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A message from our Governor

In our last newsletter issue, I promised to compile and share some highlights from the September General Board of Assistants meeting in Connecticut. Dr. Donald Nichols and I represented Ohio at the meeting. Day one consisted of training and committee meetings. Day two was the GBOA meeting. The 2014-2017 Strategic Plan was a topic on both days. Committees are working with each other for the benefit of the society with 2020 being a point of focus. Morale is good among society officers and among the Plymouth staff.



The following are some of the information highlights from the meeting which I thought would be of interest to you.

1. Our Mayflower library was open on Saturdays this summer.
2. GSMD received a gift of \$2.3M from Park estate. GSMD is awaiting a \$50-60k gift from a another member's estate.
3. The 1620 Club successfully raised additional sums for the society. Membership in this group is achieved through a donation of \$1620. Charter membership closed on October 15th.
4. The annual appeal to the membership was successful.
5. Additional funds are expected to be raised through a Silver book explosion. Eaton (Jan. or Feb.), Sarah Alden line (nearly completed-late fall), Billington (new book in 2016), Hopkins will be revised and reissued (status-delayed), new Soule and Brown books in 2016.
6. GSMD is publishing "Cry of the Stone," a book of Pilgrim beliefs. It will be available for Christmas purchase. "Cry of the Stone" was written by Cushman in 1619 but recently annotated by Jim Baker.
7. "Strangers and Pilgrims" by Jeremy Bangs has been reprinted and is selling well. Bangs continues to do research on the Pilgrims in Leiden. What historical gem will he unearth next?
8. The "Mayflower Quarterly" will be available in print form again. A magazine format is planned.
9. A new publication, "Mayflower Journal", will be available in May 2016 by subscription or by online access for members.
10. GSMD news—sign up for E-blast via the website: www.themayflowersociety.org
11. Harry Folger and Alice Teall are compiling a manual about who does what at GSMD.
12. GSMD is negotiating with Family Tree DNA for a Mayflower database and test kits.
13. GSMD anticipates a dramatic increase in number of applications as 2020 nears.

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

1 JUNE 2015—30 NOVEMBER 2015

New Members

Cincinnati Colony

OH3339 Ashtyn Borowy 14th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3340 Kathleen Borowy 13th from Stephen Hopkins
 OH3344 Katrina Shankle 15th from William Brewster
 OH3349 (Mary) Star Vondrell 13th from Edward Fuller
 OH3355 Sara Ellert-Beck 10th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Cleveland Colony

OH3341 Alex McCrea 10th from John Alden
 OH3354 Ruth Morhard 11th from William Brewster
 OH3363 Deron Sohngen 13th from John Howland
 OH3365 John Noble 12th from William Bradford
 OH3366 Judith Hannon 13th from Isaac Allerton
 OH3367 Brendan Hannon 14th from Isaac Allerton
 OH3368 Sean Hannon 14 from Isaac Allerton
 OH3369 Conor Hannon 14th from Isaac Allerton
 OH3370 Brian Hannon 14th from Isaac Allerton

Columbus Colony

OH3334 Doria Goll 12th from Francis Cooke
 OH3335 John Watson 10th from John Alden
 OH3336 Nancy Renshaw 12th from Edward Fuller
 OH3337 Kristen Swilley 13th from Edward Doty
 OH3338 Linda Collins 11th from Peter Brown
 OH3345 Donald Fisher 13th from John Howland
 OH3346 Susan Kennedy 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3347 Christopher Philbeck 13th from Edward Doty
 OH3348 Patricia Philbeck 13th from Edward Doty
 OH3350 Ashley Manalansan 13th from Edward Doty
 OH3351 Kyle Swilley 13th from Edward Doty
 OH3356 Joshua Malone 13th from Richard Warren, Jr to adult
 OH3357 Amy Karch 12th from William Mullins

OH3358 Lauren Karch 13th from William Mullins
 OH3359 Sherri Hartzler 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3362 Kathleen Yarsky 12th from William Brewster
 OH3364 Brent Sohngen 13th from John Howland
 OH3372 Amanda Metcalf 13th from William Bradford
 OH3373 Sara Metcalf 13th from William Bradford
 OH3374 Jana Tompkins 11th from John Howland

Toledo Colony

OH3361 Jacquelyn Miller 12th from Francis Cooke
 OH3371 Thomas Metcalf 12th from William Bradford
 OH3376 Heather Wheeler-Reichert 13th from Thomas Rogers

Western Reserve Colony

OH3342 Sara Fath-Benoit 14th from Richard Warren
 OH3343 Jennifer Fath-Pham 14th from Richard Warren
 OH 3352 Ned Kendall 10th from James Chilton, dual with Florida
 OH3353 Nancy Koverman 14th from William Brewster
 OH3360 Roger Marble 12th from William White
 OH3375 Rita Root 12th from John Alden

