



ALDEN

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT



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President's Message 2026



Dear Alden Family & Friends,

It is the Fourth of July and our country's 250th birthday as I sit down to write to you all. I imagine our Alden ancestors making the brave decision to board a wooden ship for unknown shores over 400 years ago. I think of all the possibilities and consequences of their decisions that have led to where we are today. *What if* John Alden and Priscilla Mullins didn't get on the ship? *What if* they didn't survive the first winter? *What if* Priscilla didn't challenge John to speak for himself? Thankfully, they did and created a lineage that would contribute significantly to the founding of our country. John signed the Mayflower Compact; their great-great grandson John Adams co-authored the Declaration of Independence and became our second President, followed by his son John Quincy Adams as our sixth President. Every generation of our family has asked *What if*, and then acted.

One of them is our former President Pauline Kezer, who in 2014 said, *What if* we bought the land next door and tried to gain back some of the original land grant of 1627? Then, in 2016, Pauline said *What if* we built a center for living history to continue to grow and tell our story in new and innovative ways? This weekend, we proudly answer both questions as we open the J. Alden and Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History.

None of this happens without remarkable people. Our engaged board gives generously of their treasure, time, and talent. Aside from board and committee meetings, they have driven work on our new Alden logo and Legacy Circle Program, rental property repairs, many events on the site, and this year's Fourth of July parade float. Our Executive Director, Desiree Mobed, an honorary Alden, if ever there was one, managed the new center's construction while securing grants that restored our historic house ceilings (revealing original 18th-century horsehair plaster!) and placed a new slate gravestone for John Alden in the Myles Standish Burial Ground. She welcomed hundreds of children for educational programs and manages all the day-to-day operations. This fall, she launches our Colonial Lifeways series at the Center's new reproduction hearth.

Our museum consultant, historian and author Jerry Roberts, has designed an immersive exhibit experience that will bring John and Priscilla's story vividly to life. And our Director of Development, Mark Jacobson, led our best Annual Fund year ever, more than \$84,000, surpassing our goal.

Now comes our next *What if*. Our capital campaign built the Center, but sustaining it along with a 370-year-old historic home, three rental properties, and growing programs requires all of us. *What if every member of our kindred gave just \$50?* We would cover these annual costs!

The Alden bravery genes are strong. I challenge you to help us write the next chapter of our National Historic Landmark, the Alden House Historic Site.

With deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks,

Anne Cobuzzi

2026 Annual Meeting | Agenda

The Alden Kindred of America, Inc.
126th Annual Meeting Agenda | August 1, 2026

OPENING CEREMONY 10:00 AM

- Pledge of Allegiance*Jerusha Tooley*
- Ringling of the Alden Bell and Gaveling Meeting to Order*Anne K. Cobuzzi, President*
- Invocation*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*
- Welcome to Town of Duxbury Officials
- Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting*Evelyn Walker, Secretary*
- Genealogist’s Report*Christopher Lee*
- Treasurer’s Report.....*Rich Holmes*
- Alden Center for Living History*J. Alden Keyser & Pam Campbell Smith, Architect*
- Scholarship Awards*Catherine Duffy, Chair*
- Calling of the Role and Membership Report*Marti Bobertz, Christopher Lee, Tom Woislav*
- Executive Director’s Report*Desiree Mobed*
- President’s Remarks*Anne K. Cobuzzi*
- Development Update*Mark Jacobson*
- Vote for 2026 Slate of Officers for the Board/ Nominee for the Board of Directors
- Close and Announcements
- 11:30 – Reunion Group Photos
- 12 pm Lunch – Bongi’s Turkey Roost
- 12-4 pm – Tours of Alden House. Walk to Alden First Site. Silent Auction.
- Tours of J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History with Jerry Roberts, Exhibit Developer.
- 2 pm “Paul Revere’s Ride; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s Journey from Revolution to Civil War.” Join Dr. Walter Powell, a distinguished historian and author, as he explores Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s family connections to the American Revolution and his effort to define that conflict on the eve of the American Civil War.
- 3 pm **Silent Auction closes.** Proceeds support Alden House Historic Site.

Alden Exhibit at the Center for Living History

As construction on the Center for Living History has moved steadily toward completion, the exhibit team has been hard at work throughout the past year developing the new Alden exhibit. Research, content creation, and design have now been finalized, and graphic panels, artwork, artifacts, and digital experiences—developed by exhibit designer Jerry Roberts—have taken shape to present the Alden story in dynamic and engaging ways. Installation is underway, and the exhibit will be completed and ready to welcome visitors during Alden Reunion Weekend, July 31–August 2, 2026.



About the Exhibit Designer

Jerry Roberts, former AKA board member and veteran museum professional, has over 30 years of experience designing exhibits for major museums, authoring books, and contributing to documentaries. He continues to write and consult from his home on the Connecticut River.



Reproduction Hearth

Over the past year, a reproduction hearth was constructed and installed in the Education Room, creating a dedicated space for hands-on learning programs and historic cooking demonstrations. It will be in full use when the Center opens at the Reunion.



Alden First Site Mural

Painted by Russell Buckingham, this 17-foot mural provides a dramatic “bird’s-eye view” of the Alden 17th-century homesite, blending archaeological evidence and historic mapping with informed artistic interpretation. Dominating the back wall of the gallery, the mural will immediately draw visitors’ attention when they enter the space of the exhibit gallery. Buckingham’s work includes murals and exhibit artwork created for museums and heritage sites.



Move to Duxbury Interactive Exhibit

The Move to Duxbury touchscreen experience was finalized this year and is now being installed. This immersive interactive allows visitors to explore the 1627 land grants that brought John and Priscilla Alden—and many other Pilgrims—from Plymouth to Duxbury. Historic maps, animated segments, and real-time GIS mapping reveal the landscape then and now.



Mayflower Sculpture

Fabrication of the dramatic hanging wire-frame *Mayflower* sculpture was completed this year. Measuring 6–7 feet long and 8 feet high, the piece features welded steel rods and translucent, wind-filled sails. Now installed at the entrance, it will serve as a striking centerpiece when the exhibit opens at Reunion.

Together, these elements advance our mission by bringing the Alden story to life and strengthen our connection to the nation’s beginnings.

