



# The Compact

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## Annual Meeting Issue

Greetings:

I am pleased to report that the state of our society is strong. The year 2006 saw a 26.5% increase in new members, transfers in and supplementals--the highest level since the General Society has been keeping records.

Our focus will continue to be on increasing our membership with the objective of 4,000 members by 2009.

With that objective in mind, I am asking again that each member bring at least two new applicants to our historian this year. Our historian, Jay Lucas, is eager to assist you in identifying supplemental lines to additional Mayflower ancestors.

Elsewhere in the Compact, you will note a new initiative to strengthen the financial underpinnings of our Society. Our Society is one of the largest of the 52 state societies in the General Society. Our Board of Assistants appreciates your ongoing support by renewing your yearly membership, by making a gift to our Annual Fund appeal and now by making a bequest to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants in your will. Alternately, there are several endowment opportunities available. For further information on giving, call me at 781-383-6940.



Wigmore A. Pierson, *Governor*

The speaker at our Annual Meeting will be Peter Arenstam, Manager, Maritime Artisans, Plimoth Plantation. Peter is a most engaging speaker and will be talking about the extensive plans underway to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the arrival of Mayflower II at Plymouth Harbor on June 13, 1957. I encourage you to make your reservations early and invite friends, relatives and potential new members to join you.

The MSMD yearlong project with the Genealogical Society of Utah to digitalize all our lineage papers is nearly complete. We appreciate and thank our extremely dedicated and hardworking volunteers, Sandy and Dick Webb, for their work on this pilot project and wish them Godspeed.

And so, my cousins, I conclude this message with a reminder to promptly send in the coupon to attend our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 21. Also, please send me your ideas on how we can improve our Society and make membership even more attractive to potential members.

Cordially,  
Wigmore A. Pierson, Governor

## Annual Meeting Speaker



The speaker at our Annual meeting on Saturday, April 21, 2007 will be Peter Arenstam who is currently the Manager, Maritime Artisans Department, Plimoth Plantation.

He is responsible for all repair, restoration, and sailing of the replica ship "Mayflower II". In addition, Arenstam oversees and participates in the making of sails, rigging, hull and deck repairs with a staff of four and varying numbers of volunteers and interns .

Among other duties and responsibilities, he works with the U. S. Coast Guard to keep "Mayflower II" certified to carry passengers under sail. He serves as mate aboard Mayflower II during sails to Provincetown, Boston and around Cape Cod.

His remarks will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Mayflower II which arrived at Plymouth Harbor on June 13, 1957.

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Assistants in accordance with the By-laws, reports the following nominations for the offices to be filled at the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Meeting on the 21st of April 2007.

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## Personal Letter Contest

### *Why did you join the Society?*

Why did you join the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants? Did you feel the pull of history? Were you influenced by relatives or challenged by the genealogy? Share your favorite story with other members of the Society, and, yes, mail (or email) it to your family and relatives.

Send a copy of your letter to the editors of *The Compact*, and a committee of volunteers will review the letters. The best one will be printed in *The Compact* PLUS you will receive a free copy of an MSMD publication as determined by the Governor.

Tell us why and how you or your ancestor joined the society. What would you tell your descendants about the MSMD?

Some were "born" into membership and it represents a connection from their past to the future. What does that connection mean to you? Do you have a personal letters from parents or grandparents about their MSMD membership that you would like to share?

Some of us came into membership through genealogical research, and I have yet to find a genealogist, amateur or professional, who did not have a story to share.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Rick Merrill,*  
 Personal Letter Committee

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Benjamin Antonio Hernandez	Whitinsville, MA
Samuel Maurice Hernandez	Whitinsville, MA
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Ruth Helen (Taber) Bohannon	Needham, MA
Mary Elizabeth (Wordell) Marchetti	East Dennis, MA

## Descendant of Edward Doty

Susan (Joralemon) Macartney	Wakefield, RI
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## Descendants of Francis Eaton

Linda Susan Taber	West Newton, MA
Peter Kenneth Taber-Simonian	West Newton, MA

## Descendant of Edward Fuller

Gordon Niles Pierce	Pocasset, MA
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## Descendants of Samuel Fuller

Samuel Peter Mlynarski	Newburyport, MA
Sharon Elizabeth (Weyler) Mlynarski	Newburyport, MA

## Descendants of Stephen Hopkins

Deborah Fidelia (Crosby) Bray	Marietta, GA
Dean Forrester Cobos	Rowley, MA
Marilyn King Cross	Newton, MA
Elaine (Richardson) Leahy	Stoughton, MA

