



Greetings from the Texas Governor - Linda Hill



Opening of 2006 State Meeting in Amarillo: Governor Linda Hill, Amarillo Mayor Deborah McCartt, Amarillo Colony Governor, Jeff Hellberg.

I want to begin by thanking the Amarillo Colony for hosting the 2006 state meeting. They did an outstanding job! The hotel facilities were very comfortable, the food was great and the entertainment was wonderful. The luncheon speaker, Dr. Estelle Owens of Wayland Baptist University, gave an informative and very entertaining program on early colonial child rearing practices. The Kwahadi Indian dancers were amazing to watch. The group is comprised of Boy Scouts who dedicate their time to learning these traditional dances and they do it so well that they perform all over the United States and Canada.

In addition to having a great time, we also were able to take care of a lot of Mayflower business. Some of the highlights of the meeting included:

- ★ Debra McCartt, the mayor of Amarillo, proclaimed April 1st as Society of Mayflower Descendants Day in Amarillo, Texas and presented the Society with the official document neatly framed!!
★ The new colony in Tyler, Texas was formally approved and chartered.
★ The bylaws revisions that were published in the February newsletter were approved, as amended. A copy of the entire Bylaws and Standing Rules, including all amendments, was mailed to each member prior to this newsletter.
★ The office of co-historian was approved. This was a necessary step in order to effectively take care of the large number of membership applications. Carol Scarborough has been appointed to this new position.
★ Funding for the library project to place silver books in libraries across the state was approved. On June 1, this project officially got under way with the presentation of a full set of silver books to the Kurth Library in Lufkin, Texas.
★ The fiscal year was changed from April 1-March 31 to March 1-February 28/29. This change allows the treasurer to gather all the information necessary for the financial report that is presented at the April meeting.

In September, Carol Scarborough and I will attend the annual meeting of the General Society in Denver, CO. This meeting is open to all members of the Society, however, as is the case of all meetings, there is no expense reimbursement and voting is limited to the DGG and AG only. We will keep notes and give an account of the highlights in the fall newsletter.

Finally, do plan on attending the 75th anniversary luncheon in San Antonio. December 3 should be early enough to not interfere with holiday plans and it is a lovely time to see the River Walk!

Linda

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Tyler Colony Holds First Meeting Officers and Applicants: Back L to R: Treasurer Kevin McCall, Applicant Teresa Phillips, Education Chairman Sherry Kroboth, Applicant Susan Newton, Deputy Governor Carolyn McCall, Historian Madeline Alworth, Pansy Conner. Front L to R: Assistant General Carol Scarborough, State Governor Linda Hill, Tyler Colony Governor Betty Corcoran.

San Antonio Colony Plans 75th Anniversary of SOMD in Texas

The San Antonio Colony is making plans for a gala 75th Anniversary Luncheon on December 2, 2006 at the St. Anthony Hotel, 300 East Travis in San Antonio. They had planned to have it at the historic Menger Hotel where the Texas Society was organized in December 1931, but unfortunately the Menger made a scheduling error. The colony would like to know right away if anyone is interested in staying overnight at the St. Anthony, as they could reserve a block of rooms if they can commit to ten rooms (\$139 vs \$159). There is a parking fee in this busy San Antonio area! Please e-mail Debbie Werner at dwerner@satx.rr.com or call at 830-620-0879 if you are interested in a hotel room. Additional information in the Fall Newsletter.

2007 Annual Meeting To Be Held in Round Rock

The 2007 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Central Texas Colony March 30-31, 2007. The meeting will be located at the Country Inn & Suites in Round Rock, TX (right off I-35). Currently we have reserved both King Suites and Queen Suites. Both suite styles will run \$79.00 plus taxes per night. Amenities

include free breakfast (breakfast coupons will be offered for a fee to day travelers) and in room coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, irons, hair dryer, and high speed Internet. Laundry facilities, outdoor pool, whirlpool, and exercise facilities are also available. Both the luncheon and dinner will be held on site at the hotel

Mayflower Fund News

Once again, the Mayflower Fund has received a marvelous gift from the McDaniel Foundation by member Lola Haden McDaniel in the amount of \$5,000. In recognition of Lola, the SOMD TX will make a gift to the General Society Library Fund in her honor.

Other gifts received were from Laurie Behn-Memorial to Michael John Gray; Dorothy Campbell-Memorial to William Maxwell Campbell; Nicky Gilbert-Memorial to Betty Mae Murray Wall; Bart S. Henson; Susan W Klaveness; Joe Cox and Mrs. James Honea-Memorial to Ellen M. Jones. We encourage everyone to remember your loved ones with gifts to the Mayflower Fund.