Director's Message

This year has been one of extraordinary accomplishment for Alden Kindred of America. After years of planning, fundraising, construction, and collaboration, we are proudly opening the J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History over Alden Reunion Weekend, July 31 to August 2, 2026. This is the most transformative project for the Alden Kindred of America since the Kindred purchased the property from the family and established it as a public museum nearly 120 years ago.

The opening arrives at a meaningful moment in our nation's history. As Americans commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States, Alden House stands as a powerful reminder of one of the earliest chapters of that story—of the families who arrived on the *Mayflower*, built the town of Duxbury, shaped Plymouth Colony, and helped lay the foundations of the nation that would follow. The Center for Living History allows us to share that legacy in ways that will engage today's museum visitors and for decades to come.

The two-story addition to the Alden Barn features an exhibit gallery on the upper floor and education space on the first floor. The first floor includes space for gallery talks and a reproduction hearth for hands-on learning. A centerpiece of the second-floor exhibit gallery is an interactive experience that combines a large touchscreen with the fascinating 1627 land-grant map, researched by the late Monty Healy, a retired surveyor and local historian. Monty's map allows visitors to explore where *Mayflower* passengers and other early settlers settled as they moved beyond the original Plymouth settlement to establish farms, build homes, and form the new community of Duxbury. The touchscreen brings his work to life, enabling visitors to zoom from the broad landscape into individual homesteads, family allotments, significant sites, and what stands there today. Together, the map and interactive create a dynamic, layered experience that will engage visitors of all ages.

The Alden story also unfolds through custom art displays, interpretive graphic panels, display cases, a genealogy interactive, and a Longfellow station exploring the Alden legacy through Longfellow's famous poem, *The Courtship of Miles Standish*, which transformed John and Priscilla into the *Mayflower*'s most celebrated couple.

We are deeply grateful for the support of the consultants whose scholarship has strengthened this exhibit project: Linda Coombs, a respected Wampanoag historian; Daniel Zoto, an archaeologist specializing in New England's Indigenous archaeology; Stephen O'Neil, curator of the Aldens' 2019 archaeology exhibit; Tony Kelso and Carolyn Ravenscroft, Duxbury historians; and, of course, our Alden historians, Jim Baker and Tom McCarthy.

Leading this exhibit effort is Jerry Roberts, a former AKA board member and a widely respected museum professional, author, and historian who has served as Vice President in charge of Exhibits at the Intrepid Museum in New York City, and as Executive Director of the National Lighthouse Museum project in NYC, the Connecticut River Museum in Essex, CT, and the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT.

This year also saw the completion of a major preservation project to restore three ceilings in Alden House, made of original plaster—lime and water bound together with horsehair. Over the years, these ceilings had developed blistering, cracks, and peeling. The restoration process revealed a fascinating look at the craftsmanship of these colonial-era ceilings and their hand-split lath and horsehair plaster.

This project has restored these historic ceilings, ensuring that this important architectural feature is conserved for decades to come.

Another major achievement this year was the replacement of John Alden's gravestone, made possible through the generous support of the Duxbury Community Preservation Fund. Although it is not known whether John and Priscilla Alden had gravestones at the time of their deaths, the 1930 memorial stones installed by the Alden Kindred have long served as important markers in the Myles Standish Burial Ground and as a historic landmark for visitors exploring the Pilgrim story. John's stone had deteriorated beyond repair, but the new high-quality slate marker ensures that this important memorial will remain for generations to come.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all our supporters, with special appreciation to Alden Keyser for his steadfast commitment during this building project. We also wish to recognize Pam Campbell Smith, who generously volunteered her design expertise to bring this project to life. We are deeply grateful to the Alden Kindred of America Board for their leadership, guidance, and unwavering support throughout this transformative year.

Throughout construction, Alden House remained open for guided tours, education programs, online talks, and a record-breaking Haunted House event. Our participation in the town's July Fourth parade, under the leadership of Peter Randall, featured a float celebrating the Alden family's role across the generations. Volunteers contributed several hundred hours to these efforts.

We are also pleased to share that Duxbury is now a twinning partner with Dorking in Surrey, England, the former hometown of Priscilla Mullins and her family. This partnership, which will be formally celebrated later this year, reflects a shared commitment to preserving early colonial history and opens new opportunities for collaboration, education, and cultural exchange.

As we look ahead, we are excited to welcome you to the Alden House Historic Site—to explore the new J. Alden & Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History with its engaging interpretive spaces, to experience hands-on hearth-cooking programs, and to tour the historic Alden House and the foundation of John and Priscilla's seventeenth-century homesite. It will be a place where history comes alive, where stories are shared in new ways, and where visitors of all ages will experience this legacy in powerful ways.

This year marks my eleventh year as Director of Alden House, and it remains a profound privilege to serve this remarkable historic site. Every season brings moments that remind me why this work matters—from schoolchildren who suddenly realize that the Pilgrims were real people and not just characters in a book, to families from around the country who find such meaning as they walk in the footsteps of their ancestors, to community members who feel a deep sense of pride that this place exists and that its story is theirs to share. It is an honor to help steward a site that inspires such a powerful appreciation for our American heritage.

Thank you for your continued support. Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Mobed



Fiscal Year 2026 Development Activities Report

Launch of Development Committee

This FY we have launched a Development Committee (Mark Jacobson, Anne Cobuzzi, Desiree Mobed and Russell Rockwell) to advise and provide input on all fundraising activities. This committee will be empowered to set strategies and launch various budgeted activities to generate revenue. It will keep the Board fully aware of all activities.



Mark Jacobson,
Director of Development

Building/Center Fundraising

Sufficient funds have been raised and transferred from Endowment to provide for the initial opening of the new Center for Living History on July 31/August 1, 2026. However, monies transferred from the endowment must be replaced ASAP. And some interior and display features still require funding.

To accomplish these, the goal in FY27 is to raise at least \$350,000.

In FY26, thirty-eight personal solicitations were made by Mark Jacobson to generate revenues for these purposes from prospects. To date, less than \$10,000 has been raised through the Annual Fund from these efforts. Almost all contacts are being met with non-replies to initial and repeated reach-outs. In addition to continued prospect research, the Development Committee has contacted Duxbury area State officials to inquire about any governmental or other, yet untapped sources of grant monies.

