

## **Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony News – September 26, 2018 –**

**It's a-LIVE, It's a-LIVE !!**

Our new online Mayflower Shirt Shop is now up-and-running and ready for orders. Anyone can order these shirts. They do not have to be Mayflower Society members. Check out the flyers that are attached to the e-mail or in the envelope that brought you this newsletter. The sooner you purchase, the sooner we print.

**[www.MayflowerShirts.com](http://www.MayflowerShirts.com)**

***A fund-raising endeavor of the Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony***

If you don't have internet access yourself, get a family member who does to help you shop and place your order. It will get them involved.



### **Please Raise Your Hand**

If you have experience in and/or are comfortable with publicity and/or public relations-type work, please let Kevin Sellev know. We want to work on publicizing our activities with local media.



## **We Have Our Own Address Now**

The Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony recently purchased a domain name to make it simpler to direct people to our webpage on the Alabama Mayflower Society's website. We want to say **THANK YOU** to Webmaster **Pam Pittman** for all her efforts to update and redesign our page more to our needs.

*Our new address is:*

[www.GulfCoastMayflowerColony.org](http://www.GulfCoastMayflowerColony.org)

Check it out.

Also, we'd like to say **THANK YOU** to (not even a member yet) **Jennifer Garthwaite** from Arab, Alabama. Jennifer has been using her Photoshop skills to help alter artwork for use on our webpage, on our flyers and in our newsletters.



## **Colony Project – Group Activities**

It is your Lt. Governor's goal that – in addition to our two mandated gatherings per year – we have one or two additional gatherings per year that are strictly social events. This would especially include activities that could attract our family members who are eligible for membership in the Mayflower Society so they can see that, not only do we honor and commemorate our Pilgrim ancestors and their lives, but we have **FUN** while doing it !!

It's up to **YOU** to make this information known to them and to **INVITE** them.

Here are our upcoming Colony activities:

- Our Compact Day Meeting AND our Caleb Johnson / Compact Day Seminar in Mobile, Alabama, on November 10, 2018. See the flyer that's attached

to the e-mail or inside the envelope that brought you this newsletter. Pay attention to the prices and dates to get a 25% discount!

- A Meet-&-Eat the evening of our Caleb Johnson / Compact Day Seminar at a restaurant in downtown Mobile on November 10, 2018. Details later.



## **Speaking of Group Activities: Here's a Recap of our September 22<sup>nd</sup> Wooden Ship Cruise and our Meet-&-Eat**

Attendees hailed from Mobile and Baldwin Counties in Alabama, Escambia and Okaloosa Counties in Florida, and Orleans and Jefferson Parishes in Louisiana. The Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony (south Alabama), the Edward Doty Mayflower Colony (Pensacola area) and the Louisiana Mayflower Society were all represented.

Despite the threat of dark clouds and rain from every direction en route to Orange Beach, the skies were blue with puffy white clouds and sunshine down on the coast. There were about 40 passengers aboard the "American Star" — a wooden hull and deck replica of Christopher Columbus' Niña. GCC Captain Jeremy Sellew provided appropriate "seafaring" music. The adults enjoyed the sea breezes, the ride and the scenery while the little ones were entertained by a Lady Pirate who engaged them in numerous pirate games and adventures.

Returning to dry land after our 90-minute cruise, our group trekked just a half mile up the road for a Meet-&-Eat at the Barefoot Island Grill — chowing down on appetizers, burgers and seafood. Lots of visiting and getting to know one another was capped off by our after-dinner speaker, Mr. Lester Morris, who is a former British tour guide now retired and living in Gulf Shores.

Check out the photos and videos from the day's activities. We didn't get any group shots on the boat, as we were spread out among all the passengers. We only took a couple photos at the restaurant. A couple shots are on the next page. You can see the rest and all the videos in the Alabama Mayflower Society Facebook Group at [www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaMayflowerSociety](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaMayflowerSociety).



