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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants had a marvelous turnout for the April program. Thank you to all who attended. Paul and Donna Mangiafico did an incredible presentation on celestial navigation for the Education Committee. The meeting ended about 2:30 and Paul was still answering questions at 3:15. This was in addition to our regularly scheduled program, which happened to be on the very interesting topic of Revolutionary War spies. It was especially interesting to hear about the Knowltons of Ashford, CT who were famous as the Knowlton's Rangers. They also served as spies.

I have been doing research into the Windsor Trading Post and hope to have materials ready for you in the not too distant future. If you have knowledge of this topic, please contact me at mbrown@ct.metrocast.net.

We are planning an overnight aboard *Mayflower II* in September. This adventure includes a "ship's boat" tour of the harbor. What an opportunity to experience first-hand what sleeping on the *Mayflower* must have been like. How many times will you have the opportunity to journey in the ship's boat? Please plan on joining us. There is a sign up coupon elsewhere in the newsletter. (If you want to enjoy all of the festivities but not

actually sleep aboard, you could get a room at the Governor Bradford across the street and leave on cat's paws in the late evening. I won't tell.)

One other topic that is important to our society is the preparation for 2020 -- our 400th anniversary. If you would like to serve on this planning committee to make this occasion special throughout the state, please contact me at the email address above. We are planning on a year's worth of events at our meetings and throughout Connecticut.

April's scholarship raffle was a smashing success. If you have anything you would like to donate to the October raffle, please feel welcome to bring it to the meeting. Thank you to all who participate in this worthy cause.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at the October 27th meeting when our Governor General, Bruce MacGunnigle visits. (The coupon for this luncheon will be in the September issue of *Gratings*.) Things are improving in Plymouth, so please come and hear about them. The Education Committee has another innovative display for you to enjoy.



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Descendant of William White

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04/23/2012

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04/12/2012

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07/07/2010

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01/27/2012

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12/10/2011

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11/29/2011

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12/02/2011

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12/07/2010

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05/04/2012

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08/06/2011

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02/16/2012

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05/05/2012

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12/29/2011

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12/20/2011

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

2012 Scholarship Winners

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut annually awards three scholarships of \$1,500 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 be a member of the CT Society of Mayflower Descendants. With reference to the Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham and Bernice Andrews Livingston Reig scholarships, however, special consideration is 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 was given to Nicholas Jugovic of Charlton, MA. He attends Shepard Hill Regional School where he was ranked 15th in a Class of 317. He was on the Junior Varsity Basketball team; a straight A student with an SAT score of 1830; he is a junior affiliate member of this society; and he helps care for his special needs brother. Here are Mr. Jugovic's remarks from the spring luncheon:

"My name is Nicholas Jugovic, and I am a senior at Shepherd Hill Regional High

School in Dudley, MA. I reside in the town of Charlton, MA. I would like to thank the Society of Mayflower Descendants for bestowing the Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham Scholarship upon me. I am not sure if many of you know this, but I am the grandson of Dr. Lavius Robinson, Jr. He attended these meetings, usually with Mary Brown, dressed in a Pilgrim outfit he had specially made. My grandfather got a kick out of telling students that the Pilgrims did not wear any underwear under their pants.

"I'd like to share with you a story that involves my grandfather. My brother, Daniel, has severe disabilities and very much enjoys *The Mayflower Quarterly*. He asks for them constantly and grabs them the minute they come in the mail. Needless to say, Grandpa was happy that Danny loved *The Mayflower Quarterly* so much. He kept him well supplied! Every time Danny saw Grandpa, he asked him for a new *Mayflower Quarterly*, and grandpa usually had one for him! Danny pours through the pages making one assume he reads it very closely and thoroughly. These 'MQs,' as we call them, traveled with him to his school program. So one day at his school program, while he was looking at the MQ, one of the teachers asked him, 'Danny, what are you reading?' Danny replies, '*The Mayflower Quarterly*.' She replies, 'Danny, what is the *Mayflower*?' Danny replied, 'A ship.' Once again impressed with Danny's response,

she decided to take it one step further. ‘Danny, who came over on the *Mayflower*?’ To which my brother replied, ‘Grandpa!’ No one laughed harder at the retelling of that story than my grandfather.

