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Governor's Message

It was good to see so many of you at our April luncheon. It was encouraging to see over

135 in attendance taking an active part in our Society. Perhaps now is a good time to reflect on what the Connecticut Mayflower Society is all about. As stated in our by-laws the objects of our society are "to perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of our Pilgrim Fathers; to maintain and defend the principle of civil and religious liberty as set forth in the Compact of the Mayflower; to cherish and maintain the ideals and institutions of American freedom; and to transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and steadfastness of will of the Pilgrim Fathers to those who shall come after us, an undiminished heritage of liberty and law."

It is only through active involvement in the activities of our organization that we can accomplish the lofty objectives outlined in our by-laws. To that end I encourage you to become an active member of the Society and, if possible, to volunteer to serve on one of the Society's committees or on our Board of Assistants. Committees include education, scholarship, membership, publicity, newsletter, finance, juniors, hospitality and insignia.

Membership retention is an important aspect of any organization. At the most recent Board of Assistants meeting it was decided to form a membership retention committee under the leadership of Assistant Greg Thompson to reach out to those who have not renewed their membership. Your membership is important to us and I would ask anyone who is not up to date on their dues to please take a moment now and send us a check.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that the Connecticut Mayflower Society is sponsoring this year's Massing of the

Colors on Sunday November 1, 2009 at the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield. Captain Bill Lane and Mary Brown are co-chairing this colorful and patriotic event. I encourage all who possibly can to join us as we reflect on the past and pay tribute to societies who remember our ancestors.

Don Studley,
Governor

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NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR SOCIETY

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN ALDEN

Margaret Bliss, Farmington, CT
R. Bowan Gillie, Westerly, RI
Pamela Whitehead, Yarmouth, ME
Virginia Clark Stern, Salisbury, CT

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC ALLERTON

Geoffrey M. Boyd, Minneapolis, MN

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BRADFORD

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Chloe Oeschger, Plano, TX

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BREWSTER

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Michael Brian Burdick, Groton, CT
Jessica Carr, W. Hartford, CT
Steven Y. G. Christensen, Boise, ID
Ralph L. DePonte, Jr., Westbrook, CT
Janice From Dirksen, Kelowna, BC
Adrienne Jahna, Lake Wales, FL

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES CHILTON

Diane Deysenroth, Danbury, CT

DESCENDANTS OF FRANCIS COOKE

Gladys B. Reil, Litchfield, CT
Jean H. Robinson, Suffield, CT
Adam B. Tamme, Boulder, CO
Mary L. V. McCracken, Selah, WA
William R. Vreugde, Austin, TX

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD DOTY

Roy James Thomas, Pawcatuck, CT

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD FULLER

Susan Rees Jones, East Lyme, CT

DESCENDANTS OF STEPHEN HOPKINS

Otto H. Atkinson, Fairfield, CT
Lisa Wilson Grant, Norwalk, CT
Susan Leninger, Trumbull, CT
Michele A. Nagel, Lutz, FL

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN HOWLAND

Andrew John Church, Atlanta, GA
Bruce W. Church, Lawrence, MA
Carol Hodgkins, Lebanon, CT

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS ROGERS

Erin Conroy Adler, Kingston, TN
Patricia Conroy-Vatalaro, Kailua, HI

DESCENDANTS OF HENRY SAMSON

Elizabeth Mary Whall, Darien, CT

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE SOULE

Matthew Sturgis Fotter, Mandeville, LA

DESCENDANTS OF MYLES STANDISH

Joan Lee Choinski, Enfield, CT
Nicole Ling Nielsen, Mystic, CT
Elizabeth Richards, Wilton, CT

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD WARREN

Allison Rebecca Agliardo, New York, NY
George D. Morton III, Somers, CT
Eric C. Tamme, New York, NY
John R. Vreugde, Boulder Creek, CA
Robert Hendrik Vreugde, Houston, TX

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM WHITE

Gayle Hagegard, Greenwich, CT

IN MEMORIAM

Geraldine Coon	August, 2008
Mary Tourtelotte	May 2008
Marilyn Cruthers	December 2008
Howard Bird, Jr.	2000
Esther Irving	January 2009
Ethel Lombardo	January 2009

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS. MAY GOD BE WITH THEM ON THEIR FINAL VOYAGE.

**THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets
Modified Cash Basis**

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 61,539	\$ 46,578
Investments at fair value	140,500	173,841
Computer equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$9,228 and \$8,050 respectively)	-	1,178
Deposit	200	-
Total Assets	\$ 202,239	\$ 221,597
Liabilities and Net Assets		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Deferred dues revenue	\$ 7,200	\$ 2,900
<u>Net Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted net assets	44,784	35,278
Temporarily restricted net assets	104,210	137,374
Permanently restricted net assets	46,045	46,045
Total Net Assets	195,039	218,697
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 202,239	\$ 221,597

**Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Modified Cash Basis for the Year Ended September 30, 2008
(with comparative totals at September 30, 2007)**

	September 30, 2008 Total	September 30, 2007 Total
Revenues		
Annual membership dues	\$ 28,996	\$ 28,918
Less: General society dues	(17,851)	(17,319)
Net dues	11,145	11,599
Application and other fees	13,495	6,855
Investment income (loss)	(30,730)	7,525
Contributions:		
Scholarships	1,755	1,932
General	2,772	962
Miscellaneous	60	327
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-
Total Revenues	(1,503)	29,190
Expenses		
Board of Assistants:		
Recording secretary	30	-
Treasurer	20	127
Historian fees	4,965	3,150
Historian expenses	3,334	2,125
Scholarship committee	93	35
Membership	900	480
Junior membership	692	269
Total	10,034	6,186
Scholarships and awards	3,750	3,000
Nutmeg Gratings newsletter	4,624	3,751
Board and general meetings	833	1,430
General assistants meeting	-	1,724
Insurance	216	216
Web site	215	215
Depreciation	1,178	835
Miscellaneous	1,305	1,055
Total Expenses	22,155	18,412
Excess of revenues over (under) expenses	(23,658)	10,451
Net Assets, October 1.	218,697	208,246

Welcome to Our New Juniors

Jack August Buttice
Emily Elizabeth Wilder
Isabella Anne Buttice
Maria Madison Wilder
Paul Carl Leninger III
Erick Soren Ericksen
Molly Ann Nichols
Anna Christine Nichols
Hayden Collins
Niall Casey
Katherine Morton
Melissa Morton
Laura Morton

Ashley Kaiser
John Paul Harris
Ann Elisabeth Harris
Arthur Harris III
Samantha Harris
Natalie Jane Harris
Thomas Harris
Patrick Hoerle
Colleen Margit Hoerle
Diana Ann Campano
Nina Reed Campano
Evelyn GraceStone

The 2009 Scholarship Winners

Bridget Hegarty



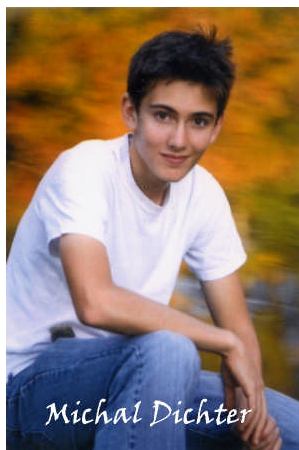
I am a senior at Brookfield High School and plan on attending Cornell University in the fall. My experiences in community service have given me a desire to pursue a career that helps others. I am also very interested in a career that has to do with biology or medicine. I have always been fascinated by science, especially biology. Taking molecular biology in tenth grade, especially learning about genetics, increased my interest. My experiences after being diagnosed with Celiac disease have also influenced my interest in medicine. I have benefited first hand from improvements in medical technology, some even within my lifetime. This has instilled within me a desire to help others by helping to improve technology further. Majoring in biological engineering with a minor in biomedical engineering would enable me to fulfill this goal. Through this career, I would be able to pursue my interest in medicine and biology, as well as help others. The breadth of Cornell's engineering program provides opportunities to explore many areas of engineering, in particular biological and biomedical engineering. I am especially excited by the opportunity to earn a B.S. in engineering and a B.A. in arts and sciences. Cornell's engineering program will challenge me to reach my full potential, and the world-class biomedical facilities and many research opportunities will allow me to explore hands-on my interests in biomedical and biological engineering.