*First picture: GCC Lt. Governor Kevin Sellew, Past GCC Lt. Governor John Medbery and our after-dinner speaker Lester Morris. Second Picture: GCC member Mary Medbery, Kevin Sellew, John Medbery, Lester Morris and John's wife Ann Medbery.*



## **Speaking of Group Activities: Who's Ready For A Road Trip?**

The Capital Colony has extended an invitation to the members of the Gulf Coast Colony to join them at their next gathering in Montgomery on October 6th. It will commence with a business meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Beauvoir Room at the Montgomery Country Club followed at noon by lunch then their featured speaker.

For details, check out the flyer that's attached to the e-mail or in the envelope that brought you this newsletter.

What we want to know is: Who wants to go? And can we put together a car pool?

It's only a couple weeks away, so please let your thoughts on this be known right away by contacting Kevin at [tjk5405@mediacombb.net](mailto:tjk5405@mediacombb.net) or 251-510-8302.

If we do work this up, we know a great place to have a Meet-&-Eat on the way home!





## Welcome Aboard !!

To these new Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony members:

**Joan Soesbe Brokowsky** - Foley, Baldwin, Alabama, USA

**Karen Edgington Philpot** -- Andalusia, Covington, Alabama, USA

**Dalton James "Jim" Smith** -- Jackson, Clarke, Alabama, USA



## Colony Project – Mayflower Flyers Distribution

If you would be willing to help Kevin with distributing Mayflower flyers to libraries, archives and other appropriate venues around South Alabama, please let him know. Here's a sample image of the flyer:



A full-size version is attached to the e-mail or inside the envelope that brought you this newsletter. Feel free to make copies and pass them on to Mayflower eligible people who live in our neck of the woods. You could also post one on bulletin boards you encounter, like community boards in stores and at your place of work, house of worship or school (but only if they allow outside materials).



## Did You Know? ...

- **Did You Know?** ... You can purchase solid bronze medallions to affix to gravestones that indicate the deceased is a Mayflower descendant? One is available for those who are/were a member of GSMD and a different one is available for those who never were a member (like our ancestors born before 1899). Go to the GSMD website at [www.TheMayflowerSociety.org](http://www.TheMayflowerSociety.org), then click on SHOP > MEMBERS ONLY > INSIGNIA & GRAVE MARKERS. To shop in the Members Only area, you must first set up an account on the website.
- **Did You Know?** ... You can check out the websites and Facebook pages of other Mayflower State Societies and Colonies? They are all listed at [www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/join/contact-your-member-society](http://www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/join/contact-your-member-society)
- **Did You Know?** ... You can read all about The Mayflower Society's take on using DNA in Mayflower family history research at: [www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/members-only/partnerships/gsm-d-and-ftdna](http://www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/members-only/partnerships/gsm-d-and-ftdna)
- **Did You Know?** ... The Mayflower Society has partnered with and endorsed many Pilgrim Family Societies? You can check out all of them at: [www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/the-pilgrims/family-societies](http://www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/the-pilgrims/family-societies)
- **Did You Know?** ... You can read all about the GSMD's 2020 Mayflower Congress Preliminary Schedule? Just go to: [www.themayflowersociety.org/society-business/2020-preliminary-schedule](http://www.themayflowersociety.org/society-business/2020-preliminary-schedule)







## What Our Mayflower Neighbors Are Doing

- **Capital Colony Compact Day Meeting** in Montgomery, Alabama, on Saturday, October 6, 2018. See the flyer that is attached to the e-mail or in the envelope that brought you this newsletter.
- **Alabama State Society Compact Day Meeting** in Birmingham, Alabama, on Saturday, October 27, 2018. See the flyer that is attached to the e-mail or in the envelope that brought you this newsletter.
- **Edward Doty Colony of the Florida Mayflower Society's next meeting** will be @ 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Azalea Trace Retirement Community, 10100 Hillview Road, Pensacola, Florida, 32514. The cost for the luncheon is \$15 per person and payable by October 22nd. Checks would be made payable to Edward Doty Colony and mailed to Bunny Halligan, 6483 Avenida de Galvez, Navarre, Florida, 32566-8911.
- **Louisiana Mayflower Society Compact Day Luncheon** in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Sunday, November 4, 2018. More details when we get them.
- **Mississippi Mayflower Society Fall Meeting and Luncheon** at the Ravine Restaurant, 53 County Road 321, Oxford, Mississippi 38655, on Saturday, November 10, 2018. BoA meets @ 11:00 a.m. General Meeting and Luncheon starts @ 12:00 p.m.
- **Edward Winslow Colony of the Florida Mayflower Society's next meeting** will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Longhorn Steakhouse, 2400 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303.