Annual Fund

2026 Results

Starting this FY, for accounting purposes, all gifts not otherwise earmarked, matriculate to the “Annual Fund.” As such, the influence of the completion of the new Center has had an impact of Annual Fund totals. The FY26 Annual Fund raised \$84,324.26 (goal \$65,000), up from \$63,371.26 (goal; \$50,000) in FY25. Nearly 85% of all current Board members have participated in this year’s program. Topical focuses in FY26 centered on repairs to the interior ceilings, monies needed to complete the replacement of the crumbled 1930 John Alden tombstone marker in the nearby Old Burial Gound in Duxbury, and support of the new curriculum for the Center for Living History. All projects, fully funded, are now completed.

2027 Planning

Plans for the 2027 Annual Fund are in final preparation, and initial creative assets have been initiated. FY27’s program will follow FY2026’s appeal strategies. It will begin in September and conclude December 31, with the program remaining open until June 30, 2027.

This year’s program will focus on raising monies to complete the paving of a driveway and other hardscaping needs for the full site. While initial estimates for this work have been secured, quotes from possible Alden service providers are being sought.

Today, the goal for the FY27 program has been set at \$100,000, although this may change based upon available quotes. Despite recent years’ Annual Fund performances being above goal, \$100,000 is an ambitious goal. To raise additional funds, a roll-out of our monthly giving efforts and a possible matching gift challenge in the fall are being considered.

Planned Giving

The new **Alden Legacy Circle**, AKA’s full planned giving program, will be launched at this year’s Annual Reunion. Work on all creative assets, including the Circle’s own logo, are nearing completion, and will be completed in July. After the Reunion (before Annual Fund initiates), packets will be sent to a limited number of carefully selected donors with extraordinary lifetime giving. It will be positioned to educate and provide answers and not primarily for an immediate response. An immediate goal is to fully identify those donors that have already included AKA in their estate/will planning. We have been made aware of more than a handful of these loyal donors via informal conversation.

We are inspired by a recent letter from Alden Keyser indicating he has made stipulations in his estate plan to include the **Alden Legacy Circle** with a transformational bequest. This, in addition to his significant giving to the Alden Building Campaign, are noted with particular appreciation.

The goal is to create a brand identity for the **Alden Legacy Circle**, with donors receiving appropriate recognition and invitations to special events.

All Development Committee members have had input in the build-out, and special recognition and thanks is given to Russell Rockwell, who has provided significant leadership in the effort.



Priscilla by George Boughton



The 19th Speak for Thyself Awards was held on May 20, 2025, at the Alden House Historic Site. We celebrated under a tent next to our beautiful new Center for Living History. Our guests were the first to get a sneak peek at the nearly completed J. Alden and Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History. This year we honored three extraordinary women from Massachusetts! The Speak for Thyself Awards were given to Marie Fox Young and Karen Rinaldo.

Marie Fox Young is a Duxbury native whose beloved folk art is in homes across the South Shore. Marie spoke to us about the courage it takes to work in the fine arts, and her later work portrays women and reveals their strength, character, and emotional depth. Marie's courage, artistry and generosity continue to enrich Duxbury!

Karen Rinaldo was immersed in history from a young age and chose a career in art, where she would go on to be recognized for her work and was commissioned to paint *The First Thanksgiving*, which now hangs in Pilgrim Hall. She worked with Mayflower descendants and the Wampanoag tribe for accuracy, and during that time she formed a deep connection with our strong, spirited Priscilla Mullins. Karen also co-authored the book *In The Wake of the Mayflower*.

We were also delighted to honor Lucy Tamburo of Marshfield with the Aspiring Priscilla Award. Lucy discovered her love of history at age 16 working at the Historic Winslow House in Marshfield. She quickly became a docent and valued leader for the organization and now sits on their board. Priscilla would be so proud of Lucy's excitement, energy and talents! Lucy is a history major at Boston University, and we were delighted to surprise her with a scholarship as well as her formal Alden Descendant lineage document. She is our cousin!

Our honorees inspired us with their words and their work, and we truly enjoyed getting to know and honor them. We also had six former Speak Honorees in attendance to celebrate our 2026 inductees.

Overall, we had great feedback on the event and excellent local coverage. I would like to thank the committee for their efforts for the 2026 Speak event: Mark Jacobson, Pam Campbell Smith, Tom Woislav, and especially Desiree Mobed, who is an extraordinary Executive Director who makes everything happen seamlessly!

Respectfully submitted,

Anne K. Cobuzzi

YEAR IN PICTURES



Lineages Approved

In the last 12 months 81 lineages from John and Priscilla Alden were verified.

