

PILGRIM TIMES

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Colorado

Spring 2021

ZOOMing to a Spring Luncheon

BY LEN TAYLOR

As COVID-19 hangs on despite a wave of vaccines, the Colorado Mayflower Society will again hold its Spring Luncheon via Zoom. On **May 15, 2021**, we will again gather as a Society at our own tables and listen to guest speaker Susan T. Belekewicz.

Susan is the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' Executive Director. Social Time from 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m. for approximately one hour.

Belekewicz is responsible for managing the GSMD's businesses and operations in Plymouth including staff, genealogy research and lineage services, member services, publications, sales, education centers, finance, development and facilities management. Most importantly, she serves as the primary liaison to the Society's Executive Committee. Locally, Susan represents the Society as its main public contact for community outreach and in professional business capacities.

Her highly successful 30+ year career in Financial Services began in Boston, where she worked her way through the ranks to ultimately become a Senior Vice President and the Director of Nonprofit Services at State Street Bank. Susan was responsible for relationship management, sales and marketing to some of the nation's premiere nonprofit organizations. She is a disciplined financial manager with deep leadership and human resource management experience. Her high-energy, professionalism and strong communication skills contributed to her success.

Susan is a graduate of Smith College with a degree in Art History and French. She has completed coursework in the evening MBA Program at Babson College. She and husband, Bob, have been married over 36 years and live in Mashpee with their golden retriever, Gordie.



Mayflower Summer Picnic sails on *Saturday, July 10, 2021*

BY JEFF JEFFORDS

Thanks to COVID-19, 2020 consisted of zoom meetings and, yes, even a zoom picnic. With 2020 behind us, it is time for some good news. The Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants is in-person picnic bound!

The 2021 Summer Picnic will be the first opportunity for Society members and their families to meet in over a year and to continue our summer picnic tradition. Unlike prior events, the Picnic Pavilion at the United States Air Force Academy is off limits due to the continuing COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

This year, Mary Daley has planned our "fun in the sun" at **Castlewood Canyon State Park**, located just west of CO-83, five miles south of Franktown. We have reserved a group picnic area, **Event Facility #1** for our 2021 Colorado Mayflower Society Summer Picnic.

Watch for an email announcement regarding picnic details and a headcount closer to July.

The Picnic will start at 11:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m. As always, the format will be an old-fashioned, bring a potluck dish to share picnic. The Society provides fried chicken and water. Parking and restrooms are close to the picnic area.

Park passes are required to enter. You can obtain a daily pass at the visitor's center for \$10. The pass is good for the entire day, so come early to explore!





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On the Horizon

There are many exciting Colorado and GSMD events on the horizon. Here are just a few:

May 2021: Spring Luncheon

May 15, 2021

Location: Via Zoom Link to Come

July 2021: Annual Picnic

July 10, 2021

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Picnic Pavilion #1

2989 CO-83, Franktown, CO 80116

September 2021: GBOA Meeting

September 8-12, 2021

Plymouth, MA

November 2021: Compact Dinner

November 20, 2021

Denver Country Club

1700 E First Ave, Denver, CO 80218



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To submit articles of interest to the membership, please contact the Pilgrim Times Editor: Len Taylor

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Information Changes

If you plan to move or have a new email address, please alert our State Treasurer, Carol Edmond:

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Governor's Message

BY SUSAN BRAUN

Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to spend time with your Mayflower Cousins!

The 2020 Compact Dinner started a new triennium term for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Colorado. There are some new and some familiar faces. I hope that, if not already, you will consider me to be one of those familiar faces.

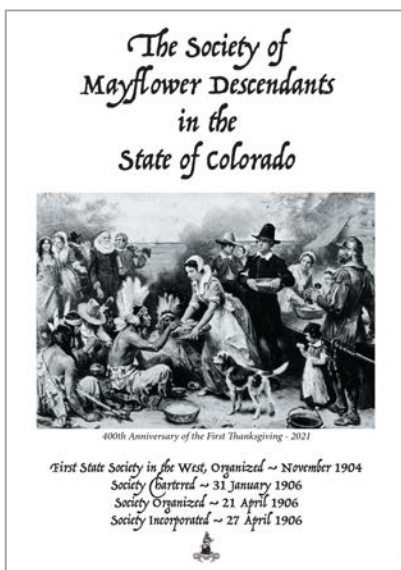
Len Taylor, the publisher of the "Pilgrim Times" is one of our new faces, and the one who gets credit for our newsletter's new look. Len is also a member of the Editorial Committee for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*.



