society be amended to reflect this bylaws change. The motion was seconded by Ms. Slack and passed unanimously.

Discussion moved on to the need to reestablish a calendar fiscal year as explained by Mr. Davies. Mr. Davies moved to assign January 1, 2017, as the start of the fiscal year. The Society's fiscal year hereafter will follow a calendar year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lambright and passed unanimously.

Ms. Lambright then moved on to a motion to adopt an updated digital logo to be used on all correspondence, print and electronic. GSMD is offering to customize logos for state societies at no charge. Ms. Lambright shared some examples and members discussed style choices along with information to be included in the new logo. Mr. Oberholtzer brought up the issue of trademark protection and asked about any type of protection our society should have for a new logo. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

Mr. Davies stated the need for BOA approval to pay current bills, including \$221.48 to Ms. Ganz for newsletter expenses, \$48.35 to purchase a silver book (Mayflower descendant genealogy) for Ms. Hunter, \$335.86 to Mr. Davies for dues notice postage, and \$358.54 to Ms. Lambright to cover notebook and supply expenses. Treasurer Davies made the motion to immediately cover these out-of-pocket expenses incurred by BOA members and Ms. Slack seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

It was brought to the board's attention by Ms. Petersen that luncheon expenses have been exceeding registration fees for some time. This overage has been absorbed by the society. It was suggested that an increase from \$25 to \$30 would seem fair because registration fees have remained the same while room rental and meal prices have continued to rise. Ms. Slack moved to raise the registration fee to \$30 beginning with the May 2018 meeting. Ms. Hunter gave the second. Further discussion followed, with members suggesting pros and cons for raising the registration fee. As time was short, the motion was tabled for a future meeting.

Governor Petersen announced the next meeting was expected to be May 5*, 2018, and adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. ***Changed to May 6, 2018, due to scheduling conflict at Hayden's Grill.**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ~ by Jennifer Kent, Secretary

November 18, 2017. The meeting of The Oregon General Society of Mayflower Descendants was called to order by Governor Patrice Petersen at 11:58 a.m. Elder Rev. Richard Bellingham delivered the invocation, and Captain Bud Hagan led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Round-table introductions followed as those present shared their names and hometowns. All were asked to say if they were a new or prospective member and to mention any office held. Historian Joan Hunter led the Ancestral Roll Call and members stood as their Pilgrims' names were read. To commemorate Compact Day, members were asked to stand and asked to read in unison the Mayflower Compact, led by Deputy Governor General Terri Schieber. Installation of new officers followed as Ms. Petersen introduced and installed two new officers: James Oberholtzer, Councilor, and Tad Davies, Treasurer.

After the lunch break, Governor Petersen reported on actions taken by the Board of Assistants (BOA). The minutes from the previous BOA and General meeting were approved as published in the *Oregon Pilgrim*, as were minutes from both the Mt. Hood and Cascade Colonies. Ms. Petersen reported on motions passed at the preceding BOA meeting. She said that in an effort to streamline reporting and maintain consistency, the Society will be moving to an annual calendar fiscal year. She also said that the BOA has voted to standardize this Society's name as **The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants**, explaining that since its founding in 1928, our Society has used numerous names in reporting and legal documents. This action requires a change to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws and so must be voted on by members. Ms. Petersen read the motion and Lynn Paul offered the second. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Petersen informed members of additional tasks the BOA is addressing including a much needed update of our website and a new logo for our Society. She said the board will keep members apprised of the progress.

In the final part of her BOA Report, Ms. Petersen spoke of an important motion from the 41st Mayflower General Congress. The historic First Parish Church in Plymouth, also known as "The Pilgrims' Church" or Meetinghouse is in desperate need of repair. Due to the anticipated expense of these repairs, the General Society has launched a fundraising campaign to preserve this beacon of our Pilgrim history. Toward this end, the congregation of the First Parish Church and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants have entered into a joint venture agreement whereby the deed will be held in trust until September 1, 2020. If, at this point, GSMD has been able to raise the necessary funds, the deed will be transferred to The General Society of Mayflower Descendants. This historic move is set to coincide with the commemoration events taking place in Plymouth, Boston, and Provincetown September 11-20, 2020.

