



ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA

2024-2025 Annual Report



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2025

Dear Alden Family and Friends,

What an exciting and productive first year it has been as President of the Alden Kindred of America! I'm thrilled to share that we've made tremendous strides in advancing our mission to steward and celebrate our cherished National Historic Landmark.

One of the most exciting developments is the completion of the J. Alden and Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History. This new center will serve as a dynamic space for preserving, interpreting, and showcasing the remarkable legacy of Pilgrims John Alden and Priscilla Mullins Alden. We're currently designing an engaging, interactive exhibit area and are eagerly planning a Grand Opening celebration this fall. We hope you'll join us!

Preservation efforts continue across our historic property. We completed essential repairs to the original Alden House chimney and made long-overdue improvements to our rental properties, all of which are now fully occupied.

Beyond bricks and mortar, our organization has remained vibrant and active. Thanks to our dedicated staff, we hosted a wide array of events this past year—from educational programs serving hundreds of elementary students to a compelling speaker series, to our highly successful Haunted House, which welcomed over 700 visitors. We also celebrated outstanding women during our signature Speak for Thyself event, honoring those who exemplify the courage and conviction of Priscilla Mullins.

A major milestone this year was finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Duxbury Public Schools for the stewardship of the Alden First Site, an archaeological area on School grounds. This important site, first excavated in 1960, revealed the foundation of a rectangular Colonial home and artifacts from both early European settlers and Native American inhabitants. We are proud to continue preserving and interpreting this historic space.

In addition, we secured funding to replace the significantly damaged John Alden gravestone in the Myles Standish Burying Ground, a long-awaited and meaningful restoration.

I'm also pleased to report that we have a deeply engaged and supportive Board of Directors, all of whom contribute financially and with their time and talents. I'm truly grateful for their unwavering dedication to our mission.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of our outstanding staff: Desiree Mobed, Mark Jacobson, and Carol Smith, and a passionate team of volunteers. Our work is fueled by generous members, donors, and grants. Special thanks go to the ABC Committee, led by Pauline Kezer and Alden Keyser, for spearheading the fundraising efforts that brought our new center to life. I would also like to acknowledge Carol Smith's nearly 10 years of service to the Alden Kindred and wish her well on her retirement journey. We are pleased to welcome Donna Parry from Plymouth as our new bookkeeper.

But our work is far from done. We still need your support to maintain our historic site, develop innovative exhibits, fund educational programs for future generations, and complete the landscaping and hardscaping around our new center.

I invite you to join us in this important work, whether through a donation, volunteering, or spreading the word, so we can ensure the Alden legacy continues to thrive for generations to come.

With deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks,

Anne Cobuzzi



2025 Annual Meeting | Agenda

The Alden Kindred of America, Inc.
125th Annual Meeting Agenda | August 2, 2025

OPENING CEREMONY 10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance	<i>Jerusha Tooley</i>
Ringling of the Alden Bell and Gaveling Meeting to Order	<i>Anne K. Cobuzzi, President</i>
Invocation	<i>Rev. Dr. Peter J. Smith, AKA Chaplain</i>
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	<i>Margaret Cooksey, Mole Valley District Council</i>
Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting	<i>Evelyn Walker, Secretary</i>
Genealogist Report	<i>Rich Holmes</i>
Treasurer's Report & ABC Report	<i>Rich Holmes, Treasurer</i>
Living History Center	<i>Pam Campbell Smith, Architect</i>
Scholarship Awards	<i>Evelyn Duffty</i>
Calling of the Role and Membership Report	<i>Marti Bobertz and Tom Woislav</i>
Executive Director Report	<i>Desiree Mobed</i>
President's Remarks	<i>Anne K. Cobuzzi</i>

Proposed Bylaw change

The Board of Directors proposes to remove the requirement for two vice presidents, to have only one vice-president. This change will require updates in two sections of our constitution:

Article III, Section 1. Officers. The elective officers of the National or Parent Kindred shall be a President, at least two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. *Remove the phrase "at least two vice-presidents" and replace with the term "one vice president."*

Article VII. Duties of elected officers, Section 2. Vice Presidents. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents to preside at meetings in the absence of the President, in the order of their rank, and to assume all the other duties of the office of President in case of his or her death or disability before the expiration of his or her term of office.

Replace Vice presidents (the plural) with Vice president (singular) and eliminate the words "in the order of their rank" and substitute the following phrase: In the case of death or disability of both president and vice president before the expiration of terms, any other officer may preside.

ABC Update	<i>J. Alden Keyser and Mark Jacobson</i>
Vote for 2025 Nominees for the Board of Directors/ Officers of Board	<i>Lilly Cleveland</i>
Close and Announcements	

11:30 – Reunion Group Photos

12 pm Lunch – Bongi's Turkey Roast

12-4 pm – Tours of Alden House & archaeology exhibit, Meet "Col. Briggs Alden," owner of Alden House during the Revolutionary War, portrayed by reenactor Michael Lepage. Walk to Alden First Site. Silent auction.

Preview tours of J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History – ongoing.

2 pm "Lineage of Liberty – Aldens in the Revolution" Join Jonathan Lane, Executive Director of Revolution 250, as he delves into the extraordinary contributions of Alden descendants who took up the cause of liberty and helped shape the future of a new nation.

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

ARCHITECT'S REPORT

J. Alden and Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History

July 10, 2025

Greetings,

So much has transpired since the Alden Reunion 2024! Those attending the gathering could see the site had been cleared, the foundation poured and the first floor slab was in place. By late September the frame was erected, the plywood sheathing applied, windows installed and the red cedar roof shingles nailed in place. By February the plumbing fixtures were selected, the rough plumbing installed and lighting needs were identified.