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**Alabama**



## Do YOU Have An E-mail Address That We Don't Have?

We are **happy** to send our communications to you in the mail if you cannot be contacted via the internet.

However, if you received this newsletter in the mail, but you have an e-mail address and a desktop, laptop or tablet computer, **PLEASE** allow us to send your communications via e-mail. We are all volunteers and printing and mailing newsletters and flyers takes time and money.

You'll also receive information sooner than by postal mail.

Also, please make sure that we always have accurate contact information on you, including physical/mailling address, city/state/zip, phone numbers, and e-mail address.

Lastly, on a somber note for Society members only, please make sure that your family knows to notify the Mayflower Society (through your Colony or State organization) upon your passing.

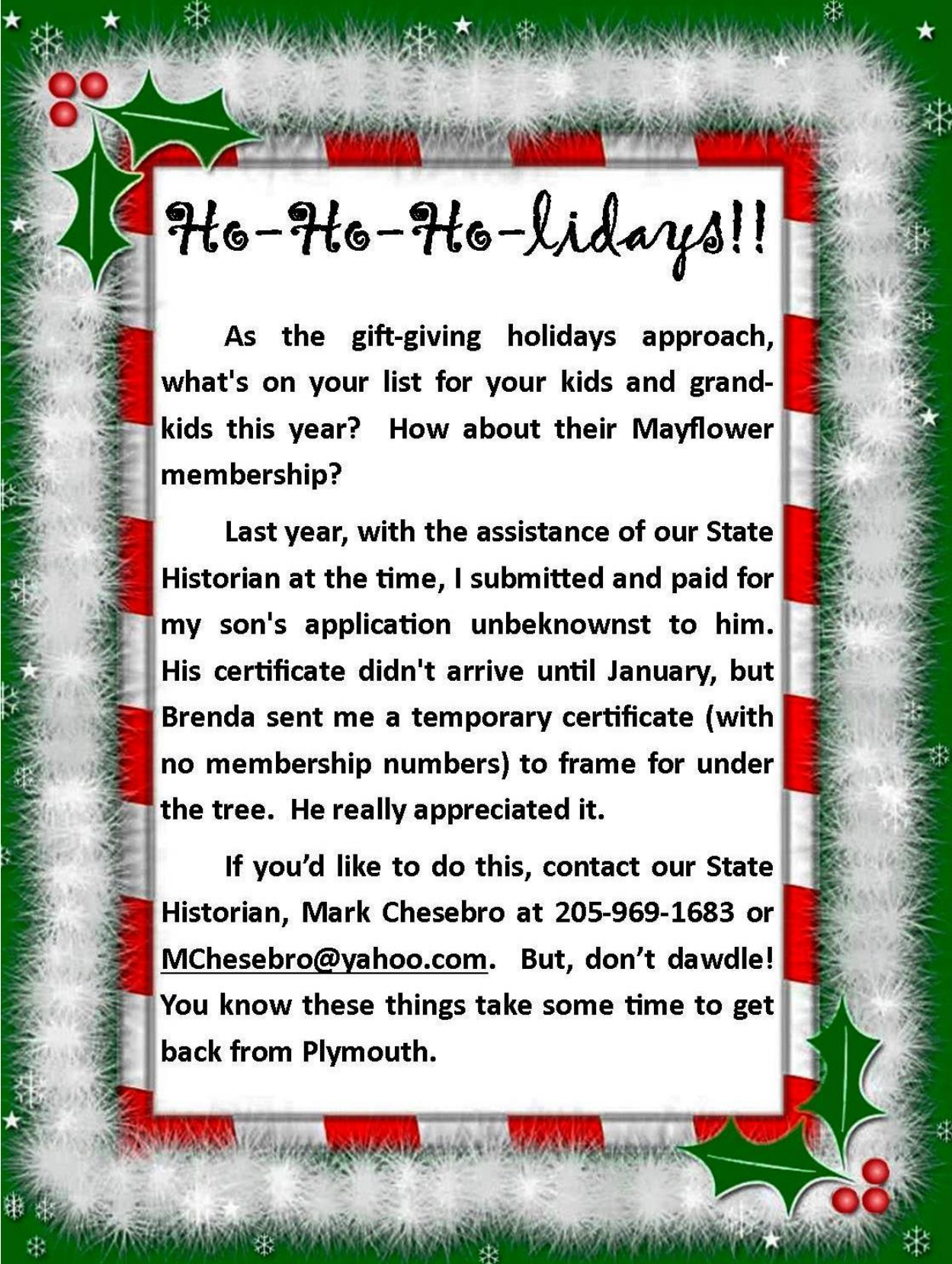


## Feel Free to Pass It On !!

You can forward this newsletter to others who you know are potential members of SMDAL and GCC. Just make sure they see that **YOU** forwarded it to them. We don't want any SPAM complaints. Also, please print it out and provide it to your offline family members who are eligible for Mayflower Society membership.







## Ho-He-He-lidays!!

As the gift-giving holidays approach, what's on your list for your kids and grand-kids this year? How about their Mayflower membership?

Last year, with the assistance of our State Historian at the time, I submitted and paid for my son's application unbeknownst to him. His certificate didn't arrive until January, but Brenda sent me a temporary certificate (with no membership numbers) to frame for under the tree. He really appreciated it.

