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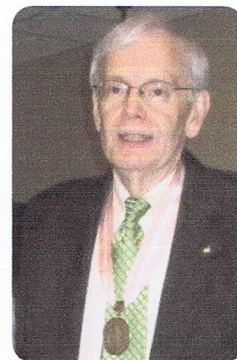
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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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NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR SOCIETY

Descendants of John Alden

David Stanford Beisler, East Haven, CT
Nan Louise Sherbourne Heath,
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Kelsey Eileen Sullivan, Storrs/Mansfield,
CT.

Descendant of William Bradford

Frederick Charles Roecker III, Simsbury,
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Descendants of William Brewster

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Richard Ray Bearse, Seminole, FL.
Henri Miles David, Jr., Old Saybrook, CT.
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Susan B. Windsheim, Woodbury, CT.

Descendant of Francis Cooke

Elisabeth Cloud, Farmington, CT.

Descendants of Stephen Hopkins

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Eva Christine Newell, Seymour, CT.
Shelby Grace Hopkin Vanderlan, Reno,
NV.

Descendants of John Howland

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Anne Chandler, New York, NY.
Carl Fredrik Miller, Hawi, HI.
Jay Richard Ranier, Griswold, CT.

Descendants of Thomas Rogers

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Descendants of Richard Warren

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Nancy Ann Little Stephens,
East Haddam, CT.

Descendant of William White

Joanne M. Decker, Ellendale, DE.

IN MEMORIAM

Colton Bradford, Oct. 2009
Edward Little, Feb. 2010
Pauline Young, Sept. 2009
Carol Kimball, June 2010
Corrine Breed, May 2010
Frederick Strong, July 2010
John H. Somers, July 2010
Lillian Isabel Graveline, July 2010

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

In Memory of Jack Somers

Society historian and old friend Midge Hurtuk looks back on a rich life.



On July 1, 2010, the Mayflower Society of Connecticut lost a dear and valued friend with the death of Jack Somers. He leaves Dorothy, his beloved wife of sixty years, as well as their daughters Linda and Karen, and four grandchildren.

Jack was the Connecticut Historian for ten years, assisted all that time by his good friend Margery Izard. He was on the General Society Technology Committee, conceived and began the massive CT lineage-scanning project, and was on the CT Board of Assistants for more than twenty years. He made many, many friends in the process – other state Historians, the staff in Plymouth, and countless members in CT. Of course, over the years he had also seen good friends go – the best, perhaps, being Bill Murray with whom he travelled to Plymouth, and worked with on the Technology Committee. The last time I talked to Jack, he told me how much he missed Bill. General Historian Caroline Lewis Kardell was another very good friend, and I don't think Plymouth was ever quite the same for him after her retirement.

I met Jack about a dozen years ago. He was just ending a ten-year stint as the CT Historian. Jack had macular degeneration, and as it progressed, his beloved historian work became more and more difficult until he felt it was time to turn it over to others. As Jack mentored, cajoled, reasoned, and coached me into the Historian's job, he was generous with his counsel, kind in his support, and always just a phone call away. Anyone who worked with Jack on his many projects and interests would say the same about him. He gave with his heart and he gave with complete dedication and commitment.

My all-time favorite Jack story also involves Bill Murray. My first Congress was about a year after I became the Historian. Jack and Bill were in Plymouth as well, and one evening after a CT reception at the Sheraton, there was a meeting scheduled for Historians and the Technology Committee at General Headquarters. I offered to drive us all over – in my red convertible with the none-too-generous seating. These two crusty souls insisted that the top go down, so down it went. Jack took the front seat, but Bill, a 6'5" mountain of a man – all ex-military commander and big and tough as a bear – couldn't be squeezed into the back. We piled Jack in the back and stuffed Bill in the front – and these two dignified, professional, proud men had me tool around Plymouth several times before I was allowed go to Headquarters – giggling gleefully the whole way. What an evening! What wonderful men!!

