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## Greetings from the Texas Society Governor—Bart Henson



Texas Society of Mayflower  
Descendants Governor Bart  
Henson

### Mayflower Greetings!

Let me bring two things to your special attention  
Highlights of our late March Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi  
The upcoming Triennial Congress in Plymouth

### 2008 Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting, ably hosted by our Corpus Christi Colony, was a success in many ways. By scheduling several parallel sessions during the meeting we were able to add some fun and educational topics to our business meeting. These special topics included

- Our new website design (please try it out at [www.texasmayflower.com](http://www.texasmayflower.com))
- A sample elementary school Pilgrim presentation
- A colony workshop including colony reports
- A Historian workshop including membership requirements

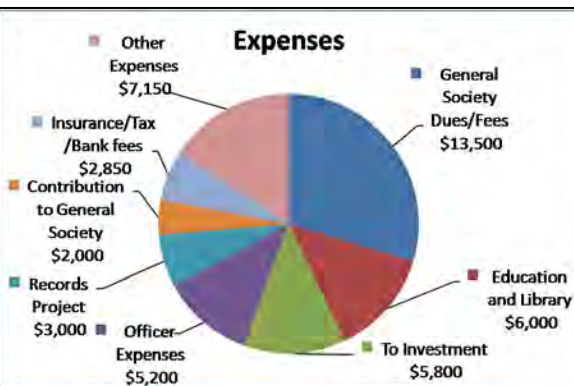
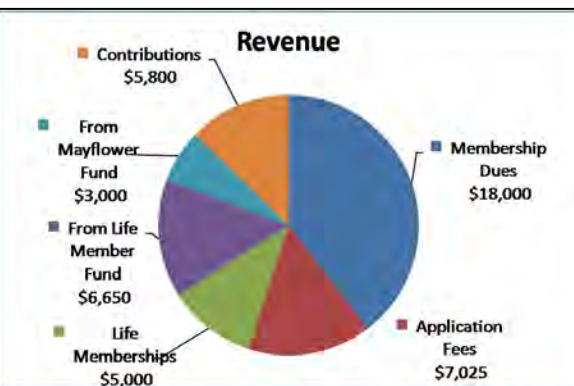
Our Awards Committee picked a long-serving and true gentleman Ross Shipman as our special award winner this year, and we have further honored him with a gift in his name to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth.

We approved our new budget for the upcoming year as summarized in the pie charts to the left. Please see further details of our meeting in this newsletter.

The Corpus Christi Colony was a wonderful host for this conference and we can look forward to another wonderful meeting in Arlington, Texas, next year as hosted by our Dallas-Ft. Worth Colony at the Crown Plaza Hotel on March 27-28, 2009. Put it on your calendars now!

### Triennial Congress

Every three years, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants hosts the Triennial Congress in Plymouth, Mass. This year the Congress will run from Sunday September 7 through Tuesday September 9. Other interesting Mayflower-related events are planned to occur around the same time in Plymouth and nearby. Full details are presented in the March issue of the Mayflower Quarterly.



At the Texas Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi, about 15 members indicated an interest in attending the Congress. Since Texas is qualified by our large membership to have 20 delegates, we welcome other members who would like to attend. Join me and enjoy this special time with your Mayflower cousins! Let me know if you plan to be there.

Your Governor,

*Bart S. Henson*



## State-wide Calendar of Up-Coming Events

Sept 2008

Sept 7,8,9 Thirty-eighth Mayflower General Congress, Plymouth, Mass. (Triennial Congress)

Nov 2008

8 Central Texas Colony Compact Day Luncheon, Georgetown Library

15 Waco Colony Compact Day Luncheon

22 11:00am DFW Colony Compact Day Luncheon, Royal Oaks Country Club, Dallas, TX.

March 2009

27,28 Annual Meeting, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas

27 Board of Assistants Meeting and Governors' Reception, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Arlington, TX.

28 General Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Arlington, TX.

28 Board of Assistants Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Arlington, TX.

## 2008 Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi

The 2008 Annual Meeting was held on April 4-5 in Corpus Christi, Texas. It was great to renew friendships with our cousins and to meet new ones. The Corpus Christi Colony staged an absolutely wonderful event for all of us. The hotel conference facility worked out very well, providing us with a private dining room for the Governor's Reception, our luncheon and Banquet. We also has a separate room available for our morning and afternoon breakout sessions.

