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Save Your Place Now for *Eat Like a Pilgrim*: Deadline Looms

Who better than the actual descendants of the Mayflower to attend the yearly *Eat Like a Pilgrim* at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi? Through special arrangements, Thursday, Nov. 20, has been exclusively reserved. But the tickets only last until October 1, when unused tickets will be returned.

Each year this activity sells out well in advance. So, unlike our earlier banquets, last minute sign-ups can't be accommodated. "We hope the message gets out to Society members soon," says Andria Cranney, governor of the Utah Society. "We've already had many sign up these past few months."

"We usually have well over 100 attend our popular annual banquet," says Governor Cranney, "But this year we have a chance to better engage our children and grandchildren in our rich heritage with *Eat Like a Pilgrim*."

Elaine Holbrook, former governor says "There's nothing quite like it. I think every Mayflower descendant should attend this remarkable program."

This is also an opportunity to publicize our organization to Mayflower descendants who don't know the society exists. Everyone is encouraged to tell others who are descendants of the Mayflower to join them at this activity. Extra reservation forms are on the website at utahmayflower.org.

The authentic *Eat Like a Pilgrim* is the only large

Thanksgiving reenactment held outside of New England. There, you'll meet several characters from the first Thanksgiving feast including Governor William Bradford, William Brewster, Squanto, and the Wampanoag. Teachers from the Alpine School District and the Colonial Heritage Foundation play the reenactors and act as historical interpreters. This event also provides an authentic harvest dinner in a rustic Plymouth Colony setting. The evening's dinner features turkey, roast pork, stewed pumpkins, corn pudding, mixed greens salad, mixed berry cobbler, and apple cider.



A few lucky guests will

get to try some adventurous feast foods such as duck, oysters, parched corn, or goat's milk. Other entertainment and activities include 17th century music, contra dancing, farm animal visits, tug-o-war, calligraphy, wooden stockade photo ops, and more.

Together We Can Do Anything



In 1981 Herman Ostry purchased a farm in Bruno, Nebraska. The property had a 1920s barn next to a creek and the barn floor was wet and muddy. The creek flooded in 1988 and covered the floor with 29 inches of water and mud, so the Ostry family decided to move the barn to higher ground.

But the bids from the construction companies were discouraging. So the Ostrys family put their minds to work. They counted, calculated, and estimated, figuring that with a barn weighing approximately 16,640 pounds and a steel grid adding another 3,150 pounds, it would take around 350 people with each person lifting 56 pounds to move the barn.

The town of Bruno decided to make the barn move part of their centennial celebration in July 1988. Local television broadcast to an audience of 4,000 as the 350 townspeople moved the barn. (The event is posted on YouTube. Just type in “Bruno barn move” to find it.) I think of the times that I’ve chosen not to do something because it just seemed too daunting. Usually it’s because I knew I couldn’t do it by myself.

But people working together can do so much. Everyone is familiar with the quote by John Heywood, “Many hands make light work.” In our Utah Mayflower Society, we too, have many hands working to make this society successful. I work with a remarkable group of people that are very dedicated to you, this society, and our pilgrim ancestors.

Welcome our New Members!

Richardson Allen, Sandy (Brewster)
Vicki Bills, Orem (Alden)
Linda Frear, Sandy (Rogers)
Tess Gingery, Salt Lake City (Bradford)
Audrey James-Donohoe, North Salt Lake (Brown)
Susan Larsen, Mt. Pleasant (Mullins)
Erin Murray, Cedar City (Samson)
Elaine Oaks, Bountiful (Chilton)
Sidney Price, North Salt Lake (Brewster)
David Robinson, Salt Lake City (Howland)
Brent Smith, Roy (Alden)
Pat West, Orem (Alden)
Linda Frear, Sandy (Rogers)

Meet the Board



Richard B. “Andy” Anderson, secretary, was born in Price, Utah, in 1941 and spent his childhood in San Bernardino, California. He studied three years (1958–61) at MIT and then served 30 months as a missionary in Paris. On his return he graduated in physics and married Valerie Jorgenson, whom he had met in Sunday School when age 15. A master’s in science education at Stanford and Ed.D. (1971) at Harvard followed, as did another French mission from 1968–69. In the Arlington, Massachusetts, house that sits where the first cannon-shot of the Revolution fell, he raised seven children. Until 2002 Andy labored in research and consulting in public policy and medicine, resisting the urge to “dive into my true calling”: family history. He is now fully engaged in family history and stories.