Supplemental Applications Approved

Cleveland Colony

OH2442 Kenneth Clark 12th from John Howland
 OH3301 LuAnne Speck 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3325 John Ruhl 13th from James Chilton

Columbus Colony

OH3177 Sunda Peters 13th from Richard Warren
 OH3235 Linda Bronstein 13th from Thomas Rogers
 OH3266 Allison Murphy 13th from William Mullins

OH3266 Allison Murphy 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 OH3267 Kaitlyn Murphy 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 OH3267 Kaitlyn Murphy 13th from William Mullins
 OH3268 Joseph Murphy 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
 OH3268 Joseph Murphy 13th from William Mullins
 OH3288 Brian Adams 12th from Edward Fuller
 OH3293 B Elizabeth Pessetto 11th from John Billington

Toledo Colony

OH3217 Kevin Dunkelberger 14th from William Brewster
 OH3160 Richard Hayes 11th from John Alden
 OH3160 Richard Hayes 11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

OH3160 Richard Hayes 12th from William Mullins

Western Reserve Colony

OH3141 Kenneth Schroeder 11th from John Alden
 OH3030 E. Paul Morehouse 13th from John Tilley
 OH3030 E. Paul Morehouse 12th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
 OH3030 E. Paul Morehouse 13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
 OH3237 William Kempton 12th from John Tilley
 OH2856 Theresa Brown 13th from John Howland
 OH2468 Lee Martin 14th from Thomas Rogers

CONGRATULATIONS



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THE SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS

Cincinnati Colony

Rodger Moore 4/1/1930—6/9/2015, elected 6/22/2007, descendant of Richard Warren
 James Nichol 10/18/1922—10/25/2015, elected 3/13/2004, descendant of William Brewster
 Howard Smith 2/26/1922—7/6/2015, elected 10/12/2002 descendant of William Brewster
 Mary Kromholz 11/11/1935—6/7/2015, elected 5/4/1968, descendant of John Howland

Cleveland Colony

Nancy Reid Finley 8/24/1931—8/14/2015, elected 10/16/1965, descendant of John Alden, James Chilton, Francis Cooke, Thomas Rogers. Details on her life are on the next page.
 Lawrence "Skip" Brewster 5/23/1926—11/23/2015, elected 10/12/1985, descendant of William Brewster, Richard More,, William Bradford, Captain 1993-2008

Columbus Colony

Donald Fisher 4/22/1940—6/6/2015, elected 12/29/2012 descendant of John Howland

Toledo Colony

Richard Harner 8/22/1929—8/5/2015, elected 5/11/1996, descendant of William Bradford and William Brewster, past Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony. His obituary is in the September 2015 issue of the Buckeye Mayflower
 Barbara Cornell 8/28/1927—11/21/2015, elected 5/8/1999, descendant of Stephen Hopkins

Western Reserve Colony

Susan Bost 4/27/1929—6/5/2015, elected 10/12/1996, descendant of George Soule

Nancy Elizabeth Reid was born on August 24, 1931 in Shaker Heights, Ohio . She was the middle child with 2 brothers. Her father's family owned Reid-Clinton Coal Company in Cleveland, Ohio and her mother was a high school Latin teacher prior to having children. Her parents, Albert Joseph Reid and Elizabeth Adele Hanna had been high school sweethearts and attended Western Reserve University together. Nancy was always very independent as a child, undressing her dolls to dress her teddy bears, which she preferred. She ultimately turned her love of Teddy bears into a serious hobby collecting over 300 in her later years, many of them Steiff.



From early on in life, she was a voracious reader. She also enjoyed, music, being able to play the piano well, and loved her pets, having numerous cats and dogs throughout her lifetime. She graduated from Shaker Heights High School and went on to Allegheny College. After a year, she transferred to her parents alma mater where she double-majored in Chemistry and Education, ultimately completing a masters degree. She then began her teaching career in the Shaker Heights School system and spent a year in Okinawa, Japan teaching for the Air Force.

She met John R. Finley Jr, originally from Zanesville, Ohio who was newly employed by the Cleveland Trust Company of Cleveland and they married in 1958. They enjoyed a 54 year marriage until John's death in 2012. Nancy and John had 3 children, John R. Finley III, Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, and Barbara Schiavone and 5 grandchildren, Benjamin, Joseph, and Adele Belgrad, and Rebecca and Gregory Schiavone, and 2 step grandchildren, Miranda and Jonathan Northcott.