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Child</u>
Vicki Abbott	Joseph Alden	Ashli Parsons	Elizabeth Alden
Geri Ainsworth	Joseph Alden	Robert Perry	Sarah Alden
Susannah Allen	Ruth Alden	Fran Poe	Elizabeth Alden
Abby Beckwith	Joseph Alden	Susan Redfield	Elizabeth Alden
Alexandra Brisbin	Elizabeth Alden	Guy Rickard	Joseph Alden
Joshua Brisbin	Elizabeth Alden	David Ries	Ruth Alden
Leanne Brisbin	Elizabeth Alden	Steven Robertson	Joseph Alden
Lois Carlson	Joseph Alden	Debra Rodney	David Alden
Noah Carter	Joseph Alden	Barbara Ryder	Joseph Alden
Robert Carter	Joseph Alden	Kathryn Schlichter	Joseph Alden
Ellie Coats	Elizabeth Alden	Kevin Schlichter	Joseph Alden
James Coats	Elizabeth Alden	Tami Schlichter	Joseph Alden
Kyle Coats	Elizabeth Alden	Ravyn Schneider	Joseph Alden
Casey Cochran	Elizabeth Alden	Stephen Schneider	Elizabeth Alden
Julie Cole	Joseph Alden	Rosemary Schroeder	Elizabeth Alden
Rachel Cooper	Elizabeth Alden	Kristin Shaver	Ruth Alden
Calder Cunningham	Joseph Alden	Linda Shaw	Jonathan Alden
Morgan Cunningham	Joseph Alden	Jennifer Smith	Jonathan Alden
Scott Cunningham	Joseph Alden	George Story	Elizabeth Alden
Karen Dodrill	Jonathan Alden	Catherine Strizzi	Joseph Alden
Mark Duhaime	Elizabeth Alden	Caroline Stuart	David Alden
Sharon Dunivant	Joseph Alden	Kenneth Swymer	Sarah Alden
Stephanie Feild	Joseph Alden	Michael Talbert	Joseph Alden
Lucette Fisher	Joseph Alden	Lucy Tamburo	Elizabeth Alden
Stacy Flanagan	Ruth Alden	Dana VerKuilen	Joseph Alden
Harriet Foster	Ruth Alden	Darrell Waltman	Joseph Alden
Jesse Hagar	Elizabeth Alden	William Warner	Elizabeth Alden
Sherri Hampton	Ruth Alden	Anna Weider	Joseph Alden
Michael Harris	Elizabeth Alden	Brooks Weidner	Joseph Alden
Mark Herthum	Joseph Alden	Palmer Weidner	Joseph Alden
Christopher Hunter	Joseph Alden	Paul Weidner	Joseph Alden
James Jacobs	Elizabeth Alden	Steven Weidner	Joseph Alden
Elizabeth Jennifer	Elizabeth Alden	Thomas Whittall	Ruth Alden
Christine Johnson	Ruth Alden	Thomas Woislaw	Joseph Alden
Rebecca Johnson	Joseph Alden		
William Lindsey	Joseph Alden		
Malia Luz	Joseph Alden		
Lisa Mauser	Joseph Alden		
Amy McGeady	Ruth Alden		
Catherine Mckay	Joseph Alden		
Julie Menard	Elizabeth Alden		
Andy Metz	Elizabeth Alden		
Dianne Miller	Joseph Alden		
Andrew Mock	Joseph Alden		
Jeffrey Molitor	Ruth Alden		
Brooke Moore	Ruth Alden		
Janelle Morris	Elizabeth Alden		

The number of lineages by child:

<u>Child</u>	<u>Count</u>
David Alden	2
Elizabeth Alden	24
Jonathan Alden	3
Joseph Alden	39
Ruth Alden	11
Sarah Alden	2
Ruth Alden	13
Sarah Alden	14
Grand Total	81

Genealogy Report

Certifying your lineage to *Mayflower* passengers John Alden and Priscilla Mullins Alden 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.



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New Members

As of FY2026, the Alden Kindred of America comprises 1,810 members, including 468 life members, whose enduring commitment continues to safeguard our shared legacy. This year, we welcomed 118 new members, a 10-percent increase over last year. New memberships include 72 Individual members, 39 Household/Family members, 7 new Life members, and an additional 8 members who upgraded their existing memberships to Life.

Vicki Abbott	Payson, UT	Lucette Fisher & Family.....	Los Angeles, CA
Austin Alden.....	Webbers Falls, OK	Harriet Foster	Gales Ferry, CT
Richard Alden.....	Billings, MT	Harriet Foster	Sterling, VA
Marcey Anderson.....	Bigfork, MT	Lincoln Fraser	Lewis Center, OH
Nancy Andrews	Eagle River, WI	Valerie Frei & Family	Weldon Spring, MO
Chad Bailey	Jonesborough, TN	Joyce Gillett	Oakley, UT
Rachel Bailey Egan & Family.....	Nashville, TN	Jennifer Griffith & Family	Ashland, KY
James Barr & Family.....	Duxbury, MA	Marla Haddon	San Antonio, TX
Ashe Benedek.....	Cambridge, MA	Michael & Stephanie Hamman.....	Raleigh, NC
Jay Benson	Cincinnati, OH	Sherri Hampton.....	Meza, AR
Kevin Blair & Family.....	Arlington, VA	✿ Michael Harris.....	Las Vegas, NV
Susan Bowles	Naples, FL	Mark Herthum	Atlantis, FL
Sonya and John Bowman	San Jose, CA	Alden Hicks & Family	Atlanta, GA
Philip Briere.....	Poultney, VT	Jerry Hicks.....	San Diego, CA
Aron and Amanda Briggs	Fayetteville, NC	Marlene Hilscher	San Marcos, CA
Leanne Brisban	St Johnsville, NY	✿ Mark Hodges.....	Cumberland, RI
Richard Boughton	Spokane, WA	Laurel Huber	Charlotte, NC
✿ Aaron Card.....	Grand Ledge, MI	Christopher & Aimee Hunter	Pembroke, MA
Kenneth & Marybeth Carson	East Bridgewater, MA	James Jacobs.....	Ocean Park, WA
Sara Celi	Cincinnati, OH	Christine Johnson	Amesbury, MA
Melvin Chapman & Family.....	Mishawaka, IN	Rebecca Johnson & Family	Eugene, OR
John & Allison Chester.....	Mystic, CT	Joyce June	Penfield, NY
James & Roberta Coats.....	Raleigh, NC	Jennifer Kelley & Family	Montgomery, AL
Margaret Coffman	San Dimas, CA	✿ Norman Kendall.....	Duxbury, MA
Frank & Gina Davies.....	Barnegat, NJ	April Kennedy.....	Esparto, CA
Andrew & Rene Marie Davison	Wellington, CO	Juanita LaPlant	Salt Point, NY
Karen Dodrill	Sparks, NV	Viren Lemmer.....	Tacoma, WA
Mark Duhaime	Cumming, GA	William & Angela Lindsay.....	Gig Harbor, DC
Sharon Dunivant	Bessemer, AL	✿ James Lundy	Boston, MA
Laurie Egan-Hedley & David Hedley	El Cajon, CA	Kerry Ann Madden.....	Groton, MA