Rachel Glogowski



I am currently a senior at Bristol Eastern High School in Bristol, CT. I plan to attend college in the fall at either Villanova University near Philadelphia or Northeastern University in Boston. At either institution, I would have the opportunity to continue serving the community with a variety of volunteer and service programs. I am interested in pursuing a major in political science or international affairs, paving the way for a possible graduate degree in law. I hope to be part of my college's honors program and participate in a study abroad program. Currently I am in four of my high school's national honor societies, teach a weekly class for a dozen fourth-grade students, and am associate editor of an international journalism group for teens called *Youth Journalism International*.

Michal Dichter



My academic goals are simple, yet ambitious: I want to know as much as humanly possible about the physical workings of the universe; I want to be on the cutting edge of theoretical astrophysics; and I want to play music.

One scientific area is of particular interest to me: the theory of general relativity as it relates to dark matter. Dark matter is particulate matter that cannot be seen with the naked eye and that does not interact with electromagnetic force, but can be observed by its gravitational effect on visible matter. From its observed gravitational effect, it is estimated that this hidden matter composes a majority of our universe. To me, the sheer mystery surrounding dark matter is undeniably compelling and I would be infinitely

enthusiastic to study it in graduate school.

After acquiring an undergraduate degree in physics, I would like to pursue graduate work with a concentration on dark matter (or various other fields in scientific intrigue, here upon which I will not expound). Pursuing education in this area would undoubtedly fulfill my need to be on the forefront of scientific discovery.

However, science is not the only facet of my life. In addition to being a science geek, I am an all-state classical trumpet player and blues guitar player. Music is the color of my otherwise black and white world of numbers and equations. In college I plan to take classes in music performance, theory and production and to participate in the symphonic band, the orchestra or the jazz band.

Although my academic and career goals may seem lofty, I am both categorical and honest in my intentions. To me, a college education is about satisfying my genuine desire for scientific knowledge and musical fulfillment.



Scholarship chairwoman Lois Johnson introduces scholarship winners Bridget Hegarty, Rachel Glogowski and Michal Dichter at the Society luncheon in April.

Scholarship Guidelines

Young men and women who reside in Connecticut and have good grades and well-rounded high school experiences are encouraged to apply for one of our three annual scholarships.

Applications are available from the scholarship committee chairman, Lois Johnson, 10 Holly Lane, Wallingford, CT 06492 (203-269-8870). No Mayflower ancestry is necessary. The application must be returned by March 1, 2010, with all information completed and recommendations included from school officials, along with information about grades and activities. The March 1 deadline enables the winner to receive the scholarship in person at our spring meeting.

Requirements for Applications

- You must be a resident of the state of Connecticut.
- You must be a graduating senior of a Connecticut secondary school, public or private.
- You must have confirmed plans to attend a college or university (copy of letter of acceptance or copy of submitted applications).
- You must provide the scholarship committee with all requested materials. Documentations must be included as part of the application.
- The completed application with all required documentation must be received by Lois Johnson no later than March 1, 2010.
- Academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, community service, and financial need will be considered in the review of each application.
- It is expected, but not required, that the recipient of the scholarship attend the spring meeting of the Society (held in late April) and will speak to the membership.
- Evidence of your acceptance to a college or university is a prerequisite to the actual award.
- The monies will be dispersed at the start of the second semester.



Wow, what a great job you all did on your entries to our first annual art and writing contest! We were all amazed at the level of talent you all possess, and had a really difficult time choosing between all the wonderful entries. In fact, we received so many entries that we had to expand the categories to include two from elementary school. The winning entries are included in this newsletter. We also decided to choose several honorable mention winners whose names are listed below. Congratulations to everyone who participated; we hope you are inspired to join in next year's contest!

HONORABLE MENTIONS TO:

Sierra Bowman

First Grade, Wapping Elementary School, South Windsor, CT

Will Slover

First Grade, The Training Station, Rosamond, CA

Kylie Bowman, Second Grade, Wapping Elementary School, South Windsor, CT

Hannah Crary, Second Grade, Preston Veteran's Memorial School, Preston, CT

Madison Bluth, Third Grade, Renbrook School, South Glastonbury, CT

Gretchen Darche, Fourth Grade, Clayville Elementary School, North Scituate, RI

Samantha Washburn, Fourth Grade, General John Nixon School, Sudbury, MA

Brianna Kinnie, Fifth Grade, Griswold Elementary School, Griswold, CT

The Winning Entries

I Love My Pilgrim Ancestors – and Here's Why!

I love my Pilgrim ancestors for many reasons including how brave they were, how hard they worked, and how they overcame difficult periods of time. My Pilgrim ancestors were amazing.