Today the exterior structure is complete. The interior has been wired for general electrical needs in addition to archive and display needs, i.e., touch screens and interactive displays. The yellow pine flooring is on site ready to be installed. We expect to begin skim-coat plastering any day.

What's next? We have been consulting with a landscape architect and plans have evolved to include relocating the entrance to the site, so it will be directly opposite Railroad Avenue: easy to see from Saint George Street, there is the Alden House! We are also planting a small orchard on site, and adding a cobblestone parking area for 20 cars.

In closing, it was important to us that the new barn's architectural details complement the existing Alden House details, so that the barn looks like it has been here for 150 years! The corner boards are 5/4 trim, the window sills are extra thick to match the house sills. The roof is red cedar shingles, the siding is cedar shingles and the windows are divided lights. They have muntins.

It has been my pleasure to work on this project the last 4 years, making new friends, solving your program needs, and creating a landmark building that would make John and Priscilla proud. I appreciate the passion you all have for continuing the education about the Pilgrims and their influence on American life today. Your new Center for Living History is here to house the artifacts and stories for many generations to come. Bravo!

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Campbell Smith, AIA





DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It's been nearly 400 years since John and Priscilla Alden established their 100-acre homestead in Duxbury. Two years ago, we broke ground on the J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History, followed by the temporary relocation of our museum headquarters into a trailer along the edge of the property.

This period of construction and the relocation of many of the Kindred's archives has given us a chance to reflect – to appreciate how much has evolved since the Alden Kindred of America was founded over a century ago, and how much remains enduringly strong.

Preservation Progress

Let's begin with the Alden House, our crown jewel. Thanks to generous donations, grants, and the steadfast support of our members, we've made significant progress in preserving this historic landmark. With the skilled work of experts in historic preservation, restoration efforts continue to ensure the house stands strong for generations to come.

This year, we completed a significant milestone: the multi-year assessment and repair of the central chimney system. Notably, historic restoration mason Richard Irons postponed his well-earned retirement to supervise parging the exterior flues and see this project through to its successful conclusion.

Engaging the Next Generation

We remain committed to sharing the Alden story with current and future generations. Over 160 years ago, Longfellow's best-selling poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," etched John and Priscilla into America's cultural memory. The Alden Kindred of America embraced the opportunity to tell this "founding story," in new ways, initiating a strategic plan in 2015 that led to the acquisition of the adjacent 97 Alden property.

That visionary purchase made possible the construction of the J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History, a space designed to bring our legacy to life—welcoming visitors from Cape Cod and the South Shore and far beyond. As Anne Cobuzzi—Pauline Kezer's daughter and successor as president—shares in her report, the Center is nearly complete.

We honor the creative contributions of Jeannette Mackenzie, who designed the heirloom gardens, and architect Bill Thayer, who helped envision the Center's design. Both have passed on this year, but their creative legacy is woven into the site.

Education & Outreach

Our educational programs continue to thrive. Homeschool programming is expanding, and this spring we again welcomed students from Clifford Marshall Elementary School in Quincy. We also continued our decades-long tradition with the third-grade classes from Duxbury Public Schools during their annual field trip.

Preserving Tradition, Building Community

Some things haven't changed. For over 100 years, the museum has welcomed generations of families—parents, grandparents, even great-grandparents—who come to help the young connect with the Alden legacy. This timeless magic has become woven into the life of Duxbury and the South Shore, inspiring Alden Kindred and community members to build new traditions rooted in celebration and heritage.

AKA's annual haunted house now draws over 700 guests of all ages, with volunteers from homeschool groups, scout troops, and the Duxbury High School National Honor Society, all helping create and present the vignettes that make this a "spooktacular" event, under the leadership of AKA member Alex Wilcox.

An Eagle Scout candidate and his team rebuilt a new path from Alden House to the First Site. Interns from local high schools and colleges continue to assist the museum with projects big and small.

Celebrating Our Team

All of this progress is made possible by a small but dedicated team. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff, guides, and volunteers whose enthusiasm and commitment bring energy into everything we do. We also bid a fond farewell to our retiring bookkeeper, Carol Smith, whose patience and hard work have been sincerely appreciated by all who've had the pleasure to work with her. We warmly welcome Donna Parry to the team and look forward to the insight and love of history that she brings to this next chapter.

In just a few short months, the Alden Center for Living History will open its doors. Historian, author, and longtime museum professional Jerry Roberts is creating engaging and dynamic exhibits and we're preparing to launch a new lecture series and immersive education programs. It's been ten years in the making—and now, the adventure begins. Let's go!

Respectfully submitted, Desiree E. Mobed



Fiscal Year 2025 Development Activities

Mark Jacobson, Director of Development

1. Participate in the definition and building-out of the J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center's interior outfitting and in budgets with exhibit planner, Jerry Roberts.
2. Creation and presentation of four grant proposals to foundations for support of the Alden Building Campaign; one additional proposal remains pending.
3. Thirty-two individual solicitations for support of the Building Campaign; ongoing.
4. Email campaign to segments of the Alden Kindred file, seeking support for the Building Campaign.
5. Creation and launch of the Development Council of advisers to assist in all development efforts.
6. Strategic planning, creative asset build-outs, and management of FY25 Annual Fund (for use in restoration - repairing chimney and ceilings in the old house) program consisting of:
 - a. Four direct mail appeals to selected and segmented audiences with the Alden Kindred mailing files;
 - b. Two integrated email campaigns were executed in follow-up positioning for mail appeals;
 - c. Added contributions from membership campaign.