Personally, I have sat behind the sales table and sold drink tickets and various Mayflower items. You may have heard me present the minutes as Secretary and, more recently, scouting for volunteers to help with our 2019 General Board of Assistants meeting. I am looking forward to this new role and grateful for the amazing support of our past Governors.

I am happy to share that the Colorado Society will have an "in person" picnic this summer. We are not able to be at the United Stars Air Force Academy, but Richard "Jeff" Jeffords and Mary Daley have arranged for us to meet at Castlewood Canyon State Park in Franktown. Since our spring luncheon will have to be held virtually, the picnic will be our first opportunity to be together in over a year!

We have also been working on the new Colorado Society Membership Directory (cover below left). This triannual publication, which now runs over 100 pages and includes our Junior Members, will be mailed to a record number of members! Len Taylor has done a wonderful job putting this together, with the help of Carol Edmond and Allie Golon. Thanks to all of you for making the Colorado Society a valuable part of our Mayflower Community!



Luggage Tag SWAG!



Like your Pilgrim Ancestors, you have stuff and people need to know yours stuff from theirs! What better way to identify yourself as a descendant of Pilgrims than with a classy Colorado Mayflower Society luggage tag? This great metal tag comes with a braided steel cable and nifty insert for your information, this tag (or several tags) can be yours for the low price of \$3 each or two for \$5 while limited edition supply of 125 lasts! The first offering of this great item to our membership will be at the Summer Picnic, one more reason to not miss it!

Colorado Membership: **633**

New Members since the Compact Dinner: **42**



Welcome Aboard!



Historians Allie Golon and Sandy Carter-Duff pipe aboard New Members!

New Members	New Members	New Members	Junior to Regular
Chris Stiles 12 th from Brewster	Patricia Vandermiller 11 th from Doty	Chelsea Tattershall 14 th from E Fuller	Jack Chadwick 15 th from Brewster
Judy Foster 12 th from White	Elizabeth Coombs 13 th from Allerton	Brian Ray 13 th from Hopkins	New Dual Members
John Brink 12 th from Bradford	Carissa Chandler 14 th from Brown	Robin Lyle 10 th from Bradford	Norma Jean Mummert 12 th from Cooke
Luann Erickson 11 th from Alden	Nicole Brown 14 th from Rogers	Jayne Shumaker 11 th from Standish	Suzann Smith 12 th from White
Barbara Kelsall 10 th from Doty	Jessaca Cassady 15 th from Brewster	Jeff Hemmerle 11 th from Soule	Faron Page 12 th from White
Rudy Nuissl 13 th from Hopkins	Mary Corrow 11 th from Bradford	Carole Walker 11 th from White	Charlene Page 12 th from White
Michele Peny 9 th from Alden	Deirdre Noble 11 th from C Hopkins	Teri Hjelmstad 12 th from Hopkins	Morlene Page 12 th from White
Fred Cron, Jr. 12 th from Hopkins	Ken Copeland 14 th from Brewster	Elizabeth Martin 11 th from Alden	Approved Supplementals
Diane Nishwitz 12 th from Hopkins	Connie Braddock 12 th from Cooke	Phil Doty 9 th from Doty	Lorena Brauer 13 th from Alden
Susanne Peck 11 th from Alden	Jennifer Moore 12 th from Cooke	Gregory Williams 14 th from Hopkins	Fred Cron, Sr. 11 th from Fisher
Linda Obrecht 12 th from Hopkins	Karen Wiseman 12 th from Cooke	Graham Williams 14 th from Hopkins	Robert Stevens 13 th from Alden 14 th from Mullins
Lori Soule 12 th from Hopkins	Regina Potaracke 13 th from E Fuller	Gabriel Idle 12 th from Alden	Marcy Kimminau 10 th from C Hopkins
Bethany Spitz 12 th from Alden	Todd Potaracke 14 th from E Fuller	Chris Brown 11 th from Hopkins	Sandra Johansen 11 th from Standish
Shara Castle 12 th from Doty			



Pilgrim Tercentenary Stamps – 1920



The Governor General's Message

BY GOVERNOR GENERAL JANE E. GROVES RIDDELL HURT



Greetings to the Colorado Mayflower Society!