Historian Greg Cooke is responsible for guiding the application process for all new members. Previously, he served in the US Air Force, retiring in 1994, and then worked in the IT department of Valley Mental Health, retiring in 2012. Genealogy is his primary hobby, and he has written articles that have appeared in *The American Genealogist* and *The Genealogist*. Among other things, he enjoys gardening, taking four dogs for long walks, and keeping up with the LA Dodgers. He holds a bachelor’s from San Diego State (1974), and a master’s in public administration from Golden Gate University (1988). He and his wife, Cindy, live in West Jordan and have three children.

Deputy governor general Kirk D. Hagen is a professor of engineering at Weber State University. A descendant of John Alden, he joined the Mayflower Society in 1999. Kirk is an Ogden native and has four children and four grandchildren. Born in Boston, he moved to Utah about 45 years ago. He also lived on Orcas Island, Washington, where he lived (“well not really but almost”) on crab, which he claims is “almost as good as lobster.” He also spent three years in Cebu, Philippines.



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Priscila Haines, deputy governor, has made genealogy her second profession after her family, which, starting with her “brilliant nine kids and two foster children” now adds up to about 90, with a couple more greats on the way. A BYU graduate in history and English, she loves country music and even square danced at her 60th wedding anniversary. Priscilla doesn’t like hospitals but does enjoy gardening, knitting, reading, and meeting and talking with with people.



Lindsay Jackson, our new junior member chair, is a proud descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins. She is a lifelong lover of genealogy and was even lucky enough to find a career where she gets to spend every day helping people learn more about their ancestors. When she’s not working on family history at work or for the Mayflower Society, she enjoys reading, traveling, and doing more family history work. She’s very excited to begin working with the junior members, helping the next generation come to love and appreciate our Mayflower heritage.



Our counselor James J. Smedley is a resident of the Heber Valley and of the lineage of Richard Warren, Peter Browne, John and Priscilla Alden, and therefore also of William and Alice Mullins—all of whom were Mayflower passengers; being over fourscore years of age and having retired from his law profession, he is now engaged in gardening and field work, in the lives of nine children and some 21 granddaughters and 20 grandsons, and in the taking care of things neglected during his professional years.



Our captain Frank Suitter has had a distinguished, extensive career in government, financial, and legal areas. For example he founded a law firm, was a financial analyst with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. But his voluntary service in no less remarkable, working with organizations such as the Rotary Club, the University of Utah

President’s Club, the Utah Sports Authority for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, to name just a few. He has also lead causes such of being cochair of the “No!” coalition to stop the storage of nuclear waste in Utah, has served on the Third District Judicial Nominating Commission, and has chaired the Utah Republican Party.



Treasurer Kathleen van Dijk was raised in Bountiful, Utah, and has lived in American Fork, Utah, most of her adult life. She attended Utah State University before marriage, and attended Brigham Young University when her children were in high school. For four years she was a bank teller at Walker Bank and Trust and has worked at the American Fork Library for the past 30 years. Proud of her Mayflower heritage she claims ancestral lines from John Alden, William Mullins, Peter Brown, and Richard Warren. Someday she would love to love to visit Plymouth, Massachusetts.



Steven Watrous, our society’s elder, feels like an evening socializing is a night at the library! He loves to read and to research the lives of his ancestors, feeling a special uplift when he “walks on the same ground where they trod.” Steve plans on retiring from BYU at the end of this year where he is the university cash and vault operations manager. Their five adopted children from Costa Rica and ten grandchildren live from one end of the country to the other.



Our assistant general, Blaine Winslow, was born in Minnesota but has spent most of his life in Salt Lake City. For four years he served in the Navy, and he and his wife have raised three children. He has retired from the U.S. Government as a US Postal worker. Genealogical research has been a passion of his since he was in his late teens. He is proud to have lifetime membership in the Baronial Order of Magna Charta, the Colonial Clergy of America, the Connecticut Society of the Founders and Patriots of America, and has been a past member of the General Society of the War of 1812 and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Utah
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Eat Like a Pilgrim A Special Feast for Mayflower Descendants

*Thursday, November 20, 2014
Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah
6–8 pm; (doors open at 5 pm)
Cost: \$28 per adult; \$18 per child (3–12)*

Make checks, **due by Oct. 1**, out to *Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants*.
Tickets are first come, first served. No tickets will be sold at the door.

My enclosed check in the amount of \$_____ covers ____ adults and ____ children reservation(s).

Mail reservation form and check to:
Kathleen van Dijk (kathleenvandijk@hotmail.com)
1025 N. 60 E.
American Fork, Utah 84003

Name (and Mayflower ancestor): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____