If you'd like to do this, contact our State Historian, Mark Chesebro at 205-969-1683 or [MChesebro@yahoo.com](mailto:MChesebro@yahoo.com). But, don't dawdle! You know these things take some time to get back from Plymouth.



## Come and Get 'EM !!

*Read this in Oprah's voice:*

"So, who wants a Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony NAME BAAAADGE ??!! YOU get a name badge! And YOU get a name badge! And YOU get a name badge!"

So how do YOU get a name badge? Just be a **current** Alabama Mayflower Society / Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony member and **SHOW UP** at one of our events and pick yours up. They cost about \$2.00 each to produce, so the treasurer wouldn't mind if you threw a couple bucks her way to cover costs.

Here's a sample:



## Current Colony Officers:

Lt. Governor: **Kevin Sellew** – Bayley's Corner, Mobile, Alabama, USA

Asst. Lt. Governor: (Vacant)

Secretary: **Brenda Gouge** – Andalusia, Covington, Alabama, USA

Treasurer: **Jane Lies** – Pensacola, Escambia, Florida, USA

Elder: **Roger McCay** – Monroeville, Monroe, Alabama, USA

Captain: **Jeremy Sellew** – Bayley's Corner, Mobile, Alabama, USA

## Facebook Page Admins:

**Lee Myers Getzinger** – Mandeville, St. Tammany, Louisiana, USA

**Kevin Sellew** – Bayley's Corner, Mobile, Alabama, USA



Until next time, I remain...

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Yours in Kindred Spirit,

***Kevin Sellew***

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**VISIT** Our National Society Website:  
[www.TheMayflowerSociety.org](http://www.TheMayflowerSociety.org)

**VISIT** Caleb Johnson's Website:  
[www.MayflowerHistory.com](http://www.MayflowerHistory.com)

**VISIT** the Plimoth Plantation Website:  
[www.Plimoth.org](http://www.Plimoth.org)

**VISIT** the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Website:  
[MashpeeWampanoagTribe-nsn.gov/](http://MashpeeWampanoagTribe-nsn.gov/)