Business started with a Board of Assistants meeting late on Friday afternoon which formalized the change to several Historians (Co-Historians). Co-Historian, Carol Scarborough, announced she would not be seeking re-election next year due to health issues.

The Governor's' Reception on Friday evening gave everyone a change to mingle, relax, and socialize. At the conclusion, many stayed to watch the History Channel movie *Desperate Crossing*, which depicts the journey of our ancestors from the days of persecution in England, to Holland, and thru the first few years in Plymouth.

Saturday morning, Governor Henson called the General Session to order promptly at 8:30 am, and proceeded with the business of the Texas Society. In the morning, attendees heard the Governor's Report, reports from the Corresponding Secretary, the Historian, and the reports from the Finance and Endowment Committees. Many of the reports were projected on a large screen so that attendees could easily view them.

Attendees had a choice of 2 morning breakout sessions: a Historian Workshop, or an advance look at our new [www.texasmayflower.com](http://www.texasmayflower.com) web site.

The afternoon started with another 2 breakout sessions: a Colony Workshop including the Colony Governor reports, or a live enactment of a Mayflower presentation for school children.

The afternoon General Session included reports from the other Standing Committee Chairmen (By-Laws, Education, Nominations, Publicity and Newsletter). Bart Henson and Pat Howard were elected to be our representatives to the General Society for the next 2 years.

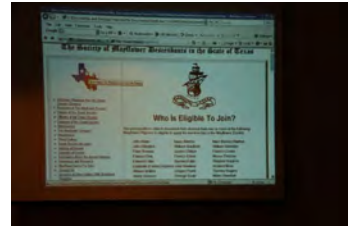
A Memorial Service in honor of our members who passed away in the past 12 months was led by Elder Betty Corcoran. Ron Moranville, DFW Colony Governor, extended an invitation to all to come to Arlington for the 2009 meeting March 27, 28.

Business concluded with another Board of Assistants meeting late Saturday afternoon where the 2008-2009 budget was approved.

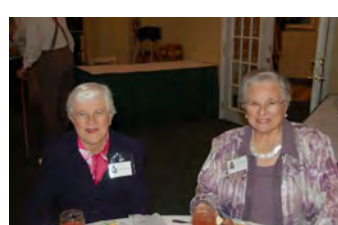
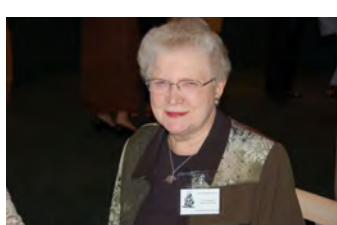
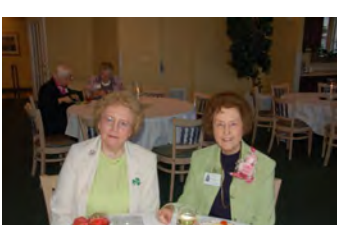
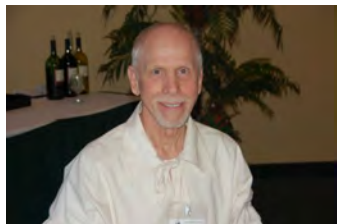




Photos from the 2008 Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi



Ross Shipman received the Annual Award for Distinguished Service to The Texas Society



**Motions from the 2008 Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi****Board of Assistants Meeting****April 4, 2008**

1. The Governor called for ratification of the creation of the position of co-historian and the appointment of Nancy Vrengde to that position. Pat Howard moved that the ratification be approved. Motion was seconded and carried.
2. Pat Howard moved the election of Nancy Vrengde to the position of Co-Historian. Motion was seconded and carried.
3. A motion was made by Ron Moranville to endorse the establishment of two Ad Hoc Committees, Membership Committee and Scholarship Committee. Motion was seconded and approved.

**Annual Meeting**

April 5, 2008

1. Leah Davis moved the acceptance of the minutes, approved by committee, of the Annual Meeting in 2007. Motion was seconded and approved.
2. Nomination Chairman Jerry Dalton reported the nominations of Bart Henson to fill the Deputy Governor General position and the name of Pat Howard to fill the position of Assistant General. Motion was approved.
3. DeWitt Alsop moved the endorsement of the members who signed up as being interested in attending the Triennial Congress in Plymouth. Motion was approved.
4. A motion was made by Charles Prince to accept the invitation from the Dallas/ Fort Worth Colony to host the 2009 Annual Meeting. Motion was accepted.

