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### Greetings from your Governor

Dear Mayflower Family:

Thank you for electing me governor of the South Carolina Mayflower Society. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the Palmetto State in our prestigious society.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Pat Sayko for her strong and very capable leadership during her tenure as governor. All of the guidance and direction she has given to our state society has improved our organization for the better. We now have a solid and stable foundation moving forward. She has given her time freely for the good of our society and will continue to be an asset into the future. Thank you Pat for everything you've done, and I'm grateful for all the help you have given me.

For those of you curious, here's a little about me: I am 44 years old, and I live in Bluffton, SC (near Hilton Head Island). I'm married with a daughter in college, and I work full time as an office manager for my husband's company. I'm originally from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I was born about an hour from Plymouth. (My family didn't go very far, did they?) I have been doing my own family's genealogy since I was 18 years old and discovered that I am a Brewster descendant with five additional traceable lines going back to the Mayflower. I have direct ties to the Salem Witch Trials and, of course, there are multiple Revolutionary War patriots within my family tree. I'm very proud of the rich American heritage, as we all should be of our Mayflower roots. It's such an honor to be in this society!

I have some wonderful ideas to enhance and grow our chapter. I represent all of you and am eager to hear your input, vision and desires for the future of our society. We will send out a survey to get your feedback and I would love to hear your ideas for improvement. Please feel free to reach out to me with your ideas or suggestions. Secondly, I want to get to know all of you personally. I will do my best to make it all around the state to meet up with all of you soon. I have an "open door policy", so to speak; please feel free to contact me at any time. Thirdly, we are living in a time where social media is vital and beneficial. I will work to create a presence for us on social media. This will bring in new members and help us grow and expand in a positive way. Shortly after getting elected governor in November, I started a Facebook page for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina. I am happy to report, that as of today, we already have 98 people who have "liked" our page. A few people have contacted us to start the paperwork to join our ranks. This is exciting news!

Here's where I can use your help: I hope to create a committee to help grow our social media presence and to get the word out about our wonderful organization. We are also looking for a new webmaster to keep our website engaging and up-to-date. If you are familiar with website maintenance, I welcome your involvement in our society. We also need help with keeping track of junior members. So, if you'd like to volunteer your expertise, we would love to work with you to keep our society progressing!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of serving as your governor. Together, we can accomplish much, just as our forefathers did so long ago.

Sincerely, Bonnie Wade-Mucia

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### **Exciting Opportunities to Grow and Improve our Society!**

Do you have a knack for social media? Are you creative and enjoy web designing? Do you want to help the next generation continue learning about our important heritage by working with our Junior membership which is open to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren? You can be a part of all of this and work together just like our ancestors did for the good of our society. The following opportunities below are open and we welcome your involvement. If you want to be part of this please contact: Bonnie Wade-Mucia at [bonniewade@hargray.com](mailto:bonniewade@hargray.com).

*Social Media Committee*

*Webmaster*

*Assistance for Juniors*

## **WELCOME ABOARD: New Members**

We are happy to extend welcome to the newest members of our South Carolina Society

John Alden

Myra Derrick, Jacksonville, FL  
Adryn Miller, Charleston

Isaac Allerton

Mason Smith, Charleston

William Bradford

Lori Fyffe, McCormick

William Brewster

Diane Bowen, Rockland, MA  
Charlene King, Summerville  
Emily Schultz, Benton, KY

James Chilton

Beth Lake, Bluffton  
Wilbert Waters, Jr., Charleston

John Howland

Nancy Riley, Taylors

## **Greetings from your SC Historian,** **Nick Maher**

First of all, I'd like to again thank each of the 236 new members who have joined our ranks since January 1999. Your hard work and tenacity are greatly appreciated. Currently, I have over 200 active applications in varying stages of completion, plus an additional 15 in Plymouth for approval. It currently takes between 2 and 3 months for the approval process once Plymouth receives an application, although I understand a new checker has been hired, so I'm sure we'll soon see a faster turnaround time.

May I suggest that each of you consider sponsoring an immediate or extended family member for membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, as a gift for special events such as a birthday, Christmas, Hanukkah, etc? Some of you have sponsored grandchildren or grand nieces and nephews for regular or junior memberships. Perhaps their parents would appreciate becoming a member as well. Also, most of you have more than one Mayflower ancestor, so perhaps you'd like to file supplemental papers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding the application process.