Thank you to Governor Braun for the lovely invitation to officially visit the Colorado Society and attend your meeting on May 14th, 2022. I am looking forward to my visit, hearing about your Colorado Society achievements, and having the opportunity for us to gather together again.

Did you hear about the NEW GSMD virtual lecture series this spring? These lectures are free and will be held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. Links to each lecture will be posted on the GSMD website. Please plan to join GSMD for the Mayflower Society House Virtual Lecture Series: April 15, 2021, Orphan Trains: History, Genealogy, Legacy with Michael Brophy; May 20, 2021, 75 Years Later: Creating Wartime Family Reunions Using Genealogy & DNA with Bonnie Wade Mucia; and June 17, 2021, Made in American: The Pilgrim Story and How it Grew with James Baker.

The GSMD Massachusetts GBOA meeting is scheduled be held September 8-12 in Plymouth. Registration opened on March 1st at 8:00 a.m. Eastern with brisk activity. Event capacity is limited and waitlisted due to COVID social distancing requirements in Massachusetts. As requirements relax with the distribution of vaccines, capacities will also relax. Please note this is NOT Congress, this is a General Board of Assistants meeting with some special events added due to the cancellation of events scheduled for the 400th Anniversary Commemoration in September 2020 due to the pandemic. Contracts for this GBOA meeting were signed prior to the pandemic. The success of the 2019 Colorado GBOA is a delightful memory. Thank you, Colorado, Former Governor General Garmany, Former Governor Richard Jeffords, and Governor Susan Braun for your hours of service to make the 2019 GBOA a new model.



Q1 Treasurer's Report from Carol Edmond

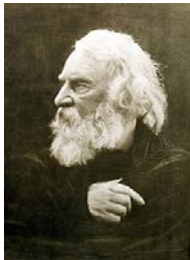


Period from 1/1/2021 through 3/31/2021

Checking Account	\$ 34,271.79	Total Liabilities	\$50,554.42
Savings Account	\$43,749.42	Total Equity Account	\$120,660.03
Investments	\$93,193.24	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$171,214.45
Total Cash/Cash Equivalents	\$171,214.45		
		Gross Profit from all receipts:	\$17,454.22
		Total Expenses:	<u>\$21,677.32</u>
		Net Loss at 3/31/2021	\$4,223.10

Current Dues Collected equals 65%. Donations designated for the Scholarship fund are currently \$1,142.50

Pilgrim's Progeny *Each issue, a look back at our Forefathers and Foremothers, as well as a few prominent progenies!*



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (February 27, 1807 – March 24, 1882)

Longfellow was an American poet and educator whose works include *Paul Revere's Ride*, *The Song of Hiawatha*, and *Evangeline*. He was the first American to translate Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* and was one of the Fireside Poets from New England.

Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine, which was then still part of Massachusetts. He studied at Bowdoin College and became a professor at Bowdoin and later at Harvard College. His first major poetry collections were *Voices of the Night* (1839) and *Ballads and Other Poems* (1841). He retired from teaching in 1854 to focus on his writing, and he lived the remainder of his life in the Revolutionary War headquarters of George Washington in Cambridge, Massachusetts. *Longfellow was a Descendant of Pilgrim John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden.*

Scholarship Winners Announced

The Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants awards two yearly scholarships based on submitted essays. Each winner receives a \$1,620.00 scholarship. Our winners are:

1. Jasmin Storer is a graduating senior from Girls Athletic Leadership School in Denver, CO. She plans to attend The University of Denver in the Fall. Jasmin is not a Mayflower Descendant.
2. Beth Schwartz is a graduating senior from Gunnison, CO. Her interests include mountain biking, skiing, climbing, hiking, camping, and sleeping in a sleeping bag. She is also the President of Gunnison High's National Honor Society and loves serving her community. Beth will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman, focusing on Environmental Design and a master's degree in architecture. She is a Mayflower Descendant from John Alden; family member is Polly Thomas in California.

Look for more information and each essay in its entirety in the next issue. Thanks to all of our candidates!



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