



ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA

2023-2024 Annual Report



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024

I am proud of our accomplishments this past year, and as I reflect on the tenth and final year as your President of The Alden Kindred of America, I am so thrilled with the progress we have made this past decade.

The month after I accepted this position in 2014, the land next door to the Alden House was for sale. Our barn was sitting at the very edge of our 2 ½ acre property (105 Alden). The property for sale (97 Alden St.) was also 2½ acres and had two Alden dwellings there. One is a farmhouse built in the early 1900s and its barn, which had been transformed into a one-bedroom loft apartment. I want to thank my Board members and Kindred members for being visionaries and voting to purchase this property. It was a big step. We raised the downpayment and took on a mortgage with Rockland Trust, a long-time partner with us financially. We were able to get two renters plus rent from the existing caretaker cottage. Their rents pay the mortgage monthly.

Now, other possibilities were ready to be explored. We had repurchased some Alden land, we could now think about expanding our barn and our educational programs. We could GROW and CREATE a Living History Center right here next to our beloved Alden House. We used a process called "Getting from No Longer to Not Yet" (Harvard Univ) to help us find our way to the future.

What has happened? Ten years later (and those include two Covid years that slowed things down), construction on the new museum building is underway. Dedicated to John Alden Keyser and Virginia Eddy Keyser, we endured 9 months of the permitting process this past year. Kudos to Steve Devlin (our builder and Alden cousin) and Pam Campbell Smith, board member and architect, whose skills and patience were superb.

So, as I leave you today as your AKA Board leader, we have raised the necessary funds to put up the building (\$1.25 million), but we still must raise the money to design the exhibits, build the curriculum that will preserve the key aspects of Pilgrim Life, cherish the importance of The Mayflower Compact, that helped John Adams (John and Priscilla's Great (3) Grandson form the US Constitution....and enlarge our capacity to run a unique, year-round National Historic Landmark Museum to be shared worldwide.

I feel very confident that the support will be there for decades to come. We have encouraged membership to all who support our history and continue to certify lineages for those Aldens who seek that affirmation.

****Please ask your Alden relatives and friends to become members of the Alden Kindred. Consider gifting those memberships to your children and grandchildren this Christmas. Join our Legacy Circle and keep your presence alive for decades to come.***

**** Please get involved. Help us to reach out to others. Direct us to potential donors and grant funders. Join a committee or event and have a "hands-on" Alden experience. Just let us know what you would enjoy doing! www.alden.org will be a major resource for YOU.***

****Last of all, share your history with all, and be proud that your ancestors and the Pilgrims who arrived on The Mayflower have left an indelible mark on this great country and make certain YOU help us to fulfill the goals of the Alden Kindred.***

It was an honor and privilege to have served at the right time to bring us into the next decades. Stay strong. Stay committed to Our History. Stay focused and include the Alden Historic Sites in your lives forever.

With Kindred Spirit and Love,

Pauline Ryder Kezer

President, The Alden Kindred of America



2024 Annual Meeting | Agenda

The Alden Kindred of America, Inc.

124th Annual Meeting Agenda | August 3, 2024

OPENING CEREMONY 10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Ringling of the Alden Bell and Gaveling Meeting to Order *Pauline R. Kezer, President*

Invocation/Blessing *Rev. Dr. Peter J. Smith, AKA Chaplain*

Welcome to Mayflower Cousins, Former Board Members of AKA (please stand),
Current Board Members (please stand, all Aldens in attendance please stand)

Welcome to Dorking *Margaret Cooksey,
Mole Valley District Council*

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting *Evelyn Walker, Secretary*

Genealogist Report *Christopher Lee*

Treasurer's Report/ABC Report *J. Alden Keyser, Treasurer*

Living History Center *Pam Campbell Smith, Architect*

Scholarship Awards *Alicia Crane Williams*

Calling of the Role and Membership Report *Rich Holmes*

Executive Director Report *Desiree Mobed*

President's Remarks *Pauline Kezer*

Question to attendees about moving annual meeting to Sept/October

ABC Update *Pauline Kezer & Russell Alden Rockwell*

Vote for 2024 Nominees for the

Board of Directors/ Officers of Board *Lilly Cleveland*

Transfer of the Gavel to Incoming President *(New President Presiding)*

Emeritus Membership *AKA President*

Close and Announcements

12-4 pm Tours of Alden House & archaeology exhibit, New Plimmoth Gard reenactors, walk to Alden First Site. Ongoing.

Book-signing by author Richard Stone *Project Mayflower – Building and Sailing a 17th century Replica.* Ongoing.

12:30 – Reunion Group Photos

1 pm Lunch – Bongi's Turkey Roast

2 pm – "200 Years of Pilgrim Hall with a Dash of Aldens" – Dr. Donna Curtin, Executive Director of Pilgrim Hall Museum explores the fascinating story of Pilgrim Hall through the centuries.

3 pm Silent Auction closes. Proceeds support Alden House Historic Site.



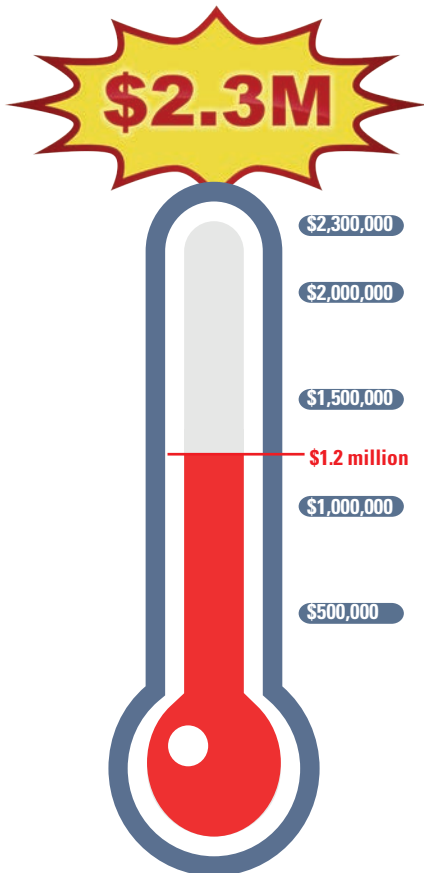
THE ALDEN BUILDING CAMPAIGN

EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING!