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Jack Somers, cont'd from previous page

Jack was also involved in and proud of his Delano Kindred associations. He served as vice president for two terms organized the historian's position collecting much of the history and memorabilia for the kindred, organized the Mystic Seaport reunion, and served on many committees wherever he was needed. He and Muriel Curtis Cushing, the longtime *Mayflower* historian in FL, became wonderful friends through their shared Delano family relationship.

While we mourn our loss to the Mayflower Society – Jack was much more than just “Mayflower.” He served as a U.S. Marine during World War II, worked for many years as the territory manager for Cincinnati Milacron, and after his retirement, was on staff at the planetarium at Mystic Seaport, and served on the advisory board of the New London Salvation Army.

We have lost a dear friend and we mourn with Jack's family as we also celebrate his life – a life that enriched so many of ours.



Governor's Message, cont'd from page 1

He was Woodbury's town historian and wrote several books about Woodbury history. He gave a lifetime of service to the town of Woodbury and to the Connecticut Mayflower Society, and he will be greatly missed.

Jack Somers was a member of our Board of Assistants at the time of his death and formerly served as Historian of the Connecticut Mayflower Society. Jack was a great asset to this Society and a great ambassador of good will to prospective members. He was always warm, welcoming and helpful and his passing leaves a void in our Society that will be hard to fill. I hope that you will read the loving tribute to Jack written by our current historian, Midge Hurtuk in this issue of *Gratings*. We extend our warmest condolences to the Somers and Strong families.

Don Studley, Governor

**Governor General Judith Swan
To Be October Luncheon Speaker**

*Interview by Elisabeth Edwards &
Mary Agliardo, Editors*

We are excited to announce that our guest speaker at the upcoming October luncheon will be none other than the Governor General of the General Society of *Mayflower* Descendants, Judith (Judy) Swan. We will all have the opportunity to meet her at the luncheon, but in the meantime we thought we might ask a few “getting to know you” questions, which she graciously agreed to answer. We hope you will all be on hand at the luncheon, to greet our special guest.



Q: How long have you been a *Mayflower* Society member?

A: **Twenty years**

Q: In what state did you join?

A: **California, then I did a dual membership with Canada in 2002.**

Q: How did you decide to join? (is this something your family has always done, or did you set a trend?)

A: **I am the first one in my family to join. Someone sent me a pedigree chart of my line with the notation that my ancestor John Howland was a *Mayflower* passenger. When I saw John Howland mentioned in a Thanksgiving newspaper article about the California Society of *Mayflower* Descendants, I began the work to join the Society.**

Q: Anything you wish to share about your own family?

A: **My family, especially my husband, are all very supportive of my General Society activities.**

Q: What *Mayflower* Pilgrim (s) are you related to, and from which side of your family?

A: **All of my lines are through my mother. I descend from *Mayflower* passengers, John Alden, William Mullins, Priscilla Mullins, John Howland, John Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley, Joan Hurst Rogers, William Bradford, William Brewster, Mary Brewster, Love Brewster, Francis Cooke, and Richard Warren.**

Q: Has your vision for the General Society changed or expanded at all since you've had the opportunity to meet people in individual state societies? What have you learned?

A: **It has been a wonderful experience to visit the Societies. Every group does things a little differently and it's been exciting to see the enthusiasm and interest in the Pilgrims, especially the women who journeyed on the *Mayflower*.**

Q: Why do you think the *Mayflower* Society is still relevant in the 21st century?

A: **The *Mayflower* Society spans the ages. There is much current interest, largely because of the Internet and its reach.**

Q: How can we keep it relevant for future generations?

A: **We must continue to honor our mission, that of education about our Pilgrims.**

Q: What have you enjoyed most during your governorship?

A: **I have most enjoyed the traveling and meeting the members.**

Q: How many state societies have you visited thus far?

A: **Twenty-six.**

Q: Any great memories from your visits?

A: **They have all been wonderful. I have kept a scrapbook of my visits and it will be a lasting reminder of the many special people I've met.**

Q: Do you have an official bio you would like to share?