Heritage and genealogy were an important part of Nancy's life and family. Her mother, Adele Hanna Reid joined the Mayflower Society at the same time as her uncle. In 1943 The Surname Alden had come down as far as her grandmother Martha Josephine Alden, so the Mayflower connection had always been well recognized. Later, Nancy joined the Cleveland Colony to keep her mother company and made sure all three of her children were members as well and educated in and proud of their heritage. She ultimately, as was her habit, became actively involved in the leadership and activities of the Colony. Included in these activities was being Ohio State secretary for 20 years. Upon ending her term as Secretary, she became Junior Membership Chair and then continued to remain active at the State level as a state BOA representative. Her Mayflower ancestors included: John Alden, Francis Cook, Thomas Rogers, James Chilton

In the 1960's and 1970's she was also involved in the New England Women and, later on, joined The National Society Magna Charta Dames, pointing out that she had more relatives who signed the Magna Charta than the Queen of England. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her son John R. Finley III has always been very interested in genealogy, and had done a tremendous amount of useful research in this area, even presenting her with new "undiscovered line" to Francis Cook for her birthday one year. Nancy joined 3 of her grandchildren Benjamin, Joseph and Adele Belgrad as junior members. Benjamin and Joseph have now become full members. Her daughter, Elizabeth Adele Finley-Belgrad, MD is currently the Surgeon for the Cleveland Colony and State of Ohio.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Your Historians have been incredibly busy these last six months as you can tell from all the approved applications. We are really pleased that we have helped make Mayflower membership possible for so many of our cousins.

Several of our members are spreading the excitement by facilitating membership for their family members. In the September issue, you read about Beth Anderson facilitating membership for her daughter, grand-daughter and niece. Applications for three of her siblings and a nephew are now in Plymouth awaiting approval. New member Nancy Koverman of the Western Reserve Colony has sponsored applications for her sister, two daughters and four grandchildren. New member (Mary) Starlyne Vondrell from the Cincinnati Colony is facilitating applications for her father and five children. New member Jana Tompkins from the Columbus Colony is facilitating applications for her sister, daughter and nephew.

Do you have family members who would enjoy Mayflower membership? Consider helping them get started by completing a preliminary application which can be downloaded from www.ohiomayflower.org. Do you have kids under 18 in your family who are interested in history and want to become members in the future? Consider sponsoring them to junior membership. That form is on the website too.

Ann Gulbransen, Historian

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



This essay tied for 3rd place in the 2015 contest!

"How the Celebration of Thanksgiving Evolved Over Nearly 400 Years"

By Mikayla Brown

When we think about Thanksgiving, and the traditions thereof, most people falsely liken **all** of our modern habits to the endeavors of the Pilgrims in the fall of 1621. What we often fail to recognize is that the 'first thanksgiving' was a three day festival in celebration of the Pilgrims bountiful harvest of corn, the harvest festival. Perhaps, instead, our traditions mimic the Puritan's religious "Day of Thanksgiving", a day in response to an act of divine providence in 1623. Or, our traditions might even mimic the celebration of a victory, called by a civic authority, as the English did in 1691. This paper will propose that the evolution of the celebration of thanksgiving is a combination of three traditions, rather than the celebration of the traditional pilgrims as we typically associate it.

The "First Thanksgiving", nearly 400 years ago, was a festival of three days in celebration of a bountiful harvest upon the settler's first arrival to America. On that crisp autumn day, four pilgrims were sent out in search of food for a large group. Meanwhile the Wampanoag tribe, hearing the gunshots from the hunt, immediately thought the English settlers might be preparing for war. Their leader, Massasoit, gathered 90 of his men and made the trek to the Pilgrim's settlement to see if they were, indeed, planning to attack. Upon their arrival to camp, the Wampanoag quickly realized that the English were preparing a feast and Massasoit sent some of his own men in search of food. The English welcomed the Native Americans with open arms and together for three straight days. It is here that one could argue we established our tradition of gathering friends and family around a table to share a meal in appreciation of our innumerable blessings. Much of what we eat today was not available for feasting in 1621. Instead, the meal most likely consisted of deer, corn, shellfish, and other roasted meats; scholars suggest that by November, the ration of sugar still available to the pilgrims from their journey had probably dwindled greatly, therefore making it unlikely that any sweets or pies were present at this meal. While prayers were probably offered at the beginning of the 1621 harvest festival, the first recorded religious Thanksgiving in Plymouth followed two years later in 1623.

History indicates that a drought hit Plymouth, Massachusetts, during the summer months of harvest; the days were very hot and humid and there was great crop failure. However, myth holds that the Native Americans and Pilgrims gathered together in prayer to lift up their concerns to God. The very next evening, as legend has it, the rains came and the two-month drought was lifted. Governor William Bradford, of the Plymouth Colony, issued a proclamation that a day of thanksgiving was to be set aside in praise of their eventual fruitful harvest. Bradford set aside specific time on Thursday, November 29th, that all members of the colony were to gather and hear scripture from their pastors. Records indicate that this celebration was only one day, and that there was no feasting but rather a day set aside purely for non-secular praise. While this religious significance has diminished from many modern households, there are still groups of people who attribute a day of thanksgiving to a higher being; similarly, many volunteer at soup kitchens and local food drives to help those who are less fortunate. Perhaps it is from this Thanksgiving in 1623 that we can attribute our

gratefulness and appreciation for our blessings.