“The Alden Kindred has accepted the charge of preserving the story of our Pilgrim ancestors and the cultures they interacted with and, making this story accessible to the residents of our town, and, to the thousands of visitors that come to Plymouth County each year. This addition will give us a completely ADA-accessible space to do this using the latest museum technology. It is a fitting addition to our town’s only National Historic Landmark.”

– J. Alden Keyser, Groundbreaking ceremony for the J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History, August 5, 2023.



We have made great progress during the campaign to build the Center for Living History and are close to accomplishing this part of our program, but there is much more to the story. We still have work to do to properly tell our story to future generations. The Alden Building Campaign (ABC) aims to raise \$2.3 million to do three things:

- A** – Preserve our Historic Assets by creating a dedicated endowed fund for preservation of our National Historic Landmark.
- B** – Build a two-story addition to the Alden Barn to create the Center for Living History to share and teach the significance of the Pilgrim story. \$1.2 million already raised!
- C** – Continue to expand our financial base to meet the capacity building for this next century by dedicating funds to our Endowment and to retire the mortgage on adjacent land purchased in 2015, which made this campaign possible.

Please consider sending your gift today. More information about the campaign is posted on the website at www.alden.org.

With gratitude,

The Alden Building Campaign Committee

J. Alden Keyser, *Chair*
 John Alden
 Pam Campbell Smith
 Anne Cobuzzi
 Tom Delano

Rich Holmes
 Pauline Kezer
 Russell Rockwell
 Adryn Sumner
 Desiree Mobed, *Director*

Mark Jacobson, *Director of Development*
 Terri Wilson, *Consultant*



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Alden Kindred Members and Friends,

After six years of planning, fundraising, and the usual toil and trouble associated with getting building plans approved,

construction has started on the J. Alden and Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History. The 2400-foot two-story addition will help showcase this historic jewel in the crown by providing the much-needed exhibit and program space to tell John and Priscilla's story through the lens of the Alden House Historic Site.

The capital campaign continues as we continue to raise the money needed to add a compelling interpretive experience, fund the preservation of Alden House, and ensure the endowment is resourced to fund operations for generations into the future.

We continue to create multi-media content that showcases our scholarship about John and Priscilla and allows us to present the artifacts we have recovered from the First Site in meaningful and interesting ways. You may have joined one of our popular Zoom webinars this year, like Laura Masur's and Andrew Beaupré's fascinating talk about the trade ring found at John and Priscilla's homestead and the influence of the Jesuits in Colonial America. If you missed this talk or any of the others, they are posted on our relaunched website.

A generous grant from the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation supports a new project to reanalyze and catalog the almost 2,000 artifacts attributed to Native Americans uncovered by archaeologist Roland W. Robbins at the 17th-century Alden site. This research by archaeologist Daniel Zoto will serve as the foundation for the expanded Native American component of the archaeology exhibit in the new Center for Living History. Daniel will present his research as a feature event during Massachusetts Archaeology Month.

Sixty years after the collaboration between the Alden Kindred and the Town of Duxbury to excavate the 17th-century homesite of John and Priscilla Alden, a discovery that made national headlines, the Alden Kindred has successfully negotiated a formal agreement to ensure the long-term preservation of the First Site. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) includes a formal survey of the area already designated as part of the National Historic Landmark and protects an additional block to the south that may harbor potentially significant artifacts. The MOU and survey will be recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as the permanent legal record of the agreement.

As the United States looks to celebrate its 250th birthday in July 2026, we're doing our part to develop programs that highlight the contributions of the Alden family during the American Revolution. Historian Stephen O'Neill, who curated our archaeology exhibit,

will present a talk this September about Alden House hero Major Judah Alden. Funded by the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, Stephen will share his research about Judah's service in the Continental Army and after the War as a successful merchant, town leader, and President of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

I am pleased to share the news that AKA acquired a small swatch of fabric that is credibly connected to Priscilla from the collection of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. The fabric descended through the family of John and Priscilla's daughter Ruth, was cut up sometime in the 19th century, and separate pieces were eventually donated to the Massachusetts Historical Society, Radcliffe College, and the Provincetown Museum, and acquired by a private collector. Our first news about the fabric came when AKA member Vernon Field proudly announced at the 1903 Alden reunion, "We have been quite proud in our family in the possession of a bit of material which has come down the generations as a piece of the wedding dress of Priscilla." 120 years later, we have a piece of this history, which will be a showcase piece in the Center for Living History.

Building and Grounds remains as busy as ever. Grants from Americana Corner and the Felicia Fund have allowed us to hire mason Richard Irons and engineering firm Structures North to repair the crack in the flue behind the parlor and stabilize the chimney pier. Additional assessments of the chimney condition will be performed in the upper section of the chimney. A grant from The 1772 Foundation and Preservation Massachusetts allowed us to replace the decking on the entryway to the museum to improve drainage.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of our volunteers for the wonderful work they do on events, programs, the heirloom gardens, and behind the scenes to help provide our visitors and members with a world-class experience. Top mention goes to Jeanette MacKenzie, who spent countless hours researching, designing, planting, and maintaining our heirloom gardens during the last decade. The beautiful gardens not only provide a welcoming experience for visitors, but they tell a story of early life in New England and at the Alden farm. Jeanette is retiring because of health issues, but her legacy continues in the beautiful landscape she has created.

As I close, I want to thank our board President Pauline Kezer for her steadfast support and leadership. I joined AKA to help the Alden House celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower journey. That milestone is long in the rearview mirror, but I stayed in large measure because I have been inspired by Pauline's vision for the future and her passion for all things Alden. Pauline, thank you for being a wonderful boss and a great friend along this exciting journey.

Very respectfully submitted, Desiree E. Mobed, Executive Director

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Alden Kindred (AKA) added to its professional staff in FY24. Mark Jacobson of Duxbury, MA, a previous member of the AKA Board of Directors, was added to the staff mid-fiscal year as Director of Development with an expanded effort to further AKA's efforts to establish, sustain and grow a culture of philanthropy. Mark brings 40+ years of fundraising consulting experience to this position.

There are defined needs to support Site maintenance/ restoration to ensure the proper maintenance and endowment needs for the Historic Site. In addition, Mark will focus on completing the Alden Building Campaign funding and program and assist in its launch and opening, now scheduled for late summer, 2025.

