The Spring 2009 Luncheon will take place at the Woodstock Country Club at 1301 W. 38th Street in Indianapolis. The film 1621—Beyond the Myth of the First Thanksgiving which was produced by Plimoth Plantation will be shown. This film includes a re-enactment of the first harvest gathering that gave rise to the holiday we celebrate today, fully exploring the perspective of the Wampanoag at the time. Q and A will follow the showing of the film. Here is your chance to ask questions concerning the first Thanksgiving.

Menu for the Spring luncheon buffet will include spring mixed green salad with dressing, fruit salad, salmon with raspberry glaze, beef burgundy tips, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls, and assorted desserts. Cost of the spring luncheon will be $25 for adults or $15 for children (12 and under). Pre-paid reservations are due by Wednesday, April 15 and can be mailed to Robert Hessong, 5512 Fall Creek Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46220-5021. Cancellations are required by April 15 and can be made by contacting Robert Hessong, 317-257-6958.

Scholarship Winners—submitted by Don Hattin

With great pleasure the Scholarship Committee of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants announces 2009 awards to two outstanding young scholars.

A scholarship in the amount of $1500 has been awarded to Jennifer Provost of Indianapolis, IN, who is a senior at Brebeuf Jesuit College Preparatory High School in Indianapolis. Jennifer has been accepted for admission at Ohio Northern University in Ada, OH where she will major in pharmacy. Long-term plans include medical school and a career in pharmacy or medicine with organizations which furnish medical assistance to people in impoverished parts of the world. Jennifer is the daughter of ISMD member Charles Provost.

A scholarship in the amount of $2500 has been awarded to Andrew Smith, who is a senior at David G. Farragut High School in Rota, Spain. Andrew has been accepted for admission at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY where he will major in microbiology. Long-term plans include medical school, with specialization in infectious diseases within the U.S. military followed by work with Doctors Without Borders. Andrew is the grandson of ISMD member Janet Smith.

Each of these applicants has compiled a notable record of academic, extracurricular and service activities while in secondary school, and the Indiana Society is happy to honor them with these awards.
Governor’s Message
By Jack Buck—Indiana Society Governor

I find it difficult to comprehend the hardships and sacrifice that our ancestors endured with the vision of creating a better life, not only for themselves but also their descendants. It’s difficult to imagine how different our lives might be had they not set sail on the Mayflower. I hope our ancestors would be proud of our efforts to continue their story and legacy.

The Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants is a growing, vibrant organization. For that we can thank our past leaders and volunteers. We have great officers and board members, and it is my pleasure to work with them to continue the momentum and progress we have established. Additional volunteers are always needed, and I encourage each of you to get involved, it’s a great group to work with.

Our society continues to grow as we consistently add new members. Our Pilgrim in the Schools program is continuing to develop, and we are becoming more focused in our efforts to help promote this story to the various school systems. We are excited that we have been able to grant 36 college scholarships in recent years. The membership database has proven to be a great asset to our organization, helping to solve the problem of tracking our membership. Overall, the organization is in good shape, both financially and organizationally.

I hope to see everyone on April 18.

With kindest regards,
Jack Buck
Governor

Meet the Editor—Linda McGlothlin

It is an honor for me to serve as your editor. Genealogy and research are two avocations of mine—I can still recall the day when I found that our family can trace their roots back to William Brewster, a Pilgrim on the Mayflower. It was through the helpful hints from Lynne Orvis and the diligence of Marilyn Phillips who was Historian at the time, that I officially was able to join the Mayflower Society in 2003. And, not only myself, but also my mother Marguerite Deckert, my sister Karen Mitchell, and my two daughters Amanda Cash and Rachel Hill.

A highlight for me was serving as a delegate at the Triennial Congress meeting in Plymouth in September of 2008. The road trip with Marilyn Phillips, her daughter Diane and Diane’s husband Kent Shirley was most rewarding. While walking in our ancestors’ footprints, we visited several cemeteries along the way. If you have a chance, I would hope that each of you could spend a few days in Plymouth. The experience will certainly make history come alive for you and will make you appreciate the hardships that the Pilgrims overcame.
Judith Swan
Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Judy Swan was born on Martha’s Vineyard, the younger of two children of Marvin and Ruth (Cleveland) Haddock and at a young age moved to Arizona. She was employed by the state of California for twenty years and held an Administrative Services Manager position in the College of Education Department at the California State University in Long Beach. She has served on many task forces and search committees there, and was appointed to the President's Commission on the Status of Women in 1995. Judy holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master’s degree in business. In the area of community service, she served for several years on the Community Services Commission for Huntington Beach, including the position of Vice-Chair. Judy belongs to many lineage and patriotic societies and is an officer in many of them. The Mayflower Society was the first Society she joined and was the real beginning of her interest in family history research. Judy took out dual membership with the Canadian Society in 2002.