**Board of Assistance Follow Up Meeting****April 5, 2009**

1. Ron Moranville called for the question on the budget. Motion was made to accept the revised budget. This was seconded and approved
2. Peggy Jared moved that we send \$1000.00 from the projected net gain and submit, promptly, to Plymouth a check in honor of the 2008 award recipient.
3. Ron Moranville moved to amend the motion by Peggy Jared by sending both contributions, totaling \$2,000 to Plymouth, to recognize the 2007 and 2008 award recipients. Motion was seconded and approved. This motion nullified the motion by Peggy Jared. (Recipient for 2007 was Deborah Werner, recipient for 2008 is Ross Shipman).
4. Minutes of the April 4, 2008, BOA meeting were read and approved as amended.



## Officer E-Mail Addresses

Have you ever wanted to e-mail one of our Texas Mayflower officers, but could not remember their e-mail address? So many names to remember, so little consistency! To make that easier we have created "officer e-mail addresses" for all of our officers, committee chairmen, and Colony Governors.

For example, to contact our Texas Society Governor, just send your e-mail to [governor@texasmayflower.com](mailto:governor@texasmayflower.com). Your e-mail will automatically be forwarded to the then-current governor.

As different members fill these positions, we will take care of making sure that your message goes to the new officer.

The officer e-mail address are:

- OFFICER-NAME@texasmayflower.com  
 where OFFICER-NAME is one of the following:
- governor, deputygovernor,
  - recordingsecretary, correspondingsecretary,
  - historian, treasurer, captain, elder,
  - counselor, audit, finance, webmaster, awards,
  - education, bylaws, juniors, library,
  - nominations, yearbook, publicrelations,
  - publications, newsletter, endowments
  - boa (all BOA members)
  - officers (all elected officers)
  - governors (all Colony governors)

Colony Governors and BOA member e-mail addresses are:

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  - and [boa@COLONY-NAME.texasmayflower.com](mailto:boa@COLONY-NAME.texasmayflower.com)
- where COLONY-NAME is one of the following:
- amarillo, centraltexas, corpuschristi, dfw,
  - houston, sanantonio, tyler, waco.

Confused? Contact [webmaster@texasmayflower.com](mailto:webmaster@texasmayflower.com).

## Discussion Group

At the recent Texas Society Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi, Leah Davis asked if we could set up a Texas Mayflower Discussion Group so that our members could communicate electronically with each other between meetings.

The discussion group is at [texasmayflowerall@yahoo.com](mailto:texasmayflowerall@yahoo.com). It does require you to have a yahoo.com user id, but that does not require you to use yahoo for e-mail or anything else.

To subscribe just send an e-mail to [texasmayflowerall-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:texasmayflowerall-subscribe@yahoo.com)

## Howdy Pilgrim! Our new texasmayflower.com Website

Our texasmayflower.com website has been totally redone, with a new look and feel, rewritten content, a new section featuring Articles from Texas Authors (especially our own Ross Shipman), and a Photo Gallery with photos of Society and Colony events.

Check it out at <http://www.texasmayflower.com>.



## Membership Records Archiving Project

It's a fact of nature—paper documents deteriorate over time. At the 2008 Annual Meeting the members and Board approved a project to Archive and Preserve our membership applications and the documents associated with them. The objectives of the project are to preserve our documents while making them easier to use for our Co-Historians. At the same time, we must maintain the confidentiality of all personal information.

The intent is to create an easy-to-access electronic version of the records on DVD disks, and store the original paper records in a secure archival facility for long term preservation. The disks would only be available to the Governor, the Co-Historians, and the Archivist.

The General Society and all of the State Mayflower Societies were contacted to see what they are doing to address this common issue. The approach we are taking reflects the best recommendations of those who have already started.



### Milestone—our 1,000th Junior Member



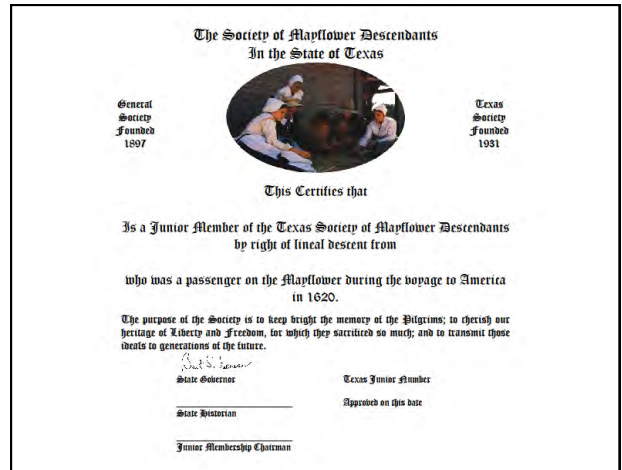
Proud Grandmother Kay Miller, with (left to right), Wyatt Rae, Hannah Kerr, and Harley Rae.