In **FY2024**, AKA conducted a series of fundraising efforts:

- 1) Membership** – Membership rose to a total of 1985 in FY2024 to date. These funds are deployed to supply benefits and to assist in operational expenses.
- 2) Annual Fund** – Annual Fund revenues are deployed for Site maintenance and Learning Programs. This year, Annual Fund revenue has eclipsed \$38,000.
- 3) Events** – AKA sponsors a series of self-funding events at the site. These include family-based learning activities in including a Halloween Spooktacular, Liberty Pole Day and multiple other learning presentations that seek to bridge core AKA missions with learning opportunities. The largest fundraising Event, the ***SPEAK FOR THYSELF*** Dinner Awards Banquet achieved its highest-ever funding level in May 2024.
- 4) Alden Building Campaign (ABC)** – To date, approximately \$1.2m of the overall \$2.3m project goal to build and complete the ***Center for Living History***, has been achieved. The Center is, to date, the largest initiative of the Kindred. Its purpose is to provide learning opportunities through linkages between Early Colonial history and modern day society. It will be open to both students and the general public. Revenues generated through gifts and grants to date have allowed for construction of the ***Center*** to commence, with ongoing fundraising continuing to complete the full build-out, now scheduled for opening in late summer, 2025.

In **FY2025**, while efforts will continue to renew and add new members from both within the Kindred and externally, in the community, plans are underway for accelerated growth in Annual Fund, Events, Alden Building Campaign and in Planned Giving:

- 1) Annual Fund** – A multi-channel annual giving fundraising program is set to launch in early September 2025. This year, the focus of the Annual Fund will be a Matching Gift Challenge to complete urgent repairs to the Alden House chimney and other key maintenance issues. The elevated goal for this year's program will be \$50,000. This year, there will be special effort made to secure more monthly donors to the Annual Fund. This will increase the ability of AKA to plan ahead for the funding of needed activities connected to keeping the House and Historic Site in a pristine state, available for ongoing visitation and scholarship.
- 2) Events** – Several donor cultivation events and scholastic presentations are in planning. The goal will be to enhance donor engagement and inclusiveness/ involvement in all AKA and Historic Site activities. Plans are also underway to elevate the position of the ***SPEAK FOR THYSELF*** Dinner Awards Banquet as a fundraising event for the AKA.
- 3) Alden Building Campaign (ABC)** – Plans are underway to secure wider support of the Duxbury area community and with corporate and foundation grants in the completion of necessary funding to complete the Center for Living History's technology, learning center modules, museum displays, and curricula. The goal is for this funding to be completed mid-2025, with the opening of the ***Center for Living History*** scheduled for late summer, 2025.
- 4) Planned Giving** – Planning is underway for the launch of a special Society that will include donors who have included the Historic Site and the AKA in their estate planning. Planned giving will provide important revenues to secure the long-term operational success of the Historic Site by building the endowment.



Mark Jacobson
Director of Development

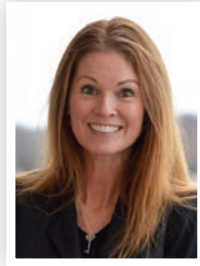


SPEAK FOR THYSELF

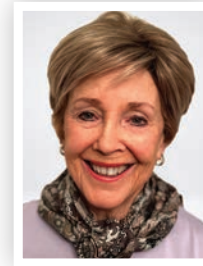
A Speak honoree has the same spirit as Priscilla Mullins Alden and has stood up and made a difference as a pioneer, advocate, community, or business leader.



Pat Dowd



Susie Caliendo



Pauline Kezer

Speak 2024 was a big success as we honored 4 amazing women. We held a lovely reception for the honorees and their families on April 23rd at the Alden House Historic Site. The Speak for Thyself Awards Dinner was held on May 15, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Jones River Trading Post in Kingston, MA.

We honored three women with the Speak for Thyself Award; Our very own Pauline Kezer from CT who is our outgoing President; Community Leader and local real estate agent Susie Caliendo and Community Leader and Change Maker Pat Dowd, both from Duxbury. We also honored Hannah Stout, a graduating senior at Duxbury High School, with the Aspiring Priscilla Award for her outstanding community service. We had nine former Speak Honorees in attendance to celebrate our 2024 inductees. This year our guest speaker was Duxbury Town Historian, Tony Kelso. He spoke about the importance of our historic site and the new Center for Living History for the people of Duxbury.

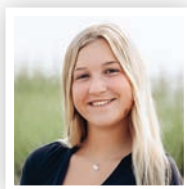
This event is now the most successful Speak event to date in terms of revenue and attendance, which we are improving each year! We had 102 and we raised \$19,505 with a net profit of \$13,387.09, giving us an overhead of 31% which is within the standard of 35% for non-profit events.

Overall, we had great feedback on the event, and have had good local coverage. I would like to thank the committee for their fabulous efforts for the 2024 Speak event: Desiree Mobed, Mark Jacobson, Pam Campbell Smith, and Emily Zoltowski.

Respectfully submitted, *Anne K. Cobuzzi*



“Aspiring Priscilla”
Hannah Stout



YEAR IN PICTURES



LINEAGES APPROVED

IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS 97 LINEAGES FROM JOHN AND PRISCILLA WERE VERIFIED.