A: **Born on Martha's Vineyard Island, Massachusetts, Judy is the younger of two children. Married with two children and five grandchildren, Judy was employed by the State of California for 22 years and retired in 2004. Judy holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in Business.**

Judy is a past governor and Treasurer of the Orange County Colony of *Mayflower* Descendants; has served the California *Mayflower* Society in several positions and currently serves as Investment Chair, serves as a national officer in several lineage societies, is Organizing Regent for a DAR Chapter, and belongs to numerous other societies. For the General Society of *Mayflower* Descendants, she served two 3-year terms as Treasurer General, served as Co-Director and then Director of the 5 Generations Project, and was elected to the Governor General position in September 2008.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendments
To Be Voted Upon at October Meeting**

Following are proposed bylaw amendments to be approved at the October meeting and take effect after their approval.

They include:

- A member elected in April, May or June pays half the annual dues.
- A Junior membership ends at age 18 instead of age 25 when regular membership is required.
- An absent board member may give his/her proxy to a committee member attending a meeting in order to have a quorum at that meeting.

The new wording is in **bold italics** and the deletions have a ~~line drawn through them~~.

**ARTICLE I
Fees and Dues**

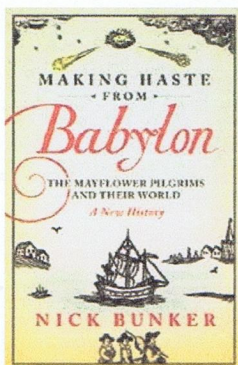
Section 1. The amount of the application fee, annual dues (to include the per capita fee of the General Society) and all other fees shall be determined by the Society upon recommendation of the Board of Assistants. Upon acceptance by the Society of the above amounts, they shall be published in the Society newsletter ("Nutmeg Gratings"). ***In the case of a member elected during April, May, or June, the amount of dues will be half the annual dues.*** In the case of a member elected during ~~the three months immediately preceding the first day of October in any year~~ ***July, August or September***, the first payment shall cover the dues for the ***succeeding*** year ~~succeeding~~. A person elected to membership in the Connecticut Society, being already a member in good standing of another state society, will be required to pay annual dues but not the application fee. A certificate must be filed with the lineage papers from the state society of which the applicant is a member, showing good standing in said Society.

Section 5. The fee for Junior Enrollment membership (for children under eighteen (18) years, related by blood to members or past members, shall be the established registration fee. Junior enrollment membership may continue to the ~~twenty-fifth (25)~~ ***eighteenth (18)*** year of age, when regular membership is required. ~~The dues for the first year will not be required of an enrolled Junior of the Society who, before reaching the age of twenty five (25) years, applies for membership and is subsequently elected.~~ Lineage papers updated to meet current requirements must be filed for each enrolled Junior before he can be admitted into full membership

**ARTICLE II
Board of Assistants**

Section 3. Eight (8) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. ***An Assistant not in attendance may give his/her proxy to a committee member attending a board meeting.***

BOOK REVIEW



Making Haste From Babylon. The Mayflower Pilgrims and Their World: A New History

By Nick Bunker Illustrated. 489 pp. Alfred A. Knopf. \$30

Nick Bunker provides a view of the factors that influenced the emigration of the Pilgrims from England to Plimoth Colony. We have been led to believe they were religious zealots and fled to America for religious freedom. This work allows us to view the Pilgrims in the light of their religion, politics, education, and finance. We are looking at England as an agrarian society where wool is a primary product. The cottage industry to process the wool leads to the exportation of rough cloth to other countries for finishing. The results of the trade bring wine and other goods back to England.

Why is this so important? There are no precious metals native to English

soil. All gold and silver comes from other realms. The economy of England is kept afloat by coinage gained in trading as well as letters of credits and notes. This paper shuffle results in a country that is awash in debt and in economic depression. What is a solution? Get more products that will bring gold and silver in trade. What does America have a seemingly unlimited supply of? Beaver!

