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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The overnight at Plimoth Plantation has been cancelled for lack of subscription. I am working on other adventures though. One concern was the cost to stay overnight, but that is established by the Plantation. I found that I got every cent of enjoyment out of my overnight adventures. Keep watch for news of the next event.

The Windsor Trading Post search goes on. We are awaiting permission to move onto the Loomis Chaffee School campus with the ground penetrating radar. The site is very elusive, but I feel sure we will find the exact point. More news as this develops.

Thank you to all the CT Mayflower members who braved the cold and rain to visit the *Mayflower II* at Mystic on May 6th. We comprised more than half the group. I was especially impressed with the questions asked by our members – as well as the answers received. This icon is fragile, and it was wonderful to watch these young men installing new decking in the Captain's cabin. There were pieces that had been removed, piled outside, or waiting to be taken to an archival storage area. The rot and decay was so evident after sixty years.

I am going to ask all of you to save a penny (or another coin) in a cup each day until October 29th. That is the date of our fall meeting. If we combine our coins at that time, Connecticut members can make a goodly contribution to the completion of

the *Mayflower II*'s repairs. I am hoping we can raise \$400 for the 400 years we will be celebrating soon. I am going to challenge the other forty-nine states and Canada to do this also. You don't have to limit your contributions to coins; folding money will be accepted too. If you would like to send a check instead, make it out to CT Mayflower Society and note that it is for *Mayflower II*. Send this to David Grant, 2 Sybil Creek Pl, Branford, CT 06405. I will see that we have a page on our website where donors will be listed. Think "a penny for a plank."



We are very thrilled with the response to our latest meeting raffle. Six hundred dollars was raised for our scholarship fund. I am especially thankful to Sandra Lynch for the beautiful quilted, knitted, and sewn projects she donated. Hours of love went into her contributions. Thank you, Sandra. There were also books, several bottles of wine, candy, spring bulbs and too many other things to list. If you care to make a donation to the table, we would appreciate it. Could we top the \$600?

Sincerely,

Mary Brown

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Kenneth August Erling, Stafford, CT
Brianna Michelle Kinnie, Griswold, CT

Descendant of William White

Julia Janosi, Stonington, CT

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Farmer
November 2014

Roger Wickers
July 2015

Sylvia Dunn
October 2015

Earle Lewis, Jr.
October 2015

Sadie O'Keefe
October 2015

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our deceased members. May God be with them on their final voyage.

2020 Logo Depicts the Voyage of the *Mayflower*

With the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower* occurring in the year 2020, we have a unique opportunity to educate current generations about the trip our ancestors undertook in 1620. As part of the 2020 celebration, the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants has approved the following logo to help educate the public on the voyage of the *Mayflower*.



The logo utilizes the 0's in 2020 to show parts of the globe; England, where the *Mayflower's* voyage originated, and New England, where the voyage concluded. The logo is geographically correct and shows the ship traveling east to west, from England to New England.

We have created a selection of moderately priced quality items that display the logo, which make excellent Christmas gifts. The products are available on our website CTMayflower.org. The proceeds from each purchase help our scholarship fund

New Item Available

This 2020 license plate frame will be available for sale on our on-line store at <http://www.ctmayflower.org/store.php>. The price is \$15.



BREWSTER DESCENDANTS AND OTHER CONCERNED MEMBERS

The Brewster Neck Cemetery is the site of Jonathan Brewster, his wife Lucretia, and several of the children's burial. Jonathan's stone is deteriorating with the weather conditions. Benjamin and Ann's stones are fallen on the ground. Fred Burdick, Mayflower Society member and Brewster descendant is forming up the bases for the fallen stones and will raise them. Lucretia's stone is fine. Jonathan's stone requires professional services to the tune of \$2000. We have several donations from the Brewster Society and some of our CT Mayflower members. We are short about \$500. Can you see your way to make a donation of any size to help us restore Jonathan's stone? Kindly send your check with notation that is for the Brewster project to David Grant, 2 Sybil Creek Pl, Branford, CT 06405. Thank you very much.

2016 Scholarship Winners

Each year *The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut* awards three scholarships of \$1,620 each. Any high school senior graduating from a CT secondary school, public or private, and who is a resident of CT is eligible for these scholarships. One need not, however, be a member of the CT Society of *Mayflower* Descendants. With reference to the Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham and Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg scholarships, special consideration will be given to applicants who are either members or junior members of the CT Society, or who are the child or grandchild of one of our members. These applicants need not be CT residents. Academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement and community service are considered in the review of each application.

Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham Scholarship

Miss Brianna Kinnie
Griswold, CT

Brianna attends Griswold High School where she is an honors student with a SAT score of 2020 and is ranked second in her class of 134 students. She is a junior affiliate member of our society and plans to major in neuroscience in biomedical engineering in college. She has won honors as a participant in her high school's wrestling and track and field teams and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg Scholarship

Mr. Matthew Varnum
Bristol, CT

Matthew attends Bristol Central High School where he is an honors student. He is involved his high school's cross country and track and field teams. He plans to major in biology, eventually becoming a physician's assistant. He is an active member in his school's leadership group and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Jordan Konov Scholarship

Miss Mary Di Buono
Groton, CT

Mary attends Robert E. Fitch High School in Groton, CT and is an honors student with a SAT score of 2000 and ranked eighth in her class of 248 students. She plans to major in biochemistry with the goal of becoming a pediatrician. She is also active in many activities including the Fitch Chamber Choir, where she is soprano leader, and the National Honor Society.

Some Words from the Scholarship Winners ...



Hello, my name is **Brianna Kinnie** and I am a senior at Griswold High School. I just recently enrolled in UConn's Honors Program and will attend at Storrs this upcoming fall semester. As of right now, I am interested in studying cognitive

science, neuroscience, and biomedical engineering. I want to be able to study the brain and research different medical conditions such as Alzheimers.

I would like to thank Mr. Warner, the scholarship committee, and everyone else involved for this generous award. I am very humbled to be receiving this scholarship today and so I wish to convey my upmost appreciation and gratitude. To the family of Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham, I extend further thanks for continuing the Pilgrim legacy in such a way that allows students to have new opportunities, much like the Pilgrims had when they crossed

the Atlantic in search of freedom of religion and escape persecution.

I myself am a descendant of the *Mayflower* passenger, Richard Warren. I am a third-generation affiliate of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Connecticut, with both my father and grandfather as my predecessors, and have just recently been given membership status this past winter. I had been a junior member for many years prior to this and have always enjoyed participating in the Art and Writing contests. Family history and genealogy have been prevalent in my childhood because of my father, so it does not escape me how important it is to know where your roots are and who your family is.

We may not have more continents to explore but by furthering our educations, it opens up new worlds for the current generation as new discoveries, new inventions, and new ideas are put forth. I want to thank all of you for instilling this belief and thank you for this opportunity given to me to pursue this new world.

Thank you.

Good afternoon, everyone, my name is **Matthew Varnum** and I'm a senior at Bristol Central High School. I am very honored to accept this scholarship on behalf of my family as well as my community. I would like to start off by thanking the Society of Mayflower Descendants for their generosity and for selecting me to receive this award.

I would also like to thank my parents, Dad and Jeannette. You two have molded me into the person worthy of speaking here

today. Your everyday commitment to make me a better man has allowed me to prosper thus far in life and for that I cannot thank you enough.

With the tools that I've been given, I plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology at Central Connecticut State University. After that, I hope to obtain my master's degree to become a physician's assistant. It is amazing to have groups such as the Society of Mayflower Descendants that give students like myself a shot at fulfilling their dreams.

As I further my education, I hope I can represent this organization in the best manner possible. Once again, thank you

for selecting me to receive your scholarship.



Mary DiBuono: I am from Groton and I am a senior at Robert E. Fitch High School. I will be attending Mount Holyoke College this fall. It is a private, small liberal arts, all-women's college in South Hadley,

MA. I plan to major in biochemistry, minor in psychology, and follow the pre-med track. I would like to go into pediatrics, and as of right now, I am highly interested in pediatric cardiology

specifically. Mount Holyoke will provide me with a world-class education and will allow me to develop a strong voice as a woman in the medical field.

All of us here today know that college is expensive. It isn't easy to find the funding for such a great education. Incredible education and opportunities cost an incredible amount of money. It is for this reason that I would like to thank The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut today. You have helped me to better afford the higher education I am pursuing in order to succeed in this world. I cannot express my appreciation enough. You have made my journey to success more economically feasible. Thank you so much for your time and generosity.

Leave a Legacy

Our scholarship program has assisted many students over the years. We have raised enough funds through donations, bequests and raffles to endow three annual scholarships of \$1,620 each. Our goal is to raise sufficient funds, through the sale of 2020 materials, to assure that each of the scholarships could be renewable for one year. An additional year of assistance with college costs would mean a lot to a young person. Please consider remembering the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Fund in your will. Be remembered along with Mrs. Henry G. Isham, Bernice A. Livingston Reig, and Jordan Konov as supporters of education and scholarship. Be remembered for your generous gift as you assist deserving students to achieve their education goals. For information on how to create this legacy, please contact David Grant at sybilcreek@yahoo.com. No gift is too small. Thank you.

Help Wanted

Do you have experience organizing events for social, educational or fundraising purposes? We would like to hear from you as we consider events to celebrate 2020. Please submit your experiences and interests to Mary Brown at mbrown06239@gmail.com. Thank you.

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