



Nutmeg Gratings

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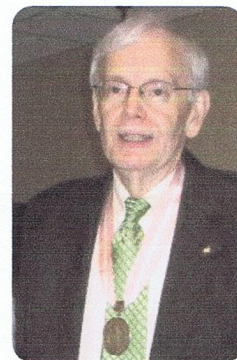
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

As this hot and sultry summer of 2010 comes to a close I hope you will mark your calendars to join us for our annual meeting and luncheon on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Gallery Restaurant in Glastonbury. We are looking forward to welcoming our Governor General Judith Swan, who will be coming from California for the occasion. Besides bringing us up to date on General Society matters, she also has agreed to talk to us about the women of the *Mayflower* which is a topic of special interest to her. She has done extensive research in this area and I am sure you won't want to miss her presentation. I hope you will join us in giving our Governor General a warm New England welcome. More information about our governor and the meeting is contained elsewhere in *Gratings*.

At our October luncheon we will also be voting on several proposed changes to our bylaws that were recently approved by your Board of Assistants. These changes will allow new members who join in April, May, or June of any year to pay half of the annual dues rather than the full year's dues; Junior membership will end at age 18 rather than the current age 25; enrolled Juniors will now be required to pay dues in their first year on the same basis as any other new member, and members of the Board of Assistants who cannot attend a board meeting may give

their proxy to a committee member. Your board gave much thought to these changes and I hope that you will support them with a positive vote at our October meeting.



I would also like to remind all of our members of the annual Massing of the Colors ceremony to be held on Sunday, October 24, at the First Congregational Church in Lebanon. This year's event is being sponsored by the Thomas Rogers Society under the very capable direction of Mayflower's own Mary Brown. Any who have attended this event in the past can attest to the fact that it is a wonderful way to honor our ancestors and to remember the sacrifices that they made in order to make our country great.

Sadly, I would like to note the passing in July of two outstanding members of The Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, Fred Strong and Jack Somers. Fred was a past governor of the Connecticut Society and served for many years on our bylaws committee. Fred had a special interest in the history in his native Woodbury, having been descended from 12 of the town's original 17 settlers.

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