Deputy Governor and Juniors Chair Beth Lambright came forward as moderator for a Juniors-themed Compact Day program: "Sharing our Mayflower Ancestry, Generation to Generation." She told a story about her daughter, a teacher in Washington, who turned an unfortunate power outage into "Colonial Games Day" with her students. Ms. Lambright said that about one in twelve Americans is a possible Mayflower Descendant. Ms. Lambright then directed our attention to small pamphlets on each table titled "Mayflower Thanksgiving Primer" intended to initiate family history discussions at the Thanksgiving dinner table and beyond. She suggested using the primer at our next family gatherings to encourage conversation about our family customs, history, and heritage. As an example, members were urged to answer the question "How old were you when you discovered you are a Mayflower descendant? Who told you?" Lively table discussions ensued. Members then took part in table-wide games. They included a card game with clues to identifying Pilgrim Thanksgiving staples and assembling a "Thanksgiving Story" bracelet from colored beads that correlate to an accompanying poem. Lastly, each table acted as a team to answer a list of 25 questions about our Pilgrim ancestors – this was both fun and informative for all. Prizes were awarded. Ms. Lambright wrapped up her program with some ideas to expand family lineage interest among children and young adults. She showed some examples of educational books geared towards these age groups and displayed them on the front table for perusal.

The next meeting was tentatively set for May 5*, 2018. Governor Petersen adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

***Changed to May 6, 2018, due to scheduling conflict at Hayden's Grill.**

BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING MINUTES ~ by Beth Lambright, Dep. Gov.

February 19, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Governor Patrice Petersen. A quorum was established. Those present were: Treasurer Tad Davies, *Oregon Pilgrim* Editor Connie Ganz, Membership Chair Francie Fessler, former Treasurer Jane Slack, Deputy Governor Beth Lambright, Historian Joan Hunter, Mt. Hood Lt. Gov. Terry Maloney, and Governor Petersen.

Ms. Petersen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2017, meeting. There being none, Mr. Davies moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Lambright seconded and the minutes were approved. The board then addressed motions tabled at the Nov. 18th Board of Assistants (BOA) meeting.

The first was a motion made by Ms. Slack to raise the registration/lunch fee by \$5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fessler. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the luncheon actually costs more than \$25, and the society has been losing money from the luncheons for years. The question was addressed as to whether the society should continue to lose money or charge something more to cover real costs. **The board passed the motion to raise the lunch fee to \$30.**

Board of Assistants Meeting Minutes, continued...

Also tabled at the last meeting was a motion for a new society logo. Following discussion the board decided the logo would be within a circle which says "Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants" across the top and the words "founded 1928" across the bottom of the circle. Inside the circle will be a likeness of the Mayflower ship with the date "1620" below it. Ms. Lambright moved that this new electronic logo be accepted for a cost not to exceed \$100. Mr. Davies seconded. Ms. Lambright said she would send a template to the professional graphic artist who will do the work.

Governor Petersen reminded the board that the Oregon Society's bylaws are in need of updating and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Ms. Slack, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Lambright, and Governor Petersen (ex-officio member) agreed to serve on this committee.

Mr. Davies brought attention to a spreadsheet used for keeping track of all Society records and checks posted to the society. After much data entry he has achieved for OSMD a workable procedure and layout to keep financials orderly and moving efficiently. After going through a list of outstanding bills, reimbursements were made and outstanding checks accounted for. Ms. Hunter moved that the historian be advanced 10 separate checks in the amount of \$75 each, to accompany the next 10 applications processed. Whenever this supply nears depletion, she may request 10 additional checks to keep the application process running smoothly. Ms. Lambright seconded and the motion was passed.

A proposed 2018 Budget was then presented for consideration. Mr. Davies stressed that this should be considered a working budget only. Some categories lack figures and many are simply estimates. Ms. Slack moved to accept the 2018 budget and Ms. Lambright seconded. The motion passed.

The Board then turned its attention to the proposal to purchase a junior insignia pin for the 2018 John Billington Scholarship winner if the winner is a junior member. The board also discussed the acquisition of distinguished member pins. Ms. Maloney moved that the BOA buy one junior pin. The motion passed. Ms. Lambright moved that the Board purchase two distinguished member pins and Ms. Ganz seconded. The motion passed. Governor Petersen shared a new concept for fostering camaraderie amongst our members. This idea, which she called "Saints and Strangers" would involve contact persons for each geographic area (dubbed "Saints" because they've agreed to help) who would welcome new members (dubbed "Strangers") in that area by phone (or letter or visit). In addition, the contact person would see if rides might be shared among members to meetings. The goal, the governor said, would be for our members to get to know each other better and enjoy Mayflower membership with "cousins" in their own area. The BOA concurred and encouraged Governor Petersen to set this idea into motion.