“Now that the ice has been broken a little, I would like to say a few things. To receive this scholarship is such a tremendous honor for me, especially because of how deeply involved my grandfather was in our *Mayflower* heritage and this particular society. If he were here today, he would be very proud. He was a firm believer in education, hard work, and ‘paying it forward.’ In just a few short weeks I will be graduating from Shepherd Hill. In the fall, I will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA, to pursue a degree in engineering. Ultimately I hope to follow my grandfather’s example and live a hardworking and modest life, never forgetting my deeply cultured roots. Thank you again for the honor of receiving one of your scholarships.”

Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Kerry Driscoll of Glastonbury, CT. She attended East Catholic High School in Manchester and was a member of the softball team; was the school’s first chair cellist; was a straight A student with an SAT score of 2220; a junior affiliate member; and a community volunteer. Here are her remarks:

“Good afternoon. I would like to thank the Mayflower Society, Mr. Warner and the scholarship committee for this wonderful scholarship. I am a descendant of John Alden. In June, I will be graduating from East Catholic High School and will be attending Northwestern University in the

fall. At the time, I plan to major in mathematics as a student in Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. I am grateful for your generosity. Thank you.”

Jordan Konov Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Kathleen O’Brien of Shelton, CT., where she was a straight A student (with the exception of one B+) and attained a score of 1860 on the SAT. She volunteered for “Relay for Life” and a summer reading program at her local library. Here are her comments:

“I am honored to be recipient of the Society of Mayflower Descendants scholarship. Receiving such an award from an organization such as this is amazing. The settlers who arrived on the *Mayflower* were an inspiration and a dynamic force in the creation of our country, and I am grateful that I am receiving an award from an organization that reflects their ideals, hard work and dedication.

“I will be attending Marist College in the fall as a communications major. I plan on double concentrating in journalism and public relations within my major. With this degree I plan to become a journalist. I have noticed that the media have become extremely biased and that the truth is nearly impossible to find. Therefore, my goal as a journalist is to present the truth to the people, and as a journalist I will strive to present an unbiased and accurate account of the world and its events.”