(from Canadian Pilgrim newsletter, March 2009)

Leiden—400th Anniversary to Commemorate the Pilgrims’ Arrival, 1609-2009

Dr. Jeremy Bangs is pointing to the ruins of the Vrouwekerk (Our Lady’s Church) in Leiden, the Netherlands where our Pilgrim ancestors worshipped. Dr. Bangs lives in Leiden and serves as curator of the Leiden Pilgrim Museum. He will be placing a bronze plaque at the site of the Vrouwekerk honoring our Pilgrim ancestors. The plaque will be in English as well as in Dutch. In Pilgrim times, the Vrouwekerk was a Huguenot Church. Francis Cooke and Hester Mahieu were married here in 1603, and their nephew Philippe de la Noye (Philip Delano) was baptized here the same year.

To commemorate the 400th anniversary, there will be a major Pilgrim exhibit in the Leiden Municipal Museum opening May 1, 2009 which will include paintings from the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, 10th & early 20th century images of Holland, early photographs of Plymouth and other 17th century paintings. Other events include two concerts and a symposium on the Pilgrims.

(from www.sail1620.org & The Delano Kindred, Inc.)

November 2008 Luncheon

One of the many tables at the fall 2008 meeting:
Bonna McQuiston-wife of Robert Marr, Robert Marr-Past Governor, Jane Stigleman-Past Corresponding Secretary and Graham Morey-Treasurer

Governor Jack Buck with speaker Kathleen M. Wall of Plimoth Plantation

Door Prize Winner
Martin Mitchell, husband of Mayflower member Karen Mitchell
Martin received a free lunch.
New Members October 2008 through March 2009
From Historian Lynne Orvis

Ancestor: ALDEN
Mary Elizabeth Harper
Indianapolis, IN
Approved: 3 Feb 2009

Bill Don Jackson
Evansville, IN
Approved: 20 Feb 2009

Ancestor: BREWSTER
Dorothy Jean (Cramer) Maffit
Greenwood, IN
Approved: 23 Dec 2008

Ancestor: DOTY
Tiffany Rene Benedict Berkson
Indianapolis, IN
Approved: 25 Feb 2009

Ancestor: HOPKINS
Linda Gail (Pickerill) Rawlins
Evansville, IN
Approved: 12 Jan 2009

Patricia Marie (Elliott) Gleason
Angola, IN
Approved: 27 March 2009

Supplemental Approved
Ellen Kay (Phillips) Eckert
Ancestor: Priest
Approved: 21 Nov 2008

Ellen Kay (Phillips) Eckert
Ancestor: Norris
Approved: 9 Feb 2008

In Memoriam
We have received notification of the deaths of the following members. Our deep condolences go to the families and friends of each of these Pilgrim “cousins:”

James Richard Sutton
Marion, IN
10 Nov 1930 - 20 Mar 2008
Ancestor: Edward Fuller
Approved: 4 Jul 1978

Pearl (Steers) Brenton
Indianapolis, IN
Ancestors:
Richard Warren William White
Approved: 11 Feb 1959

New Members
November 2008 Luncheon

Donna Jean Hattin, Marjorie Elizabeth (Macy) Hattin, Mary Charlotte (Gibbs) DeRemer, Sandra Jane Hattin Belth, Elyse Nicole Hilderbrand, Amanda Marie (Caito) Wagner, Melissa Ann Caito, Roger Huntington, Elizabeth Florence (Faye) Lockard
Kevin Stonerock portrays Pilgrim—Update
Submitted by Robert Marr—April 9, 2008

A wonderful gift of $150.00 arrived in the mail from the Indiana Mayflower Society. In speaking with Kevin Stonerock, we learned that the Society supported him as he prepared to travel the state and introduce us to a pilgrim. Kevin has been presenting to our 4th and 5th graders the 15 years I have been at Monmouth. The children are always a respectful and attentive audience because Kevin’s portrayal is so interesting and accurate. Many thanks on behalf of all three elementary schools for the generous donation towards bringing Kevin back next year. Each year Kevin touches the lives of about 270 young people that get a brief glimpse into the past. Please pass our appreciation on to all those involved with this worthwhile honoring of our ancestors.

Sincerely
Michael A. Casper, Principal

Children’s Corner

The Pilgrims’ First Thanksgiving by Ann McGovern. The Pilgrims’ first Thanksgiving lasted three whole days. This simple text by Ann McGovern paired with lovely illustrations by Elroy Freem, introduces children to the struggles of the Pilgrims during their first year at Plymouth Colony and the events leading to the historic occasion we celebrate today. Ages 4-8.