The board turned its attention to progress on our new website. Officers are working with webmaster Stephen Hodges on various sections. Ms. Lambright reported that the juniors section is done, and volunteered to help with other sections. Ms. Hunter welcomed assistance, understanding that the historian would maintain control and final responsibility for the historian's section of the site. Ms. Fessler is communicating with Mr. Hodges about how to oversee the membership list will be managed and member information updated. Governor Petersen is working with Mr. Hodges on a software program which will allow members to print the membership directory if they wish. She said the new site will be accessible to the public, but certain portions of the site, such as the member directory and meeting minutes will be password protected and available to members only. The new website is still in formative stages, but may be up and running by the end of 2018. Until that time the current society website will remain in operation.

Lastly the board turned its attention to a pledge to donate \$5,000 to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Fund which was unanimously approved by the BOA at its November 18th, 2017, meeting. It was noted that the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) has sent out a form giving all member societies and individual members options for donating to this fund. There was discussion as to when this pledge would be due, how payment(s) would be made, and whether donations would be returned in the event that GSMD isn't able to raise the funds needed to acquire the deed to the Meetinghouse. After some discussion the board agreed to ask Counselor James Oberholtzer to review the information already made available by GSMD about the terms of the joint venture agreement and to learn whether copies of the actual legal agreement between GSMD and First Parish Church can be viewed by member societies.

Governor Petersen announced that our next meeting would be **Sunday May 6, 2018**, at Hayden's Lakeside Grill rather than May 5 as previously announced. Ms. Petersen said she will announce the change. Governor Petersen adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Lambright

CASCADE COLONY REPORT ~ by Cleve Twitchell, Deputy Governor

Cascade Colony, based in Medford, continues to meet once or twice a year, in April and/or September. These luncheon meetings are held at the China Hut restaurant, 450 S. Riverside Ave., Medford. As this edition of the newsletter went to press, Cascade planned to meet on Saturday, April 14. Speakers Carole and Dan Nielson were to present “New England: Foundation to Nation,” a talk on the Pilgrims, Plimouth Plantation, and other historic sites in New England.

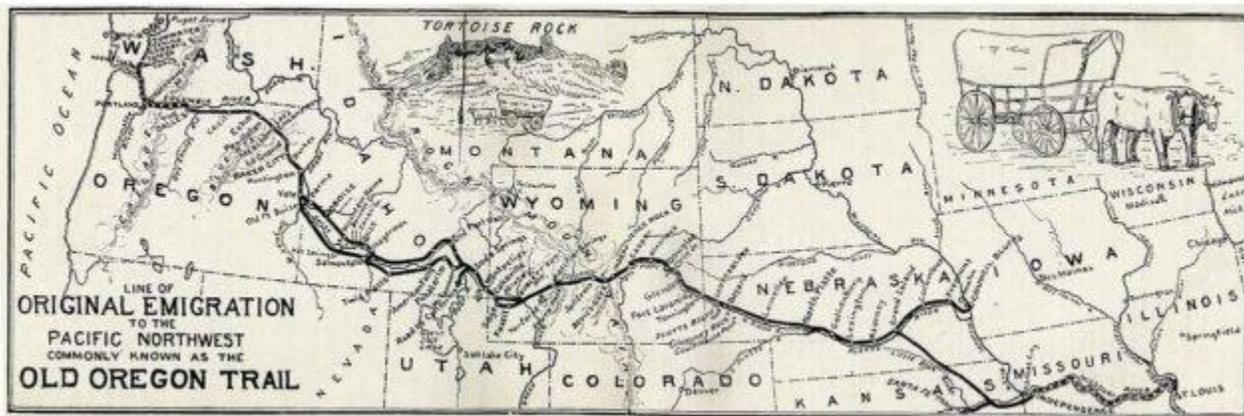
TREASURER’S REPORT ~ by Interim Treasurer Patrice Petersen

As reported in a recent Oregon Society email, Tad Davies has found it necessary to step down from his position as treasurer. We wish to thank Tad sincerely for his service to our society. Now, we are pleased to announce that prospective member **Mercy Chipman** will be stepping in to fill the position. Mercy has extensive experience serving as treasurer for other organizations, so we are especially happy to have her. She is a Howland Mayflower descendant through both her father and mother’s lines. Mercy will assume her duties following our May 6th meeting. Please join me in welcoming her!