## Descendants of John Howland

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Brett Everett Haase	Montgomery, IL
Richard King Hamlen, Jr.	West Roxbury, MA
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Jean Elizabeth (Ward) Stephenson	Chicopee, MA

## Descendants of Richard More

Thomas Alonzo Watkins	Philadelphia, PA
William Christopher Watkins	Sherman Oaks, CA

## Descendant of Degory Priest

Heather Alice Burtwell	Attleboro, MA
Richard Thomas Devin	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Meredith Diana Herlet	Hanson, MA

## Descendants of Thomas Rogers

Susan Marie Anderson	New York, NY
Michael Paul Fulcher	Hyannis, MA
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Dorothy Ann (Rauha) McGillen	Osterville, MA
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# New Members

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# In Memoriam

We report with sorrow the deaths of the following members, but rejoice in the faith of our ancestors that they are safe in the eternal love of God.

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The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants is one of the largest state hereditary societies in the world dedicated to perpetuating the memory and lineage of our Pilgrim ancestors who established the first government on earth by the people, of the people and for the people.

Share that vision and give a gift to assure in perpetuity the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants by including a bequest to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants in your will.

Make your bequest by giving the following language to your attorney: "To the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants I give \_\_\_\_% of my residuary estate." Or you can name a fixed dollar amount. Please contact us if you would like more information. Thank you.

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# An Open Letter to Native Americans

As Governor of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, I am pleased to congratulate the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on their recognition as a sovereign Native American nation by the U.S. Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Nearly 400 years ago, 102 people crowded onto a small merchant vessel called "Mayflower" and set sail seeking freedom from religious persecution in England. They were humble and deeply spiritual men, women and children. Decades later, they came to be called Pilgrims, a name they never called themselves.

After a perilous ocean journey, they anchored off Cape Cod until they could locate a suitable area to site their colony. While still aboard, 41 of the male passengers signed what came to be called the Mayflower Compact, considered the first document ever to describe a governance by, for and of the people. In late December of 1620, they came ashore at an area first called Plymouth by the explorer Capt. John Smith.

The Pilgrims, who lost half their number during that first difficult year, probably would not have survived at all without the assistance of the Wampanoags, particularly from the great Sachem Massasoit and his interpreter Squanto.

Squanto had learned English after surviving capture by an earlier expedition, which landed him in Spain. He escaped to England and eventually made his way back home. He taught the Pilgrims how and where to catch the abundant eels, how to use herring as fertilizer for corn and how to plant other crops indigenous to southeastern Massachusetts.

Massasoit and Governor William Bradford maintained generally respectful, peaceful and mutually beneficial relations between their two peoples while they both lived. Massasoit even attended and celebrated Bradford's wedding to widow Alice Southworth in August 1623.

It was only after both men died that relations between the peoples degenerated, culminating in open conflict between colonists and Native Americans in King Philip's War of 1675-76. It was the large influx of settlers in the intervening decades and the second and third generations of leaders on both sides who failed to uphold the views of Bradford and Massasoit.

Governor Bradford often complained about the lack of spiritual life of those who came after the Pilgrims. Author Nathaniel Philbrick in his bestseller "Mayflower" writes"... it was the material rewards of this life that increasingly became the focus of the Pilgrims' children and grandchildren."

Also according to Philbrick, Massasoit before he died expressed the hope"...that there might be love and amity between his sons and them (the Pilgrims) as there had been betwixt himself and them in former times."

Today, in recognition and appreciation for the assistance granted to our ancestors by the Wampanoag people, the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants annually awards two college scholarships of \$1,500 each to high school graduates from the Wampanoag community.

*Wigmore A. Pierson*, Governor,  
Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants

## Elder

The Board of Assistants is in need of an Elder. Rev. McLaughlin is staying on until a replacement can fill the office. "The Elder shall be a regularly ordained elder, bishop, minister or deacon of a Christian church." Interested members are asked to contact the Society office

[MSMD@massmayflower.org](mailto:MSMD@massmayflower.org)

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## Newsletter Editor

*The Compact* has been edited by Jay Lucas and Steve Brown for the past ten years. In every organization, change in participation is vital to its growth. Due to other growing commitments, Jay and Steve wish to step down and let someone new take a fresh look at *The Compact*. Any member who is interested may contact the office or the editors. The current editors will be happy to answer any questions about the publication of the newsletter.

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# The History of the Massachusetts Society

Written by Alicia Crane Williams, published in 1996 by the Society.

*The first in a series of installments, 1890 -1910.*

The first annual meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants was held on November 21, 1896, at the Tuileries in Boston. Such illustrious people as Governor Roger Wolcott, Mayor Josiah Quincy (III) of Boston, Charles Eliot of Harvard, and historian Justin Winsor were invited. None came. Among those who did attend that first dinner were Winslow Warren, Collector of the Port of Boston; Arthur Lord, President of the Pilgrim Society; Henry E. Cooper, Minister of Foreign affairs for Hawaii; and the Marquis Paul de Rousiers. Out of a total membership of about one hundred at that time, fifty-five members joined with forty guests to enjoy dinner, music and various addresses.

Typical of the large dinner meetings held in the early years of the society is the report given in the Boston Evening Transcript of November 22, 1900, which described the walls of the State Suite of the Vendome Hotel decorated with the Flags of England, Holland, and the United States. Beside each plate on the tables was a tiny dish with four grains of corn "to emphasize the contrast between the want of the Pilgrim fathers and the plenty in which their sons and daughters live." Menu cards were illustrated with pictures and the text of the Compact, and at the lower end of the hall, partially hidden by screens, was a quintet from the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The menu for the 1905 celebration of the signing of the Compact included Cape oysters, bisque of lobster aux soufflés, consomme printaniere, fried smelts with tartar sauce, pommes Italienne, roast Philadelphia capon with cranberry sauce, filet of beef with marron sauce, hubbard squash, string beans, crème de menthe punch, sweet-breads en croustades, pear fritters glace au cognac, harlequin ice cream, assorted cake, fruit, cheese, and coffee. Speakers at the annual dinners were usually trotted out in droves to make "short" remarks, rather than featuring one speaker on one subject as is common now. Subjects centered on the bravery and purity of the Pilgrims or the responsibilities of their descendants to carry on the morality and character of their forefathers in a changing world, such as the following by Winslow Warren:

[The Pilgrims'] love of liberty and of law and order, recognizing the responsibility to a higher power above, has been inherited by their descendants. It is our duty to see that Massachusetts is true to that spirit ... What the country needs is a sense of its history. There are no heroes to the unheroic. The Mayflower crossed not only the ocean, but the centuries.

Speakers were usually prominent people in local or state arenas of politics, history, education, or culture including Hosea M. Knowlton, Attorney General of Massachusetts, Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard, Elmer Capen of Tufts, incorporator Charles Francis Adams, and Katharine Lee Bates of Wellesley College.

There were also occasional meetings with a speaker reading a prepared paper followed by a reception. These were usually attended by one hundred to two hundred people and subjects included "The Relation of the Pilgrims to Their Times," "The Pilgrim and the Puritan," "Colonial and Revolutionary Society Life," "The Cheerful Side of the Pilgrim Character," "The Pilgrims, the Foundation Builders of the Republic," "Some New England Women of Colonial Days," and "The Myth of Mary Chilton."

Excursions outside of Boston drew from thirty to seventy-five people who would take a special car on the train from Boston to the nearest station and travel by boat, electric car, or carriage from there. In May of 1897 members went to Plymouth where barges carried them to the Pilgrim monument, Plymouth Rock, Burial Hill, and so forth. Dinner was served at the Samoset House, and Plymouth historian, William T. Davis, spoke on "Pilgrim Anniversaries of Former Days." In June of 1899 they journeyed to Squantum Inn, Quincy (fare from Boston by steamer ten cents, by train and electric car, 11 cents), where they had a shore dinner. June 1900 saw members traveling to Duxbury to visit Powder Point, Duxbury Beach, the Standish Monument, etc. In June 1903 they gathered at Salem to view the only extant Mayflower gravestone (that of Richard More), and a September 1905 pilgrimage led to the Society's small lot, referred to as the "Bradford Meerstead," and other sights in Kingston.

Celebrating Forefathers Day (December 21 st, the day the Mayflower landed in Plymouth - as opposed to November 21 st when it reached Provincetown and the Compact was signed) was George Ernest Bowman's idea. One of the first recorded celebrations of the Pilgrims by their descendants was on Forefathers Day in 1799. In February of 1899, at a special meeting, Bowman read an account of the "Feast of the Sons of the Pilgrims" on that occasion one hundred years before. The idea was well-received and in December of 1900 a service was held at the Central Church in Boston complete with an original song, The Breaking Waves Dash'd High. Kings Chapel, Trinity Church, First Church, Arlington Street Church and Mt. Vernon Church each held services in the next six years. The 1905 address by the Reverend Albert Parker Fitch at Mount Vernon Church was printed in The Mayflower Descendant:

The consciousness of a great past is a precious inheritance and a powerful incentive for a nation ... Let us meditate upon this thought that the true descent is the unbroken transmission of spirit, vision and ideal ... Am I true to my inheritance ... I have received these national ideals, these public gifts of the spirit of popular government, universal education, religious liberty, noble responsibility for the best interests of man kind ... Success is

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## History of the Society

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measured, not by what we achieve for ourselves, but by what we achieve for others ...These are the things and the only things, members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, which give you the right to the high ancestry you claim.

After the Society's move to Mt. Vernon Street in 1906, more informal monthly "at-home" days at the Society's rooms, featuring tea and light refreshments, were begun.

In addition to social events, the society began publication in 1899 of the quarterly magazine *The Mayflower Descendant*, edited by George Ernest Bowman. Recognized as the most authoritative publication on Mayflower genealogy, the magazine gave the society a reputation for genealogical accuracy and integrity. Bowman's vision was to present genealogies of the Mayflower passengers that exhausted every available source of information. A smaller section of the magazine called *Pilgrim Notes and Queries* was briefly published independently. Books of transcriptions of town vital records for Brewster, Halifax, and Truro were also produced, as were epitaphs from graveyards in Kingston, Yarmouth, and Yarmouthport, and a reprint of Governor Bradford's letterbook.

The Society's first offices were rented rooms at 623 Tremont Building. They later moved into 53 Mt. Vernon Street, where they stayed for twenty-three years until the building on 9 Walnut Street was purchased. Bowman began an ambitious acquisitions program beginning with the item that is still the Society's most valuable possession. The Brewster Book, a wast or blank book containing records, letters, lists, commissions, and children's drawings, had apparently been part of Elder William Brewster's estate and the main entries had been kept by his son Jonathan Brewster. It was donated to the Society by Cordilla W. Fitch of Morrisville, Vermont, who had inherited it. Mr. Fitch also donated the second most important manuscript in the Society's collection, the diary of Jabez Fitch Jr., kept between 1749 and 1812.

More of our history is available at:  
[www.massmayflower.org/aboutus/history.htm](http://www.massmayflower.org/aboutus/history.htm)

## My First Compact Day

*Cynthia Bailey Brown*

My first copy of "The Compact" arrived in October with the promise of a feast and fellowship in Raynham on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. But my papers had not arrived in the mail and I couldn't find my name amongst the list of newly elected members. What to do?

A quick inquiry to the office assured that certainly I was invited to attend; it being only a matter of time before the application would be reviewed. I made a reservation and tried to memorize the words of *The Compact*.

Then on a beautiful fall Saturday morning I started out with my nearby friend, Marilyn Ameduri (John Billington), with whom I play in the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. We found seats at a table and began lively conversations with those around us.

After the officers were introduced and had spoken we had our dinner followed by a riveting account of some of the early Boston women accused of witchcraft. This was given by Brenton Simons, CEO of the NEHGS who has discovered that all these women had two things in common. They all were involved somehow in medicine and all had had problems getting along with neighbors or the community in general.

An announcement was then made that one person's "papers" had just been approved and had arrived from Plymouth. I was so surprised and excited to hear MY name called! It was very moving for me to accept my membership right there before the entire assembly. Imagine my joy when we continued with the roll call and I could stand up for my newly found ancestors!

The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants has given me an opportunity to come closer to my heritage and learn about the people and events that shaped the early years of our country. I await with anticipation the next geographical or historical discovery which no doubt will be "just around the bend".

## Our Library is in Need of Your Help

We need your financial help! The MSMD Library has multiple volumes of journals in need of binding. Loose copies are subject to being misplaced, torn, or lost. A recent reorganization of our library gives us an opportunity to start permanently binding these copies so that they can be preserved. Unfortunately, there are insufficient funds in the yearly budget to accomplish this goal. We have 275 volumes in need of binding at a cost of \$15 per volume. We also hope to buy missing issues for our



collection bringing in 100 additional volumes. It will cost \$4200 to bind our current journals. To fill in the gaps will cost approximately \$1000 more to buy and \$1500 to bind. Therefore, our goal is \$7000 to complete this special project. If you would like to donate funds to this worthy project, please send your check to MSMD, 150 Wood Rd., Ste. 103, Braintree MA 02184 with a notation of "Journal Binding" on the memo line. Please help us improve our library that is open to the public for the benefit of researching *Mayflower* ancestry.

# Long Term Members

The Membership Committee is delighted to honor those who for so long have perpetuated the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors, have maintained and defended the principles of civil and religious liberty and cherished the ideals and institutions of American freedom. We cherish our members who have been so faithful.

## 80 Years

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Ann Crocker Stockwell

## 70 Years

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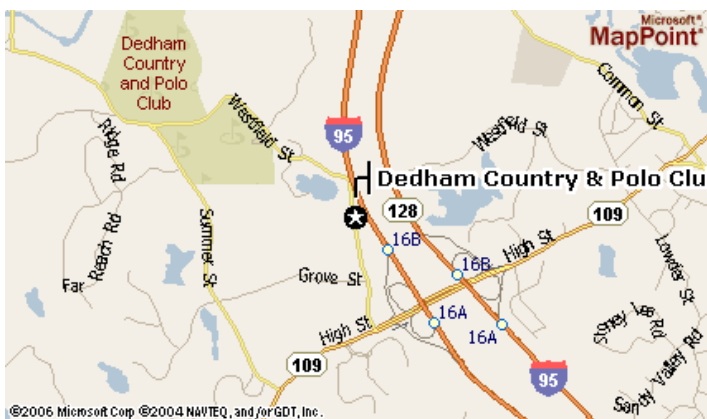
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Carol Anne White

## Western Massachusetts

Members of the Board of Assistants have heard that there is some interest in having gatherings of members of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants in the western part of the commonwealth. What is not known is the number of people who are interested in such meetings. If you would want to attend fellowship meetings with other MSMD members in the area, please contact the office at [MSMD@massmaflower.org](mailto:MSMD@massmaflower.org). If you are interested in making arrangements and coordinating such a gathering, please make yourself known.



### Dedham Country & Polo Club, Dedham, MA

Directions:

From Route I-95 North or South take Exit 16B onto High Street towards Westwood. Take the first right onto Grove Street. Follow the signs to the Dedham Country & Polo Club.

Your reservation must reach the office by **Tuesday, April 17th, 2006.**

Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, 150 Wood Rd Ste 103, Braintree, MA 02184-2511.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **111th Annual Meeting**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/ Prov. : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_ Dinner (s) @ \$ 30.00 each. Children's Meal (s) \_\_\_\_\_ @13.00 each  
*Check made payable to MSMD \$ \_\_\_\_\_00*

## Annual Meeting Notice

### 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants Saturday, April 21, 2006

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Meeting, for the election of officers and for the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at:

Dedham Country & Polo Club  
 124 Country Club Rd  
 Dedham, Massachusetts

The Nominating Committee Report will be presented for action at the Meeting. Following the business meeting, Peter Arenstam, Manager, Maritime Artisans Department, Plimoth Plantation, will speak. His topic will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the sailing of Mayflower II, which arrived in Plymouth Harbor on June 13, 1957.

The menu for the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is listed below with the reservation form located at the top of the page. Reservations must be returned to the office **not later than Tuesday, April 17, 2006.** The mailing address is listed on the reservation form.

**Cash Bar 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Luncheon 12:30 PM**

**Adults**

Salad Greens with Crumbled Chevre & Vinaigrette Dressing  
 Chicken Marsala  
 Rice Pilaf  
 Fresh Asparagus  
 Raspberry Sorbet  
 Coffee, Tea

**Children**

Chicken Fingers  
 French Fries  
 Ice Cream

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## Annual Meeting

*April 21, 2007 at the Dedham Polo & Country Club*

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### The Back Page

*The Compact* develops from the a collection of meeting information, new member lists, death notices, a message from the governor, related events, Pilgrim and Native American news. The editors collect the material into desktop publishing software, to assemble each issue. After a week of proofing, red ink, proofing, more red ink, moving and finishing, the issue is electronically sent to the printing contractor. In about ten days the printer has printed, assembled, tabbed, and inkjetted the address information on about 3,500 copies. The trays of automation presorted newsletters are then delivered to the Postal Service. The international and nonstandard mail is hand processed by the editors and mailed.

Before each issue is mailed, the office manager inspects the member database, then forwards the current mailing file to the editors, who form it into Computer Aided Sort System software that is approved by the Postal Service. A few years ago the rejects were many. Today there are only six domestic addresses that are not barcode ready. Mrs Mucciaccio has performed an admirable service on this project, resulting in a healthy saving in postage costs to the Society.

*G. Steven Brown, Co-Editor*

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