The FY25 Annual Fund generated \$63,377.26 on a goal of \$50,000.

7. Strategic planning, creative asset build-outs, and management of direct mail appeal to Life Member Building Campaign non-donors (Spring 2025).
8. Participation in ***Speak for Thyself*** Awards Event Committee; identify and present nominee.
9. Strategic planning, creative asset build-outs, and management of direct mail appeal to three segments of the Kindred mailing file and new set of prospects to solicit support for the completion of interior outfitting of the Center for Living History:
 - a. Donors to the Building Campaign (to update progress, thank for support, and request another gift to help finish the work);
 - b. Non-Donors to the Building Campaign (to request support);
 - c. New prospects (Duxbury philanthropic leaders) added by the Development Council (to position the new Center as a vital cultural asset to the Town/Region and to solicit support for outfitting).



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.

The Speak for Thyself Awards Dinner was held on May 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Jones River Trading Post in Kingston, MA. We honored three women with the Speak for Thyself Award:

Jennifer Cummings Hillery, an Alden descendant from Reading, MA, is a skilled mentor in public speaking and helps others find their voice; Michele Pecoraro from Plympton, MA, is a leader in tourism, marketing, and economic development for the South Shore; and Kimberly Phipps-Nichol, an Alden descendant from Houston, TX, is an entrepreneur and visionary designer of business and community spaces.

We also honored Maeve Downes, a graduating senior at Duxbury High School, with the Aspiring Priscilla Award for her outstanding community service. We had five former Speak Honorees in attendance to celebrate our 2025 inductees.

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 2025 Speak event: Desiree Mobed, Mark Jacobson, Pam Campbell Smith, Tom Woislaw, and Emily Zoltowski.

Respectfully submitted, *Anne K. Cobuzzi*



Celebrating our 2025 Speak Honorees: Jennifer Cummings Hillery, Maeve Downes, Michele Pecoraro, and Kimberly Phipps-Nichol

FLY IN PICTURES

A large collage of 25 photographs showing various activities at the Alden House Historic Site. The photos include children and adults engaged in crafts, a group holding a \$2.3M fundraising thermometer, a man cutting a ribbon, a large group photo in front of the historic house, people in period costumes, a fire demonstration, children in skeleton costumes, a woman in a bonnet at a spinning wheel, a child with a large skeleton prop, a portrait of a woman, and a woman holding a framed picture. A banner at the top reads "ALDEN HOUSE HISTORIC SITE Where history comes to life!".

LINEAGES APPROVED

IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS 96 LINEAGES FROM JOHN AND PRISCILLA ALDEN WERE VERIFIED.

Member Name
Normandy Alden
Irene Armstrong
Diane Baker
Cherie Behrens
Kelsey Broers
Heather Bruntl
Linda Buzgheia
Aaron Card
Shelly Carter
Dana Chase
Abigail Craig
Jessica Craig
Parker Craig
Nancy Crank
Karen Crocker
Gretchen Cummings
Calder Cunningham
Morgan Cunningham
Donna Curtin
Timothy Davison
Adeline Dodge
Amanda Dodge
Cameron Dodge
Barbara Eaton
Timothy Fawcett
Sara Flowers
Julia Fontaine
Robert Foster
Rebecca Frazee
Vivian Frazier
Brett Haney
Heidi Harrington
David Hayes
Devin Hodges
Mark Hodges
Esther Horrigan
Christine Johnson
Robbin Killion
Carla Koehl
Jennifer Lee
Thomas Lee
Christine Lindstrom
Michael Malaszczyk
Declan McSorley
Evan McSorley
Mark McSorley
Tamra McSorley
Jessica Mead
Maryl Molloy
Maryl Molloy
Robert Munyon
Leigh Murphy
Karen Myers
Adam Niner
Daryl Niner
Erica Niner

Child
Jonathan Alden
Elizabeth Alden
Rebecca Alden
John Alden
David Alden
Rebecca Alden
Ruth Alden
Elizabeth Alden
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Sarah Alden
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Member Name
Robert Perry
Kimberly Phipps-Nichol
David Prince
Sophia Prince
Timothy Prince
Michael Proctor
Abigail Rivera
Brielle Rivera
Heather Rivera
Olivia Rivera
John Rock
Nova Roy
Quentin Roy
Robert Roy
Mari Ryniewicz
Aldan Sandell
Brooke Sandell
Madison Sandell
Larry Skaff
Mary Stasilli
Carli Stewart
Jonathan Sturges
Robert Taylor
Valerie Tobin
Charles Ward
Elena Watson
Emily Watson
Isaac Watson
David Weaver
Grace Weaver
John Weaver
Katherine Weaver
Nathaniel Weaver
Sarah Weaver
Savannah Weaver
Conrad Wharff
Kelley Wharff
Michael Wharff
Chester Willis
Michael Winslow

Child
Sarah Alden
Ruth Alden
John Alden
John Alden
John Alden
Ruth Alden
Sarah Alden
Sarah Alden
Sarah Alden
Sarah Alden
Elizabeth Alden
Joseph Alden
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Ruth Alden
David Alden
Joseph Alden
Jonathan Alden
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Ruth Alden
Joseph Alden
Elizabeth Alden

THE NUMBER OF LINEAGES BY CHILD:

Child	Total
David Alden	3
Elizabeth Alden	28
John Alden	11
Jonathan Alden	3
Joseph Alden	20
Rebecca Alden	4
Ruth Alden	13
Sarah Alden	14
Grand Total	96

GENEALOGY REPORT

Certifying your lineage to Mayflower passengers, John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, offers a unique opportunity to connect with a significant chapter of American history. This recognition not only honors your ancestral heritage but also provides a sense of belonging to a community of descendants who share a deep appreciation for the courage and resilience of the Pilgrims. It can open doors to genealogical resources, historical societies, and events that celebrate the legacy of the Mayflower journey. Additionally, it serves as a meaningful way to preserve your family's story for future generations, fostering pride and a deeper understanding of your roots.