## **A Note from Margaret Collar** **Corresponding Secretary**

Hello! I am Margaret Collar, the corresponding secretary for our state Mayflower Society. I have a responsibility to keep our membership lists up to date for us and for Plymouth, and I need your help.

If you have contact information on the following people, please send it to me:

**Lisa Atkins** in Spartanburg  
**Jeannette Johnson James**, a life member

If you change your address, phone number or email address, please contact me:

Margaret Collar, 206 Dusenbury Drive, Florence, SC 29501 or [margaretanne.1212@gmail.com](mailto:margaretanne.1212@gmail.com)

## **Helping One of Our Own**

Our previous Captain, **Gordon MacKenzie**, received a heart transplant on January 27. Cooks for Christ will be holding a benefit lunch, dinner and bake sale on **March 12** in Florence. Money raised by the benefit will help Gordon's family with the costs of travel medicine and loss of income.

The event will be held at the West Florence Fire Station on Pine Needles Road in Florence. The bake sale will be held all day. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and dinner will be served from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Plates are \$7 each, and an order of 7 or more plates can be delivered. If you live in or near Florence, please think about stopping by while running your Thursday errands for a treat or a meal.

If you would like to help monetarily, donations should be made payable to **Gordon MacKenzie Heart Fund** and can be mailed to Grace Baptist Church, 2400 W Third Loop Rd., Florence, SC 29501.

For more information, contact Grace Baptist Church at 843-662-5122 or Beverly McKee at 843-229-0348.

## 2015 Essay Competitions for Elementary & Middle School Students

The essay competitions for Elementary Students (those who have completed grades 4-6 during the Aug 2014-May 2015 school year) and for Middle School Students (those who have completed grades 7-9 during the Aug 2014-May 2015 school year) are designed to encourage young Mayflower descendants to learn about their Mayflower heritage.

A winner will be selected from each category and will receive a \$500 award. These awards will be presented at the Compact Day Luncheon in the fall 2015. The winning essays will be published in the Palmetto Log.

### The 2015 Elementary Essay:

**Topic: "Write a Letter to a friend in Holland or England"**

Requirements: This letter should be no more than one page long and should talk about the trip on the Mayflower and what it was like to arrive in America.

**Deadline for submissions: July 13, 2015**

### 2015 Middle School Essay:

**Topic: "William Bradford and the First Thanksgiving"**

Requirements: Essay should be a minimum of **five paragraphs**.

1. Introduction
2. Three paragraphs
3. A final concluding paragraph.

**Deadline for submissions: July 20, 2015**

### Details:

Fill in the "Cover Page for Elementary or Middle School Essay Participants" found in the spring issue of the Palmetto Log. Applicants must have a lineage connection to a member of the SC Society of Mayflower Descendants (i.e. parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) or be a junior member of the South Carolina Mayflower Society. Applicants may live outside the state of South Carolina.

1. Essays prepared on a computer are preferred but handwritten essays will be accepted from both elementary and middle school students.
2. Please do not put your name on the essay page. This is necessary to maintain objectivity when papers are being evaluated by the committee.
3. In each contest, accurate factual information will be required and sources for the information should be listed at the end of the essay.
4. By submitting an essay entry, the entrant and his/her parents agree to be bound by all the SMD-SC policies governing the essay contest and all decisions with regard to winners will be honored.
5. Rewritten or edited essays will not be accepted. The original essays are considered the only entries in the contest to be evaluated.
6. All entries remain the property of the SMD-SC and after the submission essays will not be returned.
7. Decisions with regard to winners will not be declared until the Education Committee members have voted and the votes have been tabulated. It is expected that the evaluation period will take about two weeks after the deadline. When the process is complete, the Chairman of the Education Committee will send letters to all participants.
8. Plan ahead – essays must reach Marion Mannheim on or before the stated deadline. Late copies will not be considered unless the post mark shows the submission was mailed before the deadline. Do not wait until the date of deadline to mail essays.
9. Please e-mail the cover page and one copy to **Marion Mannheim** at **potatobug99@hotmail.com** prior to the stated deadline. Use the words "ELEMENTARY ESSAY" in the subject line of the e-mail.
10. Submission (a): Mail the Cover Page with one paper copy of the essay to:

**Marion Mannheim**

**1863 Sharonwood Lane, Rock Hill SC 29732**

Questions may be sent to [potatobug99@hotmail.com](mailto:potatobug99@hotmail.com)