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Child</u>
Julia Abreu	Ruth Alden	Nancy Morehouse	Elizabeth Alden
Drew Alden	Jonathan Alden	Evie Morehouse	Elizabeth Alden
Donald Ames	Jonathan Alden	Tonya Myers	Elizabeth Alden
David Barnard	Joseph Alden	Carolyn Nadeau	Joseph Alden
Hall Beck	Joseph Alden	Cayden Nadeau	Joseph Alden
Kiara Bollinger	David Alden	Madison Nadeau	Joseph Alden
Sara Bollinger	David Alden	Jerry Nightingale	Joseph Alden
Eric Bollinger	David Alden	Rebecca Nightingale	Joseph Alden
Katherine Brainard	Joseph Alden	Grace Nightingale	Joseph Alden
Judith Brookshaw	Elizabeth Alden	Eric Nightingale	Joseph Alden
Michael Brown	Elizabeth Alden	Peter Nightingale	Joseph Alden
Michael Brown II	Elizabeth Alden	Daryl Niner	Elizabeth Alden
Stephanie Buckley	Sarah Alden	David Owen	Joseph Alden
Stephanie Burrows	Jonathan Alden	Barbara Pease	Ruth Alden
Christina Cakiroglu	Joseph Alden	Eric Phillips	Ruth Alden
Boran Cakiroglu	Joseph Alden	Dorothy Pitt	Sarah Alden
Cynthia Campbell-Wolters	Joseph Alden	Dutch Plante Family	Ruth Alden
Lisa Clark-DeYoung	Joseph Alden	Clodagh Plante	Ruth Alden
Amber Cook	Ruth Alden	Jeffrey Potter	Sarah Alden
Jacob Cook	Ruth Alden	Corinna Robert	Joseph Alden
Benjamin Cook	Ruth Alden	Audrey Sanchez	Elizabeth Alden
William Davis	David Alden	Robert Siems	Elizabeth Alden
Christina Day	Elizabeth Alden	Paige Signorella	John Alden
Angelina DeFilippo	Ruth Alden	Alexandra Silva	Elizabeth Alden
Alice Dolbear/Joseph Parrish Family	Joseph Alden	Steven Smith	Joseph Alden
James Dougherty	Joseph Alden	Joshua Soper	Jonathan Alden
Rochelle Durgin	Elizabeth Alden	Lawrence Springer	Elizabeth Alden
Kevin Ennis	Jonathan Alden	Alice Stegemann	Joseph Alden
Marc Estrada	Joseph Alden	Della Stoddard	David Alden
Michael Faucher	Joseph Alden	Alden Terry-Dalton	Joseph Alden
Julia Faucher	Joseph Alden	Skylar Tharp	Elizabeth Alden
Helga Feigt	Elizabeth Alden	Nancy Tooke	Ruth Alden
Margaret Fitzgerald	Joseph Alden	Deborah Wadsworth	Elizabeth Alden
Simon Frishkoff	Joseph Alden	Evelyn Walker	Elizabeth Alden
Lynn Greer	Joseph Alden	Gabriel White	Jonathan Alden
Michael Hamman	Joseph Alden	Kenneth White	Sarah Alden
Tamara Hasty	Joseph Alden	Michael Whitten	Joseph Alden
Heidi Herman	Elizabeth Alden	Cameo Wood	Joseph Alden
Donald Hinson	Joseph Alden	Norman Wright	Rebecca Alden
Leslie Hope	David Alden	Brett Wright	Rebecca Alden
MitziLynn Jenkins	Elizabeth Alden	Brian Wright	Rebecca Alden
Robert Larzelere	Jonathan Alden		
Michael Layton	Elizabeth Alden		
Becky Lewis	Joseph Alden		
Lisa Limbaugh	Elizabeth Alden		
Barbara Love	Elizabeth Alden		
Richard Martin	Elizabeth Alden		
Robert Matheson	Ruth Alden		
Jeff McCombs	Joseph Alden		
Patricia Melancon	Elizabeth Alden		
Grace Melancon	Elizabeth Alden		
Catlin Melancon	Elizabeth Alden		
Lauren Mell	Ruth Alden		
Kenneth Moore	Joseph Alden		
Alexander Morehouse	Elizabeth Alden		
Jill Morehouse	Elizabeth Alden		

THE NUMBER OF LINEAGES BY CHILD:

<u>Child</u>	<u>Total</u>
David Alden	6
Elizabeth Alden	28
John Alden	1
Jonathan Alden	7
Joseph Alden	36
Rebecca Alden	3
Ruth Alden	12
Sarah Alden	4
Grand Total	97

GENEALOGY REPORT

To have your lineage approved there must be vital records for every generation back to generation 5 (The Silver Books document the first 5 generations). Birth, marriage, and death certificates/ records are primary documents for proving lineage.

Alden Kindred members who would like to certify their Alden lineage should submit a synopsis online at <https://alden.org/membership/lineage-certification/>

There have been several family lineages for grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren. There is one lineage certification fee for all the family members living in the same household. An Alden Kindred Family Membership is needed to certify the family.

A common issue rejecting a lineage to John Alden is when there are two people with the same name and similar birth dates and places. Look carefully for documentation showing a connection to the correct lineage. For example: Joseph Gray was born in 1779 in Pennsylvania and died in 1863 in Virginia. His father was Edward Gray, born in 1744 in England and died in 1830 in Virginia. Another Edward Gray, born in 1828 in Rhode Island, is the 2nd great-grandson of John Alden documented in Silver Book MF Volume 16: Book 1: page 269. There is no documentation that Edward Gray from Rhode Island ever lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Research confirms Joseph's father is Edward Gray from England. Unfortunately, the applicant's lineage to John Alden was not successful.

There are many people who are descended from multiple Mayflower passengers. If you can get one lineage approved, then the others may be approved. For example, John Alden's daughter Sarah married Myles Standish's son Alexander; their descendants are ancestors of two Mayflower passengers. To investigate if you are descended from multiple Mayflower passengers look at your ancestors' last names. For example, my grandfather's grandmother was a Bradford, her mother was a Cook, her mother was an Eaton, and her mother was a Fuller, all of whom were Mayflower descendants.

Census records can be used to identify the year of birth, parents' names, and marital status (and the year of marriage for selected census). A recent lineage applicant was stuck trying to find the early 20th-century birth and marriage records for her grandmother. Her grandmother's family had been living in Indiana County Pennsylvania for many generations, but there were no records there for her grandmother. A check of census records solved the mystery. The 1920 and 1930 Census records showed she was actually born in Florida! In addition, the 1930 Census showed she had moved to Beaver County and was living with her aunt. A check of Beaver County records turned up the marriage record. Success! The applicant's lineage mystery was solved.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW MEMBERS