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/>

All family members, including grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren, can be certified together. One lineage certification fee applies to all individuals residing in the same household. An Alden Kindred Family Membership is required for family certification.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW MEMBERS

As of FY25, Alden Kindred of America comprises 1,958 members, including 466 Life Members. Their enduring commitment continues to safeguard our shared legacy. This year, we welcomed 107 new members—34 family and 73 individual—reflecting sustained enthusiasm for our mission.

Richard H. Alden	Burlington, CT	Elizabeth Forman.....	Plymouth, MA
Normandy Alden	West Winfield, NY	Vivian Frazier	Woodway, TX
Sharon Barry.....	Ormond Beach, FL	Gretchen S. Frey.....	Seattle, WA
Christopher Bass & Family.....	Mechanicsville, VA	Todd Glasson	San Francisco, CA
Cherie Allen Behrens & Family....	Orlando, FL	Kay Green.....	Akron, NY
Mathew Billings	Antwerp, NY	Brett Haney & Family.....	Post Falls, ID
Denison Bollay & Family	Santa Ynez, CA	Suzanne Georgia Hansen	Pewaukee, WI
Donna Brandelli & Family	North Stonington, CT	John Hardy.....	Springfield, MO
Kelsey Broers	Springfield, IL	Cheryl Hargrave & Family.....	Clinton, IN
Judy Brookshaw	Webster, WI	Heidi Harrington	Duxbury, MA
Linda J. Buzgheia.....	Sacramento, CA	Diane Hauslein	Arlington, VA
Dana G. Chase Jr.....	East Bridgewater, MA	Mark & Diana Hodges.....	Cumberland, RI
Susan Clasen	Westminister, CO	Jennifer Hoffman Lee & Family ...	Madison, CT
Jessica Craig & Family.....	Torrington, CT	Jack Hughes	Hutchinson, KS
Karen Crocker & Family	Fayetteville, AR	Christine R. Johnson.....	San Francisco, CA
Gretchen Cummings	Rochester, NY	Jerome Francis Klebba	Kentwood, MI
Alison D'Angelo.....	Duxbury, MA	Heather Knapp Brunttil & Family..	Reading, MA
Donald Davis II & Family.....	Boulder, CO	Paul Kohler	Saint Paul, MN
Timothy Davison	Granville, OH	Janet Kral	Syracuse, NY
David Delano.....	Ashfield Colborne, Wawanosh, ON	Nancy L. Legro-Sienkiewicz.....	Goffstown, NH
Taylor Derungs	Lumbrein, Switzerland	Rebecca Lewis.....	Santa Rosa, CA
Maeve Downes	Duxbury, MA	Laura Linder	Walhalla, SC
Jennifer Marie Fahey	East Bridgewater, MA	Andrea MacIsaac & Family.....	Dorchester, MA
Sara Fawcett & Family	Cape Elizabeth, ME	Michael Malaszczyk.....	Port Jefferson Station, NY
Jennifer L. Felde-Sandate	Valparaiso, IN	Lynn Mathers	Gilbert, AZ
John Ferriss, III.....	Shrewsbury, MA	Regena McConnell	Lexington, KY
Yvonne J. Fish-Kalland	Cortland, NY	Mark McSorley & Family	Lebanon, MO
Linda Fitzmeyer.....	Jacksonville, FL	Tamra McSorley	Jefferson City, MO
Julia Keller Fontaine.....	Marshfield, MA	Jessica Mead & Family.....	Luverne, MN
Peter Forman	Rockland, MA	David Mensel.....	Bon Aqua, TN

NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Miner.....Daytona Beach, FL
 Maryl Molloy.....Penfield, NY
 Nancy L. Moses & Family.....Beaver, PA
 Robert Munyon.....Queensbury, NY
 Leigh Murphy.....Braintree, MA
 Amanda Niguidula & Family.....Cutler Bay, FL
 Adam Niner.....Farmington Hills, MI
 Erica Niner.....Allen Park, MI
 Eric Olsen II.....Santa Ana, CA
 Michele Pecoraro.....Plymouth, MA
 Kimberly Phipps-Nichol.....Houston, TX
 Michael Proctor.....Marshfield, MA
 Sue E. Rameaka.....Plymouth, MA
 Michele Reamey & Family.....Allyn, WA
 Jennifer L. Reed.....Westport, CT
 William Tobey Ritz & Family.....New Rochelle, NY
 Roberta Robertson & Family.....Williston, SC
 S. Kent Rockwell.....Port St. Lucie, FL
 Robert Roy & Family.....Santa Fe, NM
 D.J Schanz & Family.....North Salt Lake, UT
 Suzanne Schleck & Family.....Scottsdale, AZ
 Linda Ann Scott.....Summerville, NB, Canada
 Dana Sherry.....Herkimer, NY
 Larry Skaff.....Grand Junction, CO