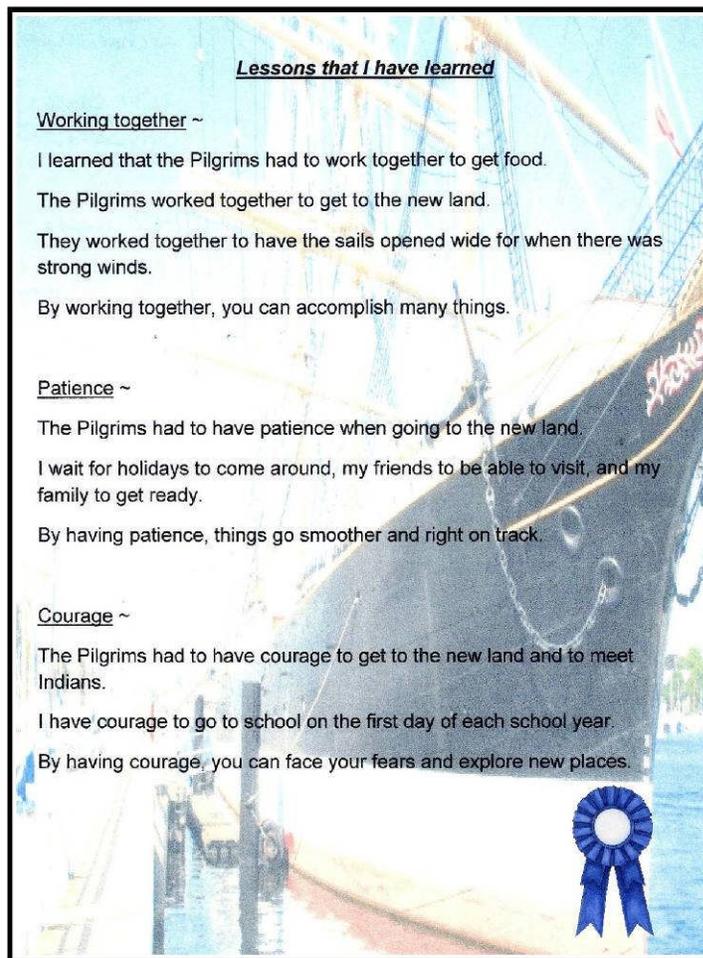


Clockwise from upper left: This year's scholarship winners Nicholas Jugovic, Kathleen O'Brien, Kerry Driscoll. Scholarship chairman William Warner and Lois Johnson appear also.

Left: 2011 scholarship winner Neariah Jarvis, wearing his culinary uniform at Southern New Hampshire University, where his high GPA earned him the honor of being named to the president's list for his first semester.

Art & Writing Contest

**The subject this year was:
“The important lesson(s) I learned from my *Mayflower* ancestor”
Here are the results. Many thanks for the thoughtful and artistic entries.**



Lessons that I have learned

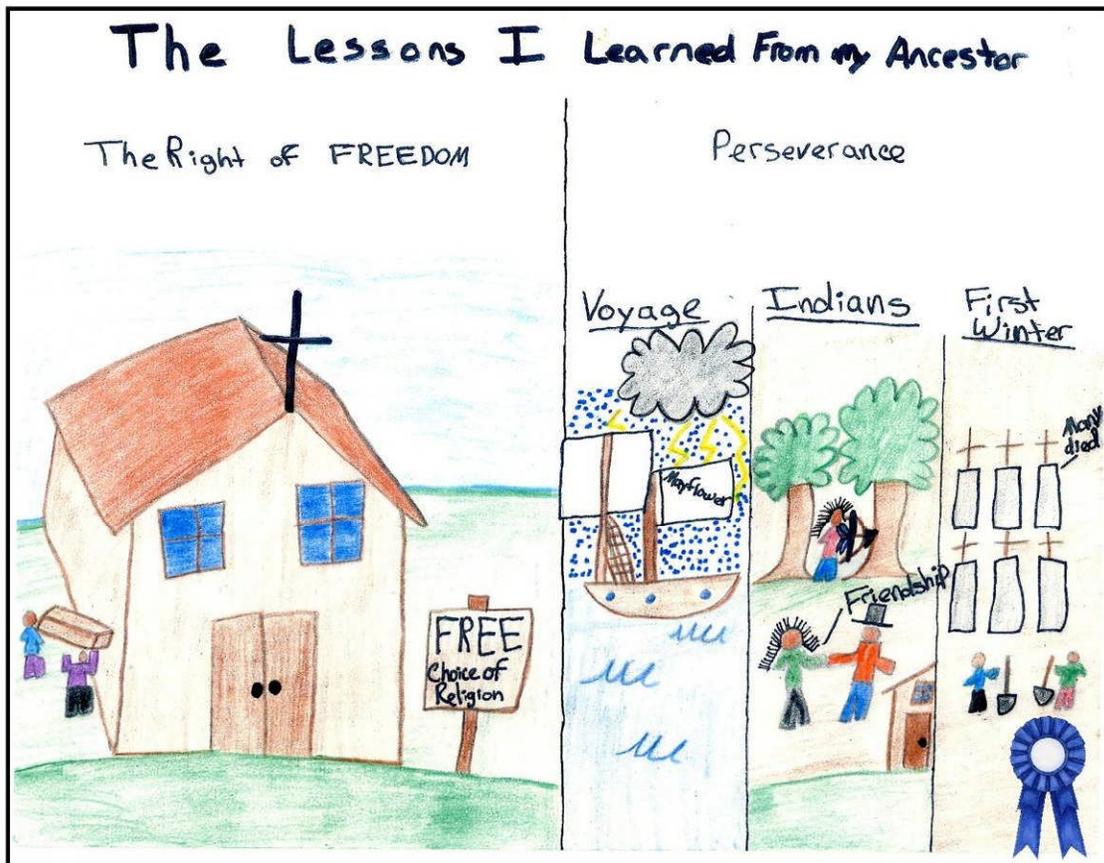
Working together ~
I learned that the Pilgrims had to work together to get food.
The Pilgrims worked together to get to the new land.
They worked together to have the sails opened wide for when there was strong winds.
By working together, you can accomplish many things.