Almost Home: A Story Based on the Life of the Mayflower’s Mary Chilton (Daughters of the Faith Series) by Wendy Lawton. Thirteen-year old Mary Chilton has lived in Leyden, Holland almost her entire life; she was not yet three years old when her family fled England in search of religious freedom. But neither England nor Holland feels like her real home to Mary. She has always longed for a place to truly belong. When her parents decide to join other English Separatists living in Holland who are planning to settle in the New World, she feels a mixture of sorrow at leaving behind friends, neighbors, and her three adult sisters, and joy at the thought that she might finally find a place to call home. But the sea voyage on the Mayflower is long and dangerous, filled with storms and sickness, and the difficulties do not end when they finally reach the New World. Young Adults. Available at bookstores and amazon.com.

Memorial Books Given to State Library in Memory of James Sutton and Pearl Steers Brenton

The Indiana Mayflower recently received the following thank you note:

The Indiana State Library would like to express our gratitude to the Indiana Mayflower Society for your generous gift of John Howland vols 3 & 4. Roberta Booker, Indiana State Librarian

Another note was sent thanking the society for the gift of the Seventeenth Century Town Records of Scituate, MA vol 2; Dr. John Durand of Derby Ct; The Read Family of Salem, MA; and Descendants of Richard Common of Salem, MA & Providence, Rhode Island.
Town Brooke is the water source that first attracted the Pilgrims to the area. Today, this is a park in Plymouth known as "Brewster's Gardens." Originally teeming with fish, the Pilgrims built gates and structures across the river to capture and collect the spawning fish in bucketfuls, which they used to fertilize their corn fields. It was also the Pilgrims' source of water, which they used for everything from boiling water for cooking, to providing water for their livestock and gardens. In the picture at top left, the houses in the background are on Leyden Street, and so represent the approximate location where the Pilgrims built their houses.

When the Pilgrims first arrived at Plymouth in 1620, they allotted 19 lots to the various families along a single street leading from Fort Hill down to the sea. By the end of 1621 they had built seven houses along their street. In modern Plymouth, this "first street" is now known as Leyden Street. The houses and streets are now modern (although some of the houses date to the 18th century), but the property once belonged to the Mayflower passengers and were the original sites of the first houses in Plymouth Colony. The pictures above show Leyden street, looking east, with Fort Hill in the background. In the picture on the left, the house on the right is sitting on property thought to have been first assigned to the Pilgrims doctor, Samuel Fuller; and in the picture on the right, the first white house on the left is thought to be on property originally belonging to Mayflower passenger Peter Browne; though the exact property locations do remain in some doubt. Below are two pictures of Leyden Street: south side of street at left is where the first houses were built. Houses on the north side of street at right were built later. (MayflowerHistory.com, Copyright © 1994-2009, All Rights Reserved)
Fate of The MAYFLOWER

An inventory of the Mayflower was carried out in 1624 at which time the ship was described as being “in ruinis” and was appraised for scrap. The “hull, maste, yards, boate, winles and capsten” were estimated at £50. One set of “sailes” more than half worn were said to be worth £15. The remaining gear consisting of “3 cables, 2 hawseres, the shrowdes, and stayes all more than half wore” were worth £35. Miscellaneous items included “8 muskitts, 6 bandeoleers, and 6 pikes - worth 50 shillings, a pitch pott and kettle worth 13 shillings, 4 pence, and ten shovells worth 5 shillings.” (from Canadian Pilgrim newsletter, Spring 2006)

Captain of the Mayflower and the galley. Can you imagine cooking for 100+ people in this brick oven with fire-pit? Wow, no wonder the Pilgrims suffered from depression! (photos courtesy of Robert Marr)

I wish to contribute to the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants in the following manner:

_____ Enclosed is my $1,000 donation to the Scholarship Fund. My name (or the person I am honoring or both) should appear on the Scholarship Certificate as follows:

________________________________________________________________________

_____ Enclosed is my donation of ________ in support of the Scholarship Fund

_____ Enclosed is my donation of ________ in support of the Pilgrim in the Schools Project

_____ Enclosed is my donation of ________ in support of the Memorial Book Fund

Please make your checks payable to Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants with your preference noted in the memo line, and mail this coupon & check to Graham Morey, Treasurer, 427 Avon Village Parkway Unit 212, Avon, IN 46123-8223.

Remember—your contribution is tax deductible. A receipt from the Society will be issued to the contributor for any donations over $100.00.
Please update us with any changes in your family’s status – change of address, change of name or any deaths. Did you know that if you mail in a copy of a death certificate or obit to Historian Lynne Orvis that it will be forwarded to Plymouth and placed in your family history record?

**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO:**

Lynn Orvis, LynneO@prodigy.net, 317-898-9208
or 1825 Zinnia Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46219-2844

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**Piece of the Rock**

Three pieces of Plymouth Rock were sold on the Internet auction site eBay. It is unclear just how these stony items were authenticated but one brought the seller $2,175. The other two were sold for $609 and $909 respectively. At these prices, it is a wonder that much of the original rock still exists. *(from Canadian Pilgrim newsletter, Spring 2006)*