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DUXBURY, MA. May 20, 2015. Alden Kindred of America to honor four Massachusetts women with esteemed Speak for Thyself Award, May 28th at the Duxbury Bay Maritime School.

According to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, pilgrim Priscilla Mullins was a treasure, but she didn't remain quiet when it came to her future. When Myles Standish asked John Alden to tell Mullins that he was interested in her, Mullins told Alden to "speak for thyself" which resulted in their marriage. This famous poem was the inspiration for the Speak for Thyself Award which honors extraordinary women who in the spirit of Priscilla speak up for themselves or others. Our 2015 honorees have made their mark on our communities through numerous charities and organizations locally and abroad.

This year the AKA is proud to honor:

- ❖ Sarah French ~ Emmy Award winning Anchor/Reporter for WHDH-TV Channel 7 News in Boston. Sarah is an advocate for domestic violence victims, is involved with Make a Wish Foundation and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure (R) Foundation.
- ❖ Anita Haffey has dedicated years of support to the Duxbury community through her commitment to improving children's lives with Crossroads for Kids, protecting the Duxbury barrier beach and its endangered species with the Duxbury Beach Preservation Society as well as upkeep of two historical lighthouses with Friends of Gurnet and Bug Lights.
- ❖ Jeanette MacKenzie's dedication and support to the Duxbury community begins with her extensive knowledge and passion for horticulture and her willingness to share it. Through the Community Garden Club she has planted beauty throughout the town, and generously worked on the Alden House Landscaping Project, designing the herb gardens and ensuring that the landscape is an integral part of the Alden House Museum tour and experience.
- ❖ Mikey Walker has dedicated years to educating children and is currently Head of School at Old Colony Montessori School. She founded the Kerry Jon Walker Fund in memory of her late son. As Board president Mikey works tirelessly to enhance the education of young people in America and abroad to promote initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for those who suffer from poverty and its consequences.

Tickets for this anticipated event and fundraiser assist the Alden Kindred of America's mission to preserve the spirit, tradition and ancestral home of the Alden family through education, exhibition and outreach. The \$75 ticket is a tax deductible charitable contribution and may be purchased online at www.alden.org, at the Alden House Historic Site at 105 Alden Street or by contacting Kristen Larson, Manager of Fund Development and Membership, at (781) 934-9092 or by email at klarson@alden.org.

The Alden House Historic Site and the property upon which it rests, are part of the original land grant given to pilgrims John and Priscilla Mullins Alden in 1627. Alden Kindred's stewardship to this important piece of American history provides visitors with an intimate look at one of its founding families. For more information about the event, sponsorship and advertising opportunities, and to learn more about the remarkable contributions of our honorees please visit our website: www.alden.org.