Ron Moranville, Treasurer

Texas Society Book Donation to Lufkin Library

The shuffle of books and shelf space and the welcome addition of a Mayflower Section were met with great enthusiasm in Lufkin! Through the Library Chairman's Survey and Budget, the new Governor of the Tyler Colony, Betty Corcoran, and Carolyn McCall of the Tyler Colony, presented a complete set of "Silver Books" to the Kurth Memorial Library in Lufkin. Also attending were Linda Hill, Texas State Governor, her daughter, Kerry, Leah Davis, Texas Library Chairman, Karen Kurth Hall—after whose family the Library was named—Cynthia McMullen, Kurth Genealogy Librarian, and Amanda Gilbert, Mayflower member.

It is important to place "Silver Books" in some of the smaller libraries throughout the State in order to have information readily in the hands of researchers. Many find they are qualified for membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants through these wonderful "Silver Books," containing 4, 5, and 6 generation descendants from the Mayflower Passengers. For genealogists unable to travel and research at the larger libraries throughout the state, the local genealogy departments are delighted to have these books available to the public. More exciting presentations will be forthcoming. We eagerly look forward to welcoming new members as a result of these Library additions.


Leah Davis, SOMD TX Library Chairman


Presentation of Mayflower Five Generation "Silver Books" to Lufkin Library Genealogy Department.


Betty Corcoran, Leah Davis, Linda Hill, Carolyn McCall and Genealogy Librarian Cynthia McMullen.





Colony News


 **Amarillo Colony** The Amarillo Colony was pleased to host the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Board of Assistants. Many thanks to Joy Denton, Chairman, and all her many committee members, including: Jeff Hellberg, Helen Marr Johannasen, Barbara Williams, Susan Smith and non member, Mary Kay Snell—all on the preparation committee. We also thank the many other members who helped with the actual meeting. Contact: Colony Governor, Jeffrey Hellberg, 806-354-2850, jeffhellberg@sbcglobal.net.


 **Central Texas Colony (formerly Austin Colony)** Austin Colony met at the Summer Palace restaurant in Round Rock Saturday, April 22, 2006. Speaker Michael Hodnett spoke about the influences of the Separatist Church since its founding 400 years ago, including the effects of civil marriage, inheritance, prayer, and the absence of funerals. Motions passed: changing the Colony name from Austin Colony to Central Texas Colony, updating the Colony By-laws, agreeing to host the 2007 Annual Meeting, and accepting the bid of Country Inn & Suites in Round Rock to host the 2007 Annual Meeting. Central Texas Colony is looking forward the 75th Anniversary Celebration in San Antonio and extends an invitation to the San Antonio Colony to help by providing volunteers or other assistance. Contact: Colony Governor, Karen A. Renker, 254-899-2104 or gemhem@hotmail.com.


 **Corpus Christi Colony** The Corpus Christi Society held its annual meeting at the Kings Crossing Country Club with speaker Governor Adams who spoke on King Phillip's War. A *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* meeting notice resulted in three guests who inquired about membership in the Mayflower Society, and they were helped. The Education Committee is distributing Pilgrim materials to area elementary schools. The Compact Day meeting will be held on November 18 at the Kings Cross Country Club—speaker to be Dr. David J. Murrah, retired professor from Texas Tech University, presently with Southwest Museum Services, speaking on the La Salle Expedition. At the meeting the 75th Anniversary Luncheon to be held in San Antonio on December 6th will be discussed. Contact: Colony Governor, Charles Adams at 361-774-0303 or dewittadams4@msn.com.

 **Dallas-Fort Worth Colony.** The Dallas/Fort Worth Colony celebrated its 60th anniversary in February at Hackberry Creek Country Club. The new colony flag was introduced. Members were treated to a program provided by Alice Sekanick on the “Mayflower Bastard: Richard Moore.” The following members have graciously agreed to serve the colony: Laurie Behn, Junior Chairman, Ronald Carter, Library Chairman, Michael and Patricia Nichols, Public Relations Co-Chairmen. Dressed in period costume, Education Co-Chairs, Susie Ashbaugh and Carol Burnaman have given presentations on the Pilgrims to eight classrooms. The next colony meeting will be the Compact Luncheon, Saturday, November 18, 2006 at Royal Oaks Country Club. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck is scheduled to be the program speaker. Contact: Colony Governor, Barbara Chesney, 214-348-3371 or chesney2@comcast.net.

 **Houston Colony** Twenty-five people attended our spring meeting at Carmellos Restaurant on May 6th, including a visiting prospective member. Ron Stone, a retired Houston news anchor, spoke on the subject, “What If,” based on the Pilgrim’s journey, asking “Could we face the obstacles of that trip with the same endurance?” Clayton Library will receive a donation in his honor. Suggestions were made regarding a donation of one set of lineage books. A report on the state meeting in Amarillo was given with discussion of bylaws changes and uses for the allocation of money for education from the Mayflower Fund. Our Compact Luncheon at Braeburn Country Club will be Sunday, Nov. 19th. New officers will be installed at our spring meeting on May 5, 2007 at the Briar Club. Contact: Colony Governor, Marcia Skillern, 281-531-1972.