Michael Skinner & Family.....Carlsbad, CA
 Anne Marie Spehar & Family.....Chicago, IL
 Bridget Spencer & Family.....Mankato, MN
 Robert Stevens.....Castle Pines, CO
 Carli Stewart.....Noblesville, IN
 Jonathan Sturges.....Morrisville, VT
 John Swann.....Asheville, NC
 Robert M. Taylor, Sr. & Family.....Danbury, CT
 Denise L. Thomas.....Williamsburg, VA
 Valerie Tobin.....New Glarus, WI
 Nicole Trezise.....Amesbury, MA
 Karin Turner & Family.....Pelham, NH
 Matthew Vencill & Family.....Albuquerque, NM
 Leslie Vosburgh & Family.....Granby, CT
 Elizabeth Wagner.....Colchester, CT
 Charles Ward.....Statesboro, GA
 Charles Ward III.....Statesboro, GA
 Richard Weaver & Family.....Lovettsville, VA
 Kelley Wharff & Family.....Framingham, MA
 Steven Whritner & Family.....Demarest, NJ
 Jeanette Williams.....Rio Vista, CA
 Micheal Winslow.....Chesapeake, VA
 Clinton A.Winslow MD.....Oklahoma City, OK

IN MEMORIAM

Member Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Membership Date	Ancestor
David Allen	1/19/49	10/4/23	12/1/10	Elizabeth
Kathleen Barmann	7/22/46	2/24/24	9/3/05	David
Carolyn Bingham	4/12/37	7/24/24	7/24/75	
Joel Bixby	8/27/45	9/22/23	10/1/09	Ruth
Marguerite Blackwelder	5/8/26	6/8/24	9/21/88	Rebecca
Jayne Crowell	2/9/47	11/19/24	1/22/98	Ruth
Claire Currier	11/10/35	9/3/24	3/10/16	Sarah
Alice Alden Dolbear	8/21/41	1/9/25	8/18/05	Joseph
Herbert Gould	3/14/42	8/31/24	3/6/03	Joseph
Ruth Haynes	3/28/28	2/14/25	1/24/97	Joseph
Judith C. Herdeg	2/6/39	4/26/24	1/27/08	Ruth
Harry Hollien	7/16/26	7/12/22	6/25/00	Sarah
Dorothy Homus	10/6/31	5/30/24	5/11/79	Elizabeth
Daniel Latham	9/6/48	11/28/24	4/18/96	David
Stephen Marsh	7/26/47	2023	2/23/95	Joseph
Dennis Montgomery	6/16/44	4/19/24	6/9/16	
John North, Jr.	4/30/31	2/9/25	6/26/88	Joseph
John Pepper	5/8/25	11/10/21	7/14/88	Joseph
Susan Ponstein	3/28/44	1/13/21	12/8/94	Elizabeth
Jennifer Sinsabaugh	3/26/76	7/5/24	4/19/16	
William S. Thayer	10/11/34	10/25/24	10/21/16	
Kenneth Welch	7/12/56	4/3/25	6/9/16	

PAST PRESIDENTS

George W. Alden..... 1901—1908
 William A. Blossom..... 1908—1910
 Vernon A. Field..... 1910—1915
 George F. Washburn..... 1915—1921
 Joseph Belcher..... 1921—1928
 Hon. Ralph C. Estes..... 1928—1946
 Isabel F. (Cushman) Nason..... 1946—1950
 Dr. Austin W. Cheever..... 1950—1955
 Lt. Cmdr. Joseph P. Dring..... 1955—1960
 Helen (Delano) Bailey..... 1960—1963
 H. Raymond Morse..... 1963—1964
 Helen (Delano) Bailey..... 1964—1965

Dr. Donnell B. Young..... 1965—1967
 William K. Covell..... 1967—1969
 Edith T. Miller..... 1969—1972
 Lura Oaks Cushman..... 1972—1974
 Daniel N. Pearce..... 1974—1977
 Robert A. Edmunds..... 1977—1982
 Kenneth C. Tiffin..... 1982—1984
 J. Alden Keyser, Jr. 1984—1988
 James B. Tiffin..... 1988—1995
 Linda J. (Levy) Osborne..... 1995—2012
 Mary-Ruth O. (Payne) Duquette..... 2012—2014
 Pauline R. Kezer..... 2014—2024

FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Statements:

This Report is to be read in conjunction with the attached Financial Statements dated 6/30/2025.

Statement of Activities:

1. **Revenues:** Total Revenues were \$342,818 vs. \$327,292 in the prior year. Total Revenues were above budget, \$328,150. Grants were down due to several anticipated grants that were not awarded, and Museum and Events were down because of construction disruptions and less than anticipated revenue from the Speak for Thyself event. All other categories were up highlighted by Contributions +\$28,822 as Mark Jacobson was hired as the Director of Development and Rental Income as all rental properties were fully rented.

2. **Expenses:** Operating Expenses excluding 97 Alden Expenses were \$228,723 vs. \$227,414. Payroll is up over last year as anticipated. Office expenses, insurance, grounds maintenance and repairs and maintenance (excluding rental properties) were down.

3. **Other:** Capital Campaign contributions for the year were \$377,183 (cash and stock). The construction of the Living History Center is nearing completion and at this juncture, we feel we have the funds (in the bank and with pledges) to complete the building (current cost of approximately \$1,500,000).

4. Statement of Position:

Investments are marked up to market. Investments shown this year are lower than last year mainly due to Capital Campaign payments. At the date of these statements, there was \$250,000 of LHC contributions waiting to be transferred from AKA to the ABC portion of our endowment.