The third and final tradition we might draw upon to show our evolution of Thanksgiving began with King William and Queen Mary of England in 1691. England and France had been at odds for a long time and upon their peace agreement the King and Queen issued a proclamation for a public thanksgiving to be held on the fourth Thursday in November; this thanksgiving was called for by a civic authority for the purpose of celebrating a secular means. It is to King William and Queen Mary that we owe due thanks for our Thanksgivings full of celebrations for job promotions, new steps in education, or welcoming a new member to the family.



Mikayla F. Brown

2016 Scholarship information: Deadline: 12 March 2016

1. A minimum of one \$1,000 scholarship is available.
2. The applicant must be a member or Junior Member of the Ohio Society. There is no restriction on the residence of the applicant.
3. During the school year, 2015-2016, the applicant must be in the first year or later of a college/university program leading to a bachelor's or advanced degree.
4. The original essay of 750 words or less must be written and signed by the applicant. The topic is "**What hardships were endured in the establishment of the Plymouth Colony?**" A bibliography is required.
5. The committee will judge the essay on content, accuracy of facts, grammar, and neatness. Any electronic sites cited in the bibliography must still be available at the time of judging.
6. Please use a size 12 or larger font.
7. Only original documents will be accepted. No electronic transmitted documents will be accepted.
8. The maximum award of a scholarship is two times to an applicant.
9. The scholarship need not be given if the committee decides there are no qualified applicants.
10. The winner(s) will be notified by late March 2016 and will be invited to present the winning essay at the Annual Assembly held in May. Expanded information about the winner may be printed in the next issue of the Buckeye Mayflower.
11. The award will be paid directly to the student by the Society treasurer upon receiving proof that the student is enrolled for the next school year.
12. An application for the scholarship is on the next page. The blank application may be copied.
13. The application and essay must be postmarked by 12 March 2016 to be considered for a scholarship.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio
Scholarship Application Form
Deadline to apply: 12 March 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact phone: _____ Email address: _____

Month & year of high school graduation: _____

Institution of higher learning currently attending: _____

Address: _____

Major field of study: _____ Current GPA: _____

Expected degree & graduation date: _____

Pilgrim Ancestor: _____ Applicant's State Society Number: _____ Jr#? Adult#?

Direct lineage connection to the Ohio Society (Name, address, relationship, Colony, General Society Number & Ohio Society number) _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructions:

Please enclose two letters of reference. One should be from a professor or our advisor. The others should be a character reference from a person not related to you. Each should contain the person's printed/typed name and address, should be sealed, and should be mailed with the application and essay.

The application mailed by you should include the following:

This scholarship application.

Essay of 750 words or less. See the Guidelines for topic. Sign the essay.

Letters of reference described above.

Materials must be **postmarked** by 12 March 2016 and mailed to:

Mary Chase, Scholarship Chair, 7655 Isaac Drive, Cleveland, OH, 44130-6276.

Email address for questions: mechase1960@gmail.com

PILGRIM HISTORY

By Randolph Currie, Toledo Colony, prepared for the 2015 Annual State meeting and published in the Toledo Colony Chronicle

Music was clearly part of the trove of cultural memories the colonists brought with them when they set sail in 1620. In many cases, we can only guess what songs or instrumental pieces might have been included. Only in the area of sacred song do we have any extensive record of the actual music they knew and used.

We occasionally catch a glimpse of non-sacred music-making in the colonial records. One early instance came on March 22, 1621, when the Indian sachem Massasoit paid a visit to a house still under construction in Plymouth. When the governor (John Carver) approached the house, he was escorted by a small procession which included a trumpet, a drum, and a few musketeers. We also know that secular ballads were sung at informal gatherings, because some ministers complained about the practice as frivo-lous and a waste of time. The sailors may well have sung bawdy chanties, and vulgar and ribald songs were probably sung around the maypole at Thomas Morton's Merrymount settlement circa 1625, but par-ticular details are not known.



Randy Currie and Donella Wilt at 2015 state meeting

We have a much clearer record of what music the Pilgrims used in their worship services. Along with the Reformed Churches, the French Huguenots and the Scots Presbyterians, the English who went to Holland and then on to the New World were Calvinist in their belief that the only proper texts for their worship services were to be found in God's Holy Word (primarily in the Book of Psalms). They accepted John Calvin's conviction that the sacred texts (in metrical translations) should be sung in unison and without accompaniment. This was despite the fact that a number of musical instruments are mentioned in the Psalms and elsewhere in the Hebrew Bible!