The Texas Society reached a significant milestone this past spring when Texas Junior number 1,000 was issued to Hannah Kerr. Hannah was one of 5 New Junior Members approved at the same time. The others are: Wyatt Rae, Harley Rae, Lindy Patterson, and Everett Pendleton.

In most cases, applying for a Junior Membership is relatively simple. Start by requesting an application from the Corresponding Secretary. The fee is \$15. The Junior must be sponsored by an adult member in good standing of the Texas Society who is related by blood to the prospective Junior. If the Junior membership is based on a "more recent" (after 1987) adult application, then minimum documentation is required. If the Junior transfers to an adult member between ages 18 and 25, the transfer fee is only \$60.



Everett Pendleton



Texas Mayflower Society Junior Member Certificate

### 2008 Membership Highlights— as of 5/31/2008

Number of Active members .....	957
Number of Junior members .....	455
New members approved in 2008 .....	16
New member applications received in 2008 .....	26



**New Members**

*We are happy to greet these new members since the Spring 2008 Newsletter.*

GS Numb	TX Numb	Name	City	Ancestor
78546	2593	Hunt, Elizabeth Christine Mullen	Houston, TX	William Brewster
78547	2594	Hunt II, Andrew William	Houston, TX	William Brewster
78586	2595	Larsen, Aaron Garrett	North Richland Hills	William Bradford
78587	2596	Haney, Scott Charles	Yuma, AZ	William White
78765	2597	Adams, Barbara Elliott	Austin, TX	Stephen Hopkins
78780	2598	Cleveland, Betty Newport King	Ft. Worth, TX	John Howland
78963	2599	Hunt, Crawford Emmett	St. Petersburg, FL	William Brewster
78964	2600	Klotz, Sara Leslie Stone	Katy, TX	John Howland
78965	2601	Anders, Barbara Ann	Katy, TX	Stephen Hopkins

**Junior Members**

996	Pendleton, Everett Sumner	John Alden
997	Patterson, Lindy Nicole	Myles Standish
998	Rae, Wyatt James	Myles Standish
999	Rae, Harlee Morgan	Myles Standish
1000	Kerr, Hannah Jaycie	Myles Standish
1001	Perreault, Carson Patrick	Myles Standish
1003	Wells, John Worley	Francis Cooke
1004	Shappell, Elizabeth Whitten	John Alden
1005	Shappell, Haden Miller	John Alden
1006	Bond, Jared Timothy	William Brewster
1007	Bond, Kendall Nicole	William Brewster
1008	Bond, McKenna Brooke	William Brewster
1009	Cavett, Courtenay Sarah	William Brewster

**Transfers In**

*The Texas Society is happy to welcome these members who have transferred in from other states since the Spring 2008 Newsletter.*

No transfers.

**In Memoriam**

*The Texas Society is blessed to have known these members who will be memorialized at the Memorial Service in Arlington.*

65507	2014	Maxwell Cobb Kirkpatrick, died 24 Feb 2008
39738	985	Margaret Egerton Florance, died 25 Apr 2008 (not active member at time of death)
40757	1032	Katherine Winton Kline, died 23 May, 2008 (not active member at time of death)
56437	1526	Peggy Rice Grosser died 27 Dec, 2007 (member of San Antonio Colony)
55803	1489	Charles William Geelan, died 9 Feb 2008 (Member of Waco Colony)



**2009 Annual Meeting**  
March 27-28, 2009—Arlington

The next annual meeting will be hosted by the DFW Colony commencing on March 27, 2009.

It will be at:

Crowne Plaza Suites  
700 Avenue H East  
Arlington, TX 76011 (817) 394-5000.

The **Crowne Plaza Suites Arlington** is a newly renovated suites hotel located 2 miles from the **Arlington Convention Center** and suites hotel located 2 miles from the **Arlington Convention Center** and 20 minutes to either Dallas or Fort Worth.



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