National Historic Landmark

January 22, 2017 Annual General Meeting
Member, this is your chance to meet and enjoy others committed to this grand vessel. Details to follow. Keep the date.

A Meeting of Schooners
A highlight of this quarter was the chance to sail alongside the America, a replica of that first America for which the America’s Cup is named.

From GS
From America

Endless S.O.S
It is a small thing, but costs you nothing to go to Smile.Amazon.com for your holiday Amazon purchases and choose Friends of the Governor Stone as your charity. They donate a bit to us.

This season give a Friends membership or Governor Stone momento to your nautical friends.
And you can always click DONATE and Keep History Alive.

From the President –
The GOVERNOR STONE was visited by approximately 1000 attendees at the Florida Seafood Festival in Apalachicola the first weekend in November. We had good volunteer help to work the tent and give tours on the vessel, and safe journeys there and back. (WHEW!)
Now it's time to "deck out the decks" for the Boat Parade of Lights on December 10th and prepare for the start of the 140th year celebration of Keeping History Alive with the GOVERNOR STONE. Do sign up for events, grab a line and/or crew on land and sea to make this coming year a true celebration.
--Kay Cherry, President
Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc.

Members Sunset Sail
Sailing Saturday, August 27th was a big hit. Nowhere else can you have this experience!

Art Break Day
September 2nd produced many a craft sailboat and even more smiles. It was great to partner with Floriopolis and release the artist in us all.

First Saturday Work Days
Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 were popular work days. The bilge never looked so good. It is a fun morning and the bilge is not always involved. December 3rd decorate the vessel for the boat parade 9am.
Crew Training Oct 8
How does one tie a line on a dogbone? Prospective crew learned the ropes and sailed the vessel too. Step up and learn to crew yourself. Express an interest by phone or email. We will make it happen.

Second Saturday Sailing has proved to be a wonderful idea. September 10th and November 12th were no exceptions. We have shared the vessel with so many new folks and some have caught the bug, as we so hoped they would, and joined the Friends.

Florida Seafood Festival
November 4th and 5th the Governor Stone returned once again to Apalachicola, this time to attend the Seafood Festival.

Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park Pioneer Day
We again gave the kids a chance to make baggywrinkles and toss monkeys’ fists at this hands on history event Nov 12th.

Glamour Shots
The Governor Stone stars in the ad for the Panama City Lighted Boat Parade December 10th. Don’t miss it. Be on board. Be on the dock. Or catch the results on pcboatparade.com.

Wish list
We wish all a safe, happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

History – It Was a Very Good Year
Thanks to Mississippi Maritime Museum for researching these various quotes about Pascagoula the year the Governor Stone was built.

1877 – GOVERNOR STONE, Schooner, Freight vessel, #085508 Builder (believed to be Geo. Frentz) Place of Build: Pascagoula, Miss. 29.5 ft. x 12.6 ft. x 3.9 ft.; gross/net tonnage, 7/6 Owner: Charles Greiner; Home Port: Pascagoula, Miss.

1877 – Mr. J. Poitevent, of Ocean Springs, will soon put in a line of steamers to ply between New Orleans and the coast towns, - rates of freight and passage will be about one half of the railroad charges. Star of Pascagoula, June 1, 1877

1877-1880 – R. D. SMITH SHIPBUILDER & SPAR MAKER
R. D. Smith of East Pascagoula, Shipbuilder and Spar Maker. First shipyard above the Railroad bridge. Vessels hauled out and repaired promptly, and on reasonable terms. All material furnished at cheap rates.

1877 - CLINTON L. LUCE, Ship smith and General Jobber, Scranton, Miss; Will do all kinds of repairing in iron, copper and tin. Satisfaction guaranteed. Stop in Pol's ship yard, second yard above railroad bridge.

1877 – GEM, Sloop Rigged Vessel, #085496 Builder: unknown, Place of Build: Pascagoula, Miss. 29.0 x 12.0 x 4.4; gross/net tonnage, 6/6 Owner unknown, Home Port: Mobile, Ala.

1877 - Schooner SEAHORSE – Last week the SCHOONER SEAHORSE carried 120 bales cotton from this port to New Orleans. The cotton was raised in Perry county.

1877 - Bercier & DeSmet, Feb 2, the Star of Pascagoula LAURA of PASCAGOULA - ..........Launching of the Laura - The new flat of the enterprising firm of Bercier & DeSmet, which was built here, was launched Saturday afternoon last in the presence of a very large crowd. ..........

Welcome New Members
Rob & Sue Blue Arlene Chilton
Elise Henkel Rocky Rhodes
Dennis Newman Gail Carney
Chuck Muhlbach Rex Wilkinson
Michael & Karen Creel Bill Powell
Bo & Mary Creel Howard Wiener
Faye Clark

And our thanks to all who recommitted.