Respectfully,

Richard Holmes

Treasurer

Alden Kindred of America Inc							
August 2, 2025							
UNAUDITED					Full		
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES-CONDENSED					Year		
					Budget		
Revenue	6/30/2025	6/30/2024	Variance		FY 25		
Contributions	70412	41590	\$28,822		\$69,000		
Grants	40800	66750	-\$25,950		\$80,000		
Membership and Fees	49284	45619	\$3,665		\$58,000		
Museum and Events	43306	55553	-\$12,247		\$53,650		
Investment/Interest Income	71516	67080	\$4,436		\$0		
Rental Income-Cottage/other	13400	9100	\$4,300		\$15,600		
Rental Income-97 Alden	54100	41600	\$12,500		\$51,900		
Total Revenue	\$342,818	\$327,292	\$328,150		\$328,150		
Cost of Goods Sold	\$5,693	\$8,311	\$2,618		\$7,000		
Total Income	\$337,125	\$318,981	\$18,144		\$321,150		
Expense							
97 Alden Expenses(Incl. Mort.)	\$78,299	\$59,167	-\$19,132		\$51,182		
Operating Expenses Less Cap campaign Exp	\$228,723	\$227,414	-\$1,309		\$296,742		
Total Expenses	\$307,022	\$286,581	-\$20,441		\$347,924		
Operational Gain or Loss	\$30,103	\$32,400	-\$2,297		-\$26,774		
Transfers from Endowment-operations	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0		\$30,000		
Transfers from Endowment-Scholarships	\$1,500	\$0			\$1,500		
Transfers from Endowment-cost overruns	\$29,040	\$14,463	-\$14,577		\$0		
Net	\$90,643	\$76,863	\$13,780		\$4,726		
Other Information							
Capital Campaign-Donations	377183	206079			0		
Capital Campaign-Expenses	-873	-6145			-44000		
Transfers from endowment to cover these	873	6145			44000		
Depreciation	-32995	-32995			0		
Note:Positive variances are favorable, negative variances are unfavorable							
STATEMENT OF POSITION-CONDENSED							
Cash	\$41,112	59,432					
Campaign Funds Pending Transfer to ABC	\$250,000	\$6,698					
Scholarship Funds pending transfer to Endowment	0	0					
Life Mbrships pending Transfer to Endowment	0	0					
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0					
Investments-Fidelity (6/30)	\$584,259	\$1,475,330	****				
Non-Current Assets							
Net Fixed Assets	\$1,815,809	\$839,700					
Total Assets	\$2,691,180	\$2,381,160					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0					
Other Current Liabilities	\$5,739	\$5,768					
Note Payable Rockland Tr. 97 Alden	\$350,861	\$367,549					
Note Payable Rockland Tr. Hse & Barn	\$35,861	\$53,881					
Net Assets	\$2,298,719	\$1,953,962					
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,691,180	\$2,381,160					
**** (\$537,028 Endowment, \$47,231 ABC) at 6/30/2025							
Pending receipt of Rockwell \$250K.							

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2025 BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

The highlight of fiscal year 2025 has unquestionably been the construction of the **J. Alden and Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History**. While the new building has taken center stage, the Alden Kindred of America (AKA) also completed a range of infrastructure improvements across both the 97 Alden Street and the historic Alden House properties. AKA successfully applied for, and was awarded, a grant from Duxbury's Community Preservation Funds to replace the John Alden gravestone in the Myles Standish Burying Ground.

105 Alden Street - several upgrades supported both ongoing preservation and future programming:

- Shifted the driveway to behind the barn and revised the pathway to the First Site to accommodate the construction and improve site accessibility.
- Re-mapped trees for the popular Haunted House maze after several were removed for the new building's footprint.

Historic Alden House

Improvements to the historic house include:

- Completion of engineering studies by Structures North Engineering on the chimney flues, which had been prompted by concerns from a 2020 report identifying movement of a supporting pier in the parlor. Repairs to the pier have been made and engineers installed monitoring targets in the parlor, Great Room and kitchen to measure any future movement.
- Richard Irons Restorations, experts in historic preservation, successfully reparged the exterior flues, ensuring structural and visual integrity of the chimneys.

97 Alden Street

Following the new tenant occupancy in spring 2024, renovations continued until completed in 2025:

- Replaced gutters, downspouts, and basement bulkhead, improving functionality and weather resistance.
- Painted the trim and the windows.
- Made repairs to the front entrance and replaced the east side window.

97 Alden Street (Rear)

Replaced the stove and upgraded the gas connection to meet Code.

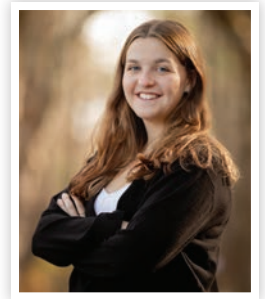
Respectfully Submitted, Peter Randall and Rich Holmes

SCHOLARSHIPS

Abigail Craig

2025 Recipient of the Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship

"I want to make sure that I'm continuing the Alden legacy...listening and sharing the stories, preserving the artifacts, and staying connected with family members." - Abigail Craig

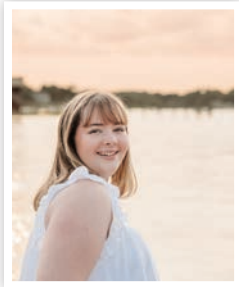


The Scholarship Committee received three applications for the 2025 Donnell B. Young Memorial Scholarship: two from Utah and one from Connecticut. This award is presented annually to a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden and who is a certified lineage member of the Alden Kindred. After careful review, the committee selected Abigail Craig of Torrington, Connecticut as this year's recipient. Thanks to the generous and ongoing support of Alden Kindred members, the award amount was raised to \$2,500 in 2025.

