

PLEASE PLAN NOW TO JOIN
US AT OUR FALL MEETING

SATURDAY OCT. 27, 2007
at The Capital Club

Board of Assistants **11:00 A.M.**
General Meeting & Luncheon **12:00 P.M.**

Prices for lunch:

\$18.00 for each adult

\$8.00 for children ages 6-11

Free for children 5 and under

Your check will be considered your reservation. Please make it payable to Mississippi Mayflower Society and send it to Margaret Sykes at 1451 Northlake Drive, Jackson, MS 39211. Please indicate on the check the number of lunches you are reserving including adults, children, and under 5.

Lunch will be served buffet style with 2 choices of salads, entrees, sides, and desserts. Water, coffee, and iced tea are included with each meal. There will be a cash wine bar available for \$5 per glass.

The Capital Club is located in Capital Towers in downtown Jackson. Take the Pearl Street Exit off I-55. The Capital Towers building is on the right corner at the intersection of Pearl Street and Congress Street. The entrance to the parking garage is on the right just after you pass Congress Street. Parking in the garage is free. Take the elevator from the parking garage to the 1st floor main lobby. Then take the main elevators found in the lobby to the 19th floor.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

Greetings, Cousins, I hope this newsletter finds each of you and your family members well. You might have noticed that this is our first newsletter in almost two years. Our society has gone through some major transitions during these last 2 years. We are focused on looking ahead to the future of our Mississippi Society and what we can do to make sure that it grows and flourishes for coming generations.

Now is the time for all of us to participate in the efforts to preserve our society and carry out the missions set forth by the Mississippi Society as well as those set forth by the General Society. One of those missions is to join together people who share this great heritage and carry on the memory of our brave ancestors.

Another primary interest of our society is educating people about the role of the Pilgrims in the early history and development of what was to become the United States of America. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is one of the three largest, most respected and prestigious hereditary organizations in America. We certainly want to do our part to accomplish these goals.

Our Board of Assistants will be electing new officers at the October 27th meeting. Our officers are elected by the vote of our members during the general meeting. If you have an interest, I urge you to attend. With this change in officers we will embrace the future of our society and make plans for continuing the legacy of this great society and working hard to keep its missions alive.

A few weeks ago, Helen Buford and I represented our State Society at the national meeting in Orlando, FL. I will be providing an update at our meeting in October.

This year's scholarship competition will be held in the Jackson, Madison County, and Rankin County areas. The Education Committee has revised the competition criteria to modernize it by providing students with alternatives such as PowerPoint. We hope this will increase participation as well as the quality of the participants' work. We anticipate completing the competition in February and selecting a winner who will be invited to join us as our guest for the spring 2008 luncheon. I look forward to seeing you soon and hope that we will enjoy a large turnout.

Regards,

Charles M Johnson, Governor

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR APRIL 28, 2007 LUNCHEON. WE ENJOYED A MORE CASUAL OUTDOOR LUNCHEON HELD AT LEELEUR'S BLUFF STATE PARK. THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Our society's new fiscal year begins November 1st, 2007. Your \$20 dues are payable at that time, or before January 31st, 2008, at which time they become delinquent. This is your only official notice of dues for 2008. We have 87 members who are not life members and must therefore pay yearly dues to the society. Of those 87 members, 18 have not yet paid their current year's dues. We very much appreciate all of you who have paid your dues on time and a special thank you to those members who have pre-paid their 2008 dues!

Margaret Johnson Sykes, Treasurer

FROM THE HISTORIAN'S LOG

During the last 12 months we have gained 4 new members: Robert Hilliard Pendleton, Jr., Teresa Jo Rees Boone, Joel Brandon Boone, and Brett Parson Pendleton. We currently have 1 new membership pending for Max Lilly. We anticipate that the application will be approved.

In the past 12 months we have lost only one member, Dr. Charles Randall, who passed away in March of 2007. That makes our current membership 160, pending approval of Mr. Lilly which would make it 161.

Braxtel Neely, Historian

FROM THE SECRETARY'S LOG

April 28, 2007 Board minutes

Governor Charles Johnson opened the meeting of the Board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Mississippi in LeFleur's Bluff State Park in Jackson, Mississippi, at 11:00 a.m. on April 28, 2007.

Those attending were Mary Blanks, Judy Stewart, Braxtel Neely, Charles Johnson, Haynes Ward, Dr. Dennis Ward, and Jim Short.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction.

Braxtel Neely, Historian, reported four new members since the November meeting: Robert Hilliard Pendleton, Jr., Teresa Jo Rees Boone, Joel Brandon Boone, and Brett Parson Pendleton. One member, Dr. Charles Randall, died in March, bringing the membership total to 160.

Governor Johnson read the Treasurer's report. Total cash receipts were \$1,681.00 and total cash disbursements were \$2,747.00. As of March 31, 2007, the balance on hand was \$12,369.00.

Braxtel Neely reported for Junior Membership Chairman Melinda Hendrix. Three grandchildren of Robert Pendleton (Anna, Daniel, and Taylor Pendleton) have become new Junior Members. Joel Boone transferred from Junior to Regular membership and Sara Crumbley was dropped because she turned 25, bringing the Junior membership total to 39.

Governor Johnson said that no entries had been submitted for the annual \$500 scholarship. Discussion followed about the possible reasons. It was decided to move the scholarship from the spring to the fall of the senior year so that students would not be pressured by spring activities.

Since new officers will be elected in November, Governor Johnson asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Haynes Ward, Braxtel Neely, and Judy Stewart agreed to serve.

Governor Johnson pointed out that the death of Dr. Randall left the Surgeon position vacant. After discussion, the Board agreed that Dr. Louis Johnson would be asked to fill the position.

Governor Johnson discussed a form Braxtel Neely prepared on Life Membership dues. Since the Mississippi Society has to pay the General Society annual dues of \$12.00 for each member, the proposal was made to increase Life Membership fees to more accurately reflect the average lifespan. The Board decided to present this information at the General Meeting. (At the General Meeting, the members decided to table this discussion until it could be presented again at the November General Meeting.)

Mary Blanks asked where the Board would like to have the November meeting. As there was no consensus, Governor Johnson left it to Mary's discretion.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith S. Stewart, Secretary