OREGON TRAIL PIONEER DESCENDANTS

To help commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims landing in America, the Oregon Mayflower Society has a project that is uniquely “Oregon.” All our members trace their ancestry to at least one Mayflower Pilgrim, but some members also descend from one or more pioneers who crossed the Oregon Trail before 1871 (pre-railway) to settle in Oregon Territory.

As part of a 2020 project, the Society asks you to let us know if you are one of these members. Please note: **your Oregon pioneer ancestor need not be a Mayflower descendant.** It is sufficient that you as a Mayflower descendant are also a descendant of an Oregon Trail pioneer. Remember, the Oregon Territory included not only the present state of Oregon, but also Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Oregon pioneers, though they embarked on their westward trek about two and a half centuries after the Mayflower Pilgrims set out from England, had much in common with the Pilgrims. Both left home on dangerous western journeys for an unknown home to secure a better life for themselves and their families. Email Patrice at 2patriceroots@comcast.net or call her at 503-472-3425.



Old Oregon Trail Map (1852-1906) by Ezra Meeker

HISTORIAN'S REPORT ~ by Joan A. Hunter, Certified Genealogist

Email inquiries on 'how to join Mayflower' are sent to this officer almost daily, many as a result of information found on *Ancestry.com*. Not everyone who inquires begins the application process, but many do, certainly enough to keep your historian busy answering questions, preparing applications and supplementals, communicating with Plymouth, preparing certificates, and welcoming new members. This officer attended a special Board of Assistants meeting at Hayden's Lakeside Grill on Monday, February 19. We welcome the following new members and hope to see them at our meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Kathy Adele Coughtry Keeler OR#1058
(who has since transferred)
12th generation from **John Howland**
Carolyn Day Westine OR#1059
11th generation from **Myles Standish**
David Wiszneaukas (transfer) OR#1060
12th generation from **Francis Cooke**
William A. Hobbs OR#1061
10th generation from **Myles Standish**
Judith Otis Draper Stringham OR#1062
11th generation from **William Bradford**
Eugene A. Foley OR#1063
13th generation from **Stephen Hopkins**
Tina Haydel (transfer) OR#1064
12th generation from **John Alden**
Larry Peck (transfer) OR#1065
10th generation from **William Bradford**
Michael F. Dunn OR#1066
11th generation from **John Alden**

Debra Lynette Sorensen OR# 1067
12th generation from **John Howland**
Ron Cushman (transfer) OR#1068
13th generation from **Stephen Hopkins**
Diane Dorway Mather OR #1069
12th generation from **William Bradford**
Charles Rogers "Pete" Miles OR# 1070
10th generation from **Edward Doty**

Additionally, these supplementals have been approved:

Jane Slack OR#836, 10th generation from **Priscilla Mullins**,
supplemental #3
Sally Nesbitt OR#954, 11th generation from **John Howland**,
supplemental #1



GENERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS (national)

Deputy Governor General: Terri Schieber
Assistant Governor General:
Patricia Sproul Petersen

OREGON STATE OFFICERS

Governor.....Patricia Sproul Petersen
Deputy Governor.....Beth Lambright
Secretary.....Jennifer Kent
Treasurer..... Mercy Chipman (nominated)
Historian/Applications.....Joan A. Hunter
Elder.....Rev. Richard Bellingham
Surgeon.....vacant
Counselor..... James Oberholtzer
Captain.....Darwin (Bud) Hagan
Membership.....Francie Fessler
Editor.....Connie Ganz

MT. HOOD COLONY OFFICERS

Lt. Governor.....Terry Maloney
Deputy Governor.....Ellen Hopkins
Secretary.....Joni Walker
Treasurer.....Debbie Ketchum
Captain.....Bud Hagan
Historian.....Sue Glen
Elder.....Lois Streimer

CASCADE COLONY OFFICERS

Lieutenant Governor..... vacant
Deputy Governor.....Cleve Twitchell
Secretary.....vacant
Treasurer.....Helen Schreiner
ElderJohn Stewart
Captain.....John Stewart
Historian.....vacant

BOARD OF ASSISTANTS: The above-listed officers plus Terry Maloney, Jane Slack, and Cleve Twitchell.