A descendant of John and Priscilla Alden's son Joseph and of Kindred founder A. Ella Alden, Abigail embraces the Alden legacy through service, leadership, and a passion for historic preservation. Guided by her grandmother, she has helped document family artifacts and took part in a family project to learn about gravestone preservation and clean family gravestones in the Alden cemetery at Middleborough.

Abigail was a dedicated and hard-working student at Torrington High. In addition to her studies, Abigail demonstrated a remarkable commitment to service and leadership. She co-founded the ski club, played on the soccer team, tutored middle school students, volunteered in Paraguay to help build a playground, and organized a holiday gift drive for a women's shelter.

This fall, Abigail will attend the University of Connecticut, to study psychology with the goal of becoming a therapist.



Alison Dimler

2025 recipient of the John and Priscilla Alden Scholarship

"I have loved my experience working alongside Desiree, Sophia, and other Alden House volunteers! It has been extremely insightful in allowing me to explore local history beyond the surface while garnering skills needed for my field of interest in college. I have also loved being able to explore digital media through the internship, such as composing an informational video for the Alden House and creating social media content for interested followers. Overall, I had a great experience that I hope many more high school students will be able to pursue in the years to come!"

Each year, the John Alden Scholarship is awarded to a Duxbury High School student who exemplifies academic excellence, leadership, and a passion for local history. In 2025, the Alden Kindred of America increased the award to \$1,000 and selected Alison Dimler as its recipient.

Alison completed a rigorous schedule of Honors and AP courses and was a leader within her school community—playing varsity softball, participating in theatre and dance, and founding the Book Club. She is conversationally fluent in French.

In June 2023, Alison attended Brown University's Pre-College program and completed the course "Who Runs the World? Girls! Women's Music for Social Change," exploring the cultural impact of women in music.

She was an intern at the Alden House during this spring and helped produce a video for the self-guided tour featuring a fascinating yet lesser-known Revolutionary War-era event connected to the site. She will attend Boston University in the fall to study political science on a Pre-Law track.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Randall, Ryan Curley, Richard Holmes, Elizabeth Donato, Mary Ruth Duquette, Catherine Duffty, Evelyn Duffty, Terri Munroe, Alicia Crane Williams, Chair.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The AKA Nominating Committee proposed the following slate for the Board of Directors to be considered at the 125th 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
Vice President	Russell A. Rockwell	2 years	2026
Treasurer	Richard Holmes	2 years	2026
Secretary	Evelyn Walker	2 years	2026

Board Members-at-Large		
Lilly Cleveland	1 (Second Term)	2028
Michele Pecoraro	1 (First Term)	2028
Linda Johnson, M.D., PhD	2 (First Term)	2027
Robert Matheson	2 (First Term)	2027
Tom McCarthy	2 (Second Term)	2027
Gregory O'Donnell	3 (Second Term)	2026
Peter Randall	2 (Second Term)	2027
Linda Seale	2 (First Term)	2027
Jennifer Sinsigalli	2 (Second Term)	2027
Tom Woislav	2 (First Term)	2027

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

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

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Meet the 2025 Nominee for the Board of Directors



Michele Pecoraro, Plympton, Massachusetts

Michele has spent her career in executive leadership, non-profit administration, and cultural tourism. As Executive Director of Plymouth 400, Inc. (2016–2021), she led efforts to commemorate the Mayflower’s 400th anniversary, promoting cultural tourism and highlighting interactions between English settlers and the Wampanoag people. This was the first commemoration to include Indigenous voices, amplifying understanding of New England’s role in American history. As a result of the pandemic, she adapted planned events into digital formats, preserving their spirit.

Michele also developed “Massachusetts 400,” sustaining Plymouth 400’s momentum for the anniversaries of 30 Massachusetts towns and the American Revolution’s 250th. She held leadership roles at the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce and Plimoth Patuxet Museums.

Now an independent consultant (Ideaz Ablaze), she applies her expertise in business, education, and strategic planning to support projects at all levels. Michele’s lifelong commitment to Massachusetts remains central to her professional legacy.

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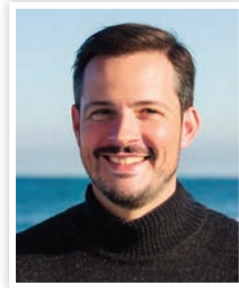
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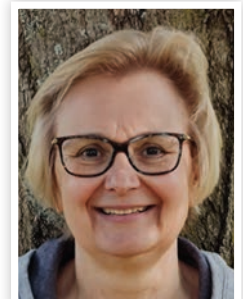
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Alden Kindred Annual Meeting 2024 Minutes

The 124th Annual Meeting of the Alden Kindred was held on August 3, 2024. After President Pauline Kezer rang the Alden bell, she opened the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Jerusha Tooley of the U.S. Coast Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rev. Peter J. Smith gave the invocation. Pauline welcomed all, including for the first time members of another Mayflower family, the Bradfords.

Secretary Evelyn Walker read a synopsis of the printed Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. They were unanimously accepted.

Margaret Cooksey greeted attendees online from Priscilla Mullins' home in Dorking, England. She said that she would be thinking of our country during our upcoming Presidential election season.

Rich Holmes reported for our Genealogist Christopher Lee and for his brother Bob Holmes, that ninety-seven Alden lineages were verified this year.

Treasurer Alden Keyser thanked Director Desiree Mobed and Bookkeeper Carol Smith for all their hard work which makes his job easier. He reported that it was fiscally a normal year. With significant overruns on repairs to the rental properties, the Board appropriately moved funds out of the Endowment to cover the extra expenses. He reported that the Capital Campaign has now raised \$1,200,000.

