

The Mayflower Messenger

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FALL MEETING, Saturday, November 17, 2012

QUAIL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

3501 Quail Creek Rd.~ Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Board of Assistants Meeting 9:30 A.M.

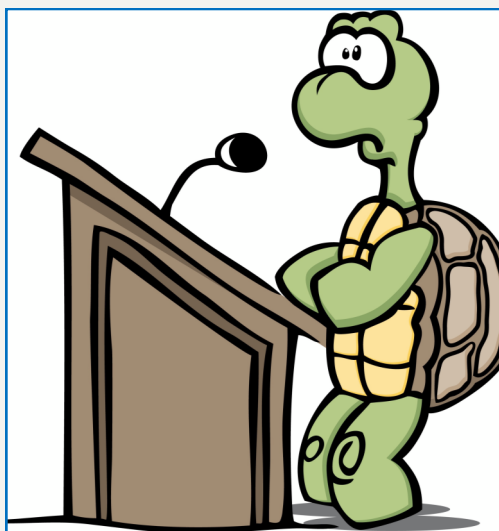
General Meeting 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH followed by PROGRAM NOON

Cost: \$ 18.00 each. Please send your check by November 14th, to Mildred Greenstreet, Treasurer,
4315 East 32nd Place Tulsa, OK 74135-1744. DUES are due!

MENU

CLUB HOUSE SALAD (Club Ranch Vinaigrette)
LEMON GRILLED CHICKEN with Roasted Corn Relish,
Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Ice Tea & Water
CHEF CHOICE DESSERT

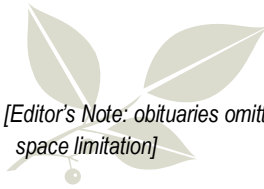


Who will be our Speaker???

*Don't we wish that one of the passengers
could be here to tell us about their trip?*

Welcome from the Oklahoma History Center
our guest speaker, [Barbara Byrd](#), who will portray
a 1894 Mail Order Bride from Ponca City.

IN MEMORIAM: [Editor's Note: obituaries omitted due to space limitation]



Betty L. (Mrs. Edward) Gregory, 5/9/2012, OK #704,

GS #57,739.

Edward Patterson, 4/4/2012, OK #426, GS #32,470.

Louis Patterson, 10/4/2012, OK #256, GS #24,310

Sid Patterson, 4/27/2012, OK #427, GS #32,471

Norma J. Reuser, 2/22/2012, OK #632, GS #49,299

Jack Layne Sterett, 3/5/2012, OK #638, GS #51,189

A. Sherman Mehl, 3/18/2011, OK #462, GS #34,786

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Governor Judith Forehand

Deputy Governor Jeanine Long

Secretary LuCinda Melton

Treasurer Lauri Robinson

Historian Kathy Patterson

Captain David Knight

Elder Stuart Denslow

Surgeon Gary Denslow

Counselor George H. Ramey

(Other nominations accepted from the floor.)

2013 Oklahoma Mayflower Scholarship is presented by the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants

An award in the amount of \$1000 is being offered to a graduate or undergraduate student, enrolled in a four-year college or university, who is related to any member of the Oklahoma Society of Descendants of the Mayflower.

To apply, submit the following:

1. A letter stating your interest in the scholarship. Specify your current academic standing, major, degree, if any, with college and year received, and the intended year of receiving your next degree. Current college undergraduate and graduate students may apply.
2. All college transcripts including the most recent semester completed.
3. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who are personally acquainted with the applicant. At least one should be a former or present teacher of the applicant.
4. Proof of relationship to an Oklahoma Society Descendants of the Mayflower member or members and family tree showing relationship to the Mayflower passenger. Please include member's membership number. Relationships by adoption or marriage are accepted.

Please include an email address. No certified mail, please. Previous applicants may reapply by submitting updated transcripts.

Deadline for applications: February 1, 2013

The recipient will be announced by April 1, 2013

For additional information contact Diane Seebass at dseebass@cox.net

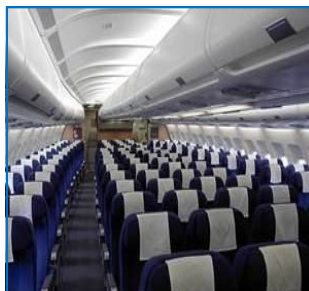
Applications should be submitted to:
Diane Seebass
4645 S. Wheeling Ave,
Tulsa, OK 74105

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Governor's Message

The other day I was in Chicago at a meeting. Shortly before noon I received a text message stating my flight that evening would be 3 hours late. I was a little upset, but remembering that I did not have to make a connecting flight was a relief. As I headed to the airport in the shuttle, I received an updated text message that the delay was now 3 ½ hours. Interestingly, the others in the van were all looking at new text messages that they had received; they too had delays. When we arrived at the airport we learned that a storm on the east coast was to blame for all the flight delays. Once on the plane, a flight attendant shared a story about a passenger earlier in the day that was quite irate and obnoxious about the delays to the point other passengers asked if she could be removed from the plane before it took off.