The John Billington Memorial Scholarship of THE OREGON SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS 2018 WINNER

The 2018 winner of the John Billington Memorial Scholarship is **Gabrielle Paul** from Corvallis, daughter of Brian and OSMD member Lynn Paul. She is a graduating senior at Santiam Christian High School. “Gabby” is an outstanding academic scholar with a transcript that includes high grades in Honors classes, AP classes and shows a wide range of interest in classes such as Nutrition, Ethics, Computer, Sign Language, and Spanish, to Horticulture. She accomplished this while serving as senior class treasurer, and playing varsity track and soccer (to the state level of competition). In addition, she volunteers at children’s camps and the Humane Society as well as serving in impoverished areas of the world through church youth mission trips. Gabby is also a junior member of The Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants. She will attend college in Oregon beginning this fall either at Oregon State University or George Fox University. Congratulations, Gabby!

Beth Lambright, Scholarship Chair

What My Mayflower Ancestry Means to Me. Essay by Gabrielle Paul

My whole life I have known that I am a descendant of Mayflower passenger and Mayflower Compact signer Edward Doty, but it has never seemed like relevant information for my life. It was always important to my mom, but, again, what possible difference could that make to me? Then, during my eighth grade year, my family moved temporarily from Oregon, where I was born, to Washington D.C. while my father worked for the White House for a year. During that year my mother home-schooled my brother and me so that we could spend as much time as possible exploring history, experiencing culture, and examining government. Being a West Coast kid with a lot of East Coast ancestry, I was excited to learn more about my country and background.

Every week we took at least one in-depth field trip to places such as Philadelphia, Williamsburg, Mt. Vernon, the US Capitol, the West Wing of the White House, and more Revolutionary War and Civil War battlefields than I can count. The more I learned, the more curious I became about Plymouth and my Mayflower roots.

Finally, just before saying my goodbyes to my temporary home, my family decided to take one last trip to Plymouth, Massachusetts; Plymouth Rock; and Plimoth Plantation.

While walking the aged streets of Plimoth Plantation, I stopped by the re-created house of my ancestor’s employer, Steven Hopkins. I was suddenly struck by the realization that Edward Doty, my ancestor, could very well have been prevented from signing the Compact. Although at the time most males were entitled to participate in local government, Doty traveled on the Mayflower as an indentured servant to Steven Hopkins, which exempted him from this qualification due to the fact that he owned no land. When the Mayflower landed outside of its intended destination, the Virginia territory, the Pilgrims realized that they had no government to follow, so they created the Mayflower Compact for everyone’s mutual benefit and safety. Therefore, nearly every adult male, landowner or not, was told to sign the document before stepping off the boat (History.com Staff).

Slowly, the once extraneous detail of my ancestry began to reveal the importance it entailed. The drafters of the Mayflower Compact had no obligation to allow Doty to participate in this momentous act, but with the desire to enact “just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices,” he was permitted nonetheless (History.com Staff). Not only Doty, but one other indentured servant participated in the signing of this historic document. It would not be until 208 years later that non-property-owning white males could participate in legal actions such as this in the United State of America. This compact created a “Civil Body Politic” that expressed ideas of self-government and equality like never before (Costly). This subtle, but revolutionary act set a precedent for what would come in the future of this small colony.

In addition to exploring the replica of the Hopkins residence, I also talked with a few actors who were portraying the early settlers. One man I happened to stop turned out to be acting as Stephen Hopkins! Assuming that he would know the most about my relation, I questioned him on the personality and mannerisms of Doty. To my surprise Hopkins dove into a lengthy story about the extent of my troublemaker relative. Apparently, Doty would regularly engage in duels and rough-housing which crowned him the town’s rascal. As I continued to meander around the town, I encountered several more stories relating to the rowdiness of my ancestor. At first, I was shocked to hear all of these tales. I had always thought of the Mayflower Compact as a key role in the establishment of our country, but to hear that the signers were ordinary people, who experienced the same trivial stuff as me, was startling. This eye-opening experience left me with a whole new perspective of my relative.

Now, years later, I look back on that experience on one of the most impactful trips of my life. Not only was I able to learn more about the history of this country, but I also discovered more about my own history. Due to the desire to create an equal society, the founders of the first self-governing society in the New World allowed everyone, even a rowdy indentured servant, to participate in the creation of the Mayflower Compact. This democratic act creates pride within me for my ancestor and hope that any person can make an enduring legacy.