Pauline introduced Architect and Board member Pam Campbell Smith, saying there is no end to her talents! Pam has made an enormous in-kind donation for the design of the Center for Living History.

Pam reported that Bill Thayer started the design process in 2020, and that in May 2025 the building addition will be complete. Next week the concrete slab will be poured.

Alicia Crane Williams reported for the Scholarship Committee. Molly Funk will receive the \$500 scholarship for a Duxbury High School senior. She will attend Boston College to study political science and journalism. The Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship of \$1000 goes to David Soper of Wyoming, Iowa. He joined the meeting online and said that he was descended from Joseph and that his strong work ethic comes from his Alden relations. He will attend Cornell College in Iowa. Alicia pointed out the need to add to what is now a depleted scholarship fund and encouraged donations.

Executive Director Desiree Mobed welcomed all, including the Bradfords, who are in their own meeting and will be joining later, and she welcomed all those who are joining on Zoom from all over the country and beyond. She said that at the very first Reunion in 1902, there were 250 people present. There was a drive and a dinner under a tent. The Reunion was featured in the Boston Herald. Desiree reported that this year the Alden House had an award-winning float in the Fourth of July parade, thanks to Board member Peter Randall, whose four-year-old granddaughter was a participant. The "Speak for Thyself" fundraiser dinner was the most successful ever and the Haunted House was a sell-out for the 21st year.

Desiree pointed out that there is now a Memorandum of Understanding between the Duxbury Schools and the Alden Kindred. The document, which includes a professional survey, is to protect the homesite where the Robbins archaeological dig took place in the 1960s. Additional land to the south of the First Site is now being protected. The First Site is where John and Priscilla raised their ten children in a home of only 400 square feet. The Rockland Trust Foundation has generously donated funds to have the 2000 items from the archaeological dig professionally analyzed and cataloged by archaeologist Daniel Zoto. Also being cataloged is a gift of 200 native artifacts from the Walker family. Some of those pieces are very unusual, such as pendants. Daniel will give a talk on his analysis in October.

Work is moving ahead in the Alden House on the chimney issues. The pier is being stabilized, and a large cooking

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hearth has been discovered behind the parlor wall. A small piece of fabric from the Provincetown Museum, which descended in the family of Ruth Alden, has been given to the Alden House. It is believed to have been from a dress belonging to Priscilla, possibly her wedding dress.

Desiree stated that Judah Alden was an important figure in the Revolutionary War and corresponded with both Washington and Lafayette. Stephen O'Neill will give a talk on Judah on September 17th. Desiree acknowledged the hardworking staff, Mark Jacobson, Bob Holmes, and Carol Smith. Volunteers contributed 2000 hours, including some by members of the Duxbury High School Honor Society and by Scouts.

Today attendees can see the replica of the Alden halberd in use by the New Plimmoth Gard. Desiree expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Pauline, saying that "If anyone could shake the dust from a house museum, it would be Pauline!"

Pauline reviewed her decade as President, saying that at her first meeting she learned that the land next door was for sale and thought we should buy it. When she returned home, she read her horoscope in the Hartford Courant that said, "Proceed with plans or projects that require solid teamwork ..." The additional land made it possible for the barn addition to be built. The Board used a process called "From no longer, to not yet." She expressed her gratitude to Alden Keyser and his late wife Virginia, and to Carolyn Bingham, the latter who wrote the very first check for buying the land. She also pointed out that although Covid caused setbacks, we never closed. Another factor in the growth of the organization was the opening of membership to all when it became a National Historic Landmark.

First Vice-president Russell Rockwell then made a special announcement. His brother, Kent Rockwell, is giving \$500,000 to the Alden Kindred for the Center for Living History. It is given in honor of Russell and in memory of their grandmother. The gift will bear her name, Clara Thayer Rockwell.

Rich Holmes reported on membership. There are 137 new members who joined this year, consisting of 5 life memberships, 79 individual memberships, and 53 family memberships. There are now 1985 members, and they live in all 50 states, as well as in Canada, Australia, and Spain.

Roll call indicated from which child those present were descended: Elizabeth, 14; Joseph, 16; Ruth, 13; David, 2; Sarah, 13; Jonathan, 6; Rebecca, 3. On Zoom there were from Elizabeth, 2; Joseph, 6; Ruth, 3; and David, 1. The oldest attendees were Barbara Dillon and Barbara Itz, both aged 96. Eloise Duffy-Lee was the youngest at seven weeks.

Lilly Cleveland presented the new slate of officers. They are Anne Cobuzzi for President, Russell Rockwell for 1st Vice President, John W. Alden for 2nd Vice President, Rich Holmes for Treasurer, and Evelyn Walker for Secretary. Nominated for at-large board members are: Lilly Cleveland, Dr. Linda Johnson, Robert Matheson, Tom McCarthy, Gregory O'Donnell, Peter Randall, Linda Seale, Jennifer Sinsigalli, Pam Campbell Smith, and Tom Woislaw. The slate was unanimously approved. Pauline then handed over the gavel to her daughter, Anne Cobuzzi., and gave her the framed Alden House postcard that had been given to her many years ago. Anne then presented Pauline with a special tea gift set and presented Alden Keyser with the title "Emeritus Board Member" and a gift set for making gin and tonics. She also gave each an engraved brick for the new walkway for the Center. Anne expressed gratitude for the work of the staff and Board and said that progress comes from working together. The meeting concluded at 11:45 a.m.

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