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THE MAYFLOWER SOCIETY Courtney Layne



The story of the Puritans, the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock and the first Thanksgiving is ubiquitous to most Americans. In November, the story turns 400 years old. Unfortunately, the anniversary will be celebrated without most of the activities that had been planned because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

However, on Tuesday Charlotte Rotarians had the opportunity to learn more about the organization that has been most responsible for keeping the story alive – The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), known informally as The Mayflower Society. Courtney Layne, Colony Governor of the Charlotte Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina, talked about the history of the Pilgrims and the society.

A retired teacher, Courtney has six proven Pilgrim ancestors. She is among the 35 million individuals worldwide who descend from those who lived through the first winter when about half of them died. In retirement, she pursued her interest in family history and that led to involvement in The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Society.

The Mayflower transported the first English Puritans, known today as the Pilgrims, to the New World in 1620. After a grueling 10-week voyage, the ship and its 102 passengers and a crew of about 30, landed near the tip of Cape Cod on November 11, 1620.

Puritans believed the Church of England was beyond redemption because of its Roman Catholic past. In 1608, they left England for Holland, where they could worship freely. Fearing renewed persecution by Catholics, several Puritans in 1620 decided to go to America, which they considered a "new Promised Land,"

and where they established Plymouth Colony.

They originally planned to reach America in early October using two ships, but one was damaged beyond repair. Unprepared for a harsh winter, only half survived the first winter. Without the help of local Indigenous peoples to teach them food gathering and other survival skills, all the colonists may have perished. The following winter, they celebrated the colony's first fall harvest along with the Indigenous people, which became the first Thanksgiving.

The GSMD was founded in 1897. Informally known as The Mayflower Society, the members all have traced their lineage from one of the passengers who traveled to America on the Mayflower. The society was formed when a group of descendants saw the need to honor the memory of these Pilgrims who established Plymouth Colony. National headquarters is in Plymouth, MA, where the Mayflower landed in 1620. There are more than 150,000 members.

Anyone who can prove evidence of lineage from one of the Mayflower Pilgrims this ancestry may join.

Written By: Henry Bostic

CLUB NEWS

STAYING IN TOUCH with our Rotary members is important. Please take a minute to check on your friends, report funny stories and updates back to me to share with everyone so we can see who is doing what.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The golf tournament will be here in 20 days. Please take care of the following ASAP: send your team names to Sandy; register if you plan to play; and submit payment.

BLOOD DRIVE: October 8, 2020 – 10AM-3PM – SMS Catering – 1764 Norland Rd.- Sign up below <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=UptownRotary>

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT: Transitioning the role of the club's executive secretary is underway and **Colleen Brannan** is spearheading the effort to think about how areas of importance to the club will be handled - the Reporter, how we welcome guests, keeping in touch with members, the new member orientation process, or any other part of the job – please pass your thoughts along to Colleen – colleen@branstorm.com.

INVOICES: Reminder this is the last month of this Rotary quarter and your invoice payment for Jul/Aug/Sep is (mailservice@dacdb.com). If you haven't "accepted" this as legit email, please do so.

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MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2020 259 *New Members:*
09/08/2020 252
Net Increase -7 *Resignations:* Robert Daughtridge, Tom Burgess

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (09/16/2020 – 09/22/2020)

Langley, R. Gray (GRAY)	16 September
Ranson, Robert Michael (MIKE)	16 September
Flanagan, Timothy C. Jr. (TIM)	17 September
Hyatt, Larry W. (LARRY)	17 September
Norman, Mark C. (MARK)	17 September
Bolles, Linwood W. (LINWOOD)	20 September
DeAmicis, Michael L. (MIKE)	20 September
Kemper, Christopher B. (CHRIS)	21 September
Osborne, Sandra C. (SANDY)	21 September
Rudisill, Gerald Alton Jr. (RUDY)	22 September

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (09/16/2020 – 09/22/20)

Jackson, Christopher M. (CHRIS)	Russhonia (RENEE)	09/16
Thomas, B. Lamar Jr. (LAMAR)	Kaye	09/16
Hyatt, Larry W. (LARRY)	Sylvia	09/17
Davis, Floyd R. Jr. (FLOYD)	Ann (ANN)	09/18
Anderson, David L. (DAVID)	Lucy	09/20
Hatcher, James Gregory (GREG)	Kate	09/20
Zeiss, Bryan (BRYAN)	Courtney	09/21
Goodwyn, William F. (BILL)	Leigh	09/21
Woodard, Robert Clayton (CLAYTON)	Mayra	09/21
Peterson, Daniel E. (DANIEL)	Courtney	09/22

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (09/16/2020 – 09/22/2020)

Ramon, Diego (DIEGO)	09/17/19	1
Reddington, Brooke (BROOKE)	09/17/19	1
Tobin, David S. (DAVID)	09/22/09	11

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (utilizing Zoom)

09/15 – How I Got Where I'm At (*Jennifer Keegan, Reggie Johnson, Michael Norton*)
09/22 – Michael Kahn, Charlotte Checkers
09/29 – Will not be meeting – golf tournament will be held 09/28
10/06 – Dr. Tom Hanchett, Charlotte History 101: Queen, King, Duke, Crown
10/13 – Alexys Taylor, Charlotte Programs – Unity Project
10/20 – Christopher S. Lawing, Charlotte Signs Project
10/27 – Live from the Double Door Inn documentarians