## Cover Page for Elementary or Middle School Essay Participants

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ People call me \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed spring 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Junior Member of SC Mayflower Society? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Relative in SC Mayflower Society \_\_\_\_\_

How are you related to the relative you listed? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mayflower Ancestor \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of one Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**2015 Scholarship One: Application for High School Graduates**  
**(\$1000 award to winner)**

*Deadline to apply: June 29, 2015*

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Applicants must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of 2015 and enrolling in college for the fall of 2015.
2. Applicants must have a lineage connection to a member of the South Carolina Society of Mayflower Descendants (i.e. parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) or be a junior member of the South Carolina Mayflower Society.
3. The applicant may live outside the State of South Carolina.
4. Applicant must submit all required documents
5. Applicant must have at least a grade point average of a “B” average (3.0 on 4.0 scale)
6. The essay must be factually accurate and reflect current standards of spelling, grammar, and writing skills for a high school graduate. Sources must be documented.

The scholarship award of \$1000.00 should be awarded to the student at the Compact Day Luncheon unless the student is unable to attend. In that case, the Treasurer of the Society may send the check directly to the scholarship winner.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Complete the application Cover Page found in the spring edition of the Palmetto Log.
2. List on one side of an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper the following and in this order: extra-curricular activities, honors received and any pertinent information that will demonstrate community involvement and leadership. The extra-curricular activities and community involvement document are considered an essential part of the entry.
3. Enclose a final high school transcript and show proof of college enrollment.
4. Include a typed essay of 750 to 1000 words on this topic:

**“Who were the leaders among the Pilgrims? Discuss their influence involving the relocation from England and their settlement in Plymouth.”**

5. *Please do not put your name on any page of the essay.*
6. The application package must be complete and arranged in the order described above.
7. Send one copy of the entire application package by e-mail to **Pat Sayko at patsayko@msn.com** no later than **June 29, 2015**. Use the words “Scholarship App” in the subject line of your e-mail.

Additionally, place 1 copy of the completed application in a 9x12 envelope and mail it to  
**Pat Sayko**

**321 Pinnacle Ridge Road, Beech Mountain, NC 28604**  
and must be postmarked by June 29, 2015.

**SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**2015 Scholarship Two: Application for College Students**  
**(\$1000 award to winner)**  
*Deadline to apply: June 29, 2015*

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college or university and have completed a minimum of two semesters.
2. Applicants must have a lineage connection to a member of the South Carolina Society of Mayflower Descendants (i.e. parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) or be a junior member of the South Carolina Mayflower Society.
3. The applicant may live outside the State of South Carolina.
4. Applicant must submit all required documents
5. Applicant must have at least a grade point average of a “B” average (3.0 on 4.0 scale)
6. The essay must be factually accurate and reflect current standards of spelling, grammar, and writing skills for a college student. Sources must be documented.

The scholarship award of \$1000.00 should be awarded to the student at the Compact Day Luncheon unless the student is unable to attend. In that case, the Treasurer of the Society may send the check directly to the scholarship winner.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Complete the application Cover Page found in the spring edition of the Palmetto Log.
2. List on one side of an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper the following and in this order: extra-curricular activities, honors received and any pertinent information that will demonstrate community involvement and leadership. The extra-curricular activities and community involvement document are considered an essential part of the entry.
3. Enclose a transcript for semester just completed. Please state if you will be entering your 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of college in fall of 2015.
4. Two letters of reference. One should be from a teacher/professor or advisor. The other should be a character reference from a person not related to you. Each should contain the person’s name and address and be in a sealed envelope.
5. Include a typed essay of 1000-1500 words on this topic:  
**“How did the Colonies of Jamestown, New Amsterdam and the Plymouth Colony differ in religion, culture, government and/or economy?”**
6. *Please do not put your name on any page of the essay.*
7. The application package must be complete and arranged in the order described above.
8. Send one copy of the entire application package by e-mail to **Pat Sayko at patsayko@msn.com** no later than **June 29, 2015**. Use the words “Scholarship App” in the subject line of your e-mail.