Richard H. Alden	Burlington, CT	Sarah Dekker & Family.....	Seattle, WA
Sarah T. Algje.....	Wakefield, RI	James and Amy Dougherty & Family.....	Virginia Beach, VA
Robert and Jean Allen & Family	Midlothian, VA	Patricia A. Dowd	Duxbury, MA
Deborah J. Anderson	Groveland, MA	Rochelle S. Durgin & Robert Siems	Fargo, ND
Scott B. Anderson.....	Champaign, IL	Barbara A. Eaton.....	Baton Rouge, LA
Sarah K. Anderson and Family.....	Pittsburgh, PA	Kevin Ennis	Plano, TX
Tamara Jo and Scott Arbogast & Family	Marshall, NC	Frederick and Marilyn Fairfield & Family	Canton, MA
Dr. Hall Beck Jr.....	Valle Crucis, NC	Jennifer J. Farrand	Frankfort, IL
Vicki W. Beyer	Lambertsville, NJ	Margaret A. Fitzpatrick	Wellesley, MA
Michael Black.....	Pinole, CA	Helen L. Fowler.....	Duxbury, MA
Kiara and Eric Bollinger & Family.....	Wampum, PA	Barbara L. Francis.....	Tappahannock, VA
Jason and Ashley Bond & Family.....	Plymouth, MA	Jacqueline and David Gately & Family	Edithvale, Australia
Katharine R. Brainard.....	College Park, MD	Lynn B. Greer	Wyomissing, PA
Stephanie Breedlove.....	Normal, IL	John Hall.....	Virginia Beach, VA
Susan C. Brown.....	Edgartown, MA	Britt P. Hansen & Family.....	Duxbury, MA
Michael M. Brown & Family.....	Lake Wales, FL	Heidi K. Herman.....	Arvada, CO
Stephanie and Michael Buckley & Family.....	Dunedin, FL	Richard Alden Hill	Kenosha, WI
Julia Burrows	Sacramento, CA	Daniel Alden Hill.....	Prosper, TX
Stephanie S. Burrows	New Milford, CT	Donald Jean Hinson	Wichita, KS
Susie Caliendo.....	Duxbury, MA	Devin Hodges**.....	Cumberland, RI
Aaron and Halette Card & Family.....	Grand Ledge, MI	Sidney J. Holbrook.....	Westbrook, CT
Linda L. Casper	Anaheim, CA	David, Dianna, Alexa & Nadia Alden.....	Edmond, OK
Barbara A. Clark.....	Seattle, WA	Leslie Hope.....	Santa Monica, CA
Rhonda Clark.....	Yakima, WA	Andrew Hopkins.....	Burbank, CA
Lisa and Dirk DeYoung & Family.....	Marysville, WA	Leland Housley II.....	Springville, UT
Michael and Jodi Comstock & Family	Pasco, WA	Elizabeth M. Hunter	Saint Paul, MN
Amber and Jeremy Cook & Family.....	Colorado Springs, CO	Mitzi Lynn & Robert Jenkins	Phoenix, AZ
Patricia Ann Cordes.....	Levittown, NY	Cindy Kaczmarczyk.....	Hastings, MI
Katherine and Frank Corso & Family	Port Orchard, WA	Drew Alden and Natalie Karas & Family	Abington, PA
Barbara L. Couch**	Canon City, CO	Robbin Killian & John Rock & Family	Fayetteville, NC
Brian W. Couture.....	Colchester, CT	Angela R. Kim.....	Highland, IL
Christine & Bruce Couture	Caldwell, ID	Robert, Mary and Nathan Larzelere	Rochester, NY
Jean Curtis Loud**	Middleboro, MA	Michael and Cynthia Layton.....	Portville, NY
Ellen C. Cyr	Hiawassee, GA	Brian and Katherine Lentell & Family.....	Cheboygan, MI
William and Brenda Davis & Family.....	LaConner, WA	Becky Lewis.....	Brooklyn, NY
Christina and Christopher Day & Family	Plano, TX	Thomas W. Lipps	Algona, IA
Michelle L. De Luna	Rupert, ID	Eric and Gloria Louderback & Family	Brighton, MA
Angelina Defilippo.....	Boston, MA	David A. Lupher	Tacoma, WA

NEW MEMBERS

Michael B. Lyons.....	Bloomington, NJ	Joshua and Adriel Soper & Family.....	Cascade, IA
Richard and Monica Martin & Family	Fairhaven, MA	Cynthia A. Speake.....	Birmingham, AL
Robert Matheson	West Palm Beach, FL	Lawrence J. Springer.....	Thomasville, NC
Lisa M. Mauser.....	Grand Junction, CO	Alice H. Stegemann	Hendersonville, TN
Jeffrey S. McCombs & Family.....	Ventura, CA	Hannah Stout.....	Duxbury, MA
Robert and Laura McKeracher & Family	Oakville, Ontario, Canada	Trevor and Skylar Tharp-Bittinger & Family	Battle Ground, WA
Patricia and Malcolm Melancon & Family	Cypress, TX	Martha J. Thorman	Oak Grove, MO
Lettie and Rex Minard & Family.....	Floresville, TX	Steven M. Thomas.....	Tyler, TX
Kenneth M. Moore & Francis W. Cavanaugh	Deerfield, FL	Ethan Alden Thompson & Family.....	St. Louis, MO
Kristin & Jeremy Morehouse & Family	Sheboygan, WI	Nancy B. Tooke**	Boston, MA
Lorie E. Morris	Nineveh, IN	Karen Walters.....	Clovis, CA
Lydia Nabuco.....	Boca Raton, FL	Joyce A. Watt.....	Naples, FL
Nicholas Neagle.....	Malden, MA	Bruce and Larissa Webb & Family.....	Oxen Hill, MD
Daryl E. Niner.....	Allen Park, MI	Janet S. Wells.....	Sierra Madre, CA
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Timothy Dahl	8/1/78	6/9/96	10/21/23	Ruth
Stephen Derby	12/7/29	4/10/23	10/27/66	Sarah
John Erb	9/1/26	11/4/22	2/18/96	Joseph
Jane Fulton	12/2/34	1/14/24	12/7/71	Joseph
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Nancy Emma Pawel	9/22/57	7/15/21	7/1/58	Sarah
Evelyn Stearns	2/11/49	4/22	9/1/65	
Judith Sturgis	5/28/45	4/18/21	8/7/95	Joseph

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George W. Alden.....	1901—1908	Dr. Donnell B. Young	1965—1967
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Helen (Delano) Bailey.....	1960—1963	Linda J. (Levy) Osborne	1995—2012
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Helen (Delano) Bailey.....	1964—1965		

FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Statements:

This Report is to be read in conjunction with the attached Financial Statements dated 6/30/2024.