Patience ~
The Pilgrims had to have patience when going to the new land.
I wait for holidays to come around, my friends to be able to visit, and my family to get ready.
By having patience, things go smoother and right on track.

Courage ~
The Pilgrims had to have courage to get to the new land and to meet Indians.
I have courage to go to school on the first day of each school year.
By having courage, you can face your fears and explore new places.



Ben Kinnie, Griswold, CT, fourth grade, learned patience, courage and teamwork from his *Mayflower* ancestor, Richard Warren.



Above: Brandon Kinnie, Griswold, CT, tenth grade, learned freedom of religion and perseverance from his *Mayflower* ancestor, Richard Warren.

Right: Jessica Curello, Cheshire, CT, sixth grade, learned about freedom and perseverance from her *Mayflower* ancestor, George Soule.

May, 4, 1676

Dear journal,

Today was, again, troubling. I could barely hang on to hope. But, for my children I had to be strong. Prayer is the greatest thing that has fallen upon us here. After all that is why I came, to be free. At dinner the family says a prayer and we devour the, small, dinner my wonderful wife made. We are all hungry after a long day of non-stop work. Even the children are busy. I have a feeling though that God will help us through this, and then all will rejoice.

Sincerely,

George Soule

Right: Brianna Kinnie, Griswold, CT., eighth grade, learned perseverance, patience, courage and survival from her *Mayflower* ancestor, Richard Warren.

Below: Mackenzie Turrisi of North Stonington, CT., seventh grade, learned perseverance from her ancestor, Edward Fuller.

Dear Edward,

It has been extremely hard over here in the new country. I really miss England, and you for that matter, but I think I need to just keep on trying. I realized it would be difficult and but I am dedicated on finishing what we've started over here.

I do believe God is on our side though, just the other day there was a retched thunder storm that lasted for what seemed like days, but then it stopped and there was a beautiful double rainbow. On the bible it says God tried to signal man with many lovely double rainbows. I do believe that he is trying to say that no matter what happens there will always be a beautiful "double rainbow" if we keep trying.

I truly believe that if we keep persevering we can gain independence, and maybe we can even build a nation! Even though it is a extremely difficult life it will get better. Things always get better, especially with God on our side. Really though, I believe that even though we have depleted in numbers, if you know what I mean, those of us left here will be able to flourish, we all have the will for it. So all in all, I believe that we need to just keep persevering and life will get better. Maybe the future generations will learn from our perseverance, you never know.

Sincerely,
Rose (Mackenzie Turrisi)



Important Lessons

Perseverance

In England the Pilgrims
Were being condemned for their belief
That was different from England's
And that fact brought no relief.

But the Pilgrims were determined
To remain in their religion
So they boarded a ship called The
Mayflower,
And left for a New World, a chance they
had been given.

The Pilgrims show me that you must carry
on
And never ever show fear.
Instead, you have to stick with your
decision
And trust that your fate will hold dear.

Patience

As the Pilgrims sailed across
The great, the wide Atlantic,
They had no room to run around,
Play sports, games, or kick.

They had no electronics to entertain
No way to soothe their restlessness.
On the two month voyage to America
All they had was patience.