New Members

Susan Mayo	West Greenwich, RI	Linda Shaw	North Hampton, NH
Michael & Lisa McCuskey	Cincinnati, OH	Christina Slater	Evanston, IL
Amy McGeady	Austin, TX	Kristie Steadman	Sandy, UT
Laurie McTeague	Cohasset, MA	Catherine Strizzi	Chatham, MA
✿ Richard Martin	Fairhaven, MA	Caroline Stuart	Watertown, MA
Jennifer Mechan & Family	Milford, NJ	Rachel Sutherland	Woodbridge, VA
Cheryl E. Mendenhall & Family	Corona, CA	✿ Michael Talbert	Oklahoma City, OK
Julie Menard	Peoria, AZ	✿ Selden Tearse	Duxbury, MA
Eugene Metz & Family	Ossining, NY	Denise & Steven Thiel	Jackson, NJ
Alison Miller	Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Louise Thornton	Laguna Beach, CA
Dianne Miller	Merritt Island, FL	✿ Eric Threlkeld	Highlands Ranch, CO
Jill Montague	S. Glastonbury, CT	Elizabeth Trezise	Pocasset, MA
Janelle & Steve Morris	Highland Lakes, NJ	✿ Dana VerKuilen	Freedom, WI
Jane Mullins	Kennett Square, PA	✿ Evelyn Walker	Duxbury, MA
George & Carolyn Parker	Newcastle, ME	Stephanie Walsh & Family	Chanhassen, MN
Ashli Parsons	Virginia Beach, VA	Robert Walton	Buford, GA
Tracey Pfister	Marblehead, MA	Catherine Warner	Terre Haute, IN
Jacqueline Porte	Webster, NY	William & Lori Warner	Higganum, CT
Nat & Kimberly Reimers	Duxbury, MA	Mililani & Sean Watanabe	Waianae, HI
David & Cindy Reis	Bosie, ID	Steven Weidner	Cannon Falls, MN
Guy & Eva-Marie Rickard	Reading, PA	Sonia & Neil Werner	Stratham, NH
David Roberts & Family	Winnetka, IL	Shannon Werre	Boise, ID
✿ Russell A. Rockwell	St. John's, FL	Elizabeth Willis	Fort Worth, TX
Debra & Duane Rodney	Barrington, NH	✿ Regina Wilson	Pickney, MI
Barbara Ryder	Batesville, VA	✿ Abigail Wisbach	Duxbury, MA
Mari & Craig Ryniewicz	Fredericksburg, VA	✿ Thomas Woislav	Franklin, MA
Scott Samson	Lisbon Falls, ME		
Tamara Schlichter	New York, NY		
Ravyn Schneider	Indian River, MI		
Stephen Schneider	Deerfield, IL		
Rosemary Schroeder	Gilbert, AZ		
Andrew Scott	Star, ID		
Kimberly Shanley & Family	Pembroke, MA		

✿ LIFE MEMBERS

In Memoriam

Member Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Membership Date	Ancestor
Jacquelyn Aievoli	7/2/1940	4/16/2025	2/15/2005	Ruth
Ruby Bonecutter	7/15/1941	11/9/2024	1/31/1990	David
Cecilia Dennings	12/3/1951	6/01/2025	2/25/2003	Ruth
Robert Edmunds	2/24/1934	9/23/2025	10/21/1970	Joseph
Frank Foss	5/8/1925	3/28/2026	6/9/2000	Joseph
Rick Hauck	4/11/1941	11/6/2025	1/1/2015	
Scott Bill Hirst	6/30/1953	6/29/2025	7/27/2019	
Barbara Y. Itz	1/26/1928	7/12/2026	7/15/1963	Elizabeth
Jeanette MacKenzie	4/14/1940	5/22/2025	6/30/2015	
Linda Osborne	7/2/1943	3/2/2026	1/29/1979	Jonathan
Suzanne Shaver	9/12/1948	5/7/2025	9/27/1962	Ruth
Kenneth Welch	7/12/1956	4/3/2025	8/24/2018	

Barbara Y. Itz (Jan.1, 1928 – July 12, 2026)

Barbara and her family have helped lead the Alden Kindred since 1963 - more than sixty years of dedicated service. A proud descendant of three of John and Priscilla Alden's daughters, she faithfully attended Reunion gatherings for decades, including last year's Reunion.

Barbara her talents as a weaving demonstrator, served on the scholarship committee, displayed her remarkable fan collection, and contributed her time and wisdom as a member of the Alden Kindred Board of Directors.

Barbara's father, Dr. Donnell B. Young, helped inspire the Alden Kindred's scholarship program for descendants - a legacy carried forward through Barbara and now continued by her granddaughter, Catherine Duffy.

Past Presidents

George W. Alden.....	1901—1908	Dr. Donnell B. Young	1965—1967
William A. Blossom	1908—1910	William K. Covell	1967—1969
Vernon A. Field	1910—1915	Edith T. Miller	1969—1972
George F. Washburn.....	1915—1921	Lura Oaks Cushman	1972—1974
Joseph Belcher.....	1921—1928	Daniel N. Pearce	1974—1977
Hon. Ralph C. Estes.....	1928—1946	Robert A. Edmunds	1977—1982
Isabel F. (Cushman) Nason.....	1946—1950	Kenneth C. Tiffin.....	1982—1984
Dr. Austin W. Cheever	1950—1955	J. Alden Keyser, Jr.....	1984—1988
Lt. Cmdr. Joseph P. Dring	1955—1960	James B. Tiffin.....	1988—1995
Helen (Delano) Bailey.....	1960—1963	Linda J. (Levy) Osborne.....	1995—2012
H. Raymond Morse	1963—1964	Mary-Ruth O. (Payne) Duquette	2012—2014
Helen (Delano) Bailey.....	1964—1965	Pauline R. Kezer	2014—2024

Robert (Bob) A. Edmunds (Feb 24, 1934 — Sep 23, 2025)

Bob Edmunds brought both passion and vision to his service as President of the Alden Kindred from 1977 to 1982. A lifelong outdoorsman, Eagle Scout, Army veteran, and devoted family historian, Bob believed deeply in the Alden House's place within the larger national story. His leadership helped shape long-range planning for the site, including early work toward the Alden Barn project to provide essential space for meetings, visitor services, and education programs. He also inspired broader engagement in the organization; former board president Pauline Kezer fondly recalled how Bob's enthusiasm and encouragement first drew her into Alden Kindred leadership.