This book is easy to read, not textbookish. It gives more facets to Pilgrim lives during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It is a must read for all Pilgrim scholars and Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendant members.

by Mary Brown

Welcome, New Juniors

Carli Barnes
Jordan Barnes
Elias Bluth
Stephanie Boutelle
Emmett Breen
Sara Devlin
Mason Eldridge
Luke Elliott
Kristoff Guggenheim

Stefan Guggenheim
Sarah Kencel
William Kencel
Catalina Kennett
Carolyn Lethridge
Emily Lynch
Ian Lynch
Elisabeth MacColl
Matthew MacColl

Timothy MacColl
Marissa Mazzola
Elizabeth Olson
Devine Pellerin
Christian Rogerson
Miles Vreugde
Verity Vreugde
Kenneth Walker, Jr.
Margaret Wallace
Nicholas Wallace

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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

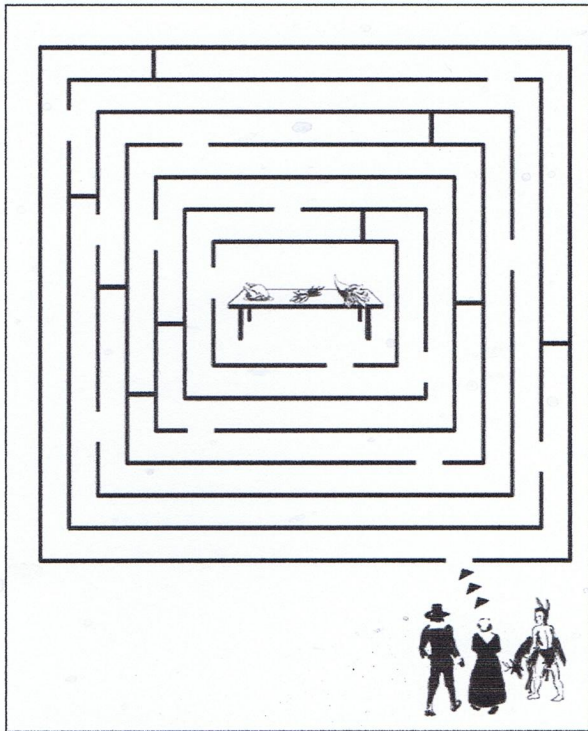
Applications are available from the scholarship committee chairman, Lois Johnson, 10 Holly Lane, Wallingford, CT 06492 (203-269-8870). No *Mayflower* ancestry is necessary. The application must be returned by

March 1, 2011, with all information completed and recommendations included from school officials, along with information about grades and activities. The March 1, 2011 deadline enables the winner to receive the scholarship in person at our spring meeting.

Applications can also be downloaded and printed from our Web site. Go to www.ctmayflower.org, click on "Programs," and scroll down to "Our CT Scholarship Program." All the information is there.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS

- You must be a resident of the state of Connecticut or be a junior member of the CT Society.
- 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, 2011.
- 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.



Thanksgiving Word Search

W N P U M P K I N
 R K I C P F Q Z I
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 T H F N F L C U L
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 V H O L I D A Y M

Turkey Harvest Wreath Pilgrim Pie
Pumpkin Corn Holiday Thank Fall

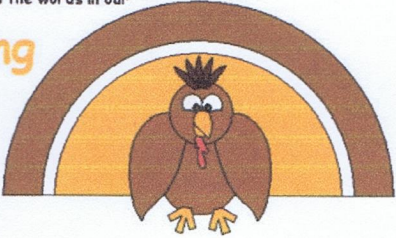
www.Celebrating-Thanksgiving.com

Answer to Thanksgiving anagram on page 14.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Thanksgiving Anagram

Hidden Word
(solve the circled letters):



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 g i l m p r s _____
 a h k n s t _____
 a f i l m y _____
 i k m n p p u _____
 c k o o _____
 c n o r _____
 d e i n n r _____
 a e f s t _____
 a e h r s t v _____
 a h q u s _____

Riddles

Answers on Page 14

1. What happened to the turkey that got in a fight?
2. What are unhappy cranberries called?
3. What's blue and covered with feathers?
4. Why didn't the turkey eat dessert?
5. What would you get if you crossed a turkey with an octopus?
6. Why didn't the Pilgrims tell secrets in the cornfield?
7. Where did the Pilgrim ladies keep their face powder?