Statement of Activities:

1. **Revenues:** Total Revenues were \$264,344 vs. \$232,513 in the prior year. Total Revenues are below budget but have been matched with expense budget reductions to compensate.

Grants are way ahead of where we were at this point last year. Museum and Events are also ahead of last year. The annual meeting raised more than last year. Some Speak revenues came in after year-end and Speak this year did well. The cottage rental is behind last year because, due to repairs needed, there has not been a tenant until quite recently.

2. **Expenses:** Operating Expenses excluding 97 Alden Expenses were \$247,232. Payroll is up over last year as anticipated. One large area of expense is attributable to the repairs needed on the cottage and 97 Alden to make these properties rentable. These were hard to estimate and substantially exceeded the amount we had budgeted. The Finance Committee recommended that these overages be covered by a transfer from the endowment fund In order to keep the organization with an adequate cash position and the Board voted positively at the June meeting to do so. This is reflected in the attached Financial Statement. Both units have now been rented.

3. **Other:** Capital Campaign contributions for the year were \$206,079 (cash and stock). The construction of the Living History Center has begun and, at this juncture, we feel we have the funds (in the bank and with pledges) to complete the building (current cost of approximately \$1.2 Million)

Statement of Position:

Investments are marked up to market. Investments shown this year are higher than last year mainly due to Capital Campaign contributions (see page 13 on the Financial Statements for breakdown). At the date of these statements, there was \$6,698 of LHC contributions waiting to be transferred from AKA to the ABC portion of our endowment.

Respectfully,

Alden Keyser

Treasurer

Alden Kindred of America Inc				
August 3, 2024				
UNAUDITED				Full
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES-CONDENSED				Year
				Budget
Revenue	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	Variance	FY 24
Contributions	41591	44077	-\$2,486	\$85,000
Grants	66750	37200	\$29,550	\$77,000
Membership and Fees	48619	46017	\$2,602	\$53,000
Museum and Events	55553	48886	\$6,667	\$45,150
Interest	4	8	-\$4	
Rental Income-Cottage/other	10227	13600	-\$3,373	\$15,600
Rental Income-97 Alden	41600	42725	-\$1,125	\$49,200
Total Revenue	\$264,344	\$232,513	\$324,950	\$324,950
Cost of Goods Sold	\$8,311	\$5,562	-\$2,749	\$6,000
Total Income	\$256,033	\$226,951	\$29,082	\$318,950
Expense				
97 Alden Expenses(Incl. Mort.)	\$50,879	\$34,555	-\$16,324	\$52,182
Operating Expenses Less Cap campaign Exp	\$247,232	\$227,693	-\$19,539	\$306,292
Total Expenses	\$298,111	\$262,248	-\$35,863	\$358,474
Operational Gain or Loss	-\$42,078	-\$35,297	-\$6,781	-\$39,524
Transfers from Endowment-operations	\$30,000	\$0	-\$30,000	\$40,000
Transfers from Endowment-cost overruns	\$14,563	\$0	-\$14,563	\$0
Net	\$2,485	-\$35,297	\$37,782	\$476
Other				
Capital Campaign-Donations	206079	288615		
Capital Campaign-Expenses	-6145	-30409		
Depreciation-est in 2024	-32995	-32995		
	169424	189914		
Note:Positive variances are favorable, negative variances are unfavorable				
STATEMENT OF POSITION-CONDENSED				
Cash	\$59,432	67,317		
Campaign Funds Held Pending Transfer	6698	12475		
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0		
Investments-Fidelity (6/30)	\$1,475,330	\$1,281,133	****	
Non-Current Assets				
Net Fixed Assets	\$839,700	\$733,073		
Total Assets	\$2,381,160	\$2,093,998		
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0		
Other Current Liabilities	\$5,768	\$5,791		
Note Payable Rockland Tr. 97 Alden	\$367,549	\$383,517		
Note Payable Rockland Tr. Hse & Barn	\$53,881	\$65,285		
Net Assets	\$1,953,962	\$1,639,405		
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,381,160	\$2,093,998		
**** (\$627,591 Endowment, \$847,739 ABC) at 6/30/2024				

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Excitement has been building in 2024! The Alden Kindred of America celebrated its future Center for Living History with a groundbreaking ceremony at the 123rd Alden Kindred reunion on August 5, 2023. Come check out the progress on the construction of the new Center for Living History!
- Alden House: our primary purpose is the stewardship of the National Historic Landmark, the Alden House Historic Site. This past year:
 - Evaluation of the chimney and the bulging in wall. \$4700 spent on chimney repairs in FY 2024; \$3000 grant from Felicia Fund helped fund this work. We have estimated \$4000 for 2025 with \$5000 funding from Americana Corner grant to cover.
 - We have budgeted \$4400 in 2025 for the entrance deck with a \$1500 Grant from 1772 Foundation to help cover cost.
- Rental Properties
 - Cottage
 - Current Lease 12/1/23-12/31/24
 - \$1300/month
 - Tenant is also Property Caretaker and is paid \$1100/month.
 - Repairs Fall 2023
 - New stove, interior painted, front landing stairs repaired, back landing rebuilt, leak around chimney repaired, ceiling and trim repaired/replaced around chimney, septic inspected/pumped, pest remediation. Air ducts cleaned, resolved electrical issue and a new smoke detector installed. Repair costs \$13,985
 - 97 Alden
 - Current lease 5/1/2024 - 4/30/2025
 - \$2700/month
 - Repairs Spring 2024
 - New bathroom floor, kitchen ceiling joints replaced, interior painted, bedroom window replaced.
 - Exterior repairs out to bid currently.
 - 97 Alden (Rear Cottage)
 - Current lease 30-day notice, will review Fall 2024
 - \$1600/month
 - Property to be evaluated Fall 2024 to determine what maintenance, if any, needs to be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Randall
Richard Holmes



SCHOLARSHIPS

“Going through uncomfortable experiences helps an individual grow as a person and develop character.”

– David Soper

2024 Recipient of the Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship

The Committee received four applications for the Donnell B. Young Memorial Scholarship with two applicants from Iowa and two from Virginia. After careful review, the committee selected David Joshua Soper of Wyoming, Iowa, as the winner of the 2024 scholarship, and recipient of \$1000. First awarded in 1987, this scholarship is presented annually to a descendant of John Alden and member of the Alden Kindred, thanks to the continuous and generous support of Kindred members.