Travel has certainly changed since our Pilgrim ancestors made their trip across the Atlantic almost 400 years ago. They sat in port for several months while the details of the trip were completed. Then they left port only to return after discovering “mechanic[al] issues” with the *Speedwell*. After another delay they left again only to discover the *Speedwell* was not in any condition to make the voyage. After another delay they decided to travel in one ship, the *Mayflower*. The “ground crew” had to rearrange the cargo and the “flight attendants” had to determine who had a seat and who didn’t. I wonder how the Pilgrims did it; no way to send text messages to update the passengers. Did they lose their patience from the delays? Did they take out their frustration on the fellow passengers? Did they want to throw the unruly overboard?



This Thanksgiving we should step back and reflect on the evolution of travel over the past 400 years. Our Pilgrim ancestors risked their lives crossing the Atlantic in 66 days; today, we hop on airplanes to travel in hours across this country and the world without any concerns. We should be thankful for the safeguards in place to make sure we can travel safely. So the next time your plane is delayed remember that your Pilgrim ancestors were delayed by many months and be thankful.

It has been my honor to serve as Governor of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants for the past 2 years. □

Henry Baer III

The Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants was founded in 1947 and includes 260 members.

NEW MEMBERS since last meeting:

OK 943 - GS 77593, Marilyn Elizabeth Smith, ancestor John Alden

OK 945 - GS 83831, Beverly Tilley, ancestors John Alden & Priscilla Mullins

OK947 - GS 83875, Brian Christopher Mills, ancestor Edward Doty

OK949 - GS 84016, Pauletta Steinmetz Roberts, ancestor Richard Warren

OK951 - GS 84171, Craig Aron Storck, ancestor Isaac Allerton

OK953 - GS 84417, Karen Brewster Strawn, ancestor William Brewster

OK955 - GS 84491, Victor Lee Weber, Jr., ancestor Richard Warren

OK957 - GS 84824, Gretchen Storck Wallace, ancestor Isaac Allerton

OK 944 - GS 83817, Jimmie Dean Weber, anc. Richard Warren

OK946 - GS 83856, Rachel Steward, ancestor John Howland

OK948 - GS 83894, Rebecca Faseler Sparks, anc. William Bradford

OK950 - GS 84029, Christina Ogg Birdsley, ancestor Francis Cooke

OK952 - GS 84218, Judith Ringwall, ancestor Thomas Rogers

OK954 - GS 84418, Susan Jean Lee Davis, ancestor Stephen Hopkins

OK956 - GS 84525, Jackie de la Houssaye, anc. Stephen Hopkins

OK958 - GS 84999, Eldon Ray Meritt, ancestor Richard Warren



The Mayflower Story, 15 minute DVD. Mildred Greenstreet has copies to sell at \$16.50 each. They are great for gifts to children, grandchildren, and grade schools.

GSMD Historic Sites Committee Tour of Pilgrim Sites in England and Holland 18-31 May, 2013

Here is an awesome 14-day tour that visits the major Pilgrim historical sights in England and Holland.

Included are: The ports where the ships *Mayflower* and *Speedwell* were outfitted; Towns and churches where the Separatists lived, studied, preached, were baptized; and more.

In England, see: London, Canterbury, Dorking, Upper Clatford (Hopkins baptized here), Southampton, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Shipton, Droitwich, Babworth, Gainsborough, Scrooby, Austerfield, full day in Henlow to honor Stacy B. C. Wood, Caroline Lewis Kardell, and Joseph Howland Wood, founders of the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred, Lincoln, Boston, and Fenstanton.

In Holland see: Delfshaven, Amsterdam, and Leiden.

Also, a full day in North Wales visiting Betws-y-Coed, Llanberis Pass, Snowdonia National Park, Caernarvon, Conway, and Wrexham.

For details, please contact: plymouthtravel@aol.com or gsmdhistoric-sites@gmail.com and see the daily itinerary at this weblink: <http://www.washingtonmayflower.org/gsmdtour.pdf>

Scholarship Winner!

Ashley Baer was the scholarship winner. She is a senior at the University of Oklahoma studying Letters. She plans to continue her education in nursing upon graduation. Ashley studied in Argentina last year to expand her Spanish skills which she believes will be very beneficial in nursing.

The scholarship committee was Luci Scott and Diane Seebass.



Hopkins Society Offers Historic Bermuda Cruise

The cruise is planned for June 14 - June 21, 2013. Round Trip from Boston with 3 days/2 nights docked in Bermuda. It is open to everyone that loves history, cruising, golf and beautiful islands. It will be especially a great trip for anyone interested in Stephen Hopkins. Noted historical researchers Caleb H. Johnson and Simon Neal (commissioned genealogist and documents specialist in the UK) are scheduled to be the featured speakers for this voyage.

For more information or to book group reservations, contact Rick Denman, Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society (PHHS) Deputy Governor at: sonnydenham@sbcglobal.net