



## 204<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance honors Lesley Stahl and the NES Scholars



The 204<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance took place at the St. Regis Hotel on Friday, November 13, 2009, and was a great success for the Society in a variety of ways. The elegant occasion was attended by 180 members and friends, with a record-breaking number of Benefactors and Patrons. Two young Scholars,

both sophomores, attended the affair and spoke of their gratitude for the Society's support - Zack Murphy from Connecticut College and Jane Chen-Liang from MIT. Lesley Stahl (in photo) received the Society's Reginald T. Townsend award and was accompanied by her husband Aaron Latham. Ms. Stahl gave a fine speech about the importance of family support in a child's education, and favorably compared it to the support the Society gives to its Scholars. Look online for pictures from the elegant evening.

## Scholarship Fund Campaign 'The Challenge'



The Society is near completion of the *From Firewood to Financial Aid Scholarship Fund Campaign*. A challenge has been set by several generous members. If the membership can raise \$22,500, that amount will be matched by a Challenge Grant of

\$7,500 from Alixandra and Stuart Baker, Colleen and Tom Hills, Hilda and Arnold Neis, and Wellington S. Tichenor. One last appeal will be sent to members and friends of the Society to close the campaign by the end of 2009. Caroline Camougis (in photo) was awarded the JP Morgan Award at the Annual Dinner Dance for her leadership in the Scholarship Campaign. It is not an easy campaign with the current economy, but the Society has done very well and is so close to the Goal. Please consider a year-end tax deductible donation to the Campaign.

## 2009 Pilgrim Luncheon



On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, a group of 35 NES members gathered at the Pilgrim Statue in Central Park.

Commissioned by the Society, the Statue was dedicated in 1885. President Scott Glascock read a few poems to get everyone into the Thanksgiving spirit and then the group walked to the Regency Whist Club where they enjoyed a fine buffet lunch and a talk by member and historian Bob Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro talked about popular Pilgrim myths and explained the truth, including what they ate, what they wore, when the first Thanksgiving actually took place and when it was made into an official holiday. It was an educational lunch on a beautiful day.

## 2010 Calendar

### Tuesday, January 19

#### Cocktails with Chester Burger

Learn the secrets and unknown treasures of New York City with the author and photographer of *Unexpected New York*.

6:00pm-8:00pm at The Coffee House Club

### Wednesday, February 17\*

#### Members Only Party

6:00pm-8:00pm at the Society's Office

### Thursday, March 18

#### Member/Guest Cocktail Reception

6:30pm-8:30pm at the Grolier Club

### Monday, May 3

#### Founders' Day Celebration

Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing

6:00pm-9:00pm at the Racquet & Tennis Club\*

\* Some events are subject to change. Please check in with the office or wait for official invitation.

## Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

I am very pleased to report that the annual Dinner Dance held at the St. Regis Roof on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November was a great success. We had a strong turnout of Members and friends, and were joined by two of our current Scholars. The conversation was witty, the food and drink superb, and we all danced like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers (or at least tried to). The band sounded great and Member Alex Donner was on hand to warble a few numbers. Caroline Camougis was presented with the J.P. Morgan Medal for distinguished service, a well-deserved recognition. And our Townsend Award recipient and new Honorary Member, Lesley Stahl, was truly charming and gracious, delivering remarks that were well chosen and much appreciated. In sum, it was a great party! My thanks to all who were instrumental in putting it together, particularly Dinner Dance Chairs Sunny Hayward and Richard Johnson and Sara Hunter Hudson and Ron Gold; Benefactor and Patron Chairs Alixandra and Stuart Baker and Hilda and Arnold Neis; Program Chairs Caroline Camougis and Merrie Martinson; Silent Auction Chairs Anne Elser and Gail Gaston; and Executive Director Val Bickel. And my thanks as well to our Members and friends for their support and attendance. Let's all vow to attend next year's Dinner Dance and make it even better!

I'm also pleased to report that we had a good crowd for the Pilgrim Statue Luncheon on Friday 20 November. After meeting at the statue in Central Park and hearing an exhortation and some poetry declaimed by ye scribe, we adjourned to the Regency Whist Club for a delightful repast and some historical remarks by Member Bob Shapiro.

By the time you read this, our Christmas Party will have taken place at the Cosmopolitan Club. Please note that we have many events coming up in 2010, the earliest of which are listed

elsewhere in this Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you and your guests at as many of our events as possible.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a year end appeal for contributions. Please be as generous as you can. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law (please consult your own tax advisor) and, if received by year end, will be included in our *From Firewood to Financial Aid Scholarship Fund Campaign*. If you work for a company with a charitable matching gift program, you may be able to double or even triple the value of your gift at no cost to you. And if you are required to take IRA distributions, you may be able to direct them to the NES and realize significant tax savings if done before year end.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors and our Executive Director, please accept my sincere thanks for your friendship and support during the past year. May you and your loved ones have a joyous holiday season, and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2010.

Sincerely,



J. Scott Glascock  
President

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Karen DiYanni Peterson** Education

*Proposed by Scott Glascock*

*Seconded by Judy Bliss*

**Stewart Palmer** Ancestry

*Proposed by Scott Glascock*

*Seconded by Sunny Hayward*

**Richard Perkins** Ancestry

*Proposed by Judy Bliss*

*Seconded by Melissa Zack*

# 204<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance

November 13, 2009

St. Regis Hotel



Tom and Colleen Hills, Tony Tichenor; Scott Glascock and Lesley Stahl; Tom and Nancy Farrell, Jean Doyen De Montailou, Coverly Rees, and Michael Kovner



Doran Mullen, Katherine Edmonds Donner, and Alex Donner; Allison MacEachron, Connie Greenspan, Lesley Stahl, Anne Elser, Erinmaura Condon (Wheaton Alumnae); Caroline Camougis, Laura Guerra, Tucker McGrady



NES Scholar Zach Murphy and Anne Elser; Sarah Hunter Hudson and Ronald M. Gold; Arnold and Hilda Neis; Sunny Hayward and Richard N.M. Johnson; Courtney Hudson and Judy Bliss



Gregory Burnett, Catherine Harding, Barbara Parks, Peter Riordan; Anne Bricker and Coco Hoguet Neel; Sarah Hunter and Jere Patterson; Sema Tekinay and Sonia Neis

**FIVE WAYS TO GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION THIS HOLIDAY SEASON...**

- 1) The Castine Candle Company** - For every purchase of a fine scented, handcrafted Castine Candle of the Fire Light Candle Set, a donation will be made to the New England Society Scholarship Program. <http://www.castinecandle.com/NESNYC.html>
- 2) iGive** - Support NES every time you make an online purchase at <http://www.igive.com/nes>. Every time you shop at any one of the over 500 name-brand stores in the Mall at iGive.com, NES will receive a donation of up to 26% of each purchase you make, at no extra cost to you.
- 3) 15% discount at Brooks Brothers** - Enroll online as a New England Society Corporate Member and receive 15% savings on all Brooks Brothers purchases! Contact the office for the NES organization code and pin to register.
- 4) New England Society Merchandise** - NES ties, scarves, tote bags, drinking glasses, Tiffany boxes, rosettes, and jacket pins are available for purchase. Give a fellow Member the gift of wearing their Society proudly. View items online at <http://nesnyc.org/nesshop.html>.
- 5) Charitable Gift from IRA Account** - If you are age 70½ or older and are required to take minimum withdrawals from your IRA account, you can make charitable gifts during tax year 2009 without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. Contact NES for details.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY SHOPPING!**

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