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## COVER PAGE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Scholarship One:** Date of High School Graduation, Name & Address of High School:

\_\_\_\_\_

**For Scholarship Two:** Will you enter your 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of college in Fall 2015? \_\_\_\_\_

For either Scholarship: Name & location of College \_\_\_\_\_

Your Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Junior Member of SC Mayflower Society \_\_\_\_\_ Your age \_\_\_\_\_

My \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of the SC Society of Mayflower Descendants

His / Her name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of my Pilgrim Ancestor \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check list of enclosures for either Scholarship:**

1. Official current transcript of grades (High School or College)
2. List of school related activities & honors received
3. Statement of community involvement, examples of leadership
4. Two letters of reference. One should be from a teacher/professor or advisor. The other should be a character reference from a person not related to you. Each should contain the person's name and address and be in a sealed envelope.
5. Essay (Mail one copy and e-mail one copy)

**THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
*is pleased to announce the*

SMDSC Spring Luncheon  
**April 11, 2015 at 11:30 am**

Location: *Dunes West Country Club*  
3535 Wando Plantation Way  
Mt. Pleasant, SC

Speaker: Ruth Miller, Charleston Historian

Topic: "Historical Women of Charleston" to include stories of Princess Pignatelli, owner of Of Lexington Plantation, now known as Dunes West.

**Social Hour: 11:30** (cash bar available)  
**Luncheon 12 Noon**

**Buffet Menu**

Dunes West Field Green Salad	Pignatelli's Chicken Stuffed with Spinach, Mozzarella and Ham
Freshly Baked Bread	Garlic & Parmesan Mashed Potatoes
Stuffed Flounder with Crab Topped with Chardonnay Cream	Green Bean Almandine
Open Flame London Broil with Port Wine Demi-Glace	Cheesecake: Chef's choice of topping
	Iced Tea or Coffee

*SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION*

**Send reservations to Karen McCay by **April 4, 2015** at**  
308 Bampfield Drive, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
kkmcay@gmail.com



Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests Names \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults meals \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30 + children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: **SMD-SC****

## Dunes West Country Club History

Ideally situated along Wagner Creek and the Wando River, the site that is now home to Dunes West is rich in local history. While the first historic record of the land is a grant of 1000 acres made in 1696, it is believed that the land was not first developed until its purchase by Captain John Vanderhorst, Joseph Vanderhorst and Thomas Lynch in 1712. Over the next decades, the site became home to a large plantation known as Four Mens Ramble. The plantation produced mostly bricks along with some rice and cotton, and the main house and its outbuildings were located on the site that is now the Dunes West Club.

In 1827, the plantation was sold to A.S. Willington, the first editor of the Charleston News and Courier newspaper, and the property became known as Lexington. In subsequent years, Lexington changed hands several times, and by the end of the Civil War, the main house was in ruins. In 1930, the property was purchased by Henrietta Hartford, the widow of Edward V. Hartford

and one of the nation's wealthiest women. Mrs. Hartford developed an elaborate estate on the site of the original Lexington house, including a thirty-two room house furnished with imported European antiques, a saltwater swimming pool, tennis courts, nine golf holes, stables, a guest house, servants' quarters and gardens designed by the Olmsted firm. Some of these additions remain today.

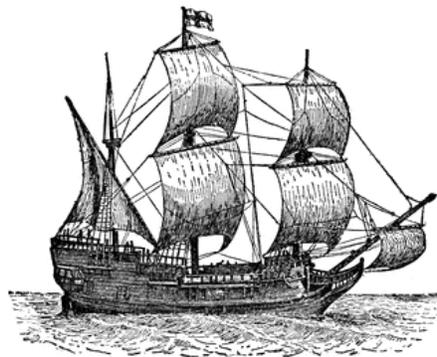
In 1937, Mrs. Hartford was remarried to the charming Prince Guido Pignatelli of Italy. The Prince and Princess visited Lexington often until it mysteriously burned to the ground in 1942. Unable to face rebuilding the estate, the Princess eventually sold the property in 1947 to the O.L. Williams Veneer Company. ~ From the Dunes West website

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**Change of Address or Email?**

If your email or address changes, please don't forget to update your info with us!

**Dates to Remember**

- April 4, 2015 .....Deadline for Spring Luncheon
- April 11, 2015 .....SMDSC Spring Luncheon - Mount Pleasant, SC
- June 29, 2015 .....Scholarship Applications due for High School and College
- July 13, 2015 .....Elementary Essay due
- July 20, 2015 .....Middle School Essay due
- November 7, 2015.....Compact Day Luncheon (details to follow)
- November 30, 2015.....Dues for 2016 due



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