All of the Pilgrims were extremely brave. They were brave when they climbed aboard the Mayflower and set off to start a new life away from the King of England. Hey knew the king and his army would be furious, but the

Pilgrims were ready to risk their lives for freedom. Everyone, including my ancestors, was sure that it would be a very dangerous journey to find land when they didn't even know where it was. On the boat, many Pilgrims died from starvation and illness. The survivors didn't give up at the sight of their family and friends deaths. They continued on, giving their best to become free from England.

When their little boat, The Mayflower, reached land they saw nothing but trees. But they didn't go back to England like cowards. They named the land Plimoth and set to work. They built houses and a village. When they

met the Indians they were scared, but made friends and shared their possessions. The Pilgrims were very brave.

Also, all of my Pilgrim ancestors were very hard workers. On the Mayflower they gave it their best, sailing the boat, working to keep passengers alive, and not giving up. Quitting was very hard to resist. When they built their village, it took a lot of work to cut down trees, build houses, clear an area for the village, and still be able to care for their families. Children had almost no time to play in between fetching water from the well, taking care of the livestock, milking the cows, and working the fields. Most every father grew crops to feed their families. The Indians taught them how to plant healthy crops by putting fish underneath the seeds to help the corn grow healthier and faster. The mothers knitted clothing, did the laundry, cleaned the dishes, and cooked meals for her family. My Pilgrim ancestors were very hard working.

Finally, the Pilgrims survived and overcame difficult periods of time. The following winter was long and cold. There were no more crops and the food saved from the fall was running low. Many Pilgrims died of starvation and disease. Back then there weren't heated houses so the families had to snuggle together to keep warm. Finally, the winter ended. The snowstorms had destroyed parts of their village and they had to rebuild that. There was almost no food, so they had to hunt two times harder and plant a lot faster. However, my Pilgrim ancestors still believed and were glad England wasn't ruling them anymore. They went to their own church and believed their own religions, not a religion requested by the English. There were thankful for many things, and they had the first Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November. The Pilgrims and the Indians feasted on potatoes, corn, vegetables, fruits and finally turkey. This day really let the Pilgrims believe they had a great life and Thanksgiving became a tradition, or holiday.

It is very clear why I respect the Pilgrims. If they hadn't accomplished all that they did, I would probably be ruled by England right now. I am very thankful and proud of all the Pilgrims, by especially my Pilgrim ancestors.

By: Jacob Harris

Fifth Grade
Willard Elementary School, Berlin, CT
Mayflower ancestor: Edward Fuller
Winner – Grades 4-5

“Mayflower on the Water”

(sung to the tune of “Go Tell it on the Mountain”)

The Pilgrims were from Holland,
They prayed both night and day,
They asked the Lord to help them
Find their way.

Mayflower on the water,
Over the waves and through the storms.
Mayflower on the water,
With four ancestors of mine.

They sailed across the ocean
To find a new land to be free.
They built some shelter, planted corn,
And settled by the sea.

Mayflower on the water,
Over the waves and through the storms.
Mayflower on the water,
With four ancestors of mine.

By: Nathaniel Crary
Second Grade
Preston Veterans Memorial School
Mayflower ancestor: Francis Cooke
Winner – Grades 1-3

I Love My Pilgrim Ancestors And Here's Why

My ancestors are from England
You can see them at Plymouth Plantation
A terrible road that they sailed on so long,
It was nothing like a vacation.
And so, they became the Pilgrims of New England.

They entered in Provincetown Harbor,
And then started their own colonization.
The beginning of America started with-
The Mayflower Compact.

Their long journey for salvation,
Is a reason for memorization,
Of the unsteady but strong, survivors of the
boat ride so long:

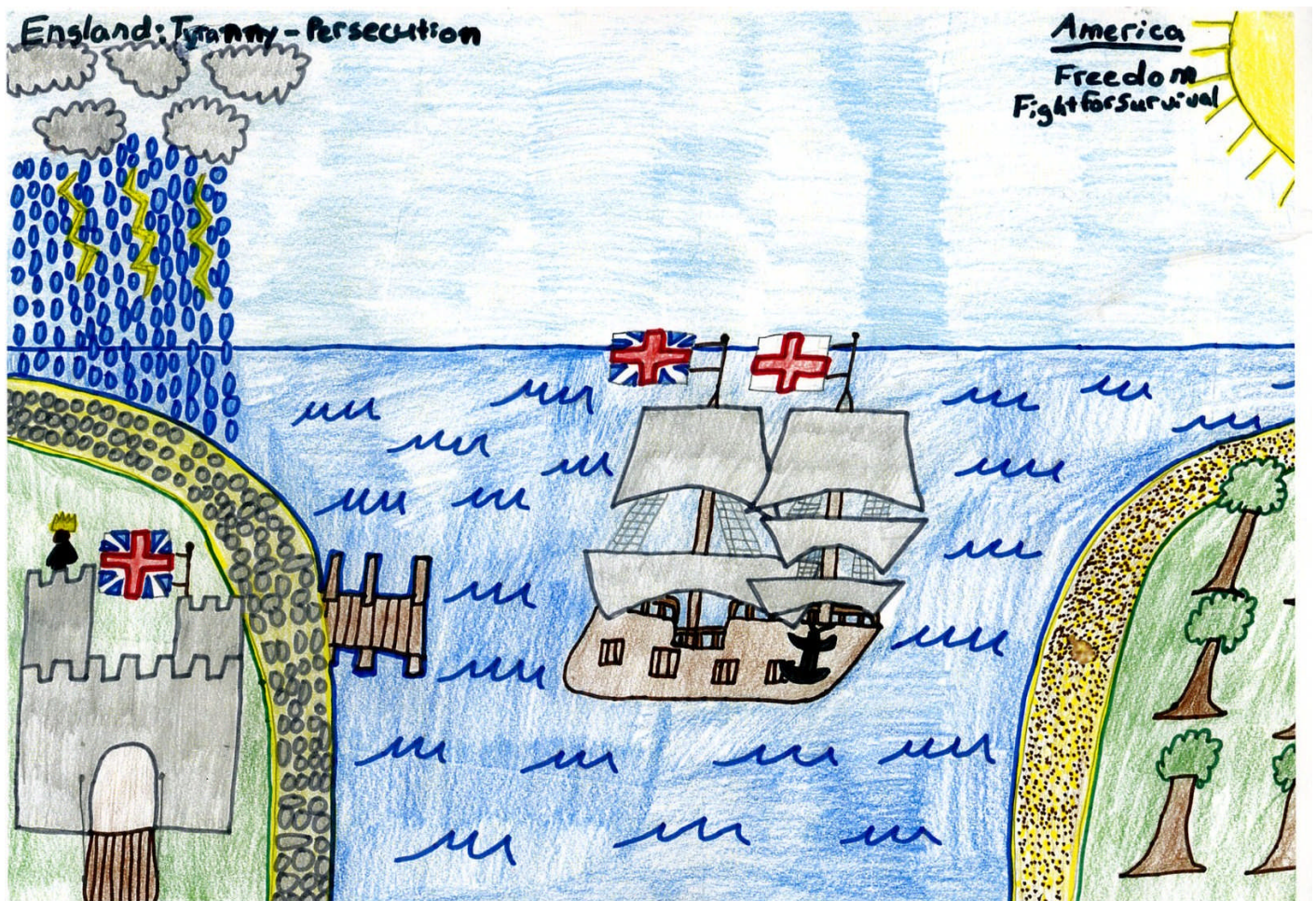
For freedom of religion and anticipation.

They were the pilgrims of America,
And their stories are recreated at Plymouth
Plantation,
Massachusetts is now its location.

The relationship we share,
Is something to be proud of and spare,
Just a little bit of time to not worship but
respect,
Their great deal of a brittle climb,
To start what we favor today.

I love my Pilgrim Ancestors,
Because of them I live in a nation,
Where I can be free.

By: Faith Mangiafico
Tenth Grade
Newtown High School.
Ancestor: Thomas Rogers
Winner Grades 9-12



By: Brandon Kinnie
Seventh Grade
Griswold Middle School
Ancestor: Richard Warren
Winner --Grades 6-8.

Spring Luncheon Photo Gallery



Top left: Elisabeth Edwards presents award certificate to Faith Mangiafico.

Top right: The Kinnie family: Bridget & Courtland with Brandon, Benjamin, Brianna, & Makayla.

Above: Daniel Cruson presents Mark Twain.

Others: Governor Don Studley welcomes some new members to the Society.