The demand for singable (i.e., metrical) psalm texts in the vernacular led to the creation of Psal-ters in different languages: first in French (1543-1562), then in Dutch (1566), German and English (starting in 1549). Soon, a Psalter was simply a "Protestant songbook," providing sacred texts with a met-rical system for each line of words. The word "metrical" in this context does not involve poetic meter, just the number of syllables in each line. The system is intended to facilitate matching a given text to a tune with the same pattern of notes. Its usefulness extends far beyond psalm texts; in fact, most hymnals today include a "Metrical Index" for this very reason. Frequently recurring patterns are known as Short Meter, Common Meter or Long Meter, any of which may be doubled (see below):

S. M. (6.6.8.6)	C.M.D. (8.6.8.6; 8.6.8.6)	L.M.D. (8.8.8.8; 8.8.8.8)
C. M. (8.6.8.6)	L. M. (8.8.8.8)	H. M. (6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4)"Hallelujah Meter"
P. M. (various patterns indicate d by numbers)		

To see how this method works, pick two hymns which have the same meter, such as "Amazing Grace" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." (Both of these are Common Meter tunes.) Now sing the words of "O God Our Help" to the tune of "Amazing Grace." Then swap words and tunes, singing the words of "Amazing Grace to the tune of "O God, Our Help." Trust me, it works!

When the Pilgrims boarded the *Speedwell* at Delfhaven in 1620, those who were literate brought along their Bibles and their beloved psalters which they had used while in exile in Leiden. Their song-book was the psalter prepared by a Puritan pastor and Biblical scholar named Henry Ainsworth (ca.1570-1622) and printed in Amsterdam in 1612. The title gives a clear statement of the contents of the book:

THE BOOK OF PSALMES:

Englished both in Prose and Metre.

With Annotations, opening the words and sentences, by conference with other Scriptures by H. A.

As psalters go, Ainsworth's is unusually complete, offering a literal prose translation, a separate metric version with rhymes, and a set of brief scholarly annotations with a simple concordance for the Psalm. He also included a unison melody for each entry which could be used *ad libitum* with a total of 39 different tunes for the 150 metered texts. Ainsworth was not a musician, and the "singing-notes" were borrowed from other English, French, and Dutch publications. He seems almost apologetic about the melodies he presents, observing "Tunes for the Psalmes, I find none set of God; so that each people [may] use the most grave, decent and comfortable manner of singing that they know" Nevertheless, Ainsworth's book was used and cherished for many years in Plymouth. In the evocative words of a much later poet, Pricilla Mullins is richly imagined as holding the psalter:

"Open wide in her lap lay the well-worn psalm-book of Ainsworth,

Printed in Amsterdam, the words and music together,

Rough-hewn, angular notes, like stones in the wall of a churchyard,

Darkened and overhung by the running vine of the verses."

(From "The Courtship of Miles Standish" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

"Shout to Jehovah, all the earth" Thus begins Henry Ainsworth's metrical setting of Psalm 100. This scriptural admonition was certainly taken to heart by the Plymouth Pilgrims, whose singing was loud and vigorous and could be heard at a great distance from the meeting house. The tune is of French origin and was first published in 1551; however, it was used in the French version for Psalm 134. It is the only melody from the Ainsworth Psalter which is widely sung today. It is now known as the "Old Hundredth" or the "Doxology."

The Ainsworth *Psalm Book* continued to be used in Plymouth for many years, but the huge numbers who came to New England as part of the Great Migration starting in 1630, brought along different (mostly older) English psalters. Within a few years, these books were looked upon with disfavor because they were "too far removed from the original Hebrew." To address the issue, a group of some thirty "pious and learned ministers" resolved to create a new and more "faithful" metrical version of the Psalms. The result of their labors was published in Cambridge in 1640 as *The Whole Book of Psalms Faithfully Translated into English*. This book is now commonly known as the *Bay Psalm Book* and is justly celebrated as the first book to be printed in British North America. A copy of the work was sold at auction in November of 2013 for the record-breaking sum of 14.2 million dollars— clearly an indication of the iconic status of the book. Unfortunately, the *Bay Psalm Book* did not include any musical notation until a much later edition (1698).

The lack of music notes may have inadvertently contributed to a general decline in musical literacy in New England in the later 1600s. At any rate by 1650, the practice of "lining-out" the psalms became fairly common in New England. As the name implies, the practice involves having a leader (often a deacon), sing the psalm one line at a time, with the congregation repeating what had just been sung. Since most of the designated leaders had no musical training, errors began to creep in, leading to a "gradual deterioration of congregational singing." Before the decline set in, however, the vigorous and enthusiastic singing of the Pilgrims made a powerful impression on all those who were privileged to hear it. Of this type of singing, Harriet Beecher Stowe who had heard it as a child recalled that "the rude and primitive singing in our old meeting house always excited me powerfully. It brought over me, like a presence, the sense of the infinite and the eternal, the yearning and the fear and the desire of the poor finite being, as if walking on air, with the final words of the psalm floating like an illuminated cloud around me."

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My committee time was spent with the 2020 committee as CHAP (Cole's Hill Anthropological Project) is part of that endeavor. I am on the CHAP committee. The emphasis in the 2020 committee meeting was on the two bills requesting commemorative coins for our 400th anniversary. GSMD needs to have 287 representatives and 67 senators as co-sponsors to H.R. 2980 and S. 1715. In Ohio, only Rep. Joyce Beatty is co-sponsoring. Please send a letter (e-mail preferred) to our senators and representatives asking them to be co-sponsors. Downloadable sample letters are available on the GSMD website (www.themayflowersociety.org). Production and sale of these coins is expected to significantly enhance the GSMD treasury.