This teaches me to be more tolerant
Of things that take awhile.
For if the Pilgrims were patient during a
long, long trip,
Then I can wait the extra mile.

Courage

As they departed from England's shore
The Pilgrims left behind,

A world of usual normalcy
Traded for a world unidentified.

They braved the ocean's storms and gales
As the sea claimed some lives.
Once landed, they faced sickness, cold,
and starvation,
Enduring snow, sleet, and wind that felt
like knives.

The Pilgrims taught me to have courage
And face my daily fears.
Because if they can dare to start a new
life,
Then I can brave a few tears.

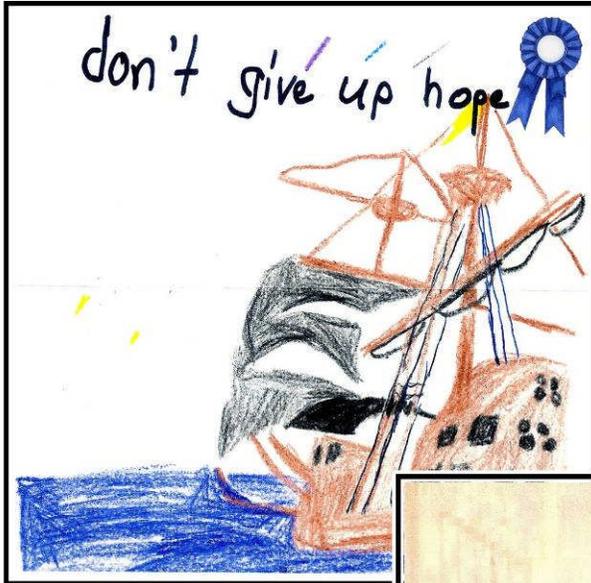
Survival

The Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth's shore
Covered in rock and hill
To get there just in time for winter
That can and will kill

They had to survive the deadly cold
That took so many lives,
But they learned to survive and prosper
So then their colony could thrive.

They taught me that survival is a must
That to do so means you cannot give in
To temptation or overwhelming things
Instead, you must have hope and win.

**These are lessons that the Pilgrims
have taught me
Whether they know it or not.
To survive and persevere and to have
courage and patience
Is just some of the wisdom they
brought.**



Left: Hayden Curello of Cheshire, C.T., grade three, learned never to give up hope from his ancestor, George Soule.

Below: Makayla Kinnie, Griswold, C.T., sixth grade, learned courage, patience and survival from her *Mayflower* ancestor, Richard Warren.

“The lessons I learned”

Verse 1: *The hardships they faced,
On the voyage to a new life,
(PAUSE) It started with the king,
Forcing them to go to his church---*

Chorus: *These are the lessons I learned,
From my ancestor Richard Warren---,
They're the lessons I learned oh---,
The lessons I learned---*

Verse 2: *When they settled on the new land,
They didn't know that the first winter would be harsh,
Indians befriended them and they taught them how to survive---*

(REPEAT CHORUS)

Verse 3: *When they had the Thanksgiving feast,
They thanked the lord for this day,
Which now is a major holiday---*

(REPEAT CHORUS)

Ending: *I learned courage---,
I learned patience ---,
I learned that survival is everything---,
Those are the lessons I learned-----.*

Come aboard the *Mayflower II* For a Unique Overnight Adventure!

September 28, 2012 is the date. We should arrive at 4 p.m. with our bedrolls, air mattresses, etc. An experience of a lifetime awaits you. Supper will be provided — maybe we'll have pizza delivered — and coffee and bagels, etc., in the morning. Restrooms are onsite, but not on the *Mayflower II*. The adventure includes a ship's boat tour of the harbor in the evening. It will be cooler then, better for a great night's sleep. Cost is \$125 per person. Checks should be made out to CTSMD.

Names of those attending _____

Ages if under 18 _____

Telephone number (for last minute details) _____

Send to Mary Brown, 218 Green Hollow Rd., Danielson, CT 06239 by August 15, 2012.

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