 **San Antonio Colony.** The San Antonio Colony met on Feb. 4, 2006 at Oak Hills Country Club. Guest speaker, Texas Ranger Ray Martinez, spoke of experiences as a Texas lawman and his book *They Call Me Ranger Ray*. Books were for sale after the meeting. The colony met again on May 6 at L'Etoile Restaurant and enjoyed fine French cuisine. Guest speaker Marguerite Kownslar talked on the historical figure Gideon Lincecum. During Fiesta week, Gov. Deborah Werner, Peggy Jared, and Mary Eck participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo, placing a floral tribute from the Colony on the lawn in remembrance of the heroes of the Alamo. Our colony lost two more beloved members this spring. Clarke Willson, our past Treasurer, and Shirley Quintrell, our current Treasurer, passed away. . We are making plans for the December event celebrating 75 years of SOMD in Texas. Contact: Debbie Werner, Colony Governor, 830-620-0879 or dwerner@satx.rr.com.

 **Tyler Colony** The Tyler Colony, represented by Colony Governor Betty Corcoran, Deputy Colony Governor Carolyn McCall, and Treasurer Kevin McCall, received its charter at the annual state meeting in Amarillo, Texas on April 1, 2006. On Saturday, May 27, 2006 the Tyler Colony met at Kiepersol Restaurant, Tyler and Governor Corcoran gave a report on the meeting. The Colony elected Madeline Alworth to serve as Historian; Kevin McCall state nominating committee representative; Sherry Kroboth as education chairman; and Susan Newton as publicity chairman. Guests were State Governor Linda Hill and Carol Scarborough, who spoke about various aspects of the Society’s work and presented the education chairman with education materials. The group enjoyed a delicious luncheon and fellowship . The next meeting scheduled is in November. Contact: Colony Governor, Betty Corcoran, 903-534-0742 or bboopflint@wmconnect.com.

 **Waco Colony** The Waco Colony decided that in light of damaged homes, downed power lines and our speaker—TV Channel 25's weatherman Andy Wallace—being unavailable due to the tornado that struck Waco, it was in the best interest to cancel the May 6th luncheon. Jerrie Geisler and Carol Scarborough participated in the laying of the Veteran's Wreath at the Veteran's Monument on Memorial Day, May 29th at Rosemound Cemetery. Carol Scarborough, Colony Governor, 254-836-1278 or shewulf82@aol.com.

New Members - *We are happy to greet these new members since the Feb 2006 Newsletter.*

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| 75.592 | 2424 | John Fleming Davis, Jr. | Arlington, TX | William Bradford |
| 75593 | 2425 | John Fleming Davis, III | Arlington, TX | William Bradford |
| 75594 | 2426 | Sarah Joanne Davis | Arlington, TX | William Bradford |
| 75612 | 2428 | Priscilla Jane Turbeville | Fort Worth, TX | Myles Standish |
| 75798 | 2429 | Norma Leigh Madison Foskett | Kerrville, TX | Thomas Rogers |
| 75799 | 2430 | Matthew James Jungman | Pflugerville, TX | Myles Standish |
| 75886 | 2431 | Charles Frederick Bass | Abilene, TX | John Alden |
| 75966 | 2432 | Ann Calzone Denton | Sugar Land, TX | Richard Warren |

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| 61552 | 1854 | Julie Mudry | Fort Worth, TX | Francis Eaton |
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Transfers - *The Texas Society welcomes these members who have transferred here from other states since the last Newsletter:*

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| 47810 | 2427 | Susan K. Cobb Pedigo | Eules, TX | John Howland, John Tilley, George Soule |
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Texas Juniors - *The Texas Society is happy to welcome these junior members*

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| TJ 933 | Mark Feuquey Turbeville | Fort Worth, TX | Myles Standish |
| TJ 934 | Brian Keith Mauer | Cedar Park, TX | Myles Standish |

In Memoriam - *These members were memorialized at the April 2006 Memorial Service.*

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| 62787 | 1905 | Bob Stramler | Granbury, TX | 5 Sep 2005 |
| 52268 | 1352 | Ellen Jones | Amarillo, TX | 8 Mar 2006 |

These members will be memorialized at the April 2007 Memorial Service.

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| 52161 | 1739 | Clarke Willson | San Antonio, TX | 12 Mar 2006 |
| 59924 | 1794 | Shirley Quintrell | San Antonio, TX | 15 May 2006 |

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