Alicia Crane Williams, Alden Kindred genealogist, reflected on Bob's enduring presence and influence: *"Bob Edmunds has always been my image of the strength of our Alden ancestors. Over the years, his poise and authority—in that capable, competent, and quiet Alden way—always made my duties easier and more pleasant. Thank you, Bob, for being one of our leaders in holding the family together all these years."*

Linda J. Osborne (Jul 2, 1943 — Mar 2, 2026)

An 11th-generation descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, Linda Osborne served as President of the Alden Kindred for 17 years. Under her leadership, the Alden House was designated a National Historic Landmark, and major preservation work—including the 350-year-old chimney, historic windows, and the construction of the Alden Barn—was completed. A lifelong educator, she helped shape many of the museum's hands-on programs for children. Her dedication to preserving Alden history remains an enduring part of her legacy.

Financial Report



Treasurer's Report 07/31/26 AKA Annual Meeting

Profit and Loss Review

- As of 6/30/26
 - ◆ Revenue (+\$31,529)
 - All categories show solid improvement except for Grants.
(-\$1234), Museum and events (-\$481) and Rental income 97 Alden (-\$7300)
 - ◆ Expenses (-\$40,209)
 - Last year we were correcting issues with the rental property (97 Alden) because of deferred maintenance. We are currently completing deferred maintenance issues with 97 Alden rear with an expected new tenant to be in place by 8/1/26. Exceptional job controlling operational expenses considering the current economic conditions and the ongoing building project.

Building Project

- Alden Keyser will present

Fidelity Investment

FIDELITY ACCOUNT THE ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA, INC

\$0 ABC Funds @ Fidelity

\$198,822	Endowment @ Fidelity (Perform. YTD 7.77%, 1 year 16.18%)
\$200,000	Anticipated MA Grant
\$250,000	Rockwell Grant (Received w/o 7/6/26)
<u>\$23,321</u>	Borrowed to pay for exhibits
\$672,143	Total Endowment

Respectfully,
Richard A. Holmes
Alden Kindred Treasurer

Alden Kindred of America Inc					
August 1, 2026					
UNAUDITED				Full	
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES-CONDENSED				Year	
				Budget	
Revenue	6/30/2026	6/30/2025	Variance	FY 26	
Contributions	90404	70412	\$19,992	\$88,000	
Grants	39566	40800	-\$1,234	\$55,000	
Membership and Fees	67435	49284	\$18,151	\$60,000	
Museum and Events	42825	43306	-\$481	\$63,500	
Interest Income	3	2	\$1	\$0	
Rental Income-Cottage/other	15800	13400	\$2,400	\$17,600	
Rental Income-97 Alden	46800	54100	-\$7,300	\$51,900	
Total Revenue	\$302,833	\$271,304	\$31,529	\$336,000	
Cost of Goods Sold	\$4,429	\$5,693	\$1,264	\$6,000	
Total Income	\$298,404	\$265,611	\$32,793	\$330,000	
Expense					
97 Alden Expenses(Incl. Mort.)	\$41,353	\$78,299	\$36,946	\$49,450	
Operating Expenses Less Cap campaign Exp	\$225,460	\$228,723	\$3,263	\$314,870	
Total Expenses	\$266,813	\$307,022	\$40,209	\$364,320	
Operational Gain or Loss	\$31,591	-\$41,411	\$73,002	-\$34,320	
Transfers from Endowment-operations	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	
Transfers from Endowment-Scholarships	\$2,500	\$1,500	-\$1,000	\$3,500	
Transfers from Endowment-cost overruns	\$0	\$29,040	\$29,040	\$0	
Net	\$54,091	\$19,129	\$34,962	-\$10,820	
Other Information					
Capital Campaign-Donations	150855	377183		0	
Capital Campaign-Expenses	-1907	-873		-12000	
Transfers from endowment to cover expenses	1907	873		47000	
Endowment Investment Income	125919	71514			
Depreciation	-32995	-32995		0	
Note:Positive variances are favorable, negative variances are unfavorable					
STATEMENT OF POSITION-CONDENSED					
Cash	\$26,005	41,112			
Campaign Funds Received Pending Transfer to ABC	\$0	\$250,000			
Scholarship Funds pending transfer to Endowment	0	0			
Life Mbrships pending Transfer to Endowment	10500	0			
Grants Receivable (due to Endowment)	200000	0			
Pledges Receivable (due to Endowment)	250000	0			
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0			
Prepaid Expenses	\$600	\$0			
Investments-Fidelity (12/31)	\$198,822	\$584,259	****		
Non-Current Assets	\$0	\$0			
Center Costs to Date	\$2,023,339	\$1,148,726			
Other Fixed Assets(Net)	\$634,088	\$667,083			
Total Assets	\$3,343,354	\$2,691,180			
Accounts Payable	\$13,451	\$0			
Other Current Liabilities	\$1,016	\$5,739			
Pledges and Grants Due to Endowment	\$450,000	\$0			
Borrowings for Exhibits Due to Endowment	\$41,681	\$0			
Note Payable Rockland Tr. 97 Alden	\$333,533	\$350,861			
Note Payable Rockland Tr. Hse & Barn	\$23,915	\$35,861			
Net Assets	\$2,479,758	\$2,298,719			
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,343,354	\$2,691,180			
**** (\$198,822 Endowment, \$0.00 ABC) at 6/30/2026					

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\$250,000

S. Kent Rockwell
*In honor of my brother
Russell Alden Rockwell and
grandmother Clara Thayer Rockwell*

\$10,000 +

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J. Alden Keyser, Jr.
Linda Seale
Leigh Tuckey
*In honor of the
Yawkey-Woodson family*
The Rockwell Foundation

\$1,000 +

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Building and Grounds Report

- Alden House
 - Projects
 - Ceilings
 - Total project cost: \$11,000
 - Supported by a \$5,000 grant from Americana Corner



- 97 Alden
 - Tenant renewed at an increased rent (\$2800)
- 97 Alden Rear Cottage
 - Long-term renter left March 2026
 - Deferred maintenance completed
 - Floors refinished
 - All walls and trim painted
 - Windows repaired or replaced
 - Bulkhead repaired
 - Exterior trim to be repaired/replaced/repainted as needed
 - Estimated final cost?
 - Bulkhead repaired
 - Paid to date: **\$7,330**
 - Remaining balance: **\$5,180**, plus additional cost for repairs to the east wall (awaiting estimate)
 - Expected new tenant July 2026 (\$1800 was \$1600)
- Cottage
 - Tenant remains with a rent (\$1300) offset to act as property manager (\$1100)
- Major winter storms required hiring a contractor to remove limbs and debris, spring 2026
- Town Meeting approved Article 31, appropriating \$25,000 from CPA funds to begin the planning, design, permitting, and archaeological work to restore Aunt Polly's Pond, which is adjacent to the Alden property.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Randall
Rich Holmes

Scholarships



Paige Ross

2026 RECIPIENT OF THE DR. DONNELL B. YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP

First awarded in 1987, the Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship is presented annually to a lineage member of the Alden Kindred. This year, in honor of America's 250th anniversary, the Scholarship Committee decided to expand eligibility to all Alden Kindred members pursuing higher education, rather than being limited to graduating high school seniors entering college in the fall. After reviewing several strong and impressive applicants, the committee selected

Paige Ross as the Dr. Donnell B. Young Scholarship Recipient this year.

A descendant of Ruth, Paige is a non-traditional student who is studying Hospitality Management at the Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College. Although life circumstances interrupted her educational journey several times, she remained committed to her goal of earning a degree and has continued to return to her studies with determination and purpose. In her essay about what it means to be an Alden, she wrote, *"To me, being an Alden means carrying forward a legacy of service, resilience, and genuine care for others. As a descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins Alden, I recognize that my story is part of something much greater - one built on courage, adaptability, and a deep commitment to community."* Paige exemplifies the Alden characteristics of strength and perseverance. Continuing to better herself through education and to improve herself is a sincere reflection of who our ancestors were and how they had to forge a path forward, even with many setbacks that they faced.



Christopher Shepler

2026 RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN AND PRISCILLA ALDEN SCHOLARSHIP

Our John and Priscilla Alden Scholarship is awarded to a Duxbury High School student who exemplifies academic excellence, leadership, and a passion for local history. We are pleased to announce our 2026 recipient, Christopher Shepler, who will be attending West Point this fall. Christopher has an impressive resume from his high school years, including several AP classes, clubs, and sports teams. His extracurriculars demonstrate his strong leadership skills, including being a leader in many of the organizations he is involved with, and his passion for serving his community, exemplified by his involvement in the Boy Scouts, a mission trip through his church, and community service events within the NHS, Chinese NHS, and Latin NHS.

Christopher writes: *"Winning this scholarship is an honor. As a history lover, the work the Alden House does to preserve our town's history is so meaningful. Additionally, as a Mayflower descendant myself, I feel a connection to John Alden and am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship. As I go off to West Point and the Army, this scholarship will be a reminder of my heritage and deep Duxbury roots. Thank you!"*

Congratulations to Paige and Christopher, and we wish all of our applicants the best of luck as they pursue their educational goals.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Duffy, Chair

Ryan Curley, Elizabeth Donato, Evelyn Duffy, Mary Ruth Duquette, Richard Holmes, Terri Munroe, Peter Randall, Alicia Crane Williams

Nominating Committee

The AKA Nominating Committee proposed the following slate for the Board of Directors to be considered at the 126th Annual Meeting. Those in **red** require action through a vote of the membership.

Officers (for 2-year terms 2026-2028)		Office Term (in years)	Term Expires
President	Anne K. Cobuzzi	2 (On Extension)	2028
Vice President	Russell A. Rockwell	2 years	2028
Treasurer	Richard Holmes	2 years	2028
Secretary	Linda Seale	2 years	2028

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

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

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Anne Cobuzzi, Chair

Advisory Board

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Jeffrey Dowling	Jerry Roberts
Mary-Ruth Duquette (Past President)	Adryn A Sumner
Willard E. Gwilliam, FAIA	Linda J. Wilman
Amy K. Holbrook	Emily Zoltowski
J. Alden Keyser (Past President and Treasurer)	

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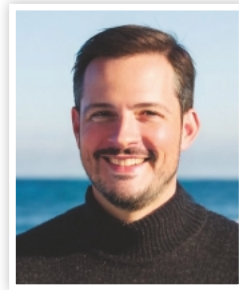
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Guide



Jade Sinsigalli
Guide



Trish Birk-Smith
Education Guide

125th Annual Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2025

The 125th Annual Meeting of the Alden Kindred was held on August 2, 2025. After President Anne Cobuzzi rang the Alden bell, she opened the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Jerusha Tooley of the U.S. Coast Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rev. Peter J. Smith gave the invocation. Anne welcomed all who were present and those who were attending on Zoom.

Margaret Cooksey of the Mullins Coffee Shop in Dorking, the former home of the Mullins family, greeted attendees, saying that she was glad to see we were “still so keen” and that the twinning of Dorking and Duxbury “was moving ahead in a very positive way.”

Secretary Evelyn Walker read a synopsis of the 2024 Annual Meeting’s Minutes. They were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer Rich Holmes gave two reports. The first was the genealogy report, given for his brother Bob Holmes, who was unable to attend. There were ninety-six certified lineages this year. The most were from the Elizabeth line; the second from the Joseph line.

Rich gave his second report, the Treasurer’s report, saying that “we are in good shape.” Revenue was basically the same this year; contributions, however, were up with the hiring of development officer Mark Jacobson. Because of delayed maintenance of our three rental properties, especially 97 Alden Street, those expenses were significant, but now all apartments are fully rented. Funds were borrowed from the endowment to pay the contractors in a timely fashion and then replaced with the incoming ABC funds.

Architect Pam Campbell Smith gave her report, saying that last year at the annual meeting there was a slab. This year there is now a building! She said that later in the day there will be tours of it, and that she has been excited to be the architect of the project.

Anne added that the exhibit design is under development. Our very experienced exhibit designer and former Board member, Jerry Roberts, will be giving tours of how the Alden story is going to be presented in the new spaces.

Catherine Duffy, granddaughter of Dr. Donnell B. Young, gave the reports of the Scholarship Committee: The John and Priscilla Alden Scholarship of \$1000, given each year to a student at Duxbury High School, went to Alison Dimler. Alison will attend Boston University and plans to major in Political Science.

The Dr. Donnell B. Young scholarship for a certified lineage member of the Alden Kindred went to Abigail Craig of Torrington Connecticut. Abigail is a descendant of John and Priscilla’s son Joseph and of the Alden Kindred’s founder, A. Ella Alden. Abigail received \$2500 and will attend the University of Connecticut where she plans to major in Psychology. Abigail spoke of cleaning early Alden gravestones in Middleboro, Mass., and expressed appreciation of her ancestors’ hardships, courage, and how they learned how to take on

new challenges and learned how to do new things.

Board member Tom Woislaw performed the roll call. The descendants present and those descendants attending on Zoom were counted. The results: from Elizabeth 15; Joseph 17; Ruth 17; David 6; Sarah 19; Jonathan 5; John 1; Rebecca 4.

The oldest attendee this year was Barbara Itz, who is 97; the youngest was Windsor Wisbach, who is three months old. The person who came the furthest was Laura Anderson from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Tom presented a new poll this year. How many here have “Alden” as a first, middle or last name? The total was 8.

Executive Director Desiree Mobed gave her report. She said that with the new J. Alden and Virginia E. Keyser Center for Living History, the Alden Kindred is in a transformative moment. A significant milestone this year was the chimney project completion. Expert Richard Irons even postponed his retirement to complete the stabilization and the reparging of the chimney.

Another milestone was the removal of a piece of fabric from a wooden block by conservators. The fabric is believed to have been from a dress of Priscilla’s and was passed down through daughter Ruth’s line. It will be on display in the new Center.

Another milestone was receiving funding from the Town of Duxbury for the replacement of John Alden’s gravestone in the Old Burying Ground. The gravestone, now deteriorated, had been erected by the Alden Kindred many years ago. Priscilla’s stone is still in good condition.

Desiree pointed out that legacy is not just buildings. This year we lost two people who contributed so much to what we have today. Jeanette Mackenzie, master gardener, garden designer, and plantswoman, developed the heirloom gardens here; Bill Thayer envisioned the post-and-beam barn.

Programs flourished despite the construction. Hundreds of schoolchildren came, and 1500 volunteer hours were donated. She acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the guides, interns, development officer Mark Jacobson, and a special thank you for retiring bookkeeper Carol Smith, whose patience and steadiness will be missed. She added that we have the good fortune to hire Donna Parry, whose interest in preserving history is proven by her living in a 250-year-old house. We are very fortunate to have Jerry Roberts, a long-time museum professional, designing the exhibit spaces and exhibits, and giving tours today.

The silent auction is going on under the smaller tent, there is book signing, and the trailer is open for gift shop purchases, including Mullins Coffee Shop cakes. Hannah Carlson is here with her children’s tale, *The Mayflower Mouse*, and Beckett Soule’s new book is available.

125th Annual Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2025

Tom Delano explained that it is *The Mayflower Day by Day*, and it includes some information on the ship *Fortune*. Desiree said it is important to remember the Pilgrims' perseverance. She points out to visiting school children that the Aldens' first home here was the size of the construction trailer! Desiree added that it is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your director.

President Anne Cobuzzi thanked all for coming and for attending on Zoom. She said the first Alden Kindred meeting was held 125 years ago in Avon, Mass., and the second annual meeting was held right here. She thanked the following in particular: Pam Campbell Smith for her service on the Board and for her work as the architect for the Center; Jerry Roberts, exhibits designer for the Center, who has worked for 60 museums including the Intrepid in New York City; Desiree, who is always calm and positive, and her team, which included hosting 700 for the Haunted House; 300 school children (with no plumbing facilities!); the Memorandum of Understanding with the Duxbury Public Schools is in place to protect the First Site; the Town of Duxbury has donated funds for replacing the Alden gravestone; and Mark exceeded his fundraising goal by 20%. Anne said that the work is not over, we need to sustain and grow, and that we need to educate and celebrate where American history began. She is looking forward to the grand opening of the Keyser Center in November!

Next, at the recommendation of the Board of Directors, it was proposed to change the requirement of having two vice-presidents to having just one. This required changes in two sections of the Kindred's constitution:

Article III, Section I. 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 "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.*

Alden Keyser and Linda Seale moved the motion simultaneously; Tom Woislaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Alden Keyser reported on the huge progress of the construction of the Center for Living History. He gave credit to not being a committee and presented numerous jokes and puns. For example, the builder Steve Devlin "nailed the interview." He gave credit to the non-committee, consisting of architect Pam Smith for the perfect blending of old

and new, the contractor Steve Devlin, President Anne Cobuzzi and Executive Director Desiree Mobed. He thanked the more than 500 donors, including Russell Rockwell and his brother Kent Rockwell, and for the vision of former President Pauline Kezar. More funding support is needed for outfitting the Center and for the landscaping.

Development Director Mark Jacobson thanked all who contributed to the Annual Fund and for those who contributed to the Alden Building Campaign. The Aldens came to Duxbury in 1627, and that represents the birth of individual homeownership in America. The American story, the whole story, both the good and the bad will be presented here. The Alden House is one reason Duxbury grew. That is because it was an early tourist attraction, first with the coming of the railroad and later with the automobile. About 1.8 million dollars has been raised, and we need \$250,000 more. He recognized the birth of the idea of the Center for Living History, Pauline Kezer, present here today.

Pauline acknowledged the very first donor for the first step of the project, which was the purchase of the land next door. The donor was Caroline Bingham. She also complimented the current president and daughter, Anne Cobuzzi, for doing such a wonderful job.

The Rev. Peter Smith read the necrology, and attendees sustained a moment of silence.

Lilly Cleveland for the Nominating Committee proposed a new member for the Board of Directors. She nominated Michele Pecoraro, the Executive Director of Plymouth 400, Inc., promoting cultural tourism and highlighting interactions between the English settlers and the Wampanoag people. Michele has also been assisting thirty Massachusetts towns in their celebrations for their respective 250th anniversary of the Revolution. She owns the consulting firm, Ideaz Ablaze. The nomination and the full slate of officers was unanimously accepted.

Anne announced that there will now be the family photograph, followed by lunch. At 2 p.m. Jonathan Lane will be speaking on the role of various Aldens in the American Revolution. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.



*With grateful appreciation,
we extend our thanks to all
who have supported the
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