David is a solid A and B student at the Midland Middle and Cascade High schools in Wyoming, Iowa, with a grade point average of 3.8215, ranked third in his class of 31. He has played baseball all four years of his high school career, including a perfect game pitched in 9th grade, and has received varsity letters in baseball and basketball and the Superior Honor Roll Student and Academic Award.

His essay celebrates the deep work ethic passed down to him by his parents from his Alden ancestors. He will be attending Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, majoring in history and education.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Randall, Ryan Curley, Richard Holmes, Mary Ruth Duquette, Catherine Duffty, Evelyn Duffty, Alicia Crane Williams, Chair.



Molly Funk

2024 recipient of the John and Priscilla Alden Scholarship

“I am incredibly passionate about history and all it has to offer,” Molly Funk

Our John and Priscilla Alden Scholarship of \$500 is given annually to a Duxbury High School student who is interested in studying a trade or an academic field. This year’s award goes to Molly Funk, who is a serious student of history and who pursued an internship at the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society during her senior year. Molly will be attending Boston College in the fall and plans to study political science and journalism and eventually seek a career in the journalism field.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The AKA Nominating Committee proposed the following slate for the Board of Directors to be considered at the 124th Annual Meeting. Those in **red** require action through a vote of the membership.

Officers (for 2-year terms 2024-2026)		Office Term (in years)	Term Expires
President	Anne K. Cobuzzi	2 (On Extension)	2026
1st Vice President	Russell A. Rockwell	2 years	2026
2nd Vice President	John Alden, Esq.	2 years	2026
Treasurer	Richard Holmes	2 years	2026
Secretary	Evelyn Walker	2 years	2026

Board Members-at-Large		
Lilly Cleveland	3 (First Term)	2025
Linda Johnson, M.D., PhD	1 (First Term)	2027
Robert Matheson	1 (First Term)	2027
Tom McCarthy	1 (Second Term)	2027
Gregory O'Donnell	2 (Second Term)	2026
Peter Randall	1 (Second Term)	2027
Linda Seale	1 (First Term)	2027
Jennifer Sinsigalli	1 (Second Term)	2027
Pamela Campbell Smith	3 (Second Term)	2025
Tom Woislav	1 (First Term)	2027

Appointed Members

Christopher Lee, Genealogist
Tom McCarthy, Historian
Rev. Peter Smith, Chaplain

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Pauline Kezer, Lilly Cleveland, Anne Cobuzzi, Christopher Lee, John Alden, Evelyn Walker.

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Meet the 2024 Nominees for the Board of Directors



Linda Johnson

As a descendant of David Alden, John and Priscilla Alden's tenth child, I am excited to be considered for membership on the Board of Alden Kindred of America. A bit about me: I am a retired neurologist, having practiced in the Kansas City area and in Quincy, Illinois. My interest in genealogy over several decades began with asking relatives about their parents and grandparents, followed by searches in libraries and on the internet. That led to my discovery of my Alden ancestors and affiliation with AKA. My past volunteer

work includes membership on the board of the Quincy Civic Music Association, where I eventually became president. We brought outstanding classical musicians to Quincy for performances. After retirement, while living in Minneapolis, I volunteered at the science museum and joined the board of a modern dance company that had a school of dance and provided young professional artists the chance to work with choreographers. I enjoy traveling with my husband and being with my two daughters and two granddaughters.



Robert Matheson

Robert Matheson of Palm Beach, Florida, is founder, partner or President of several companies in different industries. His consulting and holding company, RRMatheson, LLC, provides creative, results-based consulting services focusing on branding, marketing and positioning. Among the flagship properties that he founded and created is Robert Redd, Inc ("Robert Redd"), which is a story-driven consumer product brand that serves a high-end membership with premium products and service. Forbes recognizes Robert both as a long time contributor and an expert Brand Architect.

Robert's wide-ranging interests and expertise extend well beyond marketing and communications, to include data and technology applications. He founded Americans Data and Americans Direct, which is an online data service for Americans who want to own, control, and direct the usage of their personal data.

Robert is an alumnus of American University's Kogod School of Business and the University of Virginia. He has a BA in History from George Mason University. Robert actively fundraises for worthy non-profits such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the Virginia Center for Creative Arts.



Linda Walker Seale

Linda Walker Seale of Duxbury is a retired corporate attorney who advised small companies and non-profit organizations. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Village at Duxbury and the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and is a trustee of the Partridge Fund, which has awarded generous scholarships to Duxbury students for almost 100 years. Linda is a descendant of three daughters of John and Priscilla - Elizabeth, Rebecca and Sarah! She grew up in Duxbury and recently returned to town to be with family and friends. Her family has a long connection to Duxbury, where the popular community pool bears the name of her grandfather Percy Walker, and her parents Chuck and Marie were familiar faces around town. Linda looks forward to continuing their tradition of public service.

He has served in a variety of board positions with the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants and is currently Deputy Governor and Assistant General representative to the General Congress. He is a board member of the Stetson Kindred of America, a member of Historic New England, Plimoth Patuxet Museums, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Massachusetts Archaeological Society and USS Constitution Museum.

Tom was graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics, and subsequently pursued additional course work in Computer Science at Boston University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



Tom Woislaw

Tom Woislaw of Franklin, Massachusetts, has had a lifelong love affair with history and has spent forty years researching family history and genealogical pursuits for family and friends. John Alden was the first Mayflower ancestor he found early in his research and remains his favorite. He is a descendant of John and Priscilla through their son Joseph.

Tom is currently a Sr. Vice President/ Director and Head of Global Transfer Agency Application Architecture and Strategy at the Bank of New York Mellon. His career in Financial Services Technology has included executive positions at The Boston Company, First Data Corp, Sun Life Financial, and as a divisional Chief Information Officer at PNC Bank before its acquisition by BNY Mellon.

