



Letter from the President J. Scott Glascock

We've had a busy few months. The Office Party on 9 March was a fun new event and gave Members a chance to see our offices. We had a delightful Member/Guest Reception at the Grolier Club on March 26th, marred only by the rain that kept us from using the terrace. And Founders' Day on May 11th was a great success - my thanks to all who came, and to Anne and Fred Elser, Caroline Camougis, Gail Gaston and Valerie Bickel, who put it all together.

Up next is our Gramercy Park Walking Tour (a new venture for us) on June 7th and the Summer Solstice Party at the Mount Vernon House Museum (a new locale for us) on June 16th. As promised, we are adding new events to existing favorites and trying new venues.

Attracting new members is, of course, critical to the health of the Society, and you can easily assist by helping us to grow. Each one of us has friends, family members and work or professional colleagues who qualify for membership and might be interested in joining NES. Please do what you can to bring them into the fold. The more the merrier! We have a nice new brochure that introduces the Society, and our great website, overseen by Suzanne Milton, has lots of information. Please give Valerie a call at the office if you'd like copies of the brochure or have any questions about the website or the membership process.

Many thanks for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

J. Scott Glascock
President



Members Speak: Results from the 2009 Membership Survey

Earlier this Spring, the Board established a Membership Development Committee to focus on enhancing the membership experience for current Society members as well as identifying ways to attract new members. As a first step, a survey was mailed out to all members for input and suggestions. Thank you to all members who responded, your comments were invaluable. A few highlights from the survey follow. Thirty percent indicated an interest in having the Society organize more events. Suggestions for new events ranged from educational walking tours to a New England clambake. Close to 40% indicated an interest in additional reciprocal clubs, such as the affiliate relationship with the Regency Whist Club for dining membership. Many members also expressed interest in more updates on NES Scholars. Over 70% cited Founders' Day as their favorite Society event. The Committee will present a full report at the June Board Meeting along with recommendations for enhancements and responses to specific suggestions. In the short term, the Committee is now moving forward by adding membership benefits such as a discount to Brooks Brothers and new events such as the Gramercy Park Walking Tour on June 7. If you have any ideas for the Membership Development Committee, please contact Valerie Bickel, and stay tuned for more updates!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Alan Bialeck	Residency
Stephen Bickel	Education
Valerie Bickel	Ancestry
Ian Bone	Education
Patricia Comer	Residency
Erinmaura Condon	Education
Emily T. Dunlap	Education
John Kilbourne	Education
Michael B. Noone	Education
Wendy Wegner	Residency
Allison K. White-Vadhan	Ancestry

**Update from NES Scholar:
Behzad Larry, Colby 2004**



Behzad Larry (in photo standing to the left of former President Bill Clinton) has exciting news to share with members of

the New England Society in the City of New York.

“I’ve been working with the American India Foundation in New York since November '08. They raise money in the United States for partner NGOs in India working in the fields of education, livelihood and health care. They also offer a 10-month fellowship recently renamed the Clinton Fellowship for Service in India. I applied and was accepted. I will be leaving for India in September, and will be working with an organization called Nidan, helping them with waste management. Since graduating Colby, I’ve been busy trying to see how best to address the problem of solid waste management in India’s rapidly urbanizing cities, and this fellowship will help with that greatly. Of course, none of this would be possible without the assistance of the NESNYC during my years at Colby.”

CONGRATUATIONS 2009 GRADUATES!

**INESSA GELFENBOYM, AMHERST COLLEGE
ERIC RODRIGUEZ, HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

**From the Society Archives:
Plymouth Rock Block**



The President’s Gavel, completed in 1906, and on display at the NES offices has a rich history. The following gavel description is excerpted from “The New England Society in the City of New York”, an article that appeared in New England Magazine, January 1908.

“To the Society has been presented this block for the president’s gavel, which consists of a piece of Plymouth Rock three and one-sixteenth inches square by one and one-half inches thick. This fragment of Plymouth Rock was broken off when the foundation was laid for the Canopy which was erected over the Rock in 1859. This is solidly imbedded in Portland cement. The dark wood surrounding it was taken from the Harlow house, built in Plymouth, Mass. in 1661. The light wood is from the old town tree, planted in Plymouth by Thomas Davis in 1784. The lower piece is made from the timber of the *Sparrow Hawk*, wrecked at Orleans on Cape Cod in the winter of 1626-27, and described by Governor Bradford in his “History of Plimouth Plantation.” Inserted in this is a diamond-shaped piece of wood taken from the mulberry-tree planted by Cardinal Wolsey in the grounds of the Scrooby manor-house, at Scrooby, England, in the year 1530; and upon the opposite side is a piece of oak taken from a moulding from the ceiling of the manor-house at Scrooby.”

2009 SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, June 7

Gramercy Walking Tour & Tea –29th Street and 5th Avenue at 2pm

Tuesday, June 16

Summer Solstice – Mount Vernon House Museum, 6-8pm

Thursday, September 24

Member/Guest – Grolier Club, 6-8pm

Wednesday, October 14

Annual Meeting – Chadbourne & Parke, 6-8pm

Tuesday, October 20

Patrons and Benefactors Reception – River Club, 6:30-8:30pm

Friday, November 13

Annual Dinner Dance – St. Regis Hotel, 7pm-12am

Friday, November 20

Pilgrim Statue Luncheon – Regency Whist Club, 12-2pm

Monday, December 14

Christmas Party – Cosmopolitan Club, 6:30-8:30pm

Annual Founders' Day Celebration

May 11, 2009

The Racquet & Tennis Club



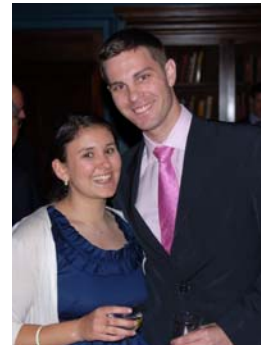
Suzanne Milton, Dick Sanford – Shane Bigelow, Doran Mullen, Michael Scully – Ted Frese, Elinor Loveridge, Gail Gaston, Suzanne Branch Martin



Fred & Anne Elser, Caroline Camougis, Scott Glascock



Hilda & Arnold Neis, Sam Miliken



Abby Tufts & Ian Bone



Sunny Hayward, Allison White-Vadhan, Anne Teasdale, Courtney Gibson - Harry Chung, Jamey Gaston, Bob Bell - Judy Bliss, John Mauk Hilliard



Tom Farrell, Gary Dycus, Nancy Farrell



Libby Handros, Kathleen Landis, Janine Baron



Sara Hunter Hudson & Ron Gold

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Membership in the New England Society in the City of New York

The New England Society was organized in 1805 and is one of the oldest charitable organizations in the United States. Founded for the purpose of promoting “friendship, charity, and mutual assistance,” the Society celebrates New England heritage through its charitable works and social activities for members and guests. Its philanthropic focus is education, and the Society funds a Scholarship Program for New York City students attending New England Colleges and Universities. All members share an affinity for New England and meet one or more of the following requirements:

- 1. Education: The candidate attended a New England academic institution.**
- 2. Residency: The candidate resides or has resided in New England.**
- 3. Ancestry: The candidate has proof of New England Ancestry.**

Please contact the office for more information about membership or applicants can fill out the online application (www.nesnyc.org) to request consideration.

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