A LETTER FROM EDWARD WINSLOW

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, so that we might, after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as with a little help besides served the company almost a week. At which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation, and bestowed upon our governor, and the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE SO FAR FROM WANT, THAT WE OFTEN WISH YOU PARTAKERS OF OUR PLENTY.

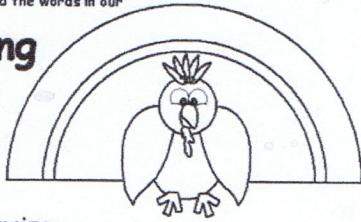
*As described in a letter from Edward Winslow to a friend in England
It was published in London in 1622.*



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Thanksgiving Anagram

Hidden Word
(solve the circled letters):
thanksgiving



a e i m z	maize
f f g i n s t u	stuffing
g i i l m p r s	pilgrims
a h k n s t	thanks
a f i l m y	family
i k m n p p u	pumpkin
c k o o	cook
c n o r	corn
d e i n n r	dinner
a e f s t	feast
a e h r s t v	harvest
a h q u s	squash

Riddle Answers

1. He got the stuffing knocked out of him.
2. Blueberries.
3. A turkey holding its breath.
4. He was stuffed.
5. Eight feather dusters.
6. Because the corn had ears.
7. In their *Mayflower* compact.

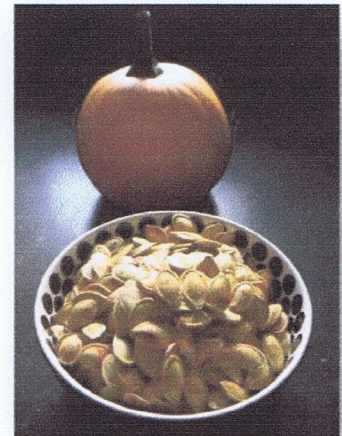
Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Ingredients:

- 1 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1 Tbsp melted butter or vegetable oil
- 1 tsp seasoning (salt, seasoning salt, garlic powder, chili powder or a combination thereof.)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300F.
2. Wash the seeds with cold water
3. Pat dry with a towel
4. In a mixing bowl or Ziploc bag combine 1 cup pumpkin seeds, 1 tbsp. vegetable oil and 1 tsp. salt (you can double or triple this recipe if you like)
5. Spread the seeds evenly on a cookie sheet
6. Bake 30 minutes (they will be golden brown.) After about 15 minutes, take them out and stir them around. Leave them in about 25 minutes or until golden brown.
7. Let cool and eat.



ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2010
SOCIAL HOUR AT 11
LUNCHEON & MEETING AT NOON

Our luncheon will be held at The Gallery, 141 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT.

Directions:

From Rt. 84: Exit 55 is Route 2 East.

From Rt. 91: Exit 25N (Glastonbury Route 3 N). Follow signs for Route 2 East.

Traveling on Route 2 East: Take Exit 8 (Hebron Ave.) Take a right at the bottom of the exit and a left onto Hebron Avenue at the first traffic light. Then turn left onto New London Turnpike. The Gallery is the second building on the left. Detailed directions and map are available upon request.

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PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FOR EACH ATTENDEE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Roast top sirloin of beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's dish (chicken fingers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Fillet of Sole | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Delight | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$ Enclosed | |

Dinners include: Butternut squash and sausage soup; red potato and vegetable; rolls and butter; coffee, tea or brewed decaf; and apple pie a la mode.

The price is \$26 per person, &12 for children's chicken fingers and fries. Please send this completed form and payment (checks made out to Mayflower Society of CT) by **October 14** to Greg Thompson, PO 355, Branford, CT 06405-0355. (The restaurant requires that reservations be made one week before the event for their ordering and planning. Please make your reservations accordingly.)

Name: _____

New Member?

Address _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Phone: _____

Guest _____