The 2016 GBOA will be in Indianapolis. Hopefully, more of us can attend that meeting. All are welcome. Sandy

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

For the 3rd straight year, the Cincinnati Colony participated in the 'Patriot Fair' on Sept. 26th. This is an annual event held in a suburb of Cincinnati and hosted by the American Spirit Education Alliance. Former Cincinnati Colony Lieutenant Governor, Marty Steer is a key member of the organization and planner of this all day event which is geared towards younger children that are primarily home schooled. It is a day of events including spirited speakers talking on the constitution, early American history, reenactors and a variety of exhibitors. We had a small table at the event that included our Mayflower Society brochures, copies of the Compact, the story of the five kernels of corn including candied Indian corn and pilgrim era games. Our Historian, Beth Anderson took charge of the event and made all of the arrangements not to mention staffing the booth for the entire day. In addition to Beth, Lt. Governor, Doug van der Zee, Recording Secretary, Beverly Simmons and Education Director, Jim Fanning all helped staff the booth. We also had the pleasure of seeing other Cin Colony members (Shaun Smith, Karen Wiggins) that attended the event as well. We not only were help continue the education of these students on the Pilgrims but also were able sign up approximately 6 possible new member candidates that were seeking additional information.



Cincinnati Colony COMPACT DAY: November 14, 2015

A new venue for Compact Day at Parker's Grill in Blue Ash, Ohio was a success! We celebrated the Compact and assembled approximately 28 members, prospective members and guests for our annual meeting, lunch and a presentation. Lieutenant Governor, Doug van der Zee called the meeting to order after the social time. Reports were read, a member remembrance was also read followed by coverage of new and old items the board is working on. This was followed by the reading of the slate of officers, final vote and the induction ceremony.

The following is the new Cincinnati Colony board:

Doug van der Zee - Lieutenant Governor (year 4)
 Shaun Smith - Deputy Governor (Year 1)
 Jean Meutzel - Elder (year 2)



Barbara Lawrence - Treasurer (year 4)

Jim Fanning - Education officer (year 2)

Open - Corresponding Secretary

Beth Anderson - Historian (year 3)

Beverly Simmons - Recording Secretary (year 3)

BOA Representative - Beth Anderson (year 2)

Lunch was a choice of three different entrees followed by a Godiva chocolate cake. At dessert we welcomed our speaker, Margo M. Lambert, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, University of Cincinnati who spoke on the order and everyday life of the pilgrims in Plymouth. It was a great day for all that attended.



Applicant Todd Reel & family

Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

The Cleveland Colony held its annual Compact Day meeting and dinner on Saturday, November 14th at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio with eighty five members and guests in attendance. They served the traditional turkey dinner which included a meat carving station. The program was "Famous and Infamous Women of Millionaires' Row" presented by Dan Ruminski, Cleveland's Storyteller. The speaker has carefully researched Cleveland history, especially Millionaires' Row. He gave us a personal look at the women who shaped the very streets of Cleveland and told us about the wife who many believe lives today as



a ghost in her former home on Euclid Avenue. The Storyteller shared his personal experiences with the ghost of one Julia Drury. an displayed assorted literature and pictures along with his book and CD for sale.

2016 Annual Spring Business Meeting:

April 10, 2016, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio Sunday 1:00 PM

Program:

The speaker will be John Frato, Secretary of the Euclid Beach Carousel Society. This non-profit group is dedicated to promoting the history of thee Euclid Beach Carousel and working on the restoration of the carousel. The carousel is presently at the Western Reserve History Society in University Circle. We will serve light refreshments and ride the carousel after the program.

2016 Summer Event: June event, date TBA

Program:

President James A. Garfield House Tour,
National Historic Site
Mentor, Ohio

The attendees will meet at the nearby Sky Restaurant for lunch following the tour.

Vickie Heineck, Historian for Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Twenty - seven members representing 13 lines of our Pilgrim ancestors along with 15 guests attended our Compact Day luncheon and meeting at the Kensington in Columbus on November 12, 2015.

After Rev. Virginia Ress offered the blessing, a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and pumpkin pie was enjoyed by all the attendees.

Gerald Payn was introduced by our Lieutenant Governor, Don Burgess. Payn gave a very interesting talk about President Abraham Lincoln's last week in the White House before his assassination. Payn, a Lincoln presenter for many years, was in costume and appeared much as Lincoln would have been dressed in the 1860's.



The business meeting began with Rev. Ress giving the invocation, Bill Schmertz leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bill McEwan reading the Mayflower Compact.

After giving the treasurer's report, Bill McEwan presented a gift to outgoing Elder, Virginia Ress, who is leaving the Colony to move with her husband to North Carolina. The Colony is now looking for a replacement for Reverend Ress.

The Scholarship Committee reported that there were no applicants for the \$1000 award this year. The deadline for applicants for next year's award will be June 1, 2016 and the topic will be the Pilgrims' influence on the United States.

More information can be obtained from Bill McEwan at BillandVirginia6@aol.com.

Marsha Duffey reported that she has been working on putting together a bag of gifts that will be given to the members who will be attending the next Annual Meeting in May. The Columbus Colony will be hosting that meeting at the Polaris Hilton Hotel in Columbus on May 20 and 21. More information will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars!



Four new members were welcomed to the Colony by Deputy Lieutenant Governor, Jan Kleinline. They are Linda Collins, Susan Kennedy, Sherry Hartzler, and Cassie Yarsky. Welcome!

The Colony members agreed to send a \$100 donation to Plymouth in memory of Bernice Canaday, a former Colony member and Ohio GSMD Treasurer.

Information was discussed and sample letters to members of Congress were distributed to everyone in hopes that a letter-writing campaign from the GSMD would help passage of a bill in Congress to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of arrival of the Pilgrims.

We had three state officers join us for our meeting. They were Sandy St. Martin, Governor; Betsie Goad, Deputy Governor, and Sharlene Shoaf, Recording Secretary.

The Spring meeting of the Colony will be on April 16, 2016 at Kensington Place in Columbus.

Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Coming events: Saturday, April 16, 2016 Swan Creek Retirement Village 5916 Cresthaven Lane (off Rt. 20/S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, 11:30 a.m. Mr. Clint Mauk will speak about Toledo and Lucas County in the 1800's. Mr. Mauk has written several books on the Toledo area. They will be on sale; the proceeds will be donated to a children's fund of the Rotary Club. Summer picnic: venue and date TBA, Compact Day dinner: Saturday, November 12 at the same venue as in April. Janice Kleinline, in Pilgrim dress, will present a program for the children.

Compact Day dinner, November 14, 2015: Mayflower ship pins were given to member Byron Stickle and our newest member, Jacquelyn Miller. Members were urged to contact their Congressional representatives about the coin proposed for 2020.

Speaker Atty. Frank Melhorn used his sailing experience in a square rigged vessel in dangerous seas and using celestial navigation to speak about the Pilgrims' voyage from those perspectives. It was unusual for the Mayflower/any ship of the time to return to port two times with the Speedwell/any other ship and then continue the voyage without the second ship. By the departure month, the weather/wind would have been against the ship, and the ship couldn't sail with the wind. The ship would have either had to wait for the wind to change direction or sail in another direction until it got to winds that *could* take it the way it wanted to go. In the Pilgrims' time, the sextant used probably was the cruder "cross-staff". Captain Jones would have had records of the sun's zenith at designated times of the day, which helped determine latitude. The later in the season a ship sailed, the more clouds, so fewer possible sightings could be taken. Probably this was part of the basis for the decision to remain off Cape Cod rather than try to move south to the land the Pilgrims' contract had named.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

Western Reserve Colony's Compact Day meeting was held Sunday, November 15, 2015 at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge in Canton, Ohio. Attendees were warmly welcomed by members John Coates, Pat Van Hoose, Bob Coltrin and Ken Schroeder. Treasurer Ann Gulbransen's slide show loop of WRC highlights entertained us as we gathered. Thanks to Roberta Dodd's planning, 85 colony members, Friends, applicants and guests enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. We remembered those less fortunate as Elder Kathleen Lambacher collected our annual donation for the Akron-Canton Food Bank. Many thanks to our donors for making this year's contribution another generous one.

Opening remarks were made by Lt. Gov. Jill Parker. Tyler Lotz, one of Kathleen's six guests, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayflower Compact was read in unison, followed by board reports. Historian Becky Woodruff welcomed applicants Craig Lanham, Joyce Kesling and Barbara Prudhoe. Among our guests were Vickie Heinick, Cleveland Colony historian and secretary, and Doris Maffitt, past president of the Trumbull County Genealogical Society. Membership Milestone honorees who attended were Vivian Harig and her son Michael of Akron, who both joined WRC at the same time 30 years ago. We recognized 30 year member Blanche Rabbits of Parma in absentia because she is unable to travel. Membership recognition invitations rely heavily on valid phone or email contact. We could not invite several 20 yr honorees due to outdated info, so please notify us of updates. We also honored numerous birthdays and gave a rousing cheer for Delcie Pound of Medina, our most senior member at age 98. Delcie attended with her daughter's family.

Jill then presented new member packets and colony pins to Nancy Koverman of Brunswick, Ohio, Roger Marble of Ravenna, Ohio and Ned Kendall, Jr. of Hudson Ohio. Ned first joined a Florida colony where he and his wife spend



their winters. He now has a dual membership with WRC. Our membership total of 205 includes a transfer to Cleveland Colony and the death of Walter Burt, Urbana Ohio. Our annual Roll Call revealed that 19 Mayflower passengers were represented; John Howland and Richard Warren had the most descendants in attendance at 10 each, Members with the most Mayflower ancestors were Terri Brown with 8 and Ken Schroeder with 7.



Our program, "The First Thanksgiving" was a most interesting narrative given by John Burke, a lifelong resident of Medina County. John has served as his county's treasurer since 1994 and is founder of John Burke's History. As an eagle scout, John researched Indian lore and he

now travels by invitation across the United States to participate in Native American reenactments, such as the Battle of Little Bighorn and Battle of Niagara. He has researched and duplicated a variety of authentic garments and regalia in order to be correctly dressed for his many portrayals. For us he became Squanto, the English speaking Pawtuxet native and translator for Chief Massasoit and William Bradford. Squanto lived with the colonists after the first harsh Cape Cod winter when nearly half of the Mayflower passengers died. He taught them to fish and plant successful crops; skills that were crucial for survival. Squanto's help fostered a relationship of trust with our ancestors, which then helped to forge the alliance between them and the Wampanoag Nation. "Squanto" told his story by capturing everyone's full attention with his opening remarks which were given in tribal sign language. John Burke's love of native history was not only visible in his display of accessories and tools, but evident throughout his presentation. It was a most enjoyable and memorable afternoon!



Rebecca Woodruff, Historian for Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9, 2016—Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville 11-2

March 19, 2016— Western Reserve Colony meeting, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH

April 10 2015—Cleveland Colony annual business meeting, Western Reserve Historical Society

April 16, 2016—Columbus Colony Spring meeting, Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd, Columbus

April 16, 2016—Toledo Colony Spring meeting, Swan Creek Retirement Village

April 28-30, 2016- Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH. Ohio Mayflower will have a table in the vendor area (free to the public). Come visit and take a turn at the table!

May 20-21, 2016— SMDOH Annual Assembly, Columbus, OH—details to follow, mark your calendar!

June 2016— Cleveland Colony summer event, Garfield House, Mentor, OH, date TBD

June 18, 2016— Western Reserve Colony summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH

November 12, 2016— Toledo Colony Compact Day, Swan Creek Retirement Village

November 13, 2016—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day

If you know of other genealogy or family history events that should be listed here, please email them to ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com and they will be posted in future issues!

Treasurer's Note:

If you are an annual member of the Ohio Society and have not yet paid your 2016 membership year dues, you are running out of time! If we do not receive your dues check postmarked by December 31st, you risk being dropped from membership. We have to send an accounting of all active members as of December 31st to the General Society so you must send your check by that date to be considered an active member.

If you have questions, please contact David Grinnell at ohmayflowertreasurer@gmail.com or (760) 322.1702.

Dear Friends,

Judith John tells of the Tudor style of dress in her book, "Dark History of the Tudors" which caught my attention due to the fact that it was during Elizabeth reign that our Pilgrims lived as well as into the time of James. Here is what she had to say: "From Elizabeth's exquisite dresses, lavishly designed to outline every woman near her, to the dashing men of court clad top to toe in finery, Tudor nobles knew how to dress. Henry VIII's famously boxy appearance was due to a short, voluminous coat, which left much of the legs on show, encased in only tight hose. In comparison, the women favoured a more structured silhouette. Stiff corsets were worn – sometimes made from steel – which gave the woman a triangular shape, contrasted by a full skirt."

"Commoners would wear much more practical clothing in muted colours, as the luxurious silks and velvets in rich shades were far more expensive to buy. Clothing would also be made from cheaper, warmer materials such as wool. Portraits of Elizabeth (and many noblemen of the period) show her wearing a ruff, the pleated fabric ruffle at her neck. Ruffs could be up to a foot wide and had a practical use, in that they could be changed easily, allowing the wearer to remain in the rest of their clothing for longer."

Agape, Dr. Don Nichols, Assistant General

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Art is essential for cultural/intergenerational sharing. Artist Ryan Kandrath has hand drawn this showing inspiration and insight. Although clothing is not historically accurate, it is the stereotype that millions view the Pilgrims. More importantly the artist shows the strength of Pilgrims through bold vertical/horizontal lines. He used striking color in dress to anchor the images. Ryan says he wanted to show the Pilgrims as people, not some far off abstract piece of history that they are often categorized into by the public. The Mayflower is in the background to focus on Pilgrims as individuals. Hand drawn illustrative art features tend to be exaggerated to show individuality as well. Fresh, lighthearted look. Butterflies symbolize new life/beginnings in spring. The heart and soul of drawing stands out. Message is clear. Simple yet intriguing. Banner spot was added to write in an event name if the drawing is used for publicity.

About the artist: Ryan Kandrath, a millennial, sells artwork at Hotel del Coronado in CA. Freelances.

Judy Overstreet, Cincinnati Colony