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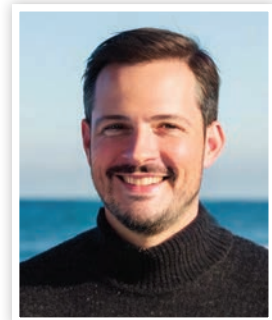
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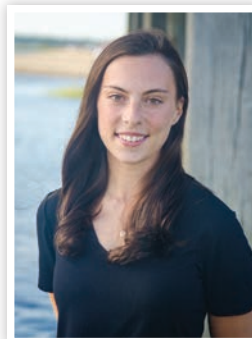
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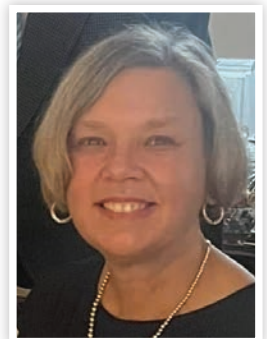
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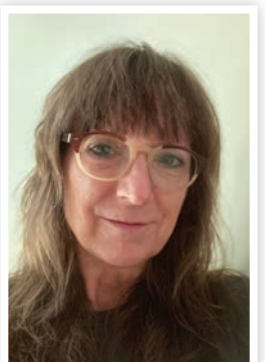
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Alden Kindred Annual Meeting 2023 Minutes

President Pauline Kezer opened the 123rd annual meeting of the Alden Kindred at 10:05 a.m. under the tent on the Alden House grounds and on Zoom, followed by her ringing the Alden bell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Amanda Coker. Pauline welcomed all, including members of other early families who officially attended for the first time: the Delano Kindred, the Soules and members of the Peter Brown family. The Rev. Peter J. Smith gave the invocation.

A summary of the report of the 122nd annual meeting was read by Secretary Evelyn Walker. The report was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer Alden Keyser described the financial health of the organization and thanked the Finance Committee for its work. Alden said that there was an operational loss this year due to needed maintenance on the rental properties and also a very big increase in the cost of insurance. He thanked Director Desiree Mobed and Bookkeeper Carol Smith for all their help. He also thanked the Capital Campaign Committee for all their work, which began in 2017. After questions from attendees regarding insurance and chimney concerns, the report was unanimously accepted.

Genealogist Christopher Lee reported that with the help of Bob Holmes, 94 Aldens were verified this year and are listed in the Annual Report. He also read a list of members who had died this year. He pointed out the unofficial, but traditional, Alden coat of arms and the beautiful Alden family tree, both provided by Philip John Alden. Roll call showed from which child of John and Priscilla those present were descended, the second number being those on Zoom: Elizabeth, 21, 5; Joseph, 14, 4; Ruth, 13, 4; David, 1, 1; Sarah 12, 2; Jonathan 6, 2; John Jr., 1, 1; Rebecca 1, 3.

President Pauline Kezer then thanked departing Board member Tom Delano, who was leaving because of increased work with the Delano Kindred.

Nominating Chair Lilly Cleveland presented the slate of officers for the new year. They are Pauline Kezer, president, Russell Rockwell 1st vice-president, Rich Holmes, 2nd vice-president, Alden Keyser, Treasurer; Evelyn Walker, Secretary; other returning Board members are John Alden, Lilly Cleveland, Anne Cobuzzi, Mark Jacobson, Tom McCarthy, Greg O'Donnell (2nd term), Peter Randall, Jen Sinsigalli, and Pamela Campbell Smith. The slate was unanimously approved (Kezer/Keyser).

Scholarship Chair Linda Osborne presented her grandson Ryan Curley, a former Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship winner, who thanked the Kindred for his scholarship, saying that it helped instill confidence in him, especially when he first went off to college. He now plans to study for an M.B.A. at Endicott College. Linda then presented the winner of the John and Priscilla Alden Museum scholarship award, Samuel Elliott of Duxbury, who plans to study history. Nikolas Hamblin, winner of the Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship, thanked the Alden Kindred on Zoom from his home in Celina, Texas. He plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Oklahoma.

Pauline welcomed Dorking, England, home of the Mullins family. Margaret Cooksey of Dorking responded on Zoom. Pauline added her very positive comments about her own visit to Dorking.

Executive Director Desiree Mobed began her illustrated report with remarks on an early recorded Alden Kindred annual meeting in which similar concerns were expressed: meeting space and preservation of the Alden legacy and artifacts, all within a budget of \$300.

Desiree then reported that we had our largest grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and we had a large donation from the Duxbury Wine and Food Festival, both for the barn addition. Mostly Alden descendants visited the Museum this year. Zoom and Covid both helped small museums reach out online to broader audiences. The annual Haunted House was very successful as were our educational programs, which included hands-on activities. The programs teach children about the legacy of the Pilgrims, not just about the Alden family. This year's "Speak for

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Thyself” fundraiser dinner was the most successful ever and once again was led by Anne Cobuzzi. HGTV came to Alden House for inspiration on its work for the Deacon Eldred House in Sandwich.

There is a new Alden website and consultation on work on the chimney and related issues is continuing. The 1772 Foundation provided funds for the exterior work on the windows. A very supportive relationship with the Superintendent of the Duxbury Schools has been developed, so that there will be an agreement between the Schools, the Town, and the Kindred for the protection of the First Site, with the authority of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. There is a new souvenir book on the Alden House by former Board member and museum expert Jerry Roberts. Conservation work is being performed on the violin, once owned by a freed slave. Desiree thanked the many volunteers who helped this year, including Eagle Scout Alexandra Hauber, who made an interpretive video, “400 Years of Food” and Jeanette Mackenzie, who unfortunately had a stroke recently while working in the Museum gardens, weeding them for today. The reenactors for the 17th-century wedding this afternoon, Diana Dunlap and Ian Helmik, are actually getting married in November! The Provincetown Museum has once again loaned us a well-documented fragment of one of Priscilla’s dresses. Desiree reminded attendees to see Peter J. Smith’s chair caning demonstration and to bid at the silent auction in the barn.

President Pauline Kezer concluded the meeting with remarks on the changing museum world. In Duxbury the Alden House, the Maritime School and the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society came together to create the Duxbury Community Collaborative. There are now sixteen members of this cultural and educational group. They created a “See Duxbury” day this year, so that visitors could enjoy numerous events for free at many different locations.

The barn addition for the Center for Living History will help bring people together in understanding the importance of the Mayflower Compact for our democracy. Pauline recognized especially Alden Keyser and architect Pam Campbell Smith for all their hard work and dedication to making the Center a reality. Singing “America the Beautiful” and breaking ground for the new center will follow. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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