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OUR GOVERNOR'S GREETING

Thank you all for according me the privilege of serving for the next three years as your 19th Governor. It was a special honor to be installed by Governor General Judith Swan at our annual Compact Luncheon in November, which was attended by seventy-five members and guests. Governor General Swan was elected to lead the General Mayflower Society in September, 2008 and has initiated several important and ambitious projects, including adding a sixth generation to the *Five Generation* project and establishing a Women of the Mayflower project to research, further identify, and grant greater recognition to those courageous ladies. Her talk, *Women of the Mayflower*, presented new information and insights into the hardships and challenges they faced.



We are also privileged to have several new members of the Board of Assistants who will bring their talents and energies to help guide us for the next three years. Geoff Gamble now serves as our Secretary, John Victor as our Historian, Jim Dorman as our Surgeon, and Louise Roselle as our Assistant who will be co-chairing our Education Committee.

Let me reflect a moment on the extraordinary leadership that my predecessor, Past Governor Christine Crossan, brought to our Society during her stewardship. She energetically tackled such important initiatives as transforming the Society from an unincorporated association to a modern Delaware corporation and reinstating our chartable non-profit tax status in our new entity. Importantly she initiated a program to archive the Society's records and files so that they will be secure, preserved, and accessible electronically by authorized persons. Finally, she led the Society through its Fiftieth Anniversary celebration in 2008, highlighted by a gala Anniversary Compact Luncheon, and continuing with an extraordinary Anniversary Spring Reception at Cooch's Bridge. The Society shall always be indebted to her for her lasting contributions and leadership as our Governor.

Looking ahead, we will be focusing our energies during the coming year in two areas: membership and education. We have a backlog of new member applications which our new Historian has already begun processing and submitting to Plymouth for approval. I am pleased to report that in January alone, three new members have had their papers approved and have now joined us, and eight more new member applications are in the final stages of preparation for submission. Our Historian reports that all applications that had been in a pending status when he assumed office should be submitted to Plymouth in the next several months, and that all new applications will henceforth be processed promptly. With regard to education, we are in the process of updating our education program with new and exciting materials, and our education co-chairs plan to make available these new materials and study guides to fourth and fifth grade teachers in all of Delaware's public and private schools, to keep alive and fresh the story of our Pilgrim ancestors and the important heritage we in America have received from them.

Finally, we are eagerly anticipating our Spring Reception this year that will be held on Sunday, May 23 from 3 to 5pm at the historic Hale Byrnes House in Stanton Delaware, where our Past Governor Kim Burdick and her husband live and serve as its resident curators. Kim will share with us the rich history of this beautiful house while we all enjoy their hospitality and an afternoon of fellowship.

I welcome your suggestions for ways to extend our outreach and better fulfill our mission, and invite you to contact me with your ideas.

Faithfully,

Kai Lassen, Governor

PICTURES AT COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON by ROBIN CROSSAN

PAST GOVERNOR CROSSAN WITH GOVERNOR GENERAL SWAN



NEWLY ELECTED DELAWARE OFFICERS



CONVERSATION WITH LUNCH



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WITH NEW JUNIOR MEMBER

WILLIAM KENNETH CROSSAN

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May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen. -John Henry Newman

NEW EDUCATION FEATURE FOR LYNES

Lynes has a new feature. We are proposing a useful way to share one's own discovery of a really great book. Of course, being an historical society, we are predisposed to favor history books. But we like other books as well.

The idea is quite simple. Whenever a member reads a serious book and says, "Wow, this was a great book. Somehow, I would love to share it". Here is a way to share it.

Write a note or send an E-Mail to Susan Bunting or Louise Roselle who are Education Committee Co-Chairpersons. Just list the Book Title, The Publisher, The Author, and a brief description of why you said Wow.

Lynes Education Committee has another value for this idea for sharing. It is to see if there are insights to be gained from our reading that lead to a more complete understanding of how Pilgrim faith, governance, and experience led to various of our national documents and beliefs, and that have established the sense of American Exceptionalism which most people, acknowledge.

Here are two books, as examples of how to share.

"The Island at the Center of the World" - Vintage Books - By Russell Shorto Learn about the history of New Amsterdam from the initial appreciation of its geography by Henry Hudson in 1609, through its evolution into a trading post of the Dutch West India Company, through the regime of Peter Stuyvesant, and its finally becoming New York under the English in 1673.

"Alexander Hamilton" – Penguin Books - By Ron Chernow This is the story of one of Americas "Founding Fathers who began life in the British West Indies; wound up at Kings College where the ferment of the hour involved both Tories and what were called Radicals; served as an officer in the Revolution; author of many of the Federalist Papers; first Secretary of Treasury, and finally killed in a duel.

HELP NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH OUR NEW DOCUMENT ARCHIVAL PLAN

The document archival plan involves two one-time jobs for which help is sought. Our membership applications must be separated from their files and arranged in order by member numbers. Each page must have the member number placed on it for reference. Corresponding member names must then be entered into an electronic spreadsheet with member numbers for reference. This could be done by the same or a different individual and some of this is already available. If you can help, please contact Christine at 834-5393 or christine.crossan@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP TURNAROUND

Following election of our new Historian, John Victor, membership activity has been strong. So far, there have been five new members approved: Kyle John Victor, Ryan John Victor, Joyce Elaine Henson Zoch, Anne Wright Stewart and Leslie Keating Swanson. There are three more being processed by the Historian General and several others close to being ready for submittal. We now need to expand the membership committee in order to provide help and encouragement to others on our prospective members list. Anyone interested should contact Marshall Baker at (302) 426-8580.

PAST GOVERNOR KIM BURDICK HONORED BY SAR

The Board of Managers of the Kirkwood Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented their Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Kim Burdick. Kim was honored for her work over ten years developing the historic trail from Newport, R.I. to Yorktown, VA commemorating the 685 mile march to battle in 1781.

A PRAYER FOR ONES DAILY PILGRIMAGE —By J.Birch

For each step that I might take, Be my guide, O Lord of Life.
For each load that I might bear, Be my strength, O Lord of Life
For each mountain I might face, Be my power, O Lord of Life
For each river that might impede, Be my safety, O Lord of Life
For each place where I might rest, Be my peace, O Lord of Life
For each sunrise and sunset